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Basketball Tournament Scheduled at South Plains College in Levelland Soon

Sixteen Class B boys and girls basketball teams from the Levelland area are entered in the first annual Rotary Classic Invitational Tournament scheduled for Jan. 2-4 at South Plains College.

Boys and girls teams from Anton, Bledsoe, Meadow, Ropesville, Smyer, Sundown, Whiteface and Whitharral will participate in the three day tournament sponsored by the Levelland chapter of Rotary Club International. Eight games will be played Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2-3, and six games—including consolation and championship games for both boys and girls—are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 4th.

Admission to the games will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children for each session. A tournament ticket for adults also will be sold for \$7.50, a \$1.50 savings over the regular ticket price. Proceeds from the tourna-

ment will be used for Rotary Club charity projects, explained Dr. Marvin Baker, SPC president and president of Rotary Club.

Here is first round tournament schedule: Thursday, Jan. 2 — Meadow girls vs Smyer girls, 11 a.m.; Bledsoe boys vs Ropes boys, 12:10 p.m.; Whiteface girls vs Sundown girls, 1:20 p.m.; Sundown boys vs Anton boys, 2:30 p.m.; Anton girls vs Whitharral girls, 5:10 p.m.; Meadow boys vs Whiteface boys, 6:20 p.m.; Bledsoe girls vs Ropes girls, 7:30 p.m.; and Whitharral boys vs. Smyer boys, 8:30 p.m.

The same schedule will be used for games on Friday, Jan. 3. The six matches on Saturday, Jan. 4, will begin at 1:30 p.m. The girls' consolation game will be at 5:10 p.m. followed by the boys' consolation game at 6:20 p.m. The championship matches will be at 7:30 p.m. for the girls and 8:40 p.m. for the boys.

Ropesville Area News

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Staples and Rhonda of Lubbock visited in the home of Mrs. Vera Bridwell Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Martin and grandchildren of Lubbock visited over the weekend in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Martin and family of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Caroland of Lubbock visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs visited in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Emzy Hobbs of Littlefield, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Freeman of Lubbock visited in the home of his sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hobbs, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Emory Hobbs visited her sister in law who is in the hospital at Denver City, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O.K. Briggs visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Briggs and children, Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Drake spent Sunday night in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drake and sons. She attended church with them Sunday night.

Mrs. Elsie Small of Hobbs visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson, Friday. She and her mother went on to the airport to pick up her son, Michael Small, who is in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson of Lubbock visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watson, Sunday.

Mrs. Karen Adams and baby are in Abilene this week visiting and helping in the home of her

brother and wife, who have a new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Young attended funeral services Monday for his aunt in Ada, Oklahoma.

Ropes Needle Club Meets

The Ropes Needle Club met in the home of Mrs. Louise Sylvester for a Christmas party Thursday, December 12. Gifts were exchanged.

A salad luncheon was enjoyed by the following members: Myrtle Teaff, Tressie Exum, Jean Mead, Hixie Tipps, Loweta Abney, Kathleen Armstrong, Jewell Whitner, Maggie Chitwood, Faye Rogers, Viedna Darby, Ruby Drake, Jessie Thomas the the hostess.

United Methodist Women Meet

The Ropes United Methodist Women met in the home of Mrs. Newt Green Monday, December 16 for a Christmas program. Gifts were exchanged.

The theme was "What to bring to Christmas". It was based on how we put Christ into Christmas. Each member participated in the program. A poem was presented "The Priceless Gift of Christmas."

Refreshments were served to 18 members.

Meadow Grad Tops in Speech

Kenny Talley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Talley, a senior at Meadow High School, received first place at the State Meet in Boys Informative Speaking in Conference B.

Noyce Burleson was Kenny's speech coach. Kenny placed first in the District Meet in 1973 in Informative Speaking. In 1974 he



*Somehow, not only for Christmas
But all the long year Through.
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you.*

John Greenleaf Whittier

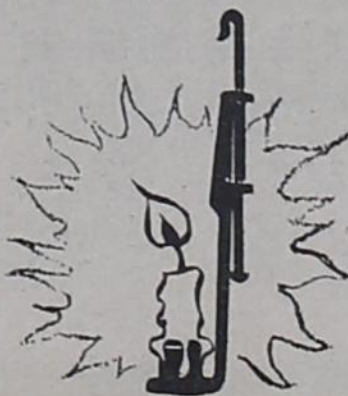
Candles Light The Way to Christmas

Long before the world knew Christ, man associated the light of the candle with spiritual longings. The Old Testament refers frequently to the candle as a

symbol of spiritual light.

The Christians were quick to adopt the candle as a symbol especially suitable to their beliefs. Thus the candle is close to the heart of Christmas. It is a beloved tradition in many aspects: candles in the windows to light the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve; the Christmas candlelight service; candles on the Christmas tree for centuries, before they were replaced, for safety's sake, by electric bulbs.

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entered both the Slide Rule contest and Informative Speaking event and placed third in Slide Rule in District and first place in Informative Speaking.

He was Student Council treasurer and has three letters in football, two letters in basketball and won first place at District in tennis doubles in 1974. He received a Certificate of Meritorious Performance, given by the American Chemical Society and is a member of the Masque and Gavel Club, Thespians and the National Honor Society.

Upon graduation, he plans to attend Texas Tech University and become an accountant and/or lawyer.

Holiday Snacks

Last minute holiday fun is as easy as a clever idea. Holiday entertainment ideas start in the kitchen and end with a minimum of

time spent planning and creating them. Many of the ideas rely on traditions from around the world.

Citrus Coffee

Give coffee a special holiday flavor by floating lemon or orange

twists in each cup to substitute for the last "one drink for the road."

Easy Flaming Dessert

Dip sugar cubes in lemon extract and place on individual servings of fruitcake or pudding. Light each cube as dessert is served.

Festive Fruit Tray

Arrange apples, pears, oranges, tangerines and bananas on a wooden tray. Use a fresh pineapple in the center, and tuck in a few sprigs of holly. For a frosted effect, dip the fruit in slightly beaten egg whites, and then roll it in granulated sugar. Chill in the refrigerator.

Citrus Punch

Keep holiday open house safe and happy by serving a non alcoholic citrus punch. Make punch as usual by pouring over a fruit juices and fruit drink over a half gallon "chunk" of ice cream or sherbert. Then float orange or lemon cartwheels in it for a festive look.

Holiday Ambrosia

Combine orange and grapefruit sections with banana slices and sprinkle them with sugar and coconut. For an evening snack, serve it with cookies and coffee.



Joy to all

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AS HEARD BY HEARD



This Is Salesmanship?

Much is made about the current American foreign policy, without apparently any clear understanding of what this policy is all about.

Presumably, the major task of the State Department is to sell nations on the idea of keeping the peace, which calls for some expertise in selling.

But recent events can cause wonder as to just how effective the sales effort is in reality. The nation's independent business people voting through the National Federation of Independent Business have long opposed any more foreign aid, or giveaways, which have accounted for almost half the debt.

Yet the administrative branch of the government which controls the State Department, has always opposed any Congressional drive to stop this bleeding of the American taxpayer.

Now comes a great paradox. The administration and the State Department give a great tongue lashing to the oil producing nations for raising the prices of their crude oil. In fact, according to projections made by experts in this field, in the next ten years, at present prices, the oil producing nations will have all the monetary wealth of the world.

Yet a drive in the Congress to cut off any more foreign

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aid giveaways to these immensely rich oil producing nations was defeated, with the administration strongly opposing the move. This perhaps passes all logic, or just plain common sense.

Presumably, and in these days, nothing can really be presumed as a fact, no one in government would suggest that low income people should be taxed more in order to give the American millionaires gifts to keep them happy and in good spirits. Yet, there is no apparent compunction against soaking all taxpayers to give millions to oil rich countries.

If this course of conduct is not insanity, then what can it be called?

The State Department is supposed to exercise the skills of diplomacy, which is nothing more than a high level form of salesmanship. But there is a difference in legitimate selling, and paying blackmail.

Unfortunately, business, and especially independent business, cannot tap the Federal Treasury. If business could, there could be developed some great sales forces. Yet this is the way that American foreign policy is being conducted. Perhaps it is time to replace the entire U.S. State Department with a group of competent salesmen who have successfully sold a proposition without being able to offer the customer cumshaw.

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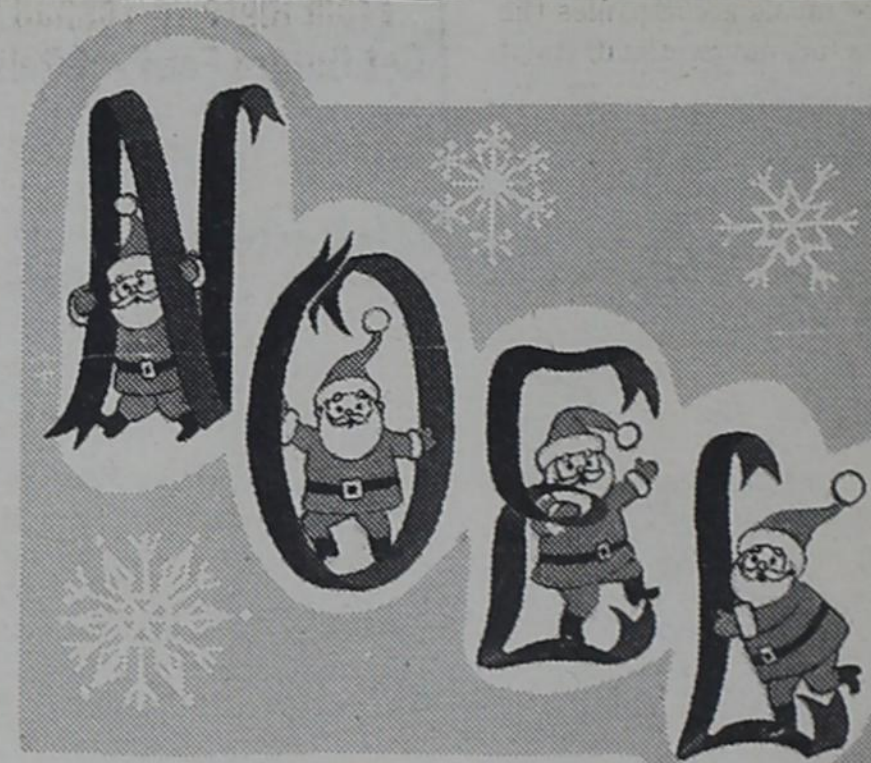
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Mrs. Barbara Chandler with her two children, 13 year old Kim, and 11 year old Tim. This will be the 4th Christmas the family has spent without their father at home. He is currently overseas, but they are looking forward to his 30 day leave about the middle of January.

Carol Singing Still A Popular Christmas Custom

Caroling is the custom in many countries throuth the world. And, there are about as many different customs connected with it as there are countries.

Bagpipe music accompanies the carolers in (no, not Scotland) Italy!

In England the carolers receive gifts for their efforts. "Gifts" of refreshments are often the case in America.

"Star-singers" is the name for

groups of carolers in many nations. The term is taken from the pole they carry, which has a lighted star on top.

Contentment is really just a matter of reducing wants and desires.

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Shallowater Club House Needs Your Help

The Shallowater Community Club House is in great need of plates, silverware and cooking utensils. If you have any extra of any of these and wish to donate them to the Club House, please call or contact Gerald Clifton.

Also, anyone who would like to donate cash for the above items to be purchased, may do so.

The Club House is a great asset to the community and is a gathering place for several organizations, special meetings, and family reunions, at no charge.

So dig through your dishes, silverware or cooking utensils and if you have odds and ends you don't need, please donate them to the clubhouse, and remember cash donations will be accepted too.

Some statesmen are like buttons, popping off at the wrong

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Study Club Meets Here

The Shallowater Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Leroy Grawunder, with Mrs. Charles Coat as co-hostess.

The annual Christmas program was enjoyed with the singing of Christmas carols, led by Mrs. James McMenamy, accompanied by Mrs. Bert Sinclair.

Mrs. C.U. Cone told of the many different ways Christmas was celebrated in other countries all of the world.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to the twenty-two members present, with each one receiving a name plate as special favors.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7 in the home of Mrs. Wayne Oliver.

Our Christmas Wishes



Warm wishes full of good cheer that our many friends have a bright Christmas holiday.

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Heart Association Seeking Donations

The Lubbock County Division of the American Heart Association is

seeking donations to help purchase medical mannequins for use in training the public in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The mannequins, known as

resuscitantes, provide lifelike responses and are an invaluable tool in training, said Mrs. Mary Johnson, regional director of the Heart Association.

Each training mannequin costs \$280, Mrs. Johnson said. Contributions are tax deductible.

The regional director who is headquartered in Lubbock, pointed out that approximately 5625 persons have been trained in CPR in 10 area counties over the past three years.

"Thousands more individuals, in schools, industry, emergency agencies and other areas, need to be certified in CPR," Mrs. Johnson said.

An individual trained in CPR may help save a heart attack victim. Mrs. Johnson noted that studies have shown that the heart attack mortality rate can be significantly reduced through appropriate care and resuscitation efforts in the first four minutes of an attack.

"The more persons trained, the more help there is potentially available to heart attack victims," she emphasized.

SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Jim Carlen made his move, Gerald Myers got an early Christmas present, and a police machine may help keep coaches and athletes on the straight and narrow in the Southwest Conference.

That about sums up last week. Carlen, to no one's surprise, really, decided to shift to South Carolina. Tech scored a major upset in beating New Mexico in basketball. And the SWC voted to use the lie detector on coaches and athletes in cases of suspicion.

All in all, it was quite a week. As one coach had said earlier, maybe this will clear the air (if Carlen leaves). It was no secret, really, that Jim was unhappy about the chain of command at Tech. As he said in making the change known, he wanted the support of those he worked for.

At first glance, this would seem to be an indictment of a number of people—J.T. King, Polk Robinson, Ralph Carpenter, the Tech athletic council, the administration, the regents. It was pretty sweeping.

If the truth was allowed to surface, Carlen had the world by the tail when he came to Tech. The school, the city, the area was all prepared to back him to the hilt. All he had to do, in return, was give coaching his best and work within the prescribed chain of command.

Apparently, as time went on, he felt he was wearing a hair shirt. Leete Jackson was in charge of raising Red Raider Club funds; Polk was in charge of expansion of facilities, etc.; King made the immediate decisions on schedules, etc. The council acted on matters pertaining to athletics.

Who knows what the final factor was? It could have been King's appointment of John Conley as associate athletic director. Conley was a "King" man.

I have been told that Jim attempted to block this action. Indeed, it was held up several months before the regents laid down the gauntlet and said that the recommendation would be made—or else. If you recall, it came about the time of the Arkansas game.

You can't, of course, keep something like this a complete secret and it's said that it split the football squad. About that I wouldn't know. I do know that the Raiders didn't look the same in their final four games of the season.

And what the entire turn of events will do to the squad as it prepares for Vanderbilt is a moot question. In the long run, that question can only be answered by the attitude of the squad.

So, five tempestuous, stormy years under Carlen come to a close. They have been, all things considered, good years. The program has gone forward and is in sound shape.

Despite the deprecation of speculation, reliable sources indicated Monday that Hayden Fry, former SMU coach, and now at North Texas State, has the inside track on the Tech position.

Tech cannot afford to lose time selecting a new coach, but it can't be stampeded into unwise haste. There is danger in promoting someone on the present staff; there is danger in bringing someone not familiar with the SWC. I don't envy those who will do the selecting.

Gerald Myers was so wound up after Tech beat New Mexico Saturday night that he was pacing the floor an hour later.

"Yes, we wanted that game," he said, "and I wanted that 20 point margin, too. We really hustled tonight, that was the answer. And we played good defense, too."

Indeed the Raiders did. The Lobos went almost 10 minutes with just one field goal. Their pressure defense didn't faze the Raiders, who built a steady lead.

It had been billed a battle of the big men, Rich Bullock against Bill Hagins. The battle never really developed. Bullock took charge and had one of his great nights.

But Bullock had some great help, from Rudy Liggins, for instance, and Grady Newton, and William Johnson, along with a bevy of guards who kept the pressure on. It was a good victory and came at a time when the Raiders really needed a big one.

Obviously Tech ran into some "homer" work against Vanderbilt. The Raiders beat the Commodores in the field, but must have gone to bed hearing whistles. Apparently it was that bad.

The New Mexico game, of course, isn't the season, but the way the Raiders performed brought a lot of hope to fans. If the team could play each game as intensely, it would win the conference in a walk. Unfortunately, it doesn't work out that way.

Tech faces another difficult assignment this week when it goes to the Dayton tournament. Two games there and neither will be anything except rugged, starting with Dayton. The Flyers always have a good team and how Tech does will be interesting to watch.

After that it's back home, but the road gets no easier. Fortunately, Gerald is able to play a lot of men in these games and the experience they are getting will help in the conference drive.

"Okay, doc, strap the wires on and let's get on with the questioning. I've got a lot of recruiting to do and I want to get this over with now."

You may be hearing that in coming weeks and months as a result of the annual winter meeting decision by the SWC fathers to have coaches and players undergo lie detector tests if illegal recruiting is suspected, illegal inducements, or anything else.

The decision is being hailed as a landmark one and rightly so. For years there have been too many rumors that could not be substantiated, rumors which hurt some, maybe helped others.

As a result of this decision, such rumors should be cleared up quickly. You can't beat the machine. Thus, if coach or athlete is innocent, it will be shown quickly. It's going to help. I look for other conferences to follow suit soon. We salute the SWC for its action.



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CRISPY SPICE COOKIES

- 3 cups unsifted flour
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Karo dark corn syrup

Stir together flour, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Mix margarine and sugar; stir in corn syrup. Gradually add flour mixture, mixing until well blended. Roll dough on floured surface to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 350°F. oven about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on rack. Decorate. Makes about 8 dozen cookies.

Wolfforth Area News

Frenship varsity boys and girls, and JV boys will play Christ the King teams here Thursday, Dec. 19 starting at 5 p.m.

present their annual Christmas music program Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Program

Frenship PTA and Casey school choir presented a Christmas program Monday, Dec. 16. After PTA business was taken care of, Jimmy Drake extended a "Thank You" to Royalene Carnes on behalf of the choir and all those involved with the program.

The choir sang songs for Christmas, ending with the cantata "Night of Miracles" by John W. Peterson. During the singing, other children acted out the songs. The music was hard for a young choir, but it was presented well.

Ladies Bible Class

Wolfforth Church of Christ Ladies Bible class met Wednesday at noon for a luncheon. They joined in a devotion and exchanged handmade gifts.

Their meeting last week included a visit to Mrs. Gillet in Jewell's Hospitality Home. While there they delivered a devotion giving her the joy of being included.

First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church will

Basketball

Wolfforth is mighty proud of its 7th grade players this year. They are undefeated in 9 games. They also won the Slaton tournament last week.



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WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHRISTMAS



Left to right: Patsy Young, Cashier; Kenneth Shropshire, Senior Vice President; Mubry Brock, President; and Floye Gosch, Vice President.



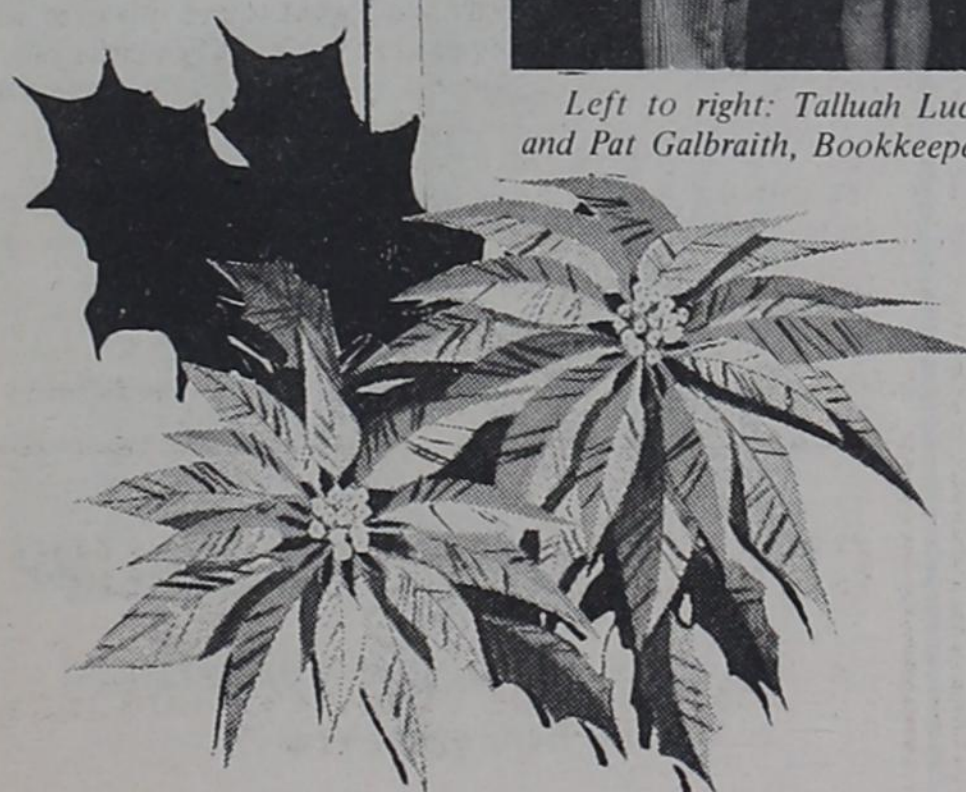
Left to right: Talluah Luck, Shirley Briant, Patsy Miller, and Pat Galbraith, Bookkeepers.



Left to right: Drive In Teller, Jane Blackburn; Loan Secretary, Ranita Nunn; and Philip Gerig, Teller and Sec. Officer.



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Party Line

Recent guests in the Varina Putman home was her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Boozer of Hereford.

Sunday dinner guests in the W.F. Williamson home was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore, Tim and Kristi of Olton.

Mrs. Sam Thomas underwent major surgery Tuesday in St. Mary's Hospital and is doing very well.

Mrs. Tommy Harrison is a patient in Methodist Hospital where she underwent major surgery recently.

Look Who's New!



Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Akins proudly announce the arrival of a baby boy born Monday, Dec. 9, at 5:05 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital.

Tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. the little lad was named James Scott. He has two older sisters, Robin, 7 years and Ginger, 5 years.

The father is engaged in farming.

Happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Akins of Shallowater and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Adkins of Phoenix, Arizona and one great grandmother, Mrs. Laura Adkins of Logan, West Virginia.

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Shown in front of the fireplace of their home are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gerig with their sons, Wade, 3 months old, and West, 21 months.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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The First American Christmas Tree

Christmas traditions date back thousands of years, to the Druids and ancient Rome and beyond, but the first Christmas tree in America was brought into being comparatively recently, in 1847.

The place was Wooster, Ohio. A young German immigrant, August Imgard, a youth of 21, is said to have introduced the Christmas tree to America.

As Christmas drew near that year, it proved to young Imgard a season of somewhat dismal anticipation. He missed the fund of entertainment and observance which marked the day in his homeland. So he decided to have one like those in Bavaria.

Two other reasons, very personal ones, were his nephew and niece. He wanted to bring added joy to their Christmas, and make it one they would never forget.

Young Imgard went into the woods and chopped down a spruce tree. From the village tinsmith he obtained a twinkly tin star. The family made paper decorations, and thus the Christmas tree, as most of us know it, came into being.

The townsfolk gathered around to admire it. Before long, the world had been spread far and wide, about the beautiful tree in Wooster, Ohio. It became an American custom.

America honors August Imgard. His tomb stands on Madison Hill in Wooster. This year, as in previous years, a lighted Christmas tree will probably stand at its door, a tribute to the man who first brought to America the symbol of joy and peace and love that should be Christmas for us all, all over the world.

Buying Christmas Seals is a habit that every citizen should continue.

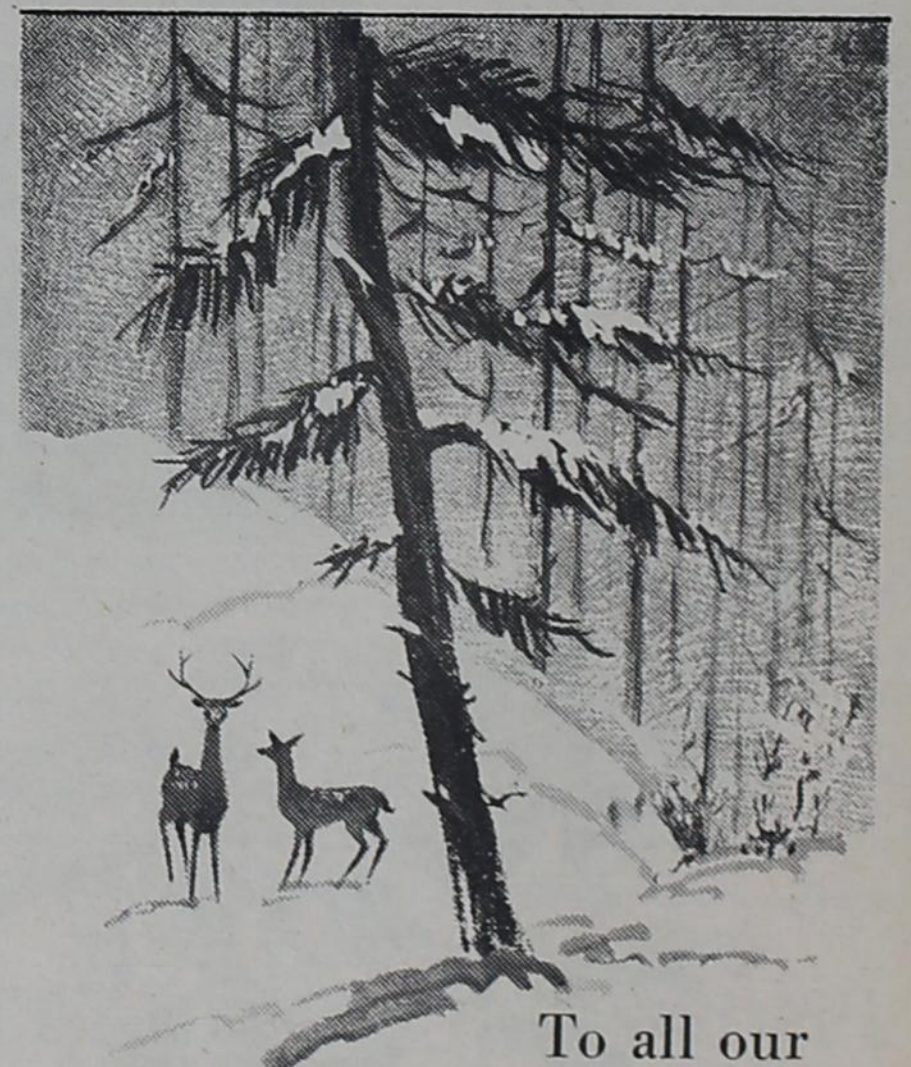
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GREETINGS



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Enjoying the lovely Christmas tree in their home are Marlin, 5 years of age, and Mitchell, 4 months. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Parrack of Shallowater.

Fast and Easy Christmas Dips and Spreads for Busy Homemakers

Working women turn holiday hostesses amid the same fast pace as everyone else—only faster with less time.

For them Mrs. Dwendolyne Clyatt, consumer marketing information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System, compiled a collection of Christmas dips and spreads created to please holiday guests of the working woman.

These items are easy to prepare and easy to plan. They use ingredients the homemaker can purchase ahead of time and have on hand, for fixing within a few minutes. Only one requires a few hours chilling.

It's a good idea to scan the recipes before shopping.

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1 package dry onion soup
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whip until fluffy. Chill in refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Serve with potato chips, crisp crackers, or pretzels.

Beef & Parsley Puffs

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Silent Night



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These candy trees are an irresistible nibbler's delight. Projects such as these are found in a new book — "A World of Designs With Styrofoam" — at most craft and hobby stores.

Candy Trees

Materials:

- 1-9" cone of plastic foam
- 1-2" round pedestal of plastic foam

Approximately 1 lb. of gumdrops or brightly colored cellophane-wrapped candy.

Straight pins for cellophane-wrapped candy and flat, tapered toothpicks for gumdrops.

Instructions:

1. Glue cone to painted pedestal.
2. To attach gumdrops to cone, place flat side or base of gumdrop against cone and fasten with a toothpick. (Use only the first inch of the tapered or pointed end of the pick. Be sure to start at the base of the cone and work up to the point.)
3. To attach cellophane-wrapped candy, pin cellophane "twists" to cone. Overlap succeeding rows of candy to hide pins below. (Hint: As each row of cellophane-wrapped candy is pinned in place, reinforce with a strip of cellophane tape.)

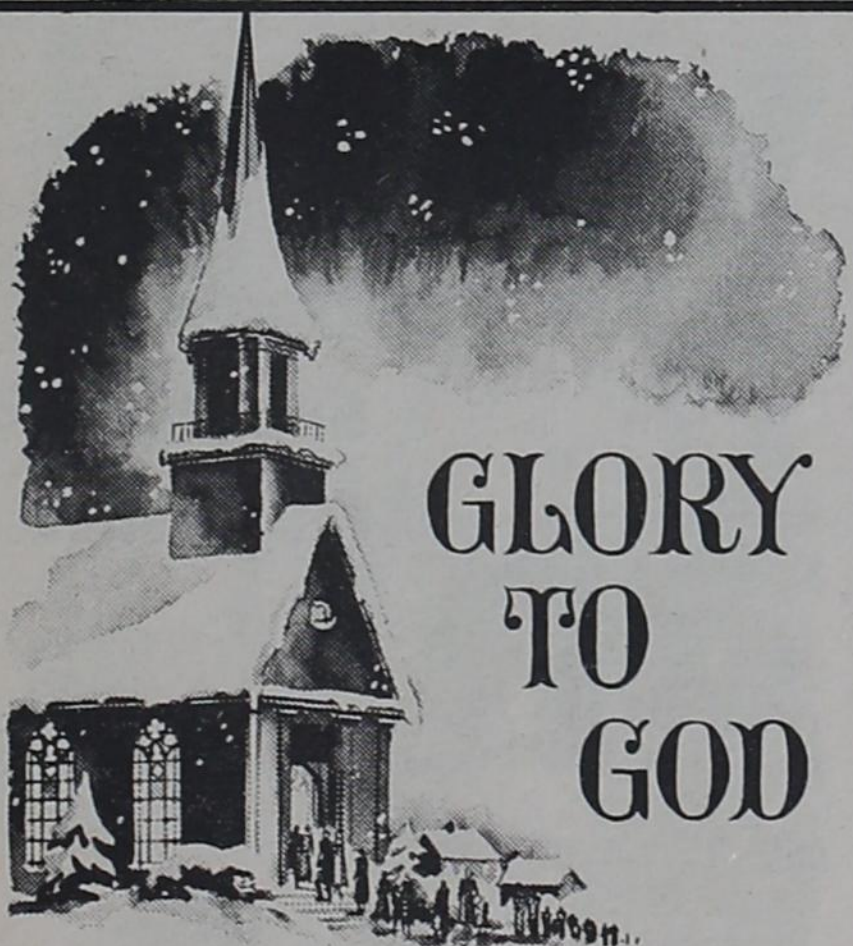


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A grown potted plant allows the recipient to immediately enjoy his gift while in its fully developed state.

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Such planters can be found under the Asgrow brand name in many hardware, houseware, drug, variety, food and department stores.

Plants, no matter what kind, are cheerful, lasting reminders of the giver.

Two Couples to Mark 50th Year Here Next Week

The children of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Perser and Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Perser will honor them with a reception, Sunday, December 29th from 3 to 5 p.m. in the home of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. Perser.

Mrs. C.L. Perser and Mrs. W.W. Perser are sisters and both married Perser brothers in Linden, Texas in December of 1924.

The C.L. Persers are retired farmers, and have two children and five grandchildren. The W.W. Persers have one child and are retired and live in Lubbock.

Assisting with the reception will be Elizabeth Perser, Diana Perser, Debra Perser, Pat Vaughn, Sharron Vaughn and Nancy Swanner and Rita Coats.

Friends of both couples are invited to attend.

A churchman, John Pierpont, composed the gay Christmas song, "Jingle Bells", which has been popular for over a century.

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STATE CAPITAL

Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



Austin, Tex.—Insurance fraud investigations are moving forward on several fronts.

—Insurance Board Chairman Joe Christie announced he has assigned a fulltime investigator to assist District Atty. Wiley Cheatham of Cuero in looking into complaints that high-rolling agents are flim-flamming old folks.

—Cheatham, who helped uncover the veterans land scandals of the 1950's, launched the probe last summer and termed the offenses of major proportions.

—A House of Representatives sub-committee also has been reactivated to check into the complaints and hear recommendations of top officials involved.

—Christie said Cheatham may convene a grand jury to look into possibility of fault within the State Board of Insurance for not stopping practices.

Since initial arrests of two men in Cuero, Christie said 30 agents have lost licenses for a variety of offenses and seven companies have been referred to the attorney general for possible fraud prosecution in sale of health and auto insurance to the elderly.

A State Insurance Board investigator said "goose lists" of gullible old people are used by unscrupulous insurance agents to sell millions of dollars in health insurance each year. He said seven companies agreed to refund \$300,000 to Texans bilked by agents. A West Texas couple reportedly paid more than \$20,000 in premiums for health insurance in two years.

Austere Inauguration—Austere inaugural ceremonies are planned for Gov. Dolph Briscoe and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby here January 21.

Gone is the traditional parade down Congress Ave. And gone are the five or six inaugural balls scattered around the Capital City.

Briscoe and Hobby will take their second-term oaths of office in ceremonies in front of the state capitol, as their predecessors have done. After that, a public reception will be held in the capitol rotunda.

While the ceremonies themselves are simple, however, due to

economic problems and an energy crisis, Democrats will be whopping it up at a January 20 inaugural "victory dinner" and a January 21 reception.

Democrats hope to take in nearly \$90,000 for party activities from the dinner.

Programs Planned—A governor's recommendation to combine the Texas Highway Department and Mass Transportation Commission into a "Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation" is being framed for submission to the legislature next month.

Briscoe said the recommendation is one of a series to "effectuate efficiency and effectiveness and . . . realistically (to) eliminate costly duplication of effort."

Earlier, Briscoe said he will ask the 64th Legislature to establish a "state register", an official public document which would publish all proposed state regulations and scheduled meetings of agencies.

The register, maintained by the secretary of state's office, would be available on a cost basis to every citizen of the state. It is aimed at providing the public "easy access to every decision process of Texas State Government," Briscoe said. The governor pointed out that present procedures of public notice in general circulation newspapers should be continued.

Courts Speak—A San Antonio district court granted a temporary injunction against business schools in five Texas cities accused of violating state consumer laws.

Texas International Airlines took its fight to continue flying out of Dallas' Love Field (instead of the new Dallas-Fort Worth Airport) to district court here.

The Texas Supreme Court, in a split decision, held Lower Colorado River Authority can raise rates for electricity in San Marcos without city council approval.

Reversing itself, the Court of Criminal Appeals upheld a life sentence given a San Antonio man for sale of heroin.

A.G. Opinions—A district clerk
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40 - Horse Hitch of Draft Horses Will Appear in Cotton Bowl Parade January 1



TEXAS TO SEE HEAVY DRAFT HORSES—When Dick Sparrow (above) brings the famous Schlitz 40 Horse Hitch to Dallas, Texas, for the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl Parade, the Lone Star state's interest in the monster horses will run high. Many states are experiencing growth in draft horse populations. Texas, which has the highest overall horse population in the country, has few heavy draft horses. Those shown are Belgians, averaging one ton in weight. Sparrow, an Iowa farmer, drives the "Forty", the largest team of horses in the world. The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company, Milwaukee and other cities, including a brewery at Longview, Texas, sponsors the travels of the team.

Dallas, Texas—The Texas draft horse population is about to rise, at least temporarily, when the Schlitz 40-Horse Hitch arrives here for the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl Parade.

Although Texas boasts the largest horse population of any of the 50 states, it has few heavy draft horses, such as the Belgians in the "Forty", the world's largest team of horses. Reportedly, there are only a few draft hitches in Texas, such as the 8-horse hitch from Spring Creek Farm that Cliff Owens of Richardson drives annually in the Cotton Bowl Parade. In addition, a few farms and ranches scattered throughout the state have one or two big draft horses.

Any horse that pulls something (a wagon or a plow) is technically a draft horse, but the big ones come in five breeds—Belgian, Clydesdale, Percheron, Shire and Sufflok. The Belgian is the most numerous in the United States; there are very few Shires and Suffloks.

The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee, Wis., and other cities, including its brewery at Longview, Texas, sponsors the travels of the Schlitz 40-Horse Hitch. The first major event that the huge team appeared at, outside of Milwaukee where it was the star of the 1972 and 1973 Schlitz Circus Parades, was the Cotton Bowl

parade on Jan. 1, 1973.

Dick Sparrow of Zeoring, Iowa, driver of the "Forty", travels with 52 horses, 44 of which are Belgians. They average one ton in weight and stand 16 to 18 hands (a hand being 4 inches) at the withers or shoulders.

The 52 horses in the Sparrow caravan (five semitrailer trucks) consist of the 40 Belgians in the hitch itself, four spare Belgians and eight saddle horses for outriders.

In his travels around the country, Sparrow has noticed a growing interest in draft horses, as have the draft breed associations who report growing numbers of the "heavies".

"Sooner or later, Texas will discover their merits, too," says Sparrow.

Interest in horses of all types is a national phenomenon. The American Quarter Horse Association, headquartered in Amarillo, reports that Texas itself, one of the last pockets of the cowboy culture, has more quarter horses than any other state.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Texas in 1972 had 625,000 horses of all types.

The National 4-H office in Washington, D.C., reports that horses as a livestock project surpassed beef, dairy cattle and

swine in the 1958-63 period. The growth was dramatic, from 30,000 horse projects in 1958 to 208,000 five years later. The number of beef cattle projects grew slightly in this period; dairy cattle and swine projects fell.

National 4-H figures for 1974 show 320,767 horse projects, compared with 160,846 beef cattle and 106,526 swine.

The Schlitz horses will arrive in Dallas from Sparrow's Iowa farm on Friday, December 27. They will be on public display in State Fair Park, in central Dallas, from Dec. 28 through Jan. 1, next to the World Exhibits Center, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except on New Year's Day when the horses will parade. After the parade (on CBS-TV, starting at 9:30 a.m. Central Standard Time), they will be on display for football fans at the classic in the nearby Cotton Bowl. Baylor and Penn State will play.

Sparrow organized the Forty in 1972 for Milwaukee's Schlitz Circus Parade. The horses, on parade, are harnessed four abreast in 10 ranks. They are all color matched (chestnut) with blond manes and tails and white faces. They pull a huge circus bandwagon on which a band will play. Horses and wagon stretch out 135 feet.

In the old days, a few major circuses paraded 40-horse hitches, always "driven by one man", to dazzle spectators and call attention to the circus being in town. Barnum and Bailey's 40-horse hitch, disbanded in 1904, was the last until Schlitz's.

At Christmas play, and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.

—Thomas Tusser

Highlights & Sidelights . . .

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is required to furnish an adoption case file to the Department of Public Welfare within a reasonable time of the entry of an adoption decree, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

- A library board acting without rule-making or judicial power does not have to conform to the open meetings act.

- Public employees aren't entitled to premium pay for holiday work but are entitled to time and a half for work over 40 hours a week. Hill supplied the formula for computing overtime pay for public workers.

- Minutes of school board meetings and data on sex, ethnic origin, salaries, title ad dates of employment of government employees are open to public inspection.

- A business to obtain a sales tax permit must post required bond or security. Bonds will vary with the taxpaying record of the predecessor business.

Impact Study Ordered—State agencies were called on by the

Governor to assess impact of President Ford's plan to reduce current federal spending by \$4.6 billion.

He said the cuts may have "substantial" impact on federally aided state programs.

The Governor asked the agencies to analyze the proposed cuts in terms of dollar effect for Texas, effect on programs and effect on the people. A summary of agency responses will be prepared for submission to the Texas congressional delegation.

Representation Increased — Texas will probably double its strength on the Democratic National Committee as the result of action at the party's mini-convention in Kansas City.

While the state now has six votes on the body, it apparently will have 12 under the enlarged committee approved by the mini-convention.

Texas, like all other states, must conduct a vigorous Affirmative Action Program to increase participation in party affairs by women, minorities and youth.

Helpful advice: Don't overdo Christmas.

Ⓞ Holy Night



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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4-H Food Show Winners from Area



Winners in the Lubbock County 4-H Food Show held Saturday at Texas Tech were: Seniors: Lynda Maunder who

made Texas size chili cheeseburgers in snacks; Alternate, Lesa DuLaney who made broccoli rice casserole in the side dish division.

Juniors: Lisa Gates prepared German Chocolate cheesecake in the bread and dessert division, and Malisa McCasland made a strawberry jello deluxe salad in the side dishes.

Lynda, Lisa Gates, and Malisa will represent Lubbock County at the District Food Show in the spring.

Other blue ribbon winners were: Amy Grimes, Sarah Rice, Dawn DuLaney, Candise Edwards, Jane Smith, and Katie Blackmon, Celeste Potter, Jana DuLaney, and Cheryl Potter won red ribbons.

Robin McMenamy captured the trophy Sunday afternoon in the 4-H Dog Show. Patti Stanton was runner-up. Eddie Grissom and Sarah Rice won red ribbons. Larry Hand of Lubbock has been the leader. The dogs were judged on obedience.

'Christmas Only for Children'? Let's Change All That

Grown-up cynics are frequently heard to say, "Christmas is only for children". This is a declaration of having abandoned any of the precepts of Christmas as far as they, themselves, are concerned. And perhaps in an attempt to set things right again, these same grown-ups "go all out" for the children in their family circles, and their acquaintance.

It's fine to "go all out" for children, at any time, as long as it is in proportion to the event, and if the children's well-being is taken into account. But sacrificial or extravagant giving can be harmful to the children, give them a false sense of values, and of course cause the giver hardship, for no good purpose.

Let us take an adult look at Christmas. Let us think of this strong, virile Christ when we think of Christmas, not merely the helpless Babe. Let us think of this mature man-God, with his adult convictions, his adult compassion, his adult physical strength, and honor these qualities.

Let us put this true evaluation of Christ into Christmas. As adults, it is we who must do this. And in doing this, we take not a whit away from the children's pleasure. But we add significance, immeasurably, to our own.

HOMEMADE EGGNOG

Homemade eggnog may be just the thing for the hurry-up hostess who still wants that "special touch" for holiday entertaining.

One idea is "Creamy CinnaNog", and it gets its rich, smooth texture from a milk base and the addition of whipping cream. Red cinnamon candies give this particular eggnog a festive holiday color and hint of spicy flavor.

Creamy CinnaNog

- 6 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups red cinnamon candies
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- red food coloring (optional)
- 1 pint whipping cream (whipped)

Combine milk and candies in saucepan. Place over low heat and allow candies to dissolve. Stir occasionally. Combine eggs, sugar and salt in saucepan; beat. Stir in hot cinnamon milk slowly and cook over very low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture coats a metal spoon. Chill thoroughly. If desired, add red food color as needed to tint beverage an attractive pink color. Carefully fold two-thirds of the whipped cream into chilled milk mixture. Pour into chilled punch bowl. Spoon remaining whipped cream onto nog. Makes 10 cups (2 1/2 quarts) nog.

Soften cream cheese and combine with minced onion. Form into small balls about 1 inch in diameter. Roll half the balls in finely chopped dried beef and half in finely chopped parsley.

Blue Cheese Dip

- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 2 oz. blue cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons horseradish

Blend cream cheese, blue cheese, and horseradish thoroughly. Season to taste. Thin with a little cream to consistency desired. Serve at room temperature with potato chips or crisp crackers. Makes 1 1/3 cups.

Cheese Ball

- 1 lb. package velveeta cheese
- 8-oz. package cream cheese
- 1/4 lb. roquefort or blue cheese
- 1 cup chopped pecans or almonds
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup diced parsley

Reserve 1/4 cup each of nuts and parsley. Bring cheeses to room temperature and blend all ingredients well. (Use blender to save time, adding 1/4 cup milk.) Chill and roll in large ball. Roll surface of ball in reserved nuts and parsley. Place Cheese Ball in center of large tray and surround with crackers or bread.

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- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley

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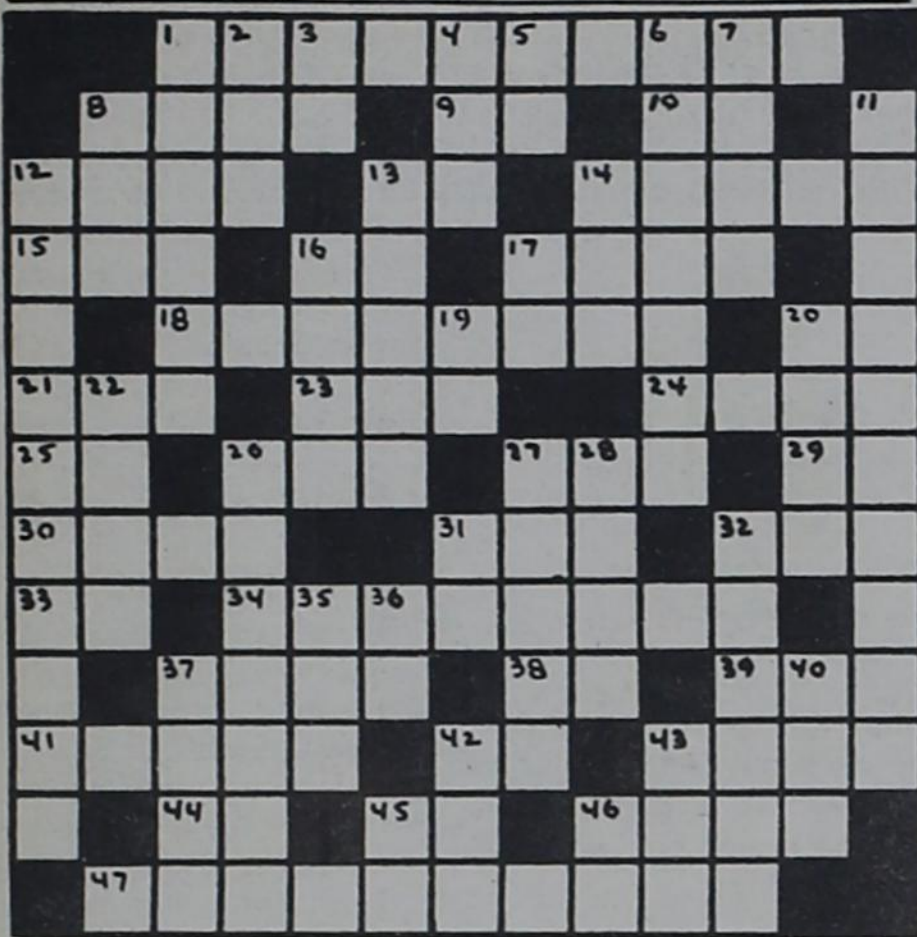
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- ACROSS**
- 1 - Sickishly sweet
 - 8 - Singing part
 - 9 - United Nations
 - 10 - Perform
 - 12 - Indicative sign
 - 13 - Exist
 - 14 - Of punishment
 - 15 - ... Baba
 - 16 - Inter-American (abb.)
 - 17 - Beastly hair
 - 18 - Unwavering
 - 20 - Printer's measure
 - 21 - Exist
 - 23 - Sailor
 - 24 - Unoccupied
 - 25 - Pronoun
 - 26 - The sun
 - 27 - Circle segment
 - 29 - Indefinite article
 - 30 - Mental image
 - 31 - Consumed
 - 32 - Insect
 - 33 - Preposition
 - 34 - Governmental science
 - 37 - Distresses

- 38 - Indefinite article
- 39 - Male title
- 41 - Terminated
- 42 - Either
- 43 - Little equine
- 44 - Half an "em"
- 45 - Military convict
- 46 - Gloom
- 47 - Contracting

- DOWN**
- 1 - Artificial water passage
 - 2 - Consumed



- 3 - Prefix of "togetherness"
- 4 - Color
- 5 - "... apple a day"
- 6 - The same
- 7 - Nothing at all
- 8 - ... American
- 11 - Rudimentary
- 12 - Disasters
- 13 - Fundamental
- 14 - Receptacle
- 16 - Preposition
- 17 - Parent
- 19 - Terbium (chem.)
- 20 - Dash
- 22 - Perform again
- 26 - Wise
- 27 - Floral perfume
- 28 - Bridle part
- 31 - Sloth
- 32 - Classify
- 35 - Mature
- 36 - Landing Ships (abb.)
- 37 - Citric drinks
- 40 - Corresponding fluid
- 42 - Have title to
- 43 - Type of wit
- 45 - Greek letter
- 46 - Pronoun

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I wish to say "Thank You" to each and every one for all the things they did for me while I was in the hospital. For the love offering, prayer, flowers, cards and the ones who sat with me after I was put in a private room. Also for the food and fruit baskets after I came home.
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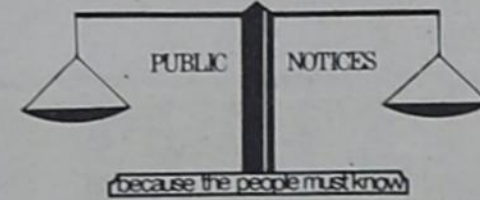
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PERSONALS

NOTE OF THANKS

Words cannot express my gratitude and appreciation to each individual who showed concern and love in my behalf on my illness since February.

Thanks for remembering me in your prayers, for sending flowers, for being so kind and hospitable to my family, for sending encouraging messages through your cards and letters and visiting me.

A special thanks to those who left fresh vegetables at my door daily, enabling us to stock our cellar with over 300 cans of fruits and vegetables.

More special thanks to: Girl Scout Troop 89 who left a beautiful Christmas basket decoration at my door. I enjoy it constantly as it is in my bedroom.

A group of Cub Scouts who came and sang carols one night and gave me a beautiful Christmas tree which now brightens our den.

To Mrs. Rhonda Geig and her group of young ladies from the Baptist Church who came and sang and told cheering stories that left a lasting joy.

I had hoped to write each one of you and thank you individually but that task has proven too much for me at this time.

Another thank you goes to each one who remembered me lavishly on my birthday and to one who remembered us at Thanksgiving with a turkey. All of these deeds are treasures to remember.

I ask that you continue to remember me and my family in your prayers, and I pray that much joy and happiness will come your way at Christmas time.

Sincerely,
Verina Putman

Cooper School News

FHA

The FHA chapters had a Christmas party and hay ride this past Monday night. We would like to thank those who loaned us the wagons and hay. A Merry Christmas from the Cooper FHA.

Basketball

The Freshman basketball team lost their game Monday night by a score of 32 to 16. Good luck against Slaton, Jan. 6th.

Band

The beginner and high school bands presented their Christmas

Concert Tuesday, Dec. 17th and was enjoyed by all.

Cooper 4-H

Saturday, Dec. 14th the Lubbock County 4-H Food Show was held. The Cooper team did very well and we are very proud of them. Those participating were: Senior Division, Laura Arnold, Blue, First alternate to District; Ann Lamb, red; Veronica Reed, Red; Darlene Swan, Blue; Kathy Black, Blue. Junior Division: Julie Arnold, Blue; Joe Hodge, Red; Patty Tischler, Blue; Cathy Swan, Red.

Holidays

School will dismiss Friday, Dec. 20th at 2:30 p.m., after the last semester test is finished. Thursday and Friday will be filled with tests for those not exempt.

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Candles Light . . .

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And because Christ had referred to Himself as the Light of the World, and asserted that every Christian was a light, the Christians naturally placed candles on their altars to remind them of this teaching.

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tradition dictated that candles be made of beeswax. This idea had its origin in the belief that bees came to earth direct from heaven. Throughout the Middle Ages it was common to keep swarms of bees at religious establishments.

Candlemas Day, still observed in



some churches on February 2, was instituted in the 11th century. On that day, candles were blessed and Scripture was read describing the candle as the symbol of the Christian's love for the Christ that dwells within him.

Christmas Morn Clue

For the parents who are willing to be as tricky as Santa in order to get those much needed extra winks of sleep on Christmas morning, "Christmas Morn Clue" starts with fruit—while it works in

some cases, it is not guaranteed for all.

If you have trouble keeping the children from wanting to bounce out of bed early Christmas morning, try hanging the stockings on their beds, instead of by the fireplace or tree.

Put several oranges in the toe, plus the usual trinkets and one gift (a puzzle, book, or put-it-together toy—to absorb them for an hour or even a half hour—while you get those extra winks of sleep.

Christmas Creche Has Tradition

We do not know when the first creche was set up as a tableau to illustrate the nativity, but church records indicate that St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Pope to reconstruct the scene in the Bethlehem stable.

Today the crib, surrounded by figurines of the Holy Family, the Three Wise Men, shepherds, angels and farm animals, is to southern Europe and Catholic countries what the brightly decorated Christmas tree is to America.

No Argument

There isn't anything that can be sliced so thin that it has only one side.

—Independent, Waverly, Ia.

In the Southern Hemisphere Christmas is celebrated in mid-summer heat. They will have the traditional turkey dinner. Families often go to the seashore or the hills for a picnic.

Tex Watson talks about The Cost of Natural Gas

It's logical that Pioneer customers should ask why they are paying more for the energy they use in their homes. We are eager to have them understand why.

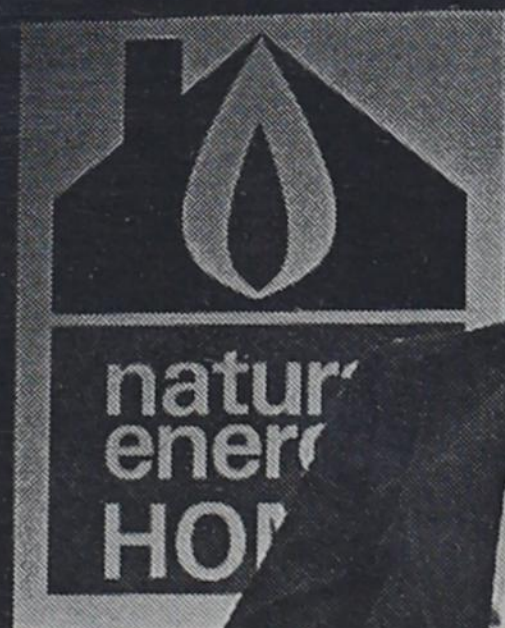
There is a lot of natural gas in West Texas, but we still must buy the gas in competition with other gas users across the country. To assure the people of West Texas that they will have the gas they need, now and in the future, we must pay the going price for new gas. Not only gas for our homes is involved, but most people's jobs depend on gas to run business and industry.

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