

Thirty show up at public hearing Commissioners vote employees 5% pay raise ... except themselves

By Jim McWilliams

The County Commissioners called a public hearing last Monday on a proposed 5 percent pay raise for elected officials, and that's exactly what they got.

More than 25 local citizens came to voice their displeasure of the commissioner's pay raise, as well as the condition of the county roads.

Commissioner David Meador made a motion to raise all elected official's salaries except the Commissioners.

"I'd just as soon it stay like it is," Meador said concerning his commissioner's salary.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Jones.

Commenting on the motion, Commissioner Gene McCalla said he does work more than 40 hours a month for the county.

"The people in the county just do not realize the responsibility the county commissioners have," McCalla told the citizens present at the hearing. He said the commissioners have many more things to do than look after roads, speaking of his administrative duties.

When the vote came, the commissioners unanimously voted to raise all elected official's salaries by 5 percent...all except their own.

McCalla then made a motion to raise all county employees' salaries by 5 percent. It was seconded by Meador and passed again without a dissenting vote.

The pay raises will be effective January 1, 1978.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The majority of the citizens present were on hand to ask the county fathers to work on the county roads rather than private roads. (See related story on this page.)

Most of them were from precinct 3. They wanted improvements made to Rudd Road and Tisdale Lane. Representatives from the CRA plant asked that the roads be improved.

Commissioner Joe Christian said he would get the road equipment to their area as soon as possible.

OTHER COMMENTS

---Robert Bradley reminded the commissioners that they were the only local governing body whose

members draw a salary.

---Mrs. Mary Leigh Dunagan said Eldorado is losing some trade because the people who live in Northeast Schleicher county have better roads leading to San Angelo than to the county seat.

---All citizens present felt the road hands were underpaid if they put in a full day's work.

---Jim Holley favored the curtailment of private road work along with Charlotte Harvey, Bob Bradley,

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Commissioners do an 'about face' yesterday! 'Illegal' private road work will not be stopped officially

By Jim McWilliams

Within four days the Schleicher County Commissioners Court did a 360 degree change in their stand on illegal private road work being done by the county road crews.

The commissioners voted last Monday to stop the violation of state law. The vote count was "yes" by Commissioners Christian, Jones, and Meador, with Gene McCalla going on record as in favor of continuing the illegal work.

McCalla said after Monday's meeting, "I just have to vote my convictions."

Apparently Christian and Meador did not vote their conviction Monday as they pulled a slick parliamentary maneuver yesterday by abstaining when the vote count came.

Monday night, Dec. 12, the high school and junior high Christmas parties were held.

The high school party was held at the Memorial Building with the young people spending the evening dancing to tapes. This event was highlighted by the presentation of

Cassie Gibson as Miss EHS and Randy Walling as Mr. EHS.

The junior high Christmas party was held in the school lunchroom. Victoria Powell and John Griffith were presented as 7th grade favorites, and Sandra Martinez and Bobby Hurley were favorites from the 8th grade.

Blood donors asked to give 'in memory of loved ones'

By Jannette Wilkerson

The Eldorado High School along with the Woman's Club, Hospital Auxiliary, Lions Club, and Sorority, have rolled up their sleeves to help in the effort to supply blood for Schleicher County.

The blood donated Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Memorial Building, from 2 to 7 p.m. will be in loving memory of Amy Cheatham.

In view of recent tragedies in our county the need for an ample blood supply is evident. Anyone between the ages of 17-65 can be a donor. What better way to remember a loved one?

Order your Christmas greeting by next Tuesday please. See the Express

Trial breakfast program scheduled for local school

By Lynn Meador

The Schleicher County Independent School District will be initiating a trial breakfast program in the near future it was learned Monday evening at the regular school board meeting. Superintendent Guy Whitaker informed the board that the number of free lunches that the school has at the present is the determining factor if a particular school will be in the breakfast program or not. Mr. Whitaker stated, "It is not a matter of choice as far as we locally are concerned. At the present, 24% of our students are on free lunches, and as a result, the Texas Education Agency has said we will have the breakfast program."

Whitaker added, "The trial period will be set this year so that any problems that occur can be worked out before the program goes into full

time operation next fall." The board authorized the purchase of additional cooking equipment that would be necessary to implement the program. Mr. Whitaker was also given the authority to set the trial period for not more than one quarter of the remaining school year and not less than six weeks. Mr. Whitaker indicated that the trial period would be held in the latter part of the current school year.

According to the guidelines of the breakfast program, it will be set up similar to the free lunch program that is in operation at the present. The breakfast program will be open to all students. Those students that qualify for free lunches will also qualify for free breakfasts. Other students can obtain breakfast at the approximate cost of 25c per student.

Commodities will be paid for through the State education agency. Mr. Whitaker stated that time schedules for serving the breakfast will be set at a later time, but generally the serving period would begin approximately 20 minutes prior to the beginning of school. Children riding buses would go directly to the cafeteria as their buses arrive at the school.

Other items discussed and acted on at the meeting included:

---The approval of the recommendation of the administration for the various textbook committees.

---The authorization to charge \$53 per student for the drivers education course. This fee helps cover the cost for the use of the Region 15 multimedia van that the school has been using in recent years. The classroom phase of driver's education classes will begin Monday, April 24, and the driving phase will be held in the summer.

---The authorization to increase the hourly wages of cafeteria workers to go into effect immediately.

---The appointment of a sub-committee made up of the officers of the board to investigate job descriptions and guidelines for the tax assessor-business manager position.

---The authorization to extend the Christmas holidays one day through January 2. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 3, at their regular time.

---The board was informed that landing mats for the high jump and polevault had been received. Costs of these items was approximately \$3,800. A request to improve the

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Town turns out for local jamboree

Over 140 Eldorado residents were on hand last Saturday night to hear 25 musicians perform at the monthly Jamboree in the Memorial Building. There were musicians from Brady, Menard, Kerrville, Ozona, Big Lake, Iraan, San Angelo, West Texas Boys Ranch, Wall, Christoval, Robert Lee, and Eldorado on hand to entertain those present.

Local talent appearing was Sherry Belk, accompanied on guitar by Jim McWilliams; Mrs. Alice Van Horn on violin, accompanied by Mrs. James Head on piano; and Steve Williams played the harmonica with a band from Brady.

The musicians and their families were fed a covered dish supper by a group of Eldorado ladies who just wanted to say "thank you" to the

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Krueger offers to clear-up OSHA regulation confusion

A cutback in enforcement of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) regulations--which cannot be officially dropped for five months--adds confusion to the plight of the small business person and U.S. Congressman Bob Krueger of Texas volunteered his office on December 9 as an information clearinghouse for persons seeking clarification of regulations.

Krueger, who earlier this year sponsored legislation aimed at curtailing the regulatory power of OSHA over firms with fewer than 25

employees, praised Labor Secretary Ray Marshall's announced cutback on regulations.

"This indicates that Ray Marshall not only understands the absurdity of the extent to which so many of the OSHA regulations have gone but also that he has the fortitude to do something about it."

Marshall announced December 3 that OSHA is going to curtail enforcement of regulations which OSHA now deems as "nitpicking." But federal law prevents the 1,100 rules from being dropped until a

5-month formal review period has elapsed.

"The list of regulations included in the OSHA announcement is varied and covers 250 pages. Without specific information, non-enforcement of the regulations can cause as much confusion as keeping the regulations has caused. My staff, in Washington, San Antonio, Del Rio, San Angelo and New Braunfels will be standing by to provide that information to constituents," Krueger said.

Travel dollar study concluded by agency

Million dollar bonus for county

AUSTIN, Tex. -- Schleicher County received \$1,289,200 of the State's \$6,075,952,000 travel receipts in 1976, a national study commissioned by the Texas Tourist Development Agency has disclosed.

The 1976 figures reflect an increase of 14 percent in travel receipts over 1975 when Schleicher County's travel business accounted for \$1,129,000.

In addition to gross receipts, the study found that Schleicher County

in 1976 had 50 of the state's 227,258 travel-related jobs, with an annual payroll of \$257,400.

It also estimated \$51,300 in state and \$10,900 in local taxes were paid by county visitors in 1976.

The study was done by the U.S. Travel Data Center in Washington, D.C., an independent travel research organization funded jointly by public and private sectors.

It was based on the Center's Travel Economic Impact Model which breaks out a state's share of the national travel market on a county-by-county basis.

The model measures the economic impact of all travel involving overnight trips away from home, and day trips at least 100 miles or more from home. Thus it includes travel by Texans as well as out-of-state visitors, for all purposes.

It includes estimates of the traveler's spending at home in preparation for the trip, his spending en route, and that at his destination. Basic data for the model comes

from the National Travel Survey, conducted every five years by the U.S. Census Bureau, and from the Center's own National Travel Expenditure Model.

It was the latter which estimated that in 1975 Texas had dislodged New York for third place in the nation's travel industry. The 1976 figures, however, show Texas back in fourth place behind California, Florida, and New York.

"We're pleased that travel research techniques have finally developed to the point that states can determine where, within their boundaries, travel dollars are spent and travel-related jobs exist," said Frank Hildebrand, executive director of the Texas Tourist Development Agency.

"Now we can trace travel's considerable economic impact on a county-by-county basis, observe changing patterns annually, and help direct the rapid growth of this burgeoning industry."



Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

Dear Santa,

Santa, you'll probably be surprised to hear from me, since the last letter I wrote you was when I was in the third grade, but this year I'm gonna need a little help with my Christmas list. There are some special presents I need this year and can't find them anywhere:

1. A parking place on Chadbourne Street would be nice and help a lot when it comes to bad-mouthing my fellowman.

2. So would a million bucks, but that would take all the 'gusto' out of Captain Daddy's 'Atella The Hun' act.

3. I could use a couple of cases of size 'D' batteries to keep Heather out of battery shock, and the toys going for a while.

4. I'd also like a Farrah Fawcett wig to compensate for my Thanksgiving dinner waistline.

5. The keys [just the keys] to a new Trans-Am to give me the leverage I need to get the garbage taken out just one more time.

6. I really need a Ronco Home Shock Treatment Kit, to block out bowl games on T.V., my check book, picking pine needles and canned snow out of the shag carpet, and all those nasty encounters caused by

shopping-cart collisions.

Now Santa, we're both adult and I won't insult your intelligence by saying I've been good all year, but really - isn't there something you can do about my out of date valium prescription?

7. I can't even remember a white Christmas. That would be dandy, however a 6-inch rain would do just fine.

8. I would appreciate it if you would pick up the bad elf that lives with us. He leaves the top off the toothpaste, the doors open, the tape players on all night, loses Dad's tools, eats all my pickles, and I swear I don't know how he does it but all our hair brushes end up in Cody's locker at school. My family are all completely innocent of these acts, so it must be a bad elf that needs to be rehabilitated.

Santa, I know you're a Super fellow, but face it Santa, you do get a little 'Show-Biz' this time of year and sometimes overshadow the real reason and spirit of Christmas.

So at the top of the list is still that Star in the east that sparks Peace on Earth and Good Will In The Hearts of Men...and that's something to think about this week....

P.S. By the way, Fat Boy, whatever happened to my Mickey Mouse watch?



Call me your Home Front News Items. 853-2688 or 853-2032. Billie Porter.

Home Front News

Mrs. F.M. Bradley, Margaret Frost and Elizabeth Ballew were luncheon guests of Mrs. James H. Franks in San Angelo Monday. Also a guest was Mrs. Frank's mother, Mrs. R.L. Pearce of Fife, Texas. Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Pearce are sisters.

Ronnie Neff has been a patient this past week in the local hospital. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Neff.

Mrs. Tom Ratliff is a patient this week in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Clifton Doran is at home for the present from the Galveston hospital where he has undergone treatments in recent weeks. He is to be taken back to Galveston about January 2nd.

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Dec. 7	64	36	
Dec. 8	80	20	Fog
Dec. 9	40	21	
Dec. 10	49	33	



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Dear friends, neighbors and loved ones, we wish to thank the wonderful people of Schleicher County for your love, kindness, prayers, and help since Bob has been sick. Our prayers for everyone is first. Good health and a happy prosperous New Year for 1978. May we all strive to love one another, help anyone in whatever way we can and bow our heads in prayer thanking our Blessed Savior for our daily blessings and care.
Bob and Susie Faught

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wishes you a Happy Holiday.



In Those Days

(Compiled from Eldorado Success Files)

ONE YEAR AGO
Dec. 16, 1976--Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Charles (Marie) Young, 71.
Eagle Bandmaster Wayne McDonald and Jim Bob Byrd, Willie Day, and Lisa Smith returned from the All-Region Band try-outs in Ballinger.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McGinnes.
FIVE YEARS AGO
Dec. 14, 1972--An ice storm hit this area, closing some schools and the Chamber of Commerce parade was postponed.
Mrs. Linnie Dell Kent died at age of 89.
Hunter Henderson was crowned Mr. EHS and Kim Ray was Miss EHS, as the High School Christmas party was held.
Dan Griffin was new Gulf distributor for Schleicher and Sutton counties.
Shannon Maxwell of Nacogdoches was visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stark.
Lonnie Reynolds was named to the All-District Defense team, in football.
Mrs. Bertha Lux turned her pick-up over on an icy road in front of the Milton Faight residence, but was unhurt in the mishap.
Miss Loveless's Third Graders were to render choral selections at the American Legion Christmas party.

12 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1965--The American Legion post Christmas party for youngsters was coming up, with the Rev. D.G. Salter to be general chairman of the program. Mrs. Oliver Teele's 5th and 6th graders were to sing.
Fellow Sinclair employees honored the Jimmie Ballard family as they prepared to move to Eunice, New Mexico.
Dan Sebesta announced that Johnny Griffith would be chairman of the March of Dimes drive coming up in January.
Captains of the basketball team were Scott McGregor and Danny Halbert.
Mrs. O. R. Burden of Wichita Falls visited her mother, Mrs. T. W. Johnson, here.
The final pre-holiday meeting of the Lions Club was held, with Charles Wimer presiding.
A daughter, their first child, was born Dec. 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Mittel.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1957--The Chamber of Commerce directors were considering applications for manager.
The County Commissioners raised their salaries from \$150 to \$200 a month.
The Junior Woman's Club and the Lions Club were planning their annual Christmas Decorating Contest.
Rev. Henry Mills and family were moving here and he was to be new pastor of the Congregational Methodist Church.
Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Minnick of Midland visited here with the Belks and Alexanders.
W. G. Godwin received a 20-year award pin for his Extension Service work.
Two new mechanics were at work for Fambrough Chevrolet Co. Jiles Burnham moved here from Midland and Carl Cochran came here from Christoval.
Kenneth Menees moved to Midland to a new job with Sinclair.

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OBITUARIES

ENOCH FRANKLIN HUTCHINSON
Services and burial were held in San Angelo Tuesday for Enoch Franklin Hutchinson, 53, of San Angelo who died Monday in a San Antonio hospital.
He was the father of David Hutchinson of Eldorado and an uncle of Richard Kent of Eldorado.
He was born March 23, 1924 in Eden and was married to Mettie Faye Stoepler on March 11, 1950 in Eden. He served in the Air Force in World War II and was a minister and elder in the Church of Christ. He had lived in San Angelo since 1960.
He is survived by his wife; a son, David Hutchinson of Eldorado; a daughter, Martha Alexander of Fulton; a brother, Elon Hutchinson of Eden; a sister, Luneta Kelsey of San Antonio; and a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. J.C. COLEMAN
Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church in San Angelo for Mrs. J.C. (Flora Jane) Coleman, 86. She was an aunt of Mrs. Jerroll Sanders of Eldorado.
Officiating was the pastor, Rev. S. Merle Waters and burial was in Fairmount cemetery. Mrs. Coleman died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in a San Angelo hospital.
She was born July 11, 1891 in Calhoun county, Mississippi and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Gaston, Coke County ranchers. She taught school in Southwest Texas schools for a number of years and for a time was supervisor of Tom Green County rural schools.
She was married to Claude D. Cotton in 1923. He died in 1954. She then was

married to J.C. Coleman in San Antonio in 1960.
Survivors include her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Farmer of Killen and Mrs. Roy (Winnie) Dickens of San Antonio; seven brothers, the Rev. H.W. Gaston of Christoval, R.L. Gaston of Durango, Colo., Edward Gaston of Fresno, Calif., and Sam Gaston, Grady Gaston, Walter Gaston and John Gaston, all of San Angelo.



A Russian craftsman hand-carved a chess set so small the pieces can only be distinguished with a microscope.

CHRISTOVAL CORNER

Short Notes

EL CONCHO STUDY CLUB

The El Concho Study Club hosted a Christmas party for the residents of The Golden Years Nursing Home. Hattie Parker played the piano and Nelda Skinner led everyone in Christmas carols.

After refreshments were served, gifts and a floral arrangement were given each of the 44 residents of the home. Hostesses were: Mrs. Ben Keyes, Mrs. Harold Pettitt, Mrs. Jack Skinner and Mrs. Tip Van Court.

Recipe Corner

by Liz Clark

7-DAY CABBAGE

2 lbs. cabbage, chopped
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 carrot, grated
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup white vinegar
1 tsp. celery seed

Combine cabbage, peppers, onions, and sugar, salt and carrots. Let stand 1 hour or longer. Drain in colander. To cabbage mixture, add oil, vinegar, celery seed. Store in refrigerator. Keeps indefinitely.

TEXAS MILLIONAIRES

50 caramels
2 tbsp. butter
2 tbsp. water
3 cups pecans (halves or whole)
8-oz. chocolate candy bar.
2 to 3 oz. paraffin

Melt caramels, butter and water in double boiler. Add pecans. Drop by teaspoon on foil covered bread board. Cool. Melt chocolate bar and paraffin together. Stick ice pick in cool caramel-pecan drops and dip through warmed milk-chocolate and paraffin mixture. Cool on foil.

NATURE BREAD

3 cups warm water
3 pkgs. dry yeast
1/4 cup honey
5 tsp. salt
1 cup brown rice flour
3 tsp. soy flour
1 cup wheat germ
2 cups whole wheat flour, plus 5-6 cups more whole wheat flour, 5 tsp. oil

Mix water, honey, yeast; let yeast dissolve. Add salt, brown rice flour, soy flour, wheat germ and 2 cups whole wheat flour. Beat about 200 strokes. Add 5-6 cups whole wheat flour to make a soft dough. Put oil over dough in a bowl and knead 2-3 minutes until it is absorbed. Cover and let rise until double. Turn out on board and knead 2-3 minutes. Makes 2 loaves. Let rise until double. Bake 25-35 minutes in 400 degree oven.

ACCIDENT CONTROL

Falls are exceeded only by motor vehicle accidents in the annual toll of accidental deaths in the U. S. Be sure of your footing, keep walk areas clear of debris and loose rugs, and use only approved climbing devices, advises the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Know Your Neighbor

Hazel Jones, Christoval's own Justice of the Peace, is this weeks Know Your Neighbor selection.

Hazel arrived first in Madisonville, Texas on Nov. 28, 1901 and remembers with affection her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Carrington.

She first entered school in Sweetwater and well remembers the red brick school house and the lady teacher.

Her favorite teacher, however was Miss Elizabeth Woolworth in San Angelo, who was "good, kind and patient", she recalls.

As usual I inquired if she could remember doing anything ornery or contrary. This lit a glint of mischief in her eyes.

"Well", she said, "When I was 16 I had a date to the Jr.-Sr. Prom. It was in Carlsbad, Texas. Mrs. Morris Kennimer gave it for her sister, Evie Langston. I arrived with my date and during the dance met this real handsome fellow. After that I danced more with him than the one I came with, and he ended up taking me home that night too. We dated a few times after that", she added.

On September 21st, 1922 Hazel married Eugene W.



Hazel Jones

Jones Sr. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in San Angelo, Texas. About a year later they moved to the Ranch at Flat Rock, where Hazel recalls, "I made a hand in every way."

"I helped work sheep, cooked, painted, and papered. Well, just whatever needed to be done".

Hazel's daughter-in-law, Juanita, told at this point that, "Even only last June Hazel helped to paper her granddaughter's room, because they couldn't get anyone to come out here to do it."

While at Flat Rock, Hazel's two boys were born: Gene Jr. on April 4, 1925 and Dub on Feb. 22, 1931. They in turn presented her with 3 grand-

children, Wilson, Lisa, and Curry.

All this time Hazel appeared to want to move ahead to now. [No living in the past for this lady.]

She opened up her travel folders with obvious relief, announcing that travel was her first love. As it turned out, she had been to 39 of the 50 States including Hawaii and twice to Canada. Foreign countries, in which she has graced with her charming presence, include Denmark, Sweden, England, Alaska, Norway, Holland, Germany, and Mexico. She also attended the World Fair in New York. She was most impressed in her travels with a sculpture in the Garden in Oslo, Norway. It is in a huge circle and begins with a Baby, and ends with Death, and is in Bronze.

Hazel just returned from the Grand Ol' Opry where she saw Roy Acuff and Barbra Mandrel.

Another recent trip was to New Orleans to view the artifacts of King Tut, which was spectacular, according to Hazel.

When asked about her future plans, she expressed a desire to visit Switzerland and declared, "I'm not going to slow down. There are just too many things to see and do."

JAWBONING with Editor, Jim McWilliams

Most people have a little sense, but some lack any semblance of a brain at all. The person or persons who wrote some filthy words on the Memorial Building over the weekend should be tarred and feathered, and flogged.

People will get into mischief and play pranks; but vandalism is a crime. It will cost the county at least \$200 to remove the words written in red enamel paint on the outside wall. All the tax payers in the county will foot the clean-up bill.

This kind of behavior cannot be tolerated by the responsible citizens of our county.

It has been pointed out to me that several cases of child poisoning has occurred since the weather has turned cold.

Parents should be extra careful to place rat and mouse poison out of the reach of children. Please be careful this winter. Give your children a poison-free home to play in.

Grass fires occur Tuesday

The firemen made a run at about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon to the dump ground five miles west of town. Trash in one of the pits was on fire and the firemen were called to

control the blaze. A weak norther spread the fire to the Pfluger place and a second alarm was sounded about 15 minutes after the first one.

Later in the day the fire was under control.

Cancer Society will hold bake sale

The Schleicher County unit of the American Cancer Society will have a bake sale in front of the First National Bank on Dec. 21st. Come by and pick up a special treat for your holiday get-togethers. The proceeds go for our cancer patients. This includes sick room supplies, wheel chairs and other special needs for cancer victims in our county. Please help us in this effort. Come by and buy a homemade goodie.

The Express News will have a special feature article on all District winners in next week's issue

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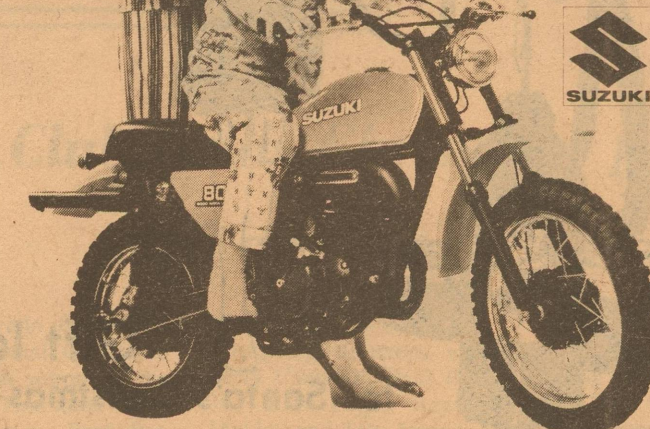
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42 Christmas party held last week

Mrs. W. C. Parks was hostess last Wednesday when she gave the 42 Christmas party in the Memorial Club Room.

There was a covered dish luncheon at noon. Gifts were exchanged from the decorated Christmas tree and the evening was spent playing 42. We all had fun

Jr. Girl Scouts Meet

The Dec. 13th meeting of Troop 225, Junior Girl Scouts was called to order at 3:30 p.m. All members were present.

The girls finished all their gifts and tray favors for Christmas. They practiced the songs they will be singing for Christmas

Children's Christmas program

At 7:00 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 18, the children's Christmas program will begin in the First Baptist Church. It will be under the direction of Mrs. John Stigler, who will be assisted by Mrs. B.F. Blaylock.

The church has the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering going on for Foreign Missions, and last Sunday

together. Those present were: Zelma Henderson, Rose Brannon, Allie Cheatham, Virginia Griffin, Annie Speck, Lillian Mikeska, Bessie Doyle, Maudie Bassinger, Jessie Sudduth, Mildred Stanford, Natalie Stockton, and the hostess.

Rep.

caroling and discussed their badges also. Refreshments were furnished by Brenda Suarez and her mother.

Leaders are Nancy Terry and Ann Hyde.

Troop Reporter, Brenda Suarez

\$300 had been raised toward the \$1,000 goal. Last Monday, the Baptist Women's Bible Study Group met at the Dairy Mart with Alma Williams as hostess.

The LOA Class, taught by Mrs. Mary Robinson, had a covered dish dinner recently in the Dan Griffin home.

Library Board meets

Members of the Library Board met Wednesday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Reading Room of the Library.

Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Bassinger gave a report from the meeting they attended in San Angelo in November. They found that we had much of the reference material in our library but we do need to add some additional to bring our standard up.

We will purchase the 3rd volume of the Handbook of Texas and the newest edition of the Lincoln Library.

A memorial was given by the members present for Amy Cheatham.

Present for the meeting were: Jewel Hodges, Winnie Jackson, Maudie Bassinger, Grace White, Florence Williams, Ruth Baker and the librarian, Gladys Gunn.

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School announces pre-holiday events

There are only three school days remaining until school lets out for about ten days of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The high school and junior high Christmas parties were held Monday night in the Memorial Building and school lunchroom respectively.

Coming up Monday night will be the dinner party for the faculty members and school administrators. It will be held in the lunchroom.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, the elementary grades will have their traditional Christmas parties and gift exchanges following the lunch hour, in their classrooms. The grades involved will be kindergarten through sixth grade, according to Walter Wallis, elementary principal.

From 2:00 to 2:30, the American Legion Christmas party for county children ages 12 and younger will be held in the elementary gymnasium. Legionnaires will assist Santa Claus in distributing the bags of candy. Tom Miner is Commander of the Bev McCormick Post of The American Legion. This party has been a traditional pre-holiday event staged by Legionnaires for many years and is financed by the Basketball Schedule placard.

Elsewhere in this Express News issue are the Letters to Santa Claus from the Third Grade pupils in the Eldorado elementary school. Mrs. Evelyn Stigler and Mrs. Joanne Edmiston are the Third Grade teachers.

An extra holiday for New Year's was set Monday night by the school trustees at their meeting. School was to reconvene on Monday morning, January 2. They declared that an extra holiday on account of the bowl games, and set Tuesday morning, January 3, as the day for students to go back to classes.

Dorcus Circle meets

The Dorcas Circle of the United Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Frank Meador Monday at 3:00 p.m. for their Christmas party. Mrs. Lewis Stockton and Mrs. Elton McGinnes gave the Christmas program. An offering was taken for the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by the hostess. There were 10 members present.

Home Front Continued

The Rev. Gene Stark, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will conduct the service this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the Nursing Home.

The Young Homemakers Home Demonstration Club met on Wednesday, Dec. 14, in Mrs. Jonet Powell's home. The program on keeping family records was presented by Nancy Lester, Extension agent.

This Week's Bridge

Wednesday Bridge Club

Mrs. Ruth Case was the hostess last week when the Wednesday Bridge Club met for dessert bridge. There were two tables of

players present. Mrs. Dick Bearce won high and Mrs. Elizabeth Powell won bingo.

Eldorado Bridge Club

The Eldorado Bridge Club met Wednesday, Dec. 9th at the El Dorado Restaurant for their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged

among the three tables of members present. Hollis and Bee McCormick won high and Eddy Mae Kinser and Clay Porter won bingo.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners last week: Tom Peaslee, Sonora, and Billie Porter, 1st; Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins,

Sonora, 2nd; Margaret Frost and Pete Finley, 3rd; Vivian Mears and Helen Blakeway, 4th.

AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES

by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

The annual Christmas Party for Senior Citizens was held yesterday in the Memorial Building. A big "thank you" goes to all the women who gave so generously of their time to help with the party.

This week I have a couple of delicious recipes for you. They were both winners at the county food show held last month and at the District Food Show held this past Saturday in Ballinger. The meatloaf is an excellent choice for a main dish selection and the "Nubican Chocolate Roll" makes one of the most elegant desserts I have ever seen.

MEATLOAF WITH SAUCE

- 3/4 cup undiluted evaporated milk
- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
- 1/2 cup fine cracker crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 envelope dried onion soup
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tblsp. prepared mustard

Combine the undiluted evaporated milk, ground beef, cracker crumbs, egg, dried onion soup, garlic salt and prepared mustard. Mix thoroughly and pack lightly in loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven at 350 degrees F. about 1 and 1/2 hours.

SWEET-SOUR SAUCE

Combine 8-ounce can tomato sauce, 1/4 cup sweet pickle relish and 1 tsp. prepared mustard. Heat 5 minutes over low heat. Spoon over top of meatloaf for the last 15 minutes of baking.

Melissa Bureson, Junior

NUBICAN CHOCOLATE ROLL

- 6 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 Tblsp. chocolate syrup
- Confectioner's sugar

FILLING

- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/3 cup confectioner's sugar
- 3 Tblsp. unsweetened cocoa
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- Chopped pistachios or walnuts

1. In large bowl of electric mixer, let whites stand one hour.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease bottom of 15 1/2 x 10 1/2 inch jelly-roll pan, then line with waxed paper.
3. At high speed, beat whites until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in 1/4 cup granulated sugar, beat until stiff.
4. Using same beaters, at high speed, beat yolks with remainder of granulated sugar until thick and lemon colored - 5 minutes. At low speed, beat in cocoa, vanilla, spices.
5. With wire whisk or rubber scraper, using an under-and-over motion gently fold mixture into egg whites.
6. Spread evenly in prepared pan. Bake 12 minutes, until surface springs back when pressed with finger.
7. Onto clean towel, sift confectioner's sugar in a 15 x 10 inch rectangle. Turn out cake onto sugar; peel off paper.
8. With knife, trim edges. From long side, roll up cake in towel, jelly-roll fashion. Cool on rack, seam side down.
9. Make Filling: In medium bowl, combine cream, sugar, cocoa and vanilla. Refrigerate 1 hour. Beat until stiff. Gently unroll cake; remove towel. Spread with three-fourths filling; re-roll. Spread with rest of filling; sprinkle with nuts. Place seam side down. Refrigerate. Serves 10.

Kara Homer, Senior

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The Easy Way Out

By Billie Porter

This is becoming a chore, trying to decide which easy recipe to share with you during the holiday season. The following is a must if you like spicy dips.

CHEESE DIP

- 1 pound Velveeta Cheese
- 1 can Rotel, tomatoes and green chilies (use a little less than a can if you like thicker dip)

Cut up the cheese and put in blender. Pour in the can of Rotel, turn on high speed and presto, you have an excellent dip that will keep for days. Serve with fritos or doritos.

HOLIDAY PIE

- 1 Graham Cracker Crust (frozen crust is fine)
- Pour in one can strawberry pie filling, top with 1 large carton Cool Whip.

I have also used pineapple pie filling and cherry pie filling, and they are good too. For variation, slice bananas into the crust before pouring the pie filling into crust.

Gift Ideas for Santa's Christmas List...

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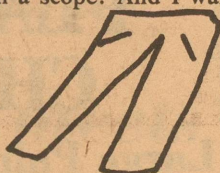
Third Graders tell Santa their wishes...

Dear Santa,
this is what I want for Xmas soft, sleepy Hug-a-Bye Baby - 22 in. Blonde, Tender Love and n kisses, Baby heart beat, Baby Burps, doll close (knit), superstar Barbie, wireless Mike really works, cradle and swynger. Please a real one a Horse and Bridle. P.S. Your the Best Man in the Woold.
Love your frend Heather

Dear Santa,
I want a good microscope and a chemistry lab. I want a telescope. I want the game of mousetrap. I want a 243 rifle and a 22 rifle or pistol. I want some good arrows. I want the big set of T.V. magic. That's what I want for Christmas.
Your friend, Jason

Dear Santa,
How are you. I hope you are not sick or sad because I want you to bring me a telescope set and a watch and a belt with my name on the back and a race car set and a paint set. Oh, I forgot I want a 2.32.2 shot gun with a scope. And I want some pants that look like this--

Henry Robles



Dear Sant. Claus,
I hope you a Marry Christmas. I wood like a chemistry set an a shot gun two an a Nite glow rase track an a pack of shot gun shells. Thunder trall 78.
Love Robbie

Dear Santa,
I want a skinny batton and a super size barbie and a pair of roler skates and thats all.
See you.
Love Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Mr. Mouth for christmas and that is all I want.
Love Eneceida

Dear Santa,
I want a batton and I want a doll call super size barbie.
Your friend Karen Ussery

Dear Santa Claus,
I want everything for girls, well not everything. I'll have a couple of things. The thing I want the best is a super star Barbie. I think thats all I want.
Love Lisa

Dear Santa,
I want a chemistry set and a thirty out six and a shot gun, two fifty seven and seven million and a two fourty three and a microscope and a fuor ten shot gun with a scope and a two twenty three shot gun. I wish you a very good merry christmas.
Your friend Anthony

Dear Santa,
i want a pony and i want a bike.
Love Lucy

Dear Santa,
I mite not ask you for any thing this year. I mite see what you will bring me for a surprise. So I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love, Nick

Dear Santa,
I been good. I want a kick and go. And some rollerskates, And some tenashoes, that's all. See you.
Your friend Deann Minica

Dear Santa,
I want a kick an go I hope your raindeer want get sick this year I hop you you want get sick eather.
Love, Larry

Dear Santa,
evry one of us has ben good I whant a chemistry lab thats what I whan't give me sum candy to and a mickerscope and some tape so I can give it to Mi's Edmistan and a whater pistol so I can shoot the girls whith it and a real gun for fun.
Your freind Omar

Dear Santa,
I hope you come over my house and I want a toy called Mr. Mouth and a game called Monopoly and a doll namned farrah faucett and would you my mother a new robe and my father, too?
Love Veronica

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a beam of light gun and a 2.32.2 Shot gun with a scope on it. I want a race car set and a train set. How are you. I'm doing fine.
love Richar

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good boy. The things I want for Christmas are a lego set 400, chemistry lab, 22 rief.
love, Mitchell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dolly named Bundle of Love and Rub dub dolly and a 26 Racer ten speed. I want it to be blue.
Love Stacy

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a gum ball machine and a race track and a nerf football.
Your friend Debbie Bosquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike and a Baby Come Back for Christmas. I would also like some earrings. I have ben good and I will leave you a snack to keep you jolly.
Your friend Teresa Underwood

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a baby alive for Christmas. Im happy my brother is coming home for Christmas, too. I hope all our friends come down this Christmas. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas this year.
Your friend, Caryl Franklin

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a battery telephone and a sewing machine and a Dolly Parten doll with a box of clothes and a Barbe doll and a set of dishes and a ironing bord and a doll with a cradle and a table with chair.
Your friend Juanita Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some toys. And for other people too. Know I would like a baby come back, and a new coat, and a little rocking chair, and a baby plant, and a new bed. know I think that is all thank you Santa.
Your friend Lavonne Vannett

Dear Santa,
What I would like is a black slate board. And my Mother wants a Micro-wave Oven. Daddy would very much like a new Welder. Holly wants a new bottle. Joan wants a bean bag. Scotty wants a wagon. And if you have to use Roudolf please tell me I'd like to know.
Your friend Rebecca Schrier

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a record play and a batton. Thier are 20 people in my room. Will you bring my mother a dish washer. Will you bring my father a new truck. My two sisters one want a new super size barby doll and a batton. Will you bring our family some candy. My brother wants a train.
Your friend, Sharon Ussery

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike and a pair of roller skates. I would like to the mountains because it snows often. I wish everybody a Merry Crtsimas. Dad got us some sleeping bags. My Mother made a wreath.
Your friend Devonna Coates

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some knee butts for Christmas please and get my Mother a Bible and my Dad a Nife please and my sister a shert please and have a nice Christmas?
Your' friend Angie Heald

Dear Santa Claus,
I want for you to bring me a railroad train and a fire engin truck. My sister wants a doll and my bothers want two walky-talkys. And for my older brother Raymon he like any game. My bests friends Jody Romero and Craig Geteris. Craig would like a go-carte and Jody would like a minybike and Charley would like a cowboy hat and a pelitgun. Well Santa I think that will be all for today. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Your friend Martin Espinosa

Dear Santa Claus,
I like school. Every day when I come home I rollerskate. My little brother can skate too. I like to skate. I am thinking about Christmas. I would like a barbee doll and a doll house. My brother wants the Six Millon doller man. Have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend Michell Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a piano and a doll and a little baby because is time to give presents. I can give Mother a little baby. Santa Claus I love you so much. Good by.
Your friend, Silvia Sanchez

Dear Stanta Claus,
I would like you to bring me a stuff dog. And paints and a family sun shine farm. And I do want a record-player.
Your friend Michelle Hooten

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a go cart and a waiker tarkeis? and a truck. and then you call me santa claus and after you I will call you back.
Your friend, Craig Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a train and I want a mouse and a suit. I will be a nice boy this year. I well give you some milk and candy and a cane. I well leave you a piece of cake.
Your friend, Charley Hudnall

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you bring me a ring for Christmas or a game any kind you want. But I like the ring best. But I wonder what the other boy's and girl's have in their letters.
Your friend, Vicky Barrera

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a renote control car. It's a yellow corvet. I would also like a power passers race set.
Your friend Jan Ingle

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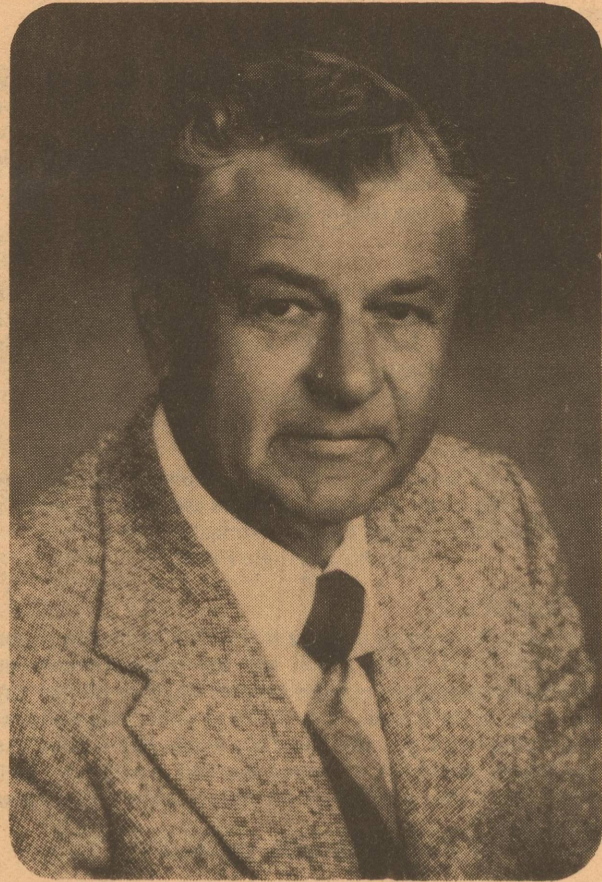
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Howard Derrick

Derrick named to newly established council

Schleicher County rancher, Howard Derrick, was recently named to the Texas Prosecutors Coordinating Council by Governor Dolph Briscoe.

The newly formed group was established as a result of the last legislative session and became law after the issue was passed as an amendment to the constitution in the November election.

The Council consists of 11 members all appointed by Gov. Briscoe. However, four members could not be directly involved in the legal profession. The responsibility of the council, generally, is to review the actions of judges on the state and district level as well as Justices of the Peace. The Council will have the power to make removals if necessary.

Presbyterians schedule Joy Gift Service

This Sunday morning, Dec. 18, Sunday School will be held at 10:00 and morning worship at 11:00 at the First Presbyterian Church. Preaching will be by Dr. Edward D. Junkin, a professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The traditional Joy Gift offering will be taken for retired Presbyterian ministers.

Keneth Carrell will preach at the 11:00 o'clock morning service. Sunday School will not be held that day. Carrell is a seminary student.

On New Year's Day, Sunday School and Morning Worship will be held with Mike Thompson, also a seminary student, preaching.

At 5:30 in the evening, the candlelight Christmas service will be held in the sanctuary with special music and choir and congregation participating. This will be followed by a snack supper in the church basement and Christmas tree and distribution of gifts for the Sunday School pupils. Santa Claus will visit.

On Christmas Day,

Methodist hayride scheduled

There's nothing like an old-fashioned hayride. Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 8:00 p.m. the Jr. & Sr. High classes will meet in front of the Methodist Church for their excursion. Dress warmly and be ready to sing Christmas carols for the shut-ins, the people at

the Nursing Home, etc.

We would like to invite the Jr. & Sr. High classes of the Baptist, Presbyterian, and First Christian churches to attend our fun ride.

We plan to have a good time, share a little happiness with others, and make the spirit of

Christmas an enjoyable one.

There will be refreshments afterwards in the educational building at the Methodist Church.

Put on a smile, slip on your coat and jeans and tune your vocal cords for a lot of merry singing! We're having a HAYRIDE.

Lions anniversary committee holds planning session

Pat Ragsdale presided at the meeting Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, of the Eldorado Lions Club committee that is planning the club's Golden Anniversary celebration set for May 20, 1978. It was held at Southwest Texas Electric Co-op. building.

Plans call for a barbecue to be held that afternoon with a special program following. Tex Mayer of La Grange has been lined up to be the special speaker.

The Finance committee consisting of Elton McGinnes, Joe Christian and A.G. McCormack, announced plans to have the club purchase a motorized bike sometime early in the spring to be raffled off, probably in March. The committee will work out plans and arrangements on this in the

weeks ahead.

Others who attended the Anniversary Committee meeting Wednesday were past presidents of the local Lions Club: Walter Wallis, Ronnie Mittel, Bill Gunstead, Jimmy West, L.D. Mund, and Guy Whitaker. Also present was the current Boss Lion Phil Olson.

It is planned tentatively to invite all living charter Lions Club members and widows of charter members to the event next May.

Lions Ronnie Mittel, Jimmy West, Walter West and L.D. Mund reported that they would contact Orland Harris to help work out some of the details on the barbecue. Another member of the barbecue committee, Dick Preston, was not present.

Bulb shipment delay cancels city decorating

Around Thanksgiving time, the West Texas Utilities workmen had planned to put Christmas decorations on the utility poles in the City of Eldorado. This was a tradition of many years' standing.

Some special light bulbs were ordered and these failed to arrive in time for this year's decorating project.

That is why the streets in downtown Eldorado were not decorated this year.

More decorating plans that fell through this year were those of the Lions Club to again sponsor a decorating contest of residences after a lapse of several years. The proposal was brought up at a meeting around the 1st of December but no action was taken.

decorating plans in Eldorado will have to wait a year, until the Christmas season of 1978.



Hap Doss shows some of the hand-made jewelry that he has made in his shop near his home on Callendar St. Hap says the

jewelry makes great Christmas gifts and invites you to come by.

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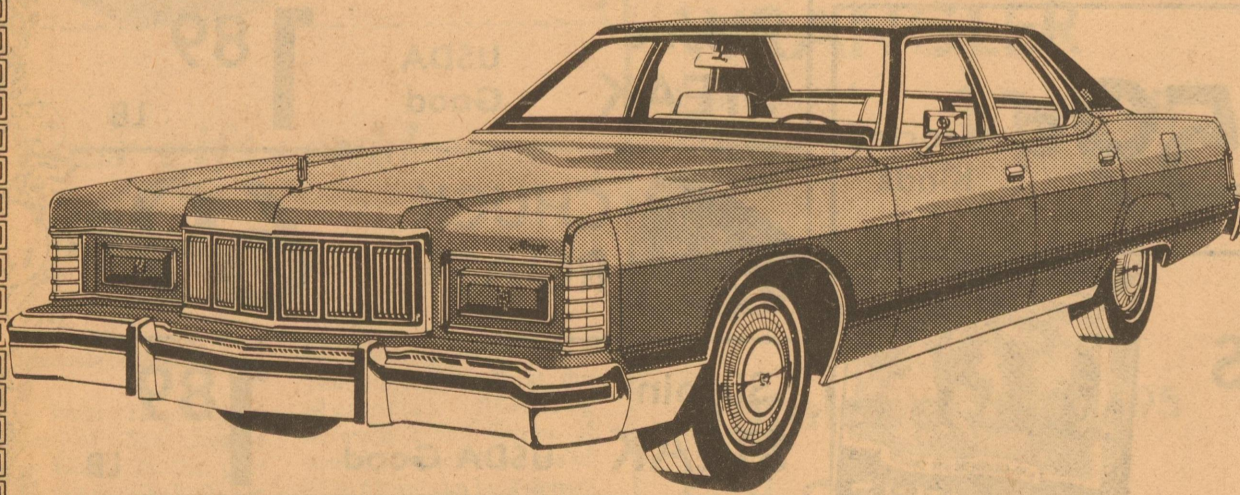
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Water district committee meets

One of the "watchdog" committees which quietly does its work with little attention from the public at large had a meeting Monday afternoon, Dec. 12, in the County Judge's office in the Court House.

It was the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District committee. On hand was Mort Mertz, who acted as chairman of the meeting which was held at 4:30 p.m. The other member present was Earl Lloyd, secretary, and Mrs. Helen Blakeway, who does bookkeeping and secretarial work for the group.

The minutes of the Sept. 13 meeting were read. This committee meets about three times a year, and the next meeting will be held in March.

Bobby Sykes is chairman of this water conservation committee which governs water rights of the Edwards Plateau aquifer, or underground water bearing formation. The aquifer takes in all of Schleicher County, plus parts of Sutton, Menard, Concho, Irion, and Tom Green counties.

Other committee members are Earl Lloyd, secretary; Mort Mertz, Jimmy Powell and Ford Oglesby, Jr. Two of them will come up for election next April.

Some business discussed was Mertz's pointing out that the District Committee currently has an \$8,000 Certificate of Deposit in the bank drawing interest. While the group has taxing authority, there is no immediate plan to levy a tax, unless needed for legal services in the future.

One watchdog function is to prevent the open dumping of salt water in the county.

Cherry, Eckert & Storey is currently hired as auditor of the District Committee's books. Mrs. Blakeway is paid \$50 a month to do the bookkeeping. County Treasurer A.G. McCormack currently receives the committee's bank statements.

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District committee was set up several years ago when San Angelo was having a major drought and their water reservoirs were running dry. The City of San Angelo planned to run some water mains to the Huldale area of Schleicher County to tap water wells. This action, it was thought, would deplete the underground water available to the City of Eldorado and the adjoining ranches.

The City of San Angelo subsequently set up a stand-by water supply from McCulloch County.

Local 4-Hers win at district show

Eleven Schleicher County 4-H members participated in the District Seven 4-H Food & Project Show in Ballinger this past Saturday.

Judy Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pitts, won first place in the Bread & Desserts Division of the Senior show and will be advancing to State Competition. She was awarded an engraved silver bowl by the Morrison Milling Company. Judy made "Hefezopf", a German yeast bread, for the show.

Other Schleicher County 4-Hers who participated in the Senior Division of the show were Lou Ann Turner, Patti Hausenfluck and Kara Homer. All of these girls received blue ribbons for their entries.

Lou Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Turner, made "Beef Bologna" for her entry in the Main Dish Division. Patti represented this county in the Side Dish category. She made a baked fruit salad. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hausenfluck.

Kara Homer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenith Homer, made a Nubican Chocolate Roll, for her entry in the Snacks & Beverages Division.

In the Junior show, Cindy Hausenfluck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hausenfluck, won second high individual in the Side Dish Division. Cindy's

entry was an eight hour salad.

Other Schleicher County participants in the Junior show were Melissa Burleson, Melissa Sauer and Tina Williams. All three of these members were awarded red ribbons.

Melissa Burleson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Burleson, made meatloaf with sauce for her entry in the Main Dish category. Melissa Sauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Sauer, made fruit punch for her entry in the Snacks & Beverage division.

Tina Williams made a Rum Cake for her entry in the Bread & Dessert division of the Junior show. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams.

Three local 4-H members entered the District Project Show. They were Belinda Turner and Margaret Turner, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Turner and Deanna Yocham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Yocham. Belinda and Deanna entered the Home Environment Division of the show. Deanna was awarded a blue ribbon and Belinda won a red ribbon. Margaret entered the Family Life Education Division. She was awarded a blue ribbon for her entry.

The Food & Project Show are sponsored by the Morrison Milling Co., West Texas Utilities, and The Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



Eldorado's Judy Pitts wins another first place.



Sheep & Goat Industry News

At the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association fall tri-annual meeting in Junction, members voted to discourage importation of live sheep from Australia, citing possible introduction of non-native disease as one of their concerns. Such worries have a strong grounding in fact, as proven recently when a new strain of bluetongue virus was discovered in the down-under country.

The new virus strain was discovered originally near Darwin in March, 1975, but officials were unable to make a tentative identification until October of this year. By mid-November, the World Reference Library in South Africa had confirmed the identification.

Bloodtests have shown that cattle on the Australian government's Beatrice Hill research station were affected, as well as similar animals south of Beatrice Hill but still within the upper end of the Northern Territory.

Test sheep near Darwin and in contact with the affected

Beatrice Hill cattle have also shown clinical evidence of the disease. The virus has been confirmed as far south as Katherine, about 450 kilometers southwest of Darwin.

Preventative measures have included restraints on livestock movement in the affected area, and more stringent preventative measures are expected. Australian Bureau of Animal Health officials say any slaughter program will be preceded by a careful study of the situation.

So far only New Zealand and the United Kingdom have banned livestock imports from Australia, but it appears that the common-sense reluctance of TS&GRA members to take unnecessary chances with their industry has proven correct.

Expansion of the U.S. sheep industry is desperately needed, but TS&GRA members maintain that the expansion can and should be accomplished with domestic breeding stock.

They laughed when I sat down to play....Well, maybe no one laughed, but there was

a considerable amount of partially concealed skepticism earlier in the year when animal health officials began predicting a near-zero screwworm record for the state of Texas in 1977. No one's laughing any more, though there may be a lot of grinning going on....the last screwworm case for the year, reported in El Paso in October, was number 39.

Almost any given roundup revealed more screwworms than that in recent years. 1977 has produced the best record since the parasite eradication program began. And just think, so far no organized protest has yet been mounted by misguided "environmentalists" decrying the possible extinction of this dear species.

Lions presented with musical program

Mrs. Denise Smith, music teacher in the elementary school, presented her 5th and 6th grade choral group in a musical program at the meeting at noon Wednesday, Dec. 14, of the Eldorado Lions Club. The group sang several selections of Christmas music. Raymond Hall introduced the program.

Lion Secretary Lynn Meador sent a sheet around authorizing the members' draft of \$10 for the Golden Anniversary observance coming up next May 20th.

At the start of the meeting Lion Jimmy West led the singing of "America" accompanied by Lynn

Meador at the piano. L.D. Mund led the Flag salute, and Keith Wyatt gave the invocation.

Boss Lion Olson presided at the directors' meeting in which a \$25 gift was voted to Fred and Flora Riley, longtime cooks for the club, and another \$25 was voted to the Neighborhood Center for their Christmas party.

The Lions Club will meet next Wednesday, Dec. 21, and it will be the final pre-holiday meeting. The club will not meet Dec. 28. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1978.

On January 25, District Governor Julian E. McLean of Sweetwater will visit.

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Sen. Tower asks assurance that regulations will not close hospitals

WASHINGTON--Senator John Tower (R-Tex) said in a statement released from his office on Thursday, Dec. 8, 1977, that he wanted more than verbal assurances from Washington that national health care guidelines would not force hospital closings in rural communities.

"We need action from Mr. Califano expressly modifying provisions of the National Health Planning and Resources and Development Act which could severely alter the quality of health care for Texans by closing hospitals and forcing an exodus of physicians from rural communities," Tower said.

Tower's remarks came in response to recent assurances from the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare that the agency's proposed guidelines would not have the impact on small rural communities that critics of the guidelines have suggested.

"I think there are many Texans who have reservations about assurances and promises from Washington especially after promises for natural gas deregulation during an election campaign were so quickly forgotten later," Tower said.

"Texans deserve the best health care possible and that does not include being

victimized by an impersonal bureaucracy ignorant of local conditions and insensitive to the very real health needs of individuals," Tower said. "If HEW doesn't understand this fact and remedy the problems with its proposed health care guidelines, it will fall to those of us in the Congress to do so legislatively."

Tower said that in a letter delivered to the HEW Secretary Monday, Dec. 5, he and others of his Senate colleagues urged the Secretary to rewrite the guidelines giving more consideration to the special circumstances of rural health care facilities. "If the Carter Administration is really committed to rural development," Tower said, and greater access of rural Americans to quality health care, then "HEW should clarify and strengthen the exemptions given to small rural hospitals."

In Texas, Tower said, implementation of the guidelines as presently written could work a grievous injustice on small rural communities, forcing the closing of many hospitals, the loss of as many as 12,000 beds, and an exodus of physicians from already insufficiently staffed and funded rural hospitals.

Largely in response to letters he and his Senate colleagues wrote, Tower

said, Califano attempted to curb fears that the guidelines would have an adverse impact on rural health care.

"I believe the comments of the Secretary are of no comfort at all," Tower said. "The health care of Texans is far too important to be left to Washington bureaucrats and this is why I intend to keep up pressure until we can get some satisfaction which goes beyond mere gestures of intent. I want to see it all in writing and I know many Texans do too."

Baptists set business meeting on subject of renovation

A business meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church immediately following the service this Sunday morning, Dec. 18. The meeting will start at about 12:00 noon with the main item of business to lay the groundwork for future renovation of the church basement and the three-story annex at the rear of the church building.

The board of deacons of First Baptist Church recommend that:

1. The renovation of the church be completed and that a renovation committee be selected by the deacons.

2. The renovation committee be empowered to use building fund money for necessary expenses connected with the renovation.

These proposals will be discussed in more detail by the Rev. Gene Stark, pastor; and Guy Whitaker, vice chairman of the board of deacons.

A congregational affirmative vote will be necessary to enable the deacons to select a renovation committee. The pastor and deacons urge all members of the First Baptist Church to make a special effort to attend the services this

coming Sunday morning and the business meeting that will follow, in order to get as good a representation of opinion as possible.

Last April, this renovation proposal was brought up and a contractor's estimate was secured which came to \$112,000. The congregational vote fell short of the required 80 percent approval as 78 yes votes and 32 noes were cast.

The First Baptist Church is Eldorado's largest and the main church building was built in 1928. It has been added to and remodeled several times during the 49 years since.

Dr. says: Let yourself go on holidays!

When a holiday comes, run with it, advises a Chicago doctor.

"Don't feel guilty about letting yourself go when you can. Being able to relax doesn't feed your neuroses. Rather, it is essential if you are to maintain your psychic equilibrium. Every organ of your body needs it," said Dr. Edward A. Newman of Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center.

"Then, when you get back to work you'll feel good. You'll be in a state of

temporary euphoria," he added. "If you aren't, then you abused your holiday. Either you didn't relax or you played too hard."

Dr. Newman favors periods of self-indulgence as essential to health in our pressured world. He loves Monday holidays because they make weekends longer than normal several times a year.

"These bonus days are really therapeutic. They give us something to look forward to. Like ads say, it's 'the pause that

refreshes.' We all need release from our daily obligations, need to lose ourselves in moments of pure pleasure once in a while," he said.

He added that "Just doing nothing is pleasure for a lot of people. Furthermore the daily pressures of having to do lots of things give many people hyperirritated and spastic digestive systems. They are too nervous to eat properly. When a holiday comes, they can relax and enjoy food."

Dr. Newman, whose specialty is gastroenterology, said "You should eat to satisfy, not stuff yourself. Likewise, if you like sports, go to it on the holidays but don't overdo. Remember you may feel good while you're relaxed but you are in danger of taxing your physical reserves if you strain. If you do, you'll be sorry when the holiday is over."

"Keep your holidays pleasant experiences. Let yourself go but be comfortable within your own limitations," he concluded.

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Mr. Joe F. Staley said that all non-citizens, except those in diplomatic status and foreign representatives of certain international organizations are required to file the address report.

He added that any alien who willfully violates the address report requirement may be subject to serious penalties.

In addition, aliens who are not in the United States during January must report their addresses to the Service within 10 days after their return to this country.

The District Director said that address report cards will be available at United States post offices and at the Immigration and Naturalization Service office at San Antonio beginning January 1, 1978.

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Womens club holds Christmas program

The Eldorado Woman's Club met in the Club Room of the Memorial Building on Dec. 13, at 2:30 for their annual Christmas program.

The president, Mrs. Willie Johnson presided. In the absence of Mrs. Ora Deal, Mrs. Mary Hext was acting secretary. The roll call was answered by 17 members present.

The treasurers report was given by Mrs. Van Dusen and a balance of \$463.12 was reported. Club members voted to host the Fall 1979 District club meeting and to spend money they receive from the paper drive for community improvements.

A new Hat and Coat rack was displayed in the Club Room which was bought for the ladies room of the

Memorial Building.

The program for the meeting was called "Visions of Sugar Plums".

Mrs. Jewel Van Dusen read "Let's Keep Christmas" (By Peter Marshall); "Christmas as Thoughts Before Christmas" given by Mrs. Lewis Stockton; and Mrs. L.V. Newport and Mrs. Oliver Teele led the group in the singing of Christmas carols, and "A String of Blue Beads" was given by Mrs. Arch Mittel.

Gifts were exchanged from a very pretty tree. The program was dismissed by reading the club collect.

Hostesses were Mrs. Adah W. Bowder, Mrs. L.V. Newport, Mrs. Edwin Jackson and Mrs. Ford Oglesby.

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Game Warden Michael R. Porter filed two charges of having untagged deer in possession against Gary Merriman; Two charges of untagged deer possession were also filed against Wallace H. Hehmann; and John C. Hight was charged with having possession of an untagged deer.

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Eaglettes winners in McCamey tournament

The Eaglette varsity girls' basketball team won second place in the tourney at McCamey. Last Thursday they downed Ft. Stockton 53 to 47. Those scoring for the Eaglettes were Mary Kay White 22, Cherie Niblett 15, and Sammie Jay 16.

The Eaglette JV's won the JV tourney and defeated Ft. Stockton JV. At the start, scoring was by Jolynn Jay 14, Kendra Dunham 8, Mary Byrd 7, Lori Griffin 6, Ronda Kerr 6, Kim Higdon 4, and Toni Fatheree 2.

On Friday, the varsity Eaglettes defeated Iraan 44 to 43. Scoring for the Eaglettes was by Sammie Jay 17, Mary Kay White 14, Cherie Niblett 8, Lorrie Powell 4, and Paige Helmers 2.

That same day the JV girls defeated Iraan 33 to 31. Scoring for the local team were Toni Fatheree 11, Kendra Dunham 8, Jolynn Jay 4, Kim Higdon 3, Cissi Cavaness 3, Mary Byrd 2, and Lori Griffin 2.

Saturday, Dec. 10, was the final day of the tourney at McCamey.

The varsity Eaglettes lost to Crane 37 to 46, and scoring for them were Mary Kay White 10, Cherie Niblett 8, Sammie Jay 17, and Susan Mertz 2.

The Eaglette B team defeated McCamey B's 34 to 27. Scoring for the Eaglettes were Kendra Dunham 17, Jolynn Jay 7, Mary Byrd 3, Lori Griffin 3, Toni Fatheree 2, and Kim Higdon 2.

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Cagers will play in pre-holiday contests

A tournament and one game night are in the offing for the Eagle and Eaglette basketball players in the days that remain before the Christmas holidays.

The tournament for A&B girls got underway Thursday and will conclude Saturday, Dec. 17.

On Tuesday night, Dec. 20, the B&C girls and A&B boys will go to Mertzon for games starting at 5:00.

Give blood - a thoughtful Christmas gift

When you've finally finished all your holiday shopping, your feet may be dragging, but you usually feel great because you got everyone what they wanted most.

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"Who are these people? They're the patients in our hospitals who need blood," states Perkins. "In contrast to the bustling, crowded shopping centers you've visited, there is no holiday crowd at your community blood center. As a matter of fact, there is a noticeable hush," Perkins continued.

The blood center staff has identified several reasons for this. People who normally might volunteer to give blood become so busy with family activities, traveling, and shopping, they forget to donate. Schools and businesses are reluctant to sponsor blood drives at this time due to their abnormal schedules. According to Perkins, "This is a very serious problem for patients in need of blood."

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Long distance volume increases during coming holidays

Christmas Day historically takes a back seat to Mother's Day in comparison to the number of long distance calls placed through General Telephone Company's San Angelo Long Distance Service Facilities.

The number of calls placed, on Christmas Day, have averaged nearly 39,000 during the past three years and it is anticipated that this Christmas will be no exception.

Even though, in the past, 82% of the customers dialed their calls direct, 33 operators will be scheduled during the busier period. However, during the 24 hour period a total of 42 operators, which is 43% of the total work force, will be assisting the customers with their Christmas calls.

Christmas Day calls through San Angelo are about 5% less than an average week day and are about 85% more than an average Sunday.

The San Angelo Toll Center handles long distance calls for customers in 18 General Telephone and 5 connecting company exchanges.

Young people to go caroling

The young people of the Church of Christ on the Mertzon highway will meet at the church the night of Thursday, Dec. 22, to go around and visit some shut-ins, and do caroling. They will meet afterwards for refreshments.

B.C. Coates is minister of the church.

Services will be held at regular times on the Sundays coming up during the Christmas season.

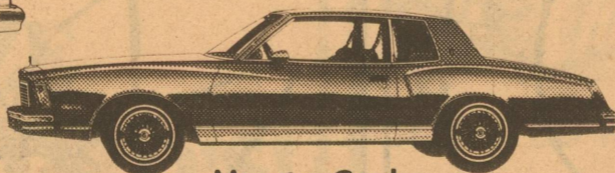
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Golf Club holds Christmas party and elects officers

The Eldorado Golf Club held its annual Christmas covered dish supper at the clubhouse Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m. Forty-five members attended and enjoyed the festive food and fellowship.

This was also the annual election of officers for the new year. They were submitted by the nominating committee as follows:

President, Jo Ed Hill; Vice President, Tom Miner; Secretary-Treasurer, John Callison; Tournament Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs.

Mickey Rathbone. Outgoing directors were Jerry Cantwell, Paul Page Jr., R.J. Page, Raymon Mobley and Tom Miner. Elected for 2 years in their place were: Bill Frietag, Arch Mittel, Raymon Mobley, Mickey Rathbone and Bob Sykes.

Holdover directors are Ina Lambert, Eddie Kinser, Don Nicholson and Junior Isaacs.

This is a very capable slate of officers and we are confident they will have a great year.

We missed all our sick

members who could not attend and trust they are all feeling better.

The Club wishes to extend our greatest thanks to all the many hours of hard work and pleasure to Ernestine Hext, our outgoing Sec.-Treasurer. She has done a magnificent job all these many years and we are looking forward to her being on the golf course again.

Happy Holidays to everyone and hope to see you more often on the golf course in 1978.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Enclosed is my personal check for \$6.50. My entire family reads Jannette Wilkerson's "Something to Think About", and that's the reason we subscribe for your paper. She is better than Erma Bombeck, Dear Abby and Ann Landers combined. Incidentally Orval and Charlene Edmiston are real good friends and I think he is NEXT to the best Sheriff in Texas.

Mrs. Dan Saunders

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Three honest, hard working men have been convicted of the federal crime of "protecting their livelihood". This really seems to be a terrible misdeed when considering all of the minor criminals that are running loose such as murderers, rapists, dope-pushers, and thieves.

A group of bird-watchers have been able to pressure our law-making bodies to adopt a law which prevents ranchers from protecting his sheep and goats from eagles. I suppose that they claim that eagles do not kill these animals but any zoologist can prove this to be false.

Anyone has the right to protect their livelihood. Even in biblical days shepherds had to be sent with herds of sheep to protect them from such things as coyotes, bobcats, wolves, eagles, etc. These three men were doing nothing more than this.

In a recent "Face the Nation" program, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland stated that farmers and ranchers are the very backbone of our country and economic system. This being true, we as Americans had better help this group of people by demanding that such laws be done away with and that the decision reached in San Antonio concerning the three eagle hunters be reversed.

Tommy Randle
Balmorhea, Texas

Are you having company, out of town guests? Call the Express News at 853-2032 to report home front news.



JUST JOGGIN' ALONG!

By Express News
Publisher, ED MEADOR

Those of you who failed to attend the annual service featuring Eldorado's Community Choir were again losers. Seems like the choir gets better every year, and their renditions of the ever lovely Christmas music certainly helps set the mood for the coming holiday season.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is upon us, and we'll soon be welcoming a new year. Is it really true that the older you get the faster the years roll by? It certainly appears that way. The nice part about that has to be that we're still around to enjoy the years rolling by!

Some twenty-five to thirty interested citizens of Schleicher County met with the Commissioners Court last Monday, spoke their piece, and found out that democracy really does work after all. What a concerned person believes does have a bearing on the thinking and action of those whom the voting public elects.

That is what it is all about. So many times we get the feeling that what we think doesn't count, but the actions taken by the county governing board after the voters expressed their opinions reflected quite aptly that a little effort on the voters' part goes a long way.

We hope that during the Christmas rush you will remember to patronize our advertisers. It might not have occurred to you, but they are the ones who help you do your shopping, provide the funds that keep the staff of the Express News, now numbering six people, (to say nothing of Jannette Wilkerson), going, and make it possible for you to have a community newspaper dedicated exclusively to serving you. Next time you go shopping, take time to mention that you saw their ad in your paper.

Looking back over the past few months, it is with a sense of pride that we acknowledge the growth of the Express News. We intend to be around from now on, and we constantly re-dedicate ourselves to the task of presenting the local news, the local issues, and any other items of interest to our readers in the most factual and truthful manner possible. There is no doubt that some of our views may be controversial from time to time. We feel that it is necessary to bring the public the facts, and we intend to do so to the best of our ability. There are those who do not like to see change come about. It's human nature to fear change, probably because of its uncertainty. But change will and does come, and we'll be doing our level best to see that it is for the betterment of the community as a whole. That's a premise that leaves very little room for argument.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:
Concerning the vote the commissioners took on the illegal road work. It is my opinion they have handled this in a manner that has left themselves and the county taxpayers wide open to a judgement which could lead to a district judge telling us which roads are to be maintained by the county. Wouldn't it be better if the commissioners worked this out and keep the decisions on which are county roads on a local basis?

Steve Williams

Texas DPS issues safety report.

AUSTIN--Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, estimated on Dec. 11th, 1977, that traffic accidents in Texas during the combined Christmas and New Year weekends will claim 71 lives.

He noted, however, that some of the deaths could be prevented if motorists would drive carefully and participate in the state's "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday" program.

Speir said 41 deaths are likely to occur in the Christmas period from 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, through midnight Monday, Dec. 26.

Another 30 traffic fatalities are estimated for the New Year holiday which extends from 6 p.m. Friday, December 30, through midnight Monday, January 2, 1978.

The "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday" program calls on all motorists in Texas to drive with their low-beam headlights turned on in the daytime, as well as at night, during the

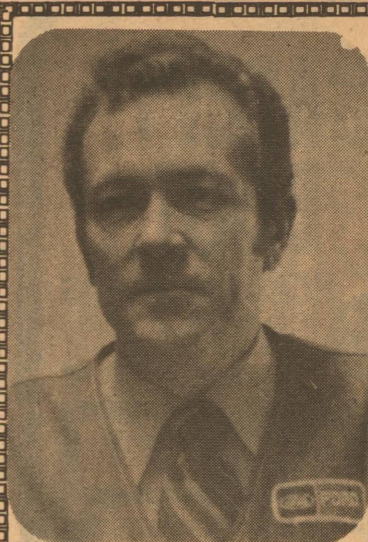
Christmas and New Year weekends.

"We feel this 'Light the Way' program, particularly with widespread participation on the part of drivers, will serve as a very meaningful reminder to others to drive safely," Speir said.

The DPS director observed that traffic deaths in Texas are currently running about 11 percent over 1976, with much of this increase caused by the fact that three out of four motorists are violating the 55 mile speed limit.

"On the interstate highways where nine out of ten vehicles exceed 55, traffic fatalities are up approximately 47 percent from a year ago," the DPS director added.

During the "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday" program, Speir urged motorists to hold their speed down and refrain from drinking if driving. He also urged drivers to keep their vehicles under control at all times and avoid following too closely.



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Wednesday, Dec. 21
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Thursday, Dec. 22

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from the Attorney General's office

The Consumer Alert

AUSTIN — Texans — consumers and business persons alike—are usually eager to contribute to worthwhile charitable organizations during the holiday season. But we want to be sure that our money or our time is being well spent.

If you are approached by an organization that is unfamiliar to you with a solicitation for donations or other assistance, you should check carefully before committing time, money, or the use of your good name.

Our Consumer Protection Division attorneys suggest that you find out the answers to the following questions first:

-What are the organization's goals? Are they worthwhile? Are they realistic? Are their fund-raising campaigns and programs well-planned?
-Who heads the group and where are its central offices? Who are the local officers or representatives? Are they genuinely committed to the organization and its aims?
-What services does the organization provide in your community? Are they

effective? How is the group regarded by your friends and associates?

-How does the charity solicit its funds?

-Has the group met local regulations for soliciting in your community?

Some organizations use methods of fund-raising that are annoying to many people, and which may be illegal. Some send unordered goods through the mail, then request—or in some cases, even demand—payment. Our lawyers remind consumers that both state and federal laws say you don't have to pay for or return unordered merchandise.

Another practice to be wary of is misrepresentation of a charitable group as employers of "handicapped," "disabled," "rehabilitated," "retired," "minority," or "student" workers when in reality only a very few, if any, such workers are employed. You should always inquire of such organizations what percentage of these workers is employed and what percentage of profits is paid them.

In recent years, some

questions have been raised by concerned citizens as to how much of the funds collected by various charities actually go toward their stated goals and how much is spent on administrative costs, salaries, and the cost of fund-raising.

While low operating costs tend to make a group seem efficient, it's important to remember that many factors must be considered in evaluating such figures, our lawyers point out. The purpose of the charity, whether it employs professional fund-raisers or depends on volunteers, costs of printing informational materials, and whether the group is an old, established one or a new one—all of these things affect total operating costs.

If you suspect that you are being solicited by a phoney charitable organization, check with our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, your local Better Business Bureau, or your district or county attorney to learn if any complaints have been received about the group.

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Have a safe holiday

When we think of the Holiday Season, all the joy of this time comes to mind: the sharing of gifts, excitement of children, and the beauty of a brightly ornamented tree.

Many families, however, have somewhat grimmer Holiday memories—brought on by just one unsafe act which caused a needless, tragic accident.

To help you have a safe Holiday Season with good pleasant memories, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL)—a not-for-profit organization testing for public safety—offers the following tips.

---Purchase only UL listed light strings. For outdoor use, only weather proof cords and lighting should be used. The UL Label will indicate light strings suitable for outdoor use.

Town turns out for jamboree

The local residents who just came to listen were served punch and cookies by the ladies Jamboree club, too.

The Jamboree began at 7:00 p.m. and ended around midnight.

The next Jamboree is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Saturday, January 14, 1978.

The local jamboree has formed a group to attend the concession stand. Proceeds will help the jamboree to continue.

One group of musicians has consented to play at the nursing home once a month. All jamboree musicians come to Eldorado at their own expense and are paid nothing for playing...except loud applause.

The musicians and families were fed a "thank you" supper before the

jamboree. They were served dishes by the following people: Mrs. Jack Etheridge; Mrs. Leslie Bassinger; Mrs. Elizabeth Ballew; Mrs. Margaret Frost; Mrs. Charles Blair; Mrs. Marvin Ferguson; Mrs. Delbert Taylor; Mrs. Clara Mae Donaldson; Mrs. Orland Harris; Mrs. Charles Kellogg; Mrs. Wenona Isaacs; Mrs. Wayne Mikeska; Mrs. Vida Mercer; Mrs. W.C. Parks; Mrs. James Robinson; Mrs. Fred Riley; Mrs. Ola Ruth Barbee; Mrs. A.G. McCormack; Mrs. Rance McDonald; Mrs. Lester Dahlberg; Mrs. Ethel Etheridge; Mrs. Gladys Gunn; Mrs. George Williams; Mrs. Veda Wilke; Mrs. Aaron Steward; Mrs. Bill Frietag; Mrs. J.L. Buchanan; Mrs. Gail Patton; and Mrs. Edith Shaw.

---Check all lights carefully. Make certain bulbs are not loose in their sockets. Use rubber light socket gaskets, and replace if needed.

---Selection of a tree, whether natural or artificial is a crucial matter. Artificial trees should be labeled flame resistant. Never put light strings on a metal tree—this is a shock hazard—use only spot lighting. Natural trees should be fresh—deep green, strong scent, no falling needles and truck butt sticky with sap. Keep trunk in water, and check it daily.

---Inspect all wiring. Watch for insulation deterioration, frayed and bare wires, lights with broken or cracked sockets, or loose connections. Unsafe equipment should be discarded immediately.

---Watch placement of electrical fixtures. Keep them out of children's reach, and never place them close to flammable material.

---Never overload circuits. By placing more current on a wire than it was intended to carry, overheating and fire can result. Look for the capacity of the wire and follow manufacturer's suggested use.

---Fireplaces, radiators, and other high heat areas, keep the tree and other flammable materials (mantel decorations, wrapping material, etc.) at a good distance. These don't mix with heat and fire.

---Disconnect all lights when working with them. Never stretch the strings or extension cord wiring.

---Always turn off decorative lights when leaving home or retiring. Short circuits and fires can result.

---Keep a fully-charged fire extinguisher handy, a UL Listed Multi-Purpose, A, B, C fire extinguisher is practical.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Lutherans will have "Light a Candle" Service

Hope Lutheran Church in Sonora will have a "Light a Candle" service this Sunday evening, Dec. 18, in the church sanctuary. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Sunday

"All families are asked to help with refreshments and bring some Christmas goodies," it was stated by the service set for Sunday evening.

School children and young people participating. Following the program and serving of refreshments, a reception and open house will be held at the new parsonage. Rev. John Hafemann is pastor.

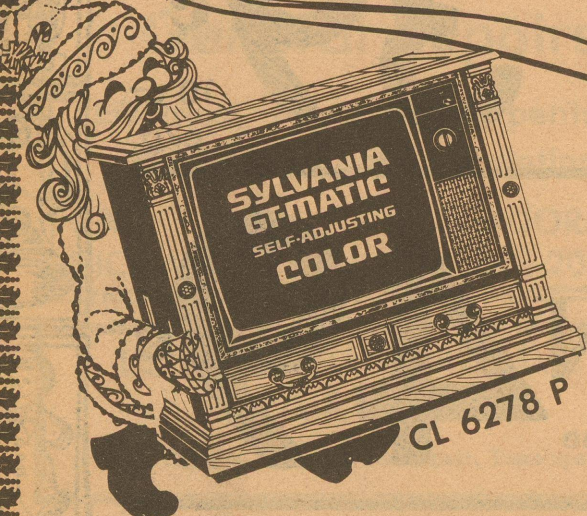


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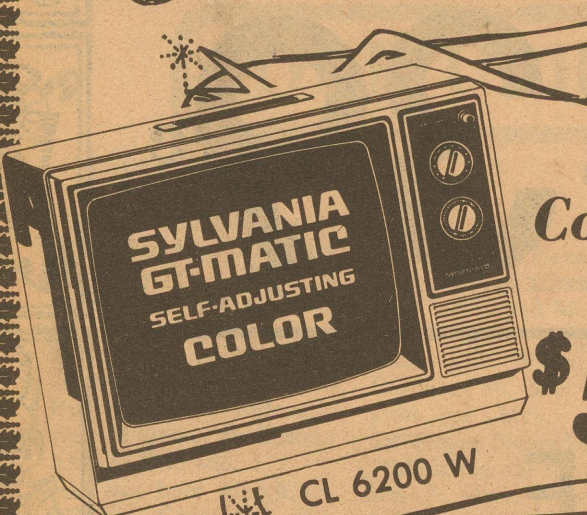


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History making decision made by federal agency

OSHA will scrap over 1,000 regulations!

More than 1,100 job safety rules that have no direct or immediate effect on worker safety or health are to be removed, Labor Secretary Ray Marshall and Assistant Secretary Eula Bingham announced in a joint news conference on Dec. 5, 1977.

The two officials explained that provisions proposed for revocation include such examples as 10 of 12 pages of rules on portable wood ladders, toilet seat requirement, and specifications for fire extinguisher mounting heights.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is also issuing special directions to inspectors that will in most cases eliminate citations and penalties for violations of rules that have little or nothing to do with employee safety and health.

"A few months ago, Dr. Bingham and I announced that we were redirecting the agency to focus on the serious hazards in the workplace," said Marshall. "Today's action is another significant step in our efforts."

"Unnecessary and overly complex regulations place a tremendous burden not only on businesses but also on our limited inspection resources. As a result, worker health and safety suffers."

"Thousands of working people suffer serious accidents and illnesses each year," explained Marshall, "yet to the best of our knowledge none has been caused by the shape of a toilet seat or because a fire extinguisher was two inches too low. That's why we are today taking steps to eliminate this kind of piecemeal regulations. Dr. Bingham said, "The significance of this action goes beyond the obvious benefits to employers and

workers. Today's announcement marks one of the few times in history a government regulatory agency has decreased its rules, rather than adding

more." Dr. Bingham pointed out that today's standards revocation project is only a beginning step in the

agency's efforts to streamline and simplify job safety and health regulations. She added that the agency also will be proposing complete revisions of several major

sections of the general industry standards covering such topics as walking and working surfaces, fire protection and machinery and machine guarding.

County roads will not be the only roads worked on

music but failed to dance.

The move went like this: Judge McWhorter made a motion to stop all private work, and limit the work to county roads only.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Jones voted in favor, no one voted against the measure, then Commissioners Christian, Meador, and McCalla abstained. Therefore the motion failed to pass.

The vote may indicate that the county commissioners are going to continue to violate a state law that could send them to jail and/or a fine if convicted. Or the commissioners may decide on their own to discontinue the law violations.

Most of the citizens present feel that a court injunction will be the

only way to out-manuever the commissioners' vote.

SAVED BY LAW

The irony of the situation is the fact that the State's open meetings law saved the commissioners from having to keep their word on Monday's vote.

After Monday's decision the county attorney suggested that the vote could not be binding because there was nothing placed on the agenda that said discussions of road work would be held.

The ruling let the commissioners off the hook that day, and gave them some time to regroup and plan their strategy for yesterday's meeting.

In effect the commissioners told those present Monday that they couldn't even vote to stop breaking the State law because it wasn't on the agenda. So the Monday vote was declared non-binding.

What the commissioners do now with their road equipment is not known. But at last Monday's meeting County Judge Bob McWhorter stated current county policy is to build a road on private property from the county road to their ranch headquarters, or to the

nearest loading chute if there is no occupied house on the ranch. Apparently this policy will continue considering yesterday's vote.

ADMISSION OF GUILT

The commissioners agreed Monday that they had been breaking State law for a long time. That is what spurred the citizens present to ask the commissioners to stop it.

If the county commissioners continue to do the private work, the only two ways to stop it would be 1) a court injunction, or 2) a suit filed against a particular commissioner.

COURT SUIT

An injunction could be levied by the 51st District Judge in San Angelo, and no commissioner would be punished unless they violated the injunction.

The second method would be to sue a commissioner who does private road work. He could be sued for directing public equipment and personnel for private use, which is a felony punishable by imprisonment and fines. Or a recall petition could be circulated to have a special election and vote the offenders out if the voters desired.

County pay raise

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Steve Williams and others.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was standing room only in the Commissioner's Courtroom last Monday. The courthouse really looked like a public building with people walking the halls, talking to each other, and acting as if they really cared about their local government.

One prominent courthouse official was overheard to say, "I haven't seen this many people at a commissioners meeting since General Telephone asked for a rate increase!"

School board... from page 1

polevault runway with pre-mix asphalt was approved.

---Superintendent Whitaker reported the findings of a survey of the faculty concerning the present facilities and the needs and changes that they might see necessary. Each teacher was given five suggestions to make. Those items receiving the most votes were: Additional classrooms - 49 votes; Media Center or Learning Center - 17 votes; All Weather track - 8 votes; Additional storage - 8 votes;

Cafeteria and snack bar - 8 votes; Faculty lounge and work area - 8 votes.

Attending the December meeting were Supt. Guy Whitaker, executive secretary Leslie Baker, and trustees Mort Mertz, Earl Lloyd, Dr. Jim Brame, Kenith Homer, Billy Williams and Lynn Meador. Miss Dana Owens and her FHA department hosted the board for a Christmas meal prior to the business session.

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