Proposed HEW regulations may close local hospital

By Jim McWilliams

Washington bureaucrats are proposing new laws to cut back on Nationwide medical services in the name of "reducing health care costs".

Joseph Califano, secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and his Washington civil service employees are setting up guidelines that would cripple or kill rural health care facilities.

Their stated purpose is the centralization of health care services. HEW says it will reduce the cost of medical treatment while improving patient care.

Schleicher County Health Officer, Dr. Jim Brame, admits it will lower cost...."but only for the government, not the patient!", he said.

Dr. Brame said the new regulations, once in effect, would be the law until the courts declared them void. He

Schleicher

Commissioners met in session

Monday morning at the Court House

and received a Legal Notice calling

for 5% increases in salaries of

elected Officials effective the 1st of

January, 1978. This Legal Notice is

printed elsewhere in this Express

News issue and calls for the matter

to be acted upon by the

Commissioners at their next meeting

The Court also plans to pass five

Some people never outgrow

their fascination for toys -- I'm

one. But like everything else,

toys just aren't what they used

to be. I can remember when an

'ACTION' toy was something

you had to pedal, push, or pull.

Kids don't really play now as

much as they sit and watch

Recently I was in a toy store

to check out the new Christmas

of

Wonderful's", and it's

their toys.

selection

percent increases for the salaried

county employees, effective Jan. 1.

on December 12.

Commissioners will

vote themselves a

5% raise

County

said, "some of the regulations would be devastating to small medical facilities such as Schleicher County's."

Three particular rules would all but close small hospitals. The first regulation requires hospitals to have (or cut back to) only 4 beds for each 1,000 people. That would reduce Schleicher County's hospital beds from 16 to 12.

Secondly, HEW would require an average occupancy rate of 80 percent for the 4 beds per 1,000 population. Our County's rate was 35 percent in 1976, and averaged between 40 and 50 percent for the three previous years. Therefore our hospital could be cut back further if the guidelines are passed.

The most severe (and dangerous) regulation concerns births. If a rural hospital does not deliver at least 500 births a year, the facility will have to

The scale of salaries paid elected

Girl Scouts

anyone?

Are there any girls in the

Eldorado area interested in

being a Senior Girl Scout or

Cadette? If so, please contact

Ann Hyde at 853-2704.

Something To

Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

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close. Eldorado's births average about 100 per year.

Along with regulating births, HEW would require all children to be admitted to "child care

units" (pediatric wards) in larger hospitals. That means if your child gets sick he cannot be admitted to this local hospital. He would have to be

taken to San Angelo for treatment and confinement.

administrators

Ray Hurst, President of the

Texas Hospital Association,

said the guidelines would cause

the closing of all rural hospitals

that were within 45 minutes of a

Lillian Kroeger, county

hospital administrator, said

"Eldorado is one hour and 15

minutes away from San Angelo

hospitals, so the regulations

may not affect us now. But

sometime in the future the

rules will get to us, because the

federal government doesn't

ever cut back on regulating

anything once they get

Dr. Jim Brame sees the rules

as... 'more government

enterprise." He said people

should be able to have a

hospital anywhere they want to

have one. If they can support it

financially, then why regulate it

Congressman Bob Krueger

called Mr. Califano's proposals

shows a poor attitude towards

"I urge Secretary Califano to

seriously take a look at the

underlying problems within his

department that have resulted

in this gross display of a lack of

Nelson Wolff, 21st Con-

gressional district candidate, in

a letter to Califano, said rural

health care is finally

progressing at a steady pace.

But..."Now the future of these

hospitals is being threatened.

For Congress to pass a rural

health care bill and then for

HEW to promulgate rulings

which would force small town

hospitals to close is the ultimate

Governor Dolph Brisco wrote

absurdity."

sensitivity," Krueger said.

meddling in

away from them.

rural Americans.

"counter-productive"

metropolitan facility.

throughout

guidelines have These enraged and stunned elected officials and hospital

Briscoe-HEW rules are "federal meddling!"

Washington Texans. bureaucrats, know their state's health care needs, Governor Dolph Briscoe said on November 23, 1977, as he criticized proposed National Guidelines for Health Planning.

"Arbitrary formulas maintaining, in essence, that health care needs are the same in rural areas in Texas as they are in New York are foolish and unfounded in fact or logic," the Governor said. "I will continue to fight for a more appropriate federal health policy.'

"Washington officials need to realize that those persons most familiar with the needs of their area, those persons who must cope with problems on a daily basis, are the ones who should be involved in the decision-making process," Briscoe

The proposed guidelines, drafted by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, would key the availability of hospital services to population density and average use of the services and facilities.

Briscoe has expressed his strong feelings about the situation in a letter to President Carter in which the Governor took exception to the proposed guidelines.

"We all share the same concerns about holding the line on the cost of health care but these proposed guidelines go too far," Briscoe said. "Some hospitals might have to close their doors or, at best, curtail with inconvenience to citizens," Briscoe

The guidelines, if fully implemented, will make it even more difficult for citizens in rural Texas to attract and keep doctors and other needed personnel in their communities, Briscoe said.

The Texas Hospital Association, the Governor said, has pointed out that 88 percent of Texas hospitals responding to a survey failed to meet proposed requirements for a hospital to have an obstetric unit.

The THA survey showed travel time to the next closest obstetrical hospital would range from five minutes to four hours with an average of 54 minutes.

"I don't think any Texan would want an expectant mother to face a four-hour automobile trip to reach a hospital," Briscoe said.

As proposed, the regulations would allow less than four hospital beds per 1,000 persons within a health service area and expect those beds to be filled 80 percent of the time on a

This, the Governor predicted, could result in the loss of more than 11,000 hospital beds in Texas.

Enforcement of the guidelines could involve withholding Medicare and Medicaid payments from hospitals that fail to comply.

"The imposition of arbitrary, rigid formulas for determining the appropriate availability of health services and facilities for the citizens of Texas is highly offensive and will, in the long run, result in rationed health care," the Governor said.

"The President apparently is listening to the bureaucrats and their ideas about a national health policy instead of letting local citizens tell Congress what their needs involve,"

The Governor said the situation is similar to circumstances surrounding the President's energy proposals which seem to reflect more input from psychologists and behavioral

scientists than energy experts and engineers.

Texas, Briscoe said, has many highly capable local and state elected and appointed officials, 12 health system agencies plus a series of state health agencies all quite capable of determining the health care needs of

the state's citizens without unnecessary federal meddling and interference.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has extended until December 9 the deadline for commenting on the proposed

ELDORADO * EXPRESS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1977

FIFTEEN

Amy Cheatham killed in accident

Mrs Amy Cheatham of Eldorado, age 16, was killed in a pickup-truck collision 6 miles south of Christoval

on US 277 last Monday night. The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Cheatham was pronounced dead at the scene by Christoval Peace Justice Hazel

Three others injured in the mishap were 6 month old Jennifer Lynn Cheatham, Amy Cheatham's daughter; and 16 year old Kendre Celeste Dunham of Eldorado. Both were passengers in the Cheatham pickup. Carlton Roy Luckett of San Angelo, the 21 year old driver of the tractor-trailer rig, was treated and released from a San Angelo hospital.

Jennifer Cheatham and Kendre Dunham were taken to the Schleicher County Medical Center

where they were treated overnight

Funeral services for Mrs Cheatham were held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Eldorado with Rev. Gene Stark officiating. Internment was in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Mrs Cheatham is survived by her daughter Jennifer: her husband John; her father, Bill Harlin of Big Spring; her mother, Mrs. Linda Epps of San Angelo; her grandmother, Mrs. Amy Harlin of Mount Pleasant; and three brother, Billy Bob Harlin of College Station, and Jeff and James Harlin of San Angelo.

Pallbearers at the service were Sam A. Whitten, Earl Dean Clark, Sam Whitten, Randy Walling, Jed Edmiston, all of Eldorado; and Fred Bunch of Del Rio.

and later released

President Carter and said the bureaucrats are "...dictating arbitrary and ill conceived formulas specifying local health care needs..." which should be left up to local governments to The Governor reminded the

that President federal government facilities are not covered by these "National Guidelines'

If you do not voice your opinion, then HEW will make up your mind for you. Address your comments to Joseph A. Califano, Jr., Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 330 Independence Ave. Southwest, Washington,

D.C. 20201. **CANCER SOCIETY**

The Cancer Society bake sale will be held Dec. 21st. in front of the First National

BAKE SALE

Place your order early for a special homemade treat

your holiday get-together. Call Jannette

Christmas mailing time draws near

There are only 3 weeks remaining until the Christmas weekend. Now is the time for everyone to get their Christmas cards and packages mailed. Early mailing of cards and packages takes the heavy load off the busy days before Christmas.

Any mail that is being sent to another State should be mailed no later than December 15, so that the Christmas mail will have plenty of time to be delivered by Christmas The Eldorado Post Office has sheets

of special Christmas stamps available. The price range for these are 50 for \$6.50, and 100 for \$13.00. Postmaster Wayne McGinnes says

it's too early to tell how this year's Christmas mail will compare with last year's, but he expects it to be

with Mr. and Mrs. 'Dud'

Claudia Meador of Dallas visited the Ed Meadors during the holiday. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Mattie

Mrs. Mike Hale and Davis of Sonora, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale of Odessa, and Tim Armstrong of Denison, Texas, were at the Roundhouse for a visit.

Mrs. Mattie Skeet Howard, niece of Mr. and Mrs. P.S. Dudley, and her grandson, Jayson Borger of San Antonio, spent Saturday

and Sunday in the Dudley Bryan Oglesby & Randy Williams went down south

to Lafayette, La., over Thanksgiving holidays to visit Randy's family, Gene & Nell Williams, Ricky, Rachelle & Rocky. Bryan complimented the Cajun hospitality and especially

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amazing! Kids today have to be mechanical wizards to operate a simple Baby Doll. Not being able to resist the temptation to flip a few switches, I turned on a doll that threw up her arms and strolled like Frankenstein's Monster down the shelf and rubber raft. clobbered the six million dollar man and stepped all over Marie Osmond. Anticipating her next move, I ran ahead of her and grabbed Cher, Farrah Faucett, and G. I. Joe. Thinking I had outsmarted her, she then turned around and headed back to the box she came out of labeled "Baby Come Back". There's a new doll this year I

"Kiddy

wouldn't want to see crammed in the toy box. She's "Baby Heartbeat". That's right! This doll has a heart that really beats. There are dolls that eat baby food [Ugh!], crawl around on the floor, falls over and turns a flip, says 16 different phrases and probably one you can send to college. It seems to me these dolls are too real to be much fun. Instead of buying one, I

keep wanting to adopt it.

Even baby toys have taken a turn to realism. There's a cow that drinks water and gives milk. Considering cattle prices, that might be sound purchase. If you buy your baby a C.B. radio that says -- "10 - 4 - Good Buddy" when you push a button, or a typewriter that types "Go-Bye-Bye" and "I'm Wet" -- chances are ----Christmas day they'll drag a pan to bang on out of the cabinet or play with bows and ribbon all day.

weren't left out - for \$9.95 -Ronco makes something for everything you could ever want to do....except skip Christmas shopping...and that's something to think about the next few frantic weeks......

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And ya know, the Adults

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Howard and Jayson Borger

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern: I would appreciate whoever shot our hound dog over the weekend, please bring his collar home. This is to let you know if and when your Deer Hunters come across or shoot across my fence, you will be prosecuted, you or your deer hunters.

Name withheld by request

OFFICIAL RECORDS

From the docket of Frank Bradley Jr., Justice of the Peace:

Patrolman Dale Cavaness filed speeding charges against Jose Torres Meza, San Angelo; Cristobal Sanchez, Del Rio; John B. Hyde, Eldorado; James H. Luera, Colorado City; Jesus

G. Vasquez, Del Rio; and Trinidad Q. Sentena, Sonora.

He also filed violation of promise to appear charges against: Glenn R. Herring, Richard Charles Wallace, Roger Dale Thomas, Jay Lynn Coker and Robert E. Summers, Jr.

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Meador-Peters Agency THIS WEEK'S WEATHER

DATE HIGH LOW RAIN

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LARGE GARAGE SALE, Monday, 9-5. Furniture and miscellaneous items. 201

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GARAGE SALE: 412 North Divide. Friday & Saturday,

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CARDS OF **THANKS**

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to you, our friends, for your prayers, calls, offers of help and understanding during the recent emergency illness of Dianna's mother. A special thank you to Dr. Brame, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Frank Williams and the Hospital Staff. It is good to know that you have friends to call upon during critical times. Dianna and Pat Ragsdale

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown to us during the loss of our precious Amy. Your calls, foods, cards, flowers, and many other ways of expressing your love and caring will always be very dear to our hearts.

John and Jennifer and all the Family of Amy Harlin Cheatham

Public Notice NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF COUNTY ELECTED

OFFICIALS OF SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS Notice is hereby given by the Commissioner's Court of Schleicher County, Texas as required by Article 3912K, Section 6, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, that the annual salaries of the following County Officials, paid from tax funds of Schleicher County are proposed to be increased PRESENT

OFFICE	SALARY	SALARY
County Commissioners Precincts #1,2,3,& 4	\$5,106.00	\$5,361.30
County Judge	\$9,750.00	\$10,237.50
Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector	\$12,060.00	\$12,663.00
County & District Clerk	\$10,722.00	\$11,258.10
County Treasurer	\$10,722.00	\$11,258.10
County Attorney Justice of the	\$10,212.00	\$10,722.60
Peace, Pct. #1	\$6,636.00	\$6,967.80

All County Elected Officials salaries are to be set at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court at 10:00 A.M. December 12, 1977

ATTEST:

Helen Blakeway County Clerk Schleicher County

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J.H. HOMAN, his

heirs, devisees, and

assigns, his unknown heirs

devisees and assigns of

said party, and the un-

known heirs of the un-

known heirs of said party,

and any other person claim-

ing any interest in and to

the hereinafter described

property, and the legal

representatives of any of

You are commanded to

appear by filing a written

answer to the plaintiff's

petition at or before 10

o'clock A.M. of the first

Monday after the expi-

ration of 42 days from the

date of issuance of this

Citation, the same being

Monday the 2nd day of

January, A.D., 1978, at or

before 10 o'clock A.M.

before the Honorable 51st

District Court of Irion County, at the Court House

Said plaintiff's petition

was filed on the 20th day of

June, 1977. The file number of said suit being

No. 975. The names of the

Mary Burke Carter as

Plaintiff, and J.H. HOMAN, ET AL as

The nature of said suit

being substantially as

Trespass to Try Title on

the following described property in the town of

Lots Six (6) and Seven (7)

in Block Thirteen (13), Lots

Thirteen (13), Fourteen

(14), Fifteen (15), and Sixteen (16) in Block Forty-

seven (47); Lots Nine (9)

and Ten (10) in Block

Seventy-two (72); Lots Five

(5), Six (6) and Seven (7) in

Block Eighty-six (86); Lots

One (1) and Two (2) in

Block Eighty-three (83);

Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8) in Block

Ninety-eight (98); Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Eighty-

two (82), all in the Town of

Mertzon, Irion County,

Texas, and being the same

tracts described in the deed

dated November 26, 1948,

from Leta Gilchrist,

Kathryn Gilchrist, E.R.

Ballard, and Marjorie

Ballard to W. B. Burke,

recorded in the Deed Records of Irion County,

Texas In Volume 31 at Page

Plaintiff specifically

clamins and pleads herein

under the three (3), five (5),

ten (10) and twenty-five

(25) years statute of

If this Citation is not

served within 90 days after

the date of its issuance, it

shall be returned unserved.

Nov., A.D., 1977.

Issued this the 14th day of

Given under my hand and

seal of said Court, at office

in Mertzon, Texas, this the

14th day of Nov., A.D.,

Lunch Room

Menu

Monday, Dec. 5th

Tuesday, Dec. 6th

Beef & Cheese Enchiladas

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

Beef Stew w/Vegetables

Cornbread or Crackers

Peanut Butter Cookies

Creamed Potatoes

Strawberry Jello

Apricot Cobbler

Barbecue-on-a-Bun

Ranch Style Beans

Rice Krispie Cookies

Rolls, Milk & Butter)

Potato Chips

Orange Halves

Green Beans

Thursday, Dec. 8th Chicken Fried Steak &

Friday, Dec. 9th

Lettuce & Tomato Salad

German Style Sausage

Buttered Potatoes

Mixed Greens

Iced Cupcakes

Sliced Beets

Cornbread

Apple Crisp

Cheese Strips

Peach Halves

Gravv

s/sKirby Lawdermilk,

Irion County, Texas

Clerk 51st District Court,

limitations.

parties in said suit are:

Defendant.

follows, to-wit:

Mertzon, to-wit:

in Mertzon, Texas.

the above named parties.

In Those Days

(Compiled from Eldorado Success Files)



ONE YEAR AGO

Dec. 2, 1976--Justice of the Peace B.L. Blakeway died at the age of 60 and was succeeded in the office by Frank (Pancho)

Roy Holt Jr. of Kingsland, district American Legion commander, was to visit a meeting of the local Bev McCormick post.

Billy Bob Harlin, Alan Storie and Lynn Whitaker were members of the Eagle football team named to All-District.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Nov. 30, 1972--Roy Wilson Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones, was in the Army and was going to new duty assignment in Turkey.

Travis Williams was moving here from Moran to be new manager of the local West Texas Utilities office. The Charlie Niblett family spent Thanksgiving visiting

relatives in Oklahoma. Gary Donaldson was recipient of an architectural scholarship at Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Vernon Hazelwood was a patient in the local hospital. Rev. and Mrs. James L. Swain of Geronimo, Okla., visited

The "E" Club was putting on a Christmas tree sale. The Jimmy Mackey family visited here from Fort Stockton.

12 YEARS AGO

Dec. 2, 1965--A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Robbins of Buffalo Gap, Tex. The mother was the former

Funeral services were held for Henry Landon Turnbow, 90, who died in San Angelo and was buried here. Mrs. Vertis Murray of Corpus Christi was married to

Bernard E. Carr, Eldorado postmaster. The Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce were co-sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest.

here with her father, Robert Nixon, and other relatives. Rev. and Mrs. C.E. Cogswell moved to Colorado City where he was to serve as a museum curator.

Mrs. Pauline Franklin of Henry, Tennessee, was visiting

A shower honored Mrs. Ernest K. Nimitz, a recent bride. Beth McCalla was Gold Star Girl and William Edmiston was Gold Star Boy, in 4-H work.

20 YEARS AGO

Nov. 28, 1957--A membership drive for the new Chamber of Commerce was under way with Edwin Jackson in charge. After being an employee of Parker Foods for some time, Oon West accepted a position with Evans Foodway in

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers died at 62 and her funeral was held here. She was a local resident 36 years.

Mrs. A. H. Green was home from Hudspeth hospital. Betty Sue Williams and Harlan McAlpine were married. Mrs. Lester Henderson advertised Thanksgiving Dinner or \$1 a plate at West Texas Cafe.

Abilene Chamber of Commerce. On Nov. 25th, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tony

Glenn Biggs was reported in New York on business for the

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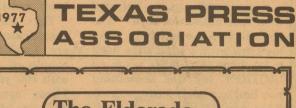
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.....CHRISTOVAL CORNER

Short Notes

The winners of the two door prizes at the Grand Opening at Sunshine's Unique Boutique were: Slaree McKinney and Mildred Kirby and each received a Gardenia Plant. Both are Christoval residents.

Christoval ambulance made a run 6 miles south of Christoval on Highway 277 Monday night to a truck-pickup accident and transported a patient to Shannon Hospital.

Louise Fowler visited in the home of Betty and Larry Burress and the Travis Parker home also during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Della and Ronnie Copeland and children, Nicole and Jeffery, visited Della's parents, Lester and Ann Rogers this last weekend.

The State football will be in Sonora this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. between Marathon and

COUNTRY WESTERN MUSIC JAMBOREE

The Country Western Music Jamboree will be held Saturday, Dec. 3rd, in the Community Center at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Come, enjoy good music and

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Chain Saws

Jason David Key was born Wednesday, November 16, at 9:14 p.m. in West Coke County Hospital in Robert Lee. He is the new son of Joe David and Teri [McMillan] Key of Robert Lee. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and measured 21

inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Key of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. C.L. [Buzz] McMillan of Big Spring and formerly of Christoval. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. D.P. Key of Robert Lee, Mrs. W.C. McMillan of Abilene, and Mrs. Vee Thorp of Hobbs, New





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interviewing whom. Suddenly curiosity satisfied, he blurted out, "O.K., do it to me now." Five models, 30 to 70cc's Tiki has one brother and one Sprocket-nose guidebars, 12 to 24 inches. revelation. "Wait! Wait! I'm

> 'Gee, when did you find this out?," I countered. 'About two weeks ago", he

inspection. He kept sneaking peeks

toward the T.V. set, so I asked the obvious question. "What is your favorite cartoon show?" Bugs Bunny came out the

Recipe

Corner

by Liz Clark

ITALIAN BOILED MIXED

MEATS

4 lbs. Smoked Beef Tongue

4 whole onions

2 stalks celery

2 lbs. loin pork

4 sprigs parsley

2 lbs. eye round of beef

1/2 tsp. black pepper 3 lb. head cabbage, cut in

6 potatoes, peeled and halved

Cook tongue in a very heavy

kettle, bring to boil and drain.

Add fresh boiling water to

cover, and add the above

vegetables. Cook 1 hour. Skim

the top. Add beef, pork, cook 1

hour. Skim the top. Add

sausages and pepper. Cook 45

min. Add cabbage and

potatoes; cook 30 min. longer.

Slice the meats and arrange on

a serving dish with the

vegetables and a bowl of

mustard or vinaigrette sauce.

Serve with strained broth in

deep plates at the same time.

2 carrots

eighths

Know Your Neighbor



Kevin Coates

By Sunshine

Kevin Coates, this week's Know Your Neighbor, is a miniature Mr. with the catchy nickname of Tiki. He is the seven year old son of Gary and Judy Coates.

He was born August 18, 1970 in San Angelo and lovingly received his nickname some two months later by big brother, David, and his Mom,

When requesting his permission for this interview, he asked so many questions I nearly lost track of who was

sister who he was to tell about when he remembered a great strong. See?", he stated, holding up a muscled arm.

smiled, pleased with his new strength. This time he held up both arms for an admiring

Chocolate Chip Cookies and in between bites announced that his Mom was a good cook. After trying one, I must say I When asked about school, he liked it just fine, especially

Wonder Woman tossed in as a

All this time he was munching

kind of after thought.

eating, recess, and going home. When pressed for subjects he liked [after explaining subjects], he opted for art, drawing, and reading, and went on to reassure me that, "The stuff at school isn't nuthin' to be scart of. But I'm shy", he interjected, "of people and animals". He went on to add that, "Shy was being scart, 'cause animals bite, and people talk to my Mom and not to me, is why I'm shy.

His Mom added at this point, "You should see this SHY boy at the Dentist His mouth was running over with dental equipment, cotton, etc., and would you believe he was still talking?

He likes to play in the park and ride his Green Machine, [A pint sized race car].

What he hopes Santa will bring for Christmas is a B.B. Gun to shoot animals with, a Chopper Bike, a Max Machine, and a car with remote control. When asked if he thought Santa would have enough toys to bring all that to one boy, he thought seriously and said, "I quess not.

'If you had all the money in the world, what would you buy your Mom, Dad, Brother and Sis for Christmas?", I asked. "I'd buy Mom a flashlight and a dress," he grinned.

"Then I'd get my Dad a shot gun and some bullets. For David I'd get a remote control car and a Baby Come Back Doll for Misty, my little sister," he quickly added. 'I can't believe I did the

whole thing in 10 minutes." I marveled to myself as I thanked this SHY GUY called Tiki for the fastest interview in the West.

CHRISTOVAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GROUP

The Christoval Community Improvement Group sponsored covered dish luncheon will be Monday, Dec. 5th, in the Community Center. Bring a covered dish and come eat with Christmas Party after lunch.

In other business, a proposal was brought up about the local Lions Club again sponsoring a decorating contest for local residences. The Lions and the Chamber of Commerce some years ago put up money for three \$10 prizes for the best decorated window, best decorated door, and best decorated yard or roof. This event has not been held in four or five years. It was done away with when the energy shortage became acute and everyone was asked to hold down on consumption. It was pointed out that by now it may be possible to once again put on such a contest.

bale total as of Monday was

"We expect only 30 or 40

more bales in," Homer

said. That would make this

year's bale total fall short of

The only bright spot about

the bale total is that it is up

from a year ago when

Mikeska Gin reported only

the 2800 mark.

150 turned out.

decorating contest. John Pitts and Bill Hodges of West Texas Utilities reported that they will be in charge of decorating local streets.

The Chamber of Commerce

is to be contacted to see if

that group will co-sponsor a

Final item of business was the club's voting to participate 100 percent in the Lions International financial projects of Crippled Children's Camp, the Eye Bank, CARE, and the Lions International

At the start of the meeting Joe Christian led the singing of "America" with Lynn Meador at the piano, A.G. McCormack led the Flag salute, and Rev. Keith Wyatt gave the invocation.

Many people are interested in your visit. Tell the Express News.

Special services set at Methodist Church

Christmas is a special time of the year. It brings a certain spirit from within a person, wanting to share the joy of giving and being with others. The First United Methodist Church in Eldorado wants to fill the lasting joy of Christmas to everyone by inviting each of you to the "Hanging of the Greens" Service. The service will be Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church.

This is the Advent season, which means it's four weeks from the Sunday nearest to St. Andrews Day, (Nov. 30th) to Christmas, and this time should be spent with excited anticipation as we wait for the time of the birth of Christ.

A simple traditional service has been planned for the Sunday night service. The story of Christmas cannot be told without the Holy Christmas carols which will be sung by an Adult Choir. A special childrens presentation would make the program complete except for one big red thing....Santa Claus. He may just make an appearance, so be sure and come.

It takes a lot of loyal people to plan and present such a night. Christy and Lynn Meador, Julie Griffin and Jim McWilliams are the capable directors again this year. If the kids remember the verses and tunes to half the songs, it will come as a great surprise to Lynn Meador and Jim McWilliams, their gifted song leaders. The kids have a lot of faith in themselves and will show off their talents.

June Whitten's Nursery Class wants to give Mrs. Van Horn a special Thank You for helping with the little songs that they will be singing Sunday night.

Refreshments will be served in the Educational Building after the service. A nursery will be provided for those needed.

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Lions have home safety program

Ginning season

slacks off

down Monday with just

three trailer loads of cotton

in the yard awaiting

Manager Kenith Homer

explained that the gin had

run through the preceding

Wednesday and had shut

down at that time to await

more loads of cotton. The

ginning.

Boss Lion Phil Olson presided at the meeting Wednesday of the Eldorado Lions Club, and Mrs. Nancy Lester, Extension Agent, was on hand with 4-H girls Margaret Turner and Gina Patton. The girls gave the program on the theme of "Safety in the Home" and in it they told of measures that homeowners could take to reduce the risks of having their homes burglarized.

This program was well received by all present. The only other guest was Jack Kerbow of Sonora.

In the business session, Boss Lion Olson reported that the directors had two weeks earlier voted to assess each member \$10 for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. This was approved by the entire club membership on hand, and each Lion is to pay it by January 15. Lion Secretary Lynn Meador will keep these funds in a separate Anniversary Fund. Lions A.G. McCormack, Elton McGinnes and Christian comprise the finance committee for the Golden Anniversary Celebration. There are presently 48 members of the Lions Club, so that should put \$480 in the special fund.

Guy Whitaker reported that Tex Myer of LaGrange had been contacted to come here May 20th for the big

Advent activities announced at First Baptist Church

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent Services at the First Baptist Church. Each Sunday morning children in the congregation will participate in a special Advent wreath service as part of the morning service. In last Sunday's service Mitzi Mittel read a prophecy concerning the birth of the Messiah and Scott Robinson lit the candle of Hope.

Sunday night a special Christmas Carol service was held entitled "Roads to

Bethlehem." Readers for the service were Mrs. Mike Moore, Mr. Rick Sterling, Miss Dana Owens and Mr. Fred Igo. Ron Mittel and Michelle Moore each read a

This Sunday evening, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. the Church will have its annual Christmas dinner. The church will provide turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Each family will bring a vegetable, salad or dessert. Although the meal is free, a love offering will be received and presented to a needy family this

Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m. is the time for the Community Christmas Service to be held at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Keith Wyatt of the First United Methodist Church will speak and an extended music concert will be presented, under the direction of Mrs. Bob McWhorter. At 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, the children's Christmas program under the direction of Mrs. John Stigler, who is being assisted by Mrs. B.F. Blaylock, will be presented.

All members are encouraged to bring family and friends to the special Christmas Eve Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 24. The candlelight service is open to the public and all our Christian friends are invited to worship with us. Services on Christmastide, Dec. 25 will be as follows: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. The regular 10:55 a.m. service will be moved to 10:30 a.m. so the family Christmas Dinners can take place around noon without interference. The service will carry out a Christmas theme and the final candle of the Advent wreath will be lit, signifying the entrance into the world of the Light who pierces all

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The framework is up and roof decking in place on the addition being built onto the rear of the Jerroll Sanders house on North Lee Street. Renfro of Sonora is the contractor.

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Santos Pina has the framework up on the room being built onto his house on the San Angelo highway. A fireplace is included in this addition. Santos is doing most of the work himself.

Alice Henry's mother, Euda B. Isaacs, has moved from Austin to San Angelo two months ago. Alice and Lou Henry's daughter, Marsha Ann, and her husband, James M. Powell, visited during the Thanksgiving holidays. James acquired a job with Tucker Drilling Co. and he and his wife will be moving their mobile home on the Will Isaacs Estate, near her



AUSTIN—Legislative tax policy planners received a super-rosy picture of the state's economic outlook and governmental income potential.

One storm cloud on the horizon, however, is the uncertain energy picture and, particularly, the specter of an "anti-Texas" federal energy passage emerging from congress.

"Everything looks good," Houston economist George Crosby told the House Ways and Means Committee at a special hearing here. "The energy situation is the main uncertainty."

Crosby noted Texas is the fastest-growing state among the top 20, unemployment is below the U.S. average and declining, and an increase in industrial plant construction is offsetting a decline in residential building.

Bill Allaway, a revenue estimator for State Comptroller Bob Bullock, said income from the sales tax bill will continue to increase at the rate of 11.8 per cent and 11.3 per cent during the next two years—reaching a total of \$4 billion for the 1978-79 fiscal period.

In spite of a decline in production, natural gas taxes also are continuing to increase. Severance taxes on gas are expected to reach \$550 million in 1978 and \$670 million in 1979, according to Allaway's forecast.

The Ways and Means Committee also was reminded that Texas is one of three states which taxes gasoline at under seven cents a gallon (five cents). At four per cent, the Texas sales tax is about mid-range for the nation. The cigarette tax is among the highest (18.5 cents a pack). The gas severance tax also is among the highest, and the pil severance tax rate about mid-way for the oil-producing states.

Outside Sales Approved

Texas Railroad Commission allowed a major Texas gas listributor to sell surplus natural gas out of state without prior approval.

Lo-Vaca Gathering Company, however, must credit part of the profits from such short-term interstate sales to rexas consumers, the commission determined.

The commission said the surplus sales could have as much as seven to 12 cents per thousand cubic feet effect on potential gas cost increases.

The interstate sales further would have to be interrupted and gas returned to Texas when needed by residential consumers. Copies and detailed descriptions of each sales contract must be filed with the commission for subsequent eview.

Logs Are A Luxury

Wood for the home fireplace is becoming a luxury fuel, lepending on where and how you buy it, according to Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown.

Brown's survey noted wood which sold for \$30 to \$35 a ord two years ago, mixed loads of green and dry firewood, now ranges from \$60 to \$95, with some quoted as high as \$120 a cord.

Brown advised wood buyers to be aware of how much vood makes up a legal cord. He said a rick can be a ripoff since there is no legal definition of that measure, and here is no definite number attached to "a pickup load."

A legal cord of wood is a reasonably tight stack of logs measuring four feet wide, four feet high and eight feet ong, or 128 cubic feet. Prices vary. In Central Texas, oak s quoted at \$60 to \$70 a cord. In metropolitan Houston and Dallas, though, oak will cost you \$75 to \$90 a cord. Mesquite is also bringing \$95 to \$120 in Houston and Dallas.

Attorney General Opinions

A city may lease a spoil disposal site for production of marine life (mariculture), Atty. Gen. John Hill determined.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:
The Board of Nurse Examiners can promulgate rules egarding the use of titles indicating that a person is a icensed registered nurse. Prosecution must be based on iolation of the law, not the rule.

Policy of the Adjutant General's Department requiring mployees to retire when they become eligible for two unuities, such as military reserve retirement benefits and educed social security benefits, is invalid.

A periodic listing of new Texas businesses in Texas Emloyment Commission files is public information.

Wilson County Memorial Hospital District includes all f Wilson County except those portions previously inluded within the Nixon Hospital District.

Federal, State Courts Speak

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals sent back to the U.S. District Court at Tyler an order of major changes and dditions to Texas Youth Council programs. The higher ourt said the lower court erred in refusing to let TYC ffer additional evidence of reforms it had made since the 973 trial.

The U.S. Supreme Court has set arguments December 7 a case testing federal agency powers to order Texas atural gas diverted into the national pipeline system gainst wishes of the owner.

Atty. Gen. Hill is appealing a federal district court design which, he says, could permit national banks to act sunauthorized insurance agents.

A Houston probate court hearing on the Howard Hughes state case has been recessed until December 5 after attoreys for the temporary executors claimed Assistant Atty. en. Rick Harrison prevented them from getting a deposion from longtime Hughes aide Noah Dietrich. Meanwhile, e State of California is trying to stop the Houston proedings by U.S. Supreme Court order.

Short Snorts

The Railroad Commission has denied protests of 17 exas cities against Lone Star Gas Co.'s accuracy in figurg costs of gas based on out-of-period adjustments.

New voter registration certificates for 1978-79 are being ailed to registered Texas voters this month. The old cerficates should be used for voting until next March 1.

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commison has approved a \$30 million state bridge replacement ogram involving 143 structures.

Texas Industrial Commission members were warned fedal clean air act amendments may curtail industrial develment in the state.

ment in the state.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock designated a 21-member sk force to expedite collection of a special local sales tax fund the new San Antonio mass transit authority.

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a to San Angelo
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ay's daughter.

Thanksgiving holidays.

Buff, June and Holley Whitten visited with the Ike Whittens over the Thanksgiving holidays in Texas City, Texas.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dahlberg for a Thanksgiving supper were:

were: Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Block; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Block & Jearmy; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz, Cindy, Kent, Kyle & K.C.; Marie Schwartz; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schwartz & Clara Faye Schwartz; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Louis Schwartz; Mike Taylor & Tana Sue Taylor. Also visiting were: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cuba & Mrs. Dahlberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Schwartz; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hohnnsee and daughters, Jill & Teresa; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Huling and their two children. Danyce Victoria, Justin Marshall, and Ellen Schwartz were unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Ussery and family returned Sunday from Little Rock, Ark., where they spent Thanksgiving visiting with Peggy's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woolfolk and daughter Chas. While there they visited all the places of interest and the Little Rock Zoo. Also accompanying them on the trip was Peggy's mother, Mrs. Tena Kelly and her niece Joan Lozano.

The Rev. and Mrs. Keith Wyatt and family spent part of last week in San Antonio visiting his parents, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joe Wyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Griffith, Rick, Mike & John spent the holiday with their family in Monahans. They visited Mrs. Griffith's mother, Mrs. B.L. Simmers, her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Porter. Another sister. Mr. and Mrs. Dovle Farmer of Ft. Stockton, joined the group along with the Griffith's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones and Robyn of Andrews, and another daughter, Linnie Harris of Austin along with other members of the family. The Griffith's also visited Mr. C.L. Williams at the Nursing Home in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones spent the Thanksgiving weekend in Menard where they visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thigpen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wallis, Mark and Wade, visited relatives in Llano and Johnson City during Thanksgiving.

Nick Andrews of Austin spent Thanksgiving here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peters of San Angelo spent Thanksgiving here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C.

Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hext, Rodney and Clay of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Deanne and Herman Walker of Kerrville, and Mrs. H. Gordanier from here, visited Granvil and Mary Hext for Thanksgiving. Herman returned home Thursday evening. The others stayed over the weekend to be with Granvil and Mary on their 40th wedding anniversary.

a trip to Disneyland.
Robert G. Lam, a senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach at the service Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian

Michelle and Trey Walker

came in Sunday night after

Church.
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nash from Odessa, Texas, visited the Jack Harris family over the Thanksgiving holidays.
Dianna Harris killed a six point buck. She is the daughter of Johnnie and Jack Harris.

Shannette Wilkerson, Shannon, Cody and Heather spent Thanksgiving in Midland and Odessa with Gladys Wilkerson, Terri Vick and Toni and David Crider. Robert returns this week from West Virginia Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor and boys from Abilene, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Taylor.

Mrs. Derl Griffin flew to Los Angeles, Calif. on Nov. 8th, to visit her brother, Raymond Rodgers. They did a lot of sight seeing and then went on to Fresno, Calif., where they spent Thanksgiving week with their sister and brother-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Johnson. Mrs. Griffin also visited her husband's aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stovall and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stovall and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stovall. While in Calif., Mrs. Griffin and her brother also visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rodgers in Ventura. She returned home on Nov. 28th., after having a very enjoyable

Mrs. Evelyn Wimer spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Uvalde, with Mickey and Barbara Pennington. Other visitors in the home were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pennington, Blair and Stacy of Austin, Mr. Johnny Johnston of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. David Harrell of San Antonio, Mrs. Nova Harrell of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Campbell of Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Whitley of Rush Springs, Okla. spent the week prior to Thanksgiving visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mercer. Mrs. Whitley is Mr. Mercer's sister.

The Mercers spent Thanksgiving week on Galveston Island with Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mercer and Andrew. They visited in College Station with Rev. & Mrs. Roy Shilling on their return trip to Eldorado. Thanksgiving guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lambert were Mrs. Jan Gower and Jamie of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Smith and Ronnie of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Allen Smith and family of Waco. Mrs. Gower and Jamie stayed for a weekend visit with her parents.

Holiday visitors in the Clay Porter home were their children Mr. and Mrs. Carl Porter of Kilgore and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, Shanon and Shane of Alpine.

Mrs. Ethel Etheredge had her grandson, Evans, of Midland visiting her over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Alpine visited over the weekend with the Gene McCallas and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Sonny) Stanford and family of Midland visited here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Mace and Mr. and Mrs. Truett Stanford and other relatives.

Jimmy Dan Doyle visited here recently with local relatives from San Angelo.

Lynn Whitaker spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Whitaker. He is a Freshman at Baylor University, Waco.

Mrs. Ernestine Hext spent Thanksgiving in Eldorado with her mother, Mrs. Viola Finnigan, and son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Skaggs and family of Austin. Mrs. Hext is now a patient in the local hospital, having been transferred from St. John's in San Angelo

The John Pitts family spent part of last week in the Holidome in San Angelo, while on vacation.

The Duplicate Bridge Club held their Christmas party and Club Tournament on Thursday night of this week in the Memorial Building.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Craig of San Angelo visited here recently with friends. He is a former Schleicher County Judge.

David Vannett has moved a ready built house to a lot in South Eldorado and has moved here with his family from Sonora. His children entered the local schools Monday.

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will have charge of the service this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 4th, at the Nursing Home here in Eldorado.



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My recipe this week is so easy that a child can make it. It may get a little sticky, however. It is good and will keep for days in the refrigerator, and has become one of my

FRUIT SALAD

- 1 can Eagle Brand Milk 1 #2 Can crushed pineapple, well drained
- can Cherry Pie Filling
- l large Carton Cool Whip 1 cup miniature marshmallows

1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

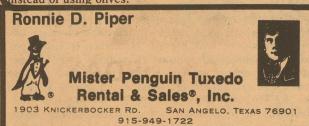
Simply mix well and refrigerate.

And here is another quickie. **CHEESE BALLS**

1 cube oleo (at room temperature)

- 1 jar Old English Cheese 1 cup flour
- 1 small jar stuffed olives, well drained

Mix oleo and cheese; add flour. Mix well. Let set in refrigerator for about an hour. Break off small amount and flatten between hands. Place an olive in dough and roll into balls, completely covering the olive. Bake at 300 degrees until done, not browned. You may use mushroom buttons, slices of pickled wieners or just use your own imagination instead of using olives



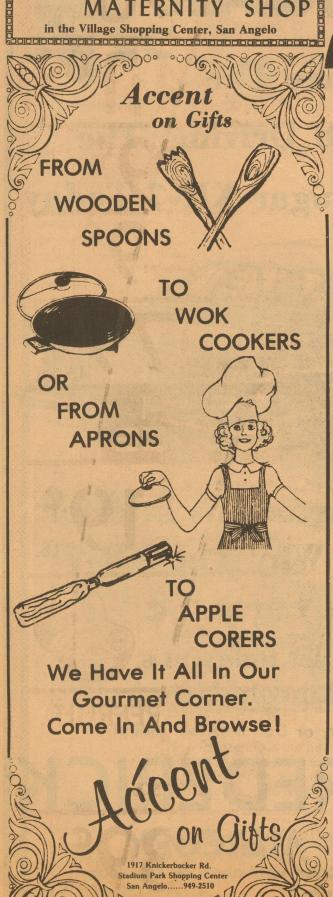
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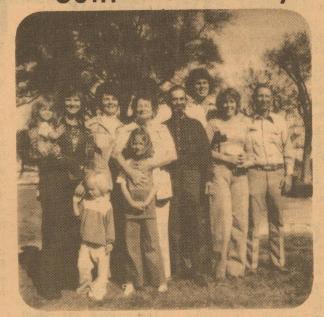


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THE Village MATERNITY SHOP



Sutherlands celebrate 50th anniversary



Left to right, little Mindy Moody, Stella Moody, little Cindy Moody, Flora Hubble, Donna Moody, Victoria and Farris Sutherland, Billy Doc Hubble and his wife, Sue Hubble, and

The F. H. Sutherlands were honored with a dinner to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary Friday at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy O'Harrow. Faires Herman Sutherland and Victoria Richter were married November 25, 1927, in Waxahachie, Texas.

Four generations were present to honor Faires and Victoria. Children attending were: Buddy and Charlotte Sutherland of Denver City; Flora and Bill Hubble of Eldorado; Carol and Curly Faircloth of Uvalde; Faires Jr. and Martha Sutherland of Waco; Richard Sutherland of San Jose, Calif.; Bell and

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Drive Safely Today And Everyday



O'Harrow of Eldorado. Grandchildren are Gary

add Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, Halloween, Columbus Day, Lost-a-Tooth Day, First Day of Autumn, the Puppies Birthday -- you'll think of others that are your very own special days. These are just starting ideas. You'll come up with many,

with when they visit.

by Nancy Lester

ideas of your own.

County Extension Agent - Home Economics

Now that the holiday season is close at hand, many people

start thinking about family togetherness. But family

ogetherness is something that should be important

throughout the year. This week I have some ideas on how

grandparents can stay close to their grandchildren even hough they live great distances apart. Imagination and

creativity are your chief tools. I'm sure you can add other

1. When your grandchildren visit, share your flower

garden with them. They can pick a bouquet and place it in

our house. Then during the year when you are far apart,

follow up -- by sending seeds from some of the easy to grow

plants, by pictures of plants they may have started at your

nouse. They can send stories and pictures of the plants they

have at home. You have a special shared interest to write

2. Start a scrapbook of the things the grandchild sends you

a drawing or letter. Add pictures you take when he/she

visits. Add mementoes of special occasions - whether you

are together or apart. Enjoy it together on visits. Then give

the scrapbook as a gift later. Be sure to start with a

scrapbook large enough to cover several years'

3. Story "reading" by mail. Buy a children's book that can

be cut into segments. Each time you write send one

segment. They will look forward to your very own special

4. Enclose "fun" or interesting items in your letters: an

unusual stamp, a lucky coin, a stick of gum, a poem you

made up about them, a short story about your pet they play

5. Use the calendar to observe special days to send special

greetings. Christmas and birthdays will be there for a start

that you can be close even if you don't live close. Historical Society plans meeting

many more of your own. The important thing to remember is

The regular monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Historical Society will be held this coming Monday night, Dec. 5, in the Museum beginning at 7:00 o'clock.

There will be further discussion on the County History Book being compiled, promoters of this book urge all local residents to compile and turn in their family histories and to place the advance orders for the book.

Everyone interested in local history is urged to attend the meeting Monday

55 Family members attend Spencer reunion

Approximately 55 descendants of the late Frank and Lottie Spencer gathered together Sunday. Nov. 20 in Eldorado at the Memorial Building for their first family reunion. They decided to make it an annual affair with the next meeting to be held Sunday,

June 11, 1978 again at the Memorial Building in Eldorado.

Mrs. Terry (Stella Harvey) Way of Flatonia was elected president, C.O. Spencer of Ozona, vicepresident; and Mrs. Edgar (Jake) Spencer, Eldorado, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Lester (Zelma Spencer) Henderson, and Mrs. William (Alpha Spencer) Blaylock of Eldorado and Mrs. Tom (Lelah Spencer) Kent of Woodville, the three surviving children, were present. The seven remaining children, Archie Spencer, Mary S. Harvey, Eva S. Faris, Myrtle S McDonald, Eber Spencer, Cora S. Stevens and Edgar Spencer, were represented by children, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren.

A covered dish lunch was served to the following: Mrs. Mark (Bert Spencer) Holland; DeAnne Taylor; Kathy and Gary Carter; Tammy and Michele; Wanda Peterson; Linda Thurman and Libbia; Rosa Belle Cockran, all of San Angelo; Weldon Holland, Fort Worth; Elton, June and Lisa Spencer of Harper; Mr. and Mrs. Terry Way of Flatonia; Mrs. Joe (Eugia Faris) Flynt; Eva Jo Scott, and Robert Scott of Stephenville; C.O. and Nora Lou Spencer and Janice Morley, Billy Jean (Spencer) Morris, Susie and Fred, Verta and two children of Ozona; Clifton and Bobbie Henderson of Houston, Steve and Mary Ann Blaylock, Jeff and Jay of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kent, Woodville; Ruby Nell and Alvin

Farris, Mrs. Emil (Etta McDonald) Ruth Dannheim, Donald R. and Vonnie Dannheim, Gail Daniels, Mr. & Mrs. Peyton (Alta Stevens) Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Henderson, Mrs. William Blaylock, Billy Frank and Mabel Blaylock, Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Frankie) Hardy, Katie and Lindy, Mike Nikolauk, Mrs. Edgar Spencer and Claude Oran Spencer, all of Eldorado.

Sorority News

A New Year's Eve dance was the main topic of discussion during meeting of Xi Xi Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority Nov. 28.

Members present also reviewed the chapter's yardstick, which evaluates the chapter's activities through the year.

Nelva June Martin and Barbara Jackson were

During a meeting two weeks before, the chapter planned a Thanksgiving dinner which has now been

> postponed. After the business meeting, a Ritual of Jewels Ceremony was held for Sheila McClure. The program on Queen Victoria was presented by Barbara

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Scrap paper drive coming up Monday

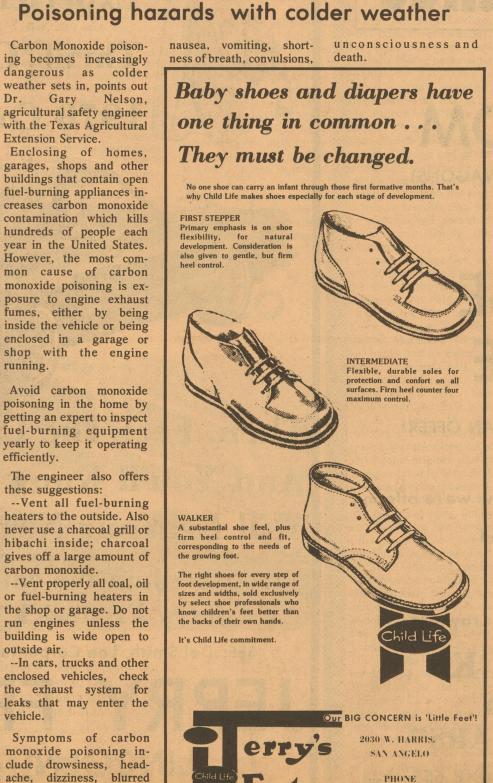
The Woman's Club will put on their monthly scrap paper drive this coming Monday morning, with the east porch of the Memorial Building as

collection point. Old newspapers, catalogues, magazines, etc., are solicited.

The Woman's Club will sell the paper to a San Angelo scrap paper dealer. Mrs. S. D. Harper and Mrs. R.D. Johnson are in charge of this project.

The scrap paper should be turned in Monday no later than 10:30 a.m.





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U. S. Representative Bob Krueger RURAL

HEALTH CARE

Two decades ago the growth of the cities of Texas left many rural towns and small cities without some of the facilities that city dwellers take for granted.

An institution first affected in many small and middlesized towns was the community hospital and related medical services.

Because practices in the cities are more financially lucrative, many doctors gave up their small family practice to move to the city; because large hospitals pay well, many nurses left the towns they grew up in and went to the cities; probably there are even numerous instances when the head of a household, in deciding where to live, chose the city, one reason being that his family would have better access to good medical facilities.

But in the past few years, the residents of Texas' smaller cities have worked hard to reverse the dangerous trend of small towns and cities not having sufficient medical facilities.

We in Congress have tried to help. We have just passed in the House, for instance, the Rural Health Care Bill which provides medical reimbursement to people who are cared for by paramedics and nurse practitioners. These skilled professionals, though not certified physicians, go a long way toward taking heavy workloads off doctors and toward giving small-town residents the immediate attention they need, particularly in the absence of doctors.

I am proud of the people of Texas for confronting this problem and doing something about it, in many

Scrap paper drive set for Monday

The Woman's Club will stage their monthly scrap paper drive this coming Monday morning, Dec. 5, with collection point the east porch of the Memorial Building.

This drive is put on the first Monday of each month by the club with Mrs. R.D. Johnson and Mrs. S.D. Harper in charge of arrangements.

They request that all scrap paper contributed be

turned in no later than 10:30 Monday morning. Old newspapers, catalogs, magazines, as well as large paper bags are all solicited. The Woman's Club takes a pick-up load of scrap paper to San Angelo each month where it is sold to a dealer. Each month the amount of such scrap grows larger.

The next meeting of the club will be on Dec. 13th with the theme of "Visions of Sugarplums."

cases without outside help from government.

This is one reason why I have been stunned to learn of new guidelines proposed by the Health, Education and Welfare Department that would discourage local communities from continuing to improve their medical

In short, these proposed guidelines would cut off federal funding of some hospital services, the most important being obstetrics services in cities with populations of less than 100,000 when hospitals have less than 500 births annually.

The impact of these guidelines is that many expectant mothers in small towns and cities would have to drive 30 miles in order to have their child. That is unacceptable.

Already I have written Joe Califano, secretary of HEW, and Cong. Paul Rogers, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and Environment, and called upon them to re-examine these dangerous guidelines for funding, guidelines written without even having consulted the very people who are affected by them, the administrators and board members of the nation's small

The bureaucrats who drew up these regulations seemed to not know that travel in rural areas—particularly during the winter season—is not always as easy as it might appear to HEW officials who can hail a cab or catch a subway. There are also many poor whose autos are not even capable of making a 30-mile trip and certainly not under the emotional circumstance of having as a passenger a mother about to give birth.

But my reservations are not restricted to the physical well-being of expectant mothers and their newly-born.

It is the counter-productive attitudes of the people who drew up these guidelines that bother me even more.

The guidelines were obviously written by people of limited perspective, people who really do not understand the problems of America, people who are not attuned to the strength and vigor of the nation's small cities, who do not understand the pride that Texans take in their

I urge you to let your representatives in Washington know how you feel about this move to cut back on medical services in small towns, and at the same time, I urge Secretary Califano to seriously take a look at the underlying problems within his department that have resulted in this gross display of a lack of sensitivity

Lions committee will meet Wednesday

Club, who are planning and promoting the 50th Anniversary observance set for May of 1978, will hold a meeting this coming Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 7, in the directors room of Southwest Texas Electric Co-Op.

Pat Ragsdale is the chairman and he has appointed members to have

The committee of past charge of the various presidents of the Lions aspects of the event, such securing a speaker, etc.

The celebration next May will mark 50 years since the Eldorado Lions Club was chartered in May of 1928. The Sonora Lions Club was established at the same time and that Club, too, is planning a 50th anniversary celebration.

Girl Scout Troop 225 meets

Troop 225 of the Junior Girl Scouts meeting was held at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 29th. The roll was taken and one member was

The girls started working on the tray favors for the Nursing Home and discussed more about

Christmas caroling set for Dec. 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting was closed with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.

Leaders are Ann Hyde and Nancy Terry.

Troop Reporter, Elosia Hill

Wednesday

This Week's Bridge

Tuesday Bridge Club

Mrs. Wilson Page entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club with a luncheon and bridge at the Maier House in San Angelo. Mrs. Phil Olson won high club, Mrs. John Logon of San Angelo won high guest, Mrs. P. S. Dudley won low, and Mrs. Polly Ellis of San Angelo

Bridge Club Mrs. Mary Coupe

entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club on Nov. 16th with a dessert bridge. There were two tables of players present. Mrs. Leslie Baker won high and Mrs. Luke Thompson Sr., won bingo.

Savings Bond sales announced

August sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Schleicher county were reported by County Bond Chairman Leslie L. Baker. Sales for the eight-month period totaled \$15,171.00 for 61 percent of the 1977 sales goal of \$25,000.00.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$20,760,679 while sales for the first eight months of 1977 totaled \$184,224,319 with 63 percent of the

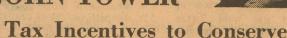
yearly sales goal of 276.9 million achieved.

September sales for the nine-month period totaled \$21,657.00 for 87 percent of the 1977 sales goal of \$25,000.00.

Texas sales during the month amounted to \$25,683,912 while sales for the first nine months of 1977 totaled \$209,908,231 with 76 percent of the yearly sales goal of 276.9 million achieved.

OWER as barbecue, finance, by U.S. Senator for Texas





WASHINGTON—Texans and all other Americans stand to reap real tax benefits from the emerging energy legislation now under consideration in Congress, a fact not generally appreciated.

Under provisions of the Senate's recently passed Energy Tax bill, taxpayers can realize substantial savings on their income tax returns, and at the same time join in our national effort to conserve precious fuels.

Among a number of provisions individuals can count on to ease the tax bite if Congress acts favorably on the Senate bill are credits for residential home insulation and similar credits for the installation of solar, wind or other innovative energy saving equipment.

While the arcane language of the Internal Revenue Service represents hieroglyphics to many Americans, the important thing to remember is that a tax credit is different from a tax deduction. A credit is an amount individuals can deduct from the total amount owed the Federal government, while the deduction allows taxpayers to add up allowable expenses, then subtract them before taxes are computed. Tax credits can mean real savings.

The energy bill if passed with the energy tax credits will mean savings of up to \$400 for individuals who invest in specified energy saving devices. And in this time of inflation and a squeeze on the dollar not to mention tax increases, every saving becomes an important one.

Final action on the legislation awaits the conference committee, which must decide if the Senate's more liberalized provisions will prevail. Homeowners under the Senate language could subtract from taxes owed 20 per cent of any energy savings outlays up to \$400. Those whose credit exceeds the tax owed would receive a refund from the Treasury

Included in the category of allowable energy saving expenses are insulation, storm windows and doors, devices for improved furnace efficiency, heat pumps, fluorescent lights, more efficient boilers, evaporative coolers hydrogen heating systems, or equipment that burns wood or peat.

If you can convince the Treasury that other devices are legitimate energy savers, they too can be credited to your income tax return. The Senate bill extends these

With the expectation that solar and other alternative energy suppliers are on the threshold of economic development for widespread use, the Senate bill extends energy credits to individuals to defray the cost of solar equipment. The credit would amount to \$2,200 for both new and existing houses or apartments and would apply to leased solar equipment as well. The credits would be available

Unless eliminated in conference, one Senate provision would allow the Nation's elderly to receive additional breaks for the higher cost of energy. Low income taxpayers 65 and over receive a credit of \$75 for incomes up to \$7,500 a year, with diminishing reductions for those senior citizens with incomes between \$7,500 and \$12,500.

Energy conservation is a responsibility we all must assume. If the Congress passes this package of incentives to conserve, we can achieve our goal and measure the savings in real tax dollars.

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Texas oil and gas production continues at high level

(Compiled by Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association)

The average price of natural gas paid Texas producers in 1977 was 83c per thousand cubic feet, State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports.

Stimulated by higher prices for natural gas and new-found crude oil, Texas oil men in 1977 are drilling more wells than in any year since 1962. The first 9 months, they drilled 10,823 wells, a 16% increase over

The new Department of Energy has a budget of \$10.4 billion. Federal regulation of energy costs exceeds the value of the annual Texas crude oil output by about \$1 billion. Cost to U.S. taxpayers is equal to a tax of \$3.51 for each barrel of oil produced in the U.S. in 1976.

Texas homes and industry require 68% of Texas' natural gas production. President Carter's National



Chuck Roast





From Sheep & Goat Raisers Association

Energy Plan would control 1976: 84.7% increase over sales of this intrastate gas 1971, the low point of as well as sales to other postwar drilling activity.

About half of Texas crude oil was sold at the federallycontrolled price of \$5.17 a barrel, which was \$6.47

under the world market price -- a \$3.8 billion subsidy to U. S. oil consumers in 1976.

Oil and gas tax revenues pay for one out of every three books used by Texas school children.

From The Horses Mouth by Jerry Swift

Schleicher County Agriculture Agent child nutrition.

COLLEGE STATION ---The foreign and domestic food policy of the United States is generally held in disfavor by Texas farmers and ranchers, a recent survey shows.

The survey, conducted by Dr. Ronald Knutson, economist in marketing and policy with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service shows that the majority of Texas producers favor a reduction in the food stamp program and a tightening foreign food aid program.

"Regarding the food stamp program, producers voiced strong feelings that people should work for a living and that only those families in extreme poverty or receiving a minimum level of nutrition should receive aid," noted Knutson. "They felt strongly that the food stamp program has gotton out of hand in terms of size and scope. Although beef and milk producers are the greatest beneficiaries of the program, their attitudes varied little from other producers."

Knutson pointed out that the domestic food aid program has been expanded to attract the support of urban congressmen for the new farm bill just passed. This program s administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and last year took 60 percent of the department's budget. In addition to food stamps, the program inludes school lunches and

'As far as foreign food aid is concerned, most Texas agricultural producers felt that this should be limited primarily to emergency

situations," said Knutson. "They favor efforts by the recipient country to control population as well as to increase food production as a condition for foreign food aid. In actuality, however, such food aid programs tend to increase dependence on aid, foster further population growth, depress prices in the recipient countries, and thus reduce

incentives to produce." "On the 'right to food' issue, Texas agricultural producers again showed their displeasure of any give-away program without a willingness on the part of the recipient to care for himself and work for a living. They feel that a 'right to food' exists only for those who have the financial resources to buy on the open market and who are willing to work," noted the economist.

"Domestic and foreign food aid programs will continue to be major political issues in the years ahead,'' emphasized Knutson. "They are issues that are receiving strong reaction from consumers, government officials, Third World nations and the church, and they will continue to have marked effects on agricultural

O'Harrow bulls in Abilene sale

The Leon Valley Angus Association will be holding its annual Angus bull and female sale tomorrow, aturday December 3 in Abilene at the Abilene Christian University Allen Farm. The sale begins at 10

Mrs. Jim O'Harrow will have five performance tested bulls that will be sold at the sale. Mrs. O'Harrow said that the sale originally had scheduled 100 bulls would be offered in the sale various Angus

consignees in this area. The total number was cut to 50 recently and all the bulls consigned by Mrs. O'Harrow remained in the group. One bull was rated in the top ten of the total number of bulls offered. Mrs. O'Harrow said that all of her bulls did well in the feeding test that they participated in. One bull, Royale O'Harrow, had an average daily gain of 3.86 lbs., the highest of all bulls in the test.

U. S. refiners, now in the 4th year of an industrywide fuel conservation program, cut down on fuel needs, mostly natural gas, by 12.2% in 1976. This equals an energy saving equivalent to 57.3 million barrels 3% of 1976 imports. Twenty-six percent of this

refining capacity is in Texas.

About one-fifth of Texas natural gas is being sold for more than \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet, which is the top price allowed under the Carter energy plan now before Congress.

Nursing Home Notes

job, safe and sound, after having made two long plane trips and a five-day visit in Norman, Oklahoma with my nephew Joe Charles Christian and his wife Melva and daughter, Michelle, and son Michael. Both days that I made the flights were beautiful and there was so little wind that I felt like I was sitting in the plane, four thousand feet above the ground, and not moving, and I had to look down at the ground, at objects, to prove that we were, indeed, moving at Eldorado visiting his about 120 miles per hour. After we crossed over the Red River into Oklahoma,

there were water holes and irrigation ditches in every direction and they were all full of water, which proved that that State has been receiving good rains, so perhaps, our time is coming There were a good

number of visitors in the Home last week: Beaulah Harris had the following visitors: Jacky Harris and his wife from El Paso, Texas, Jimmie and Bell Harris of Marfa, Texas, Alva Lee Harris and son, Scott, of Van Horn, Texas, and they also visited their friends Damon and Nancy Wagoner. The three Harris young men are Beaulah's grandsons. Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Kincheloe and son, Eric, from Evant, Texas visited his parents, the Charles Kincheloes of becoming unfastened.

Yours truly is back on the came by the Nursing Home to visit with Betty Lee Croy. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hawkins of Cleburne, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mac Hawkins and Ricky of Ft. Stockton, Texas visited with their father and grandfather, John Hawkins. Myrtle Wade had her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Jessup, with her during the Thanksgiving holidays. Lizzie McCalla's grandson, Maurice Christian and his wife and son Bill from Monahans, Texas visited her while they were in mother, Mrs. Sallie Christian. Mrs. Iola Reeves also visited Lizzie McCalla. The United Pentecostal Church, whose pastor is Walter Ford of Eldorado, conducted the service here in the Dining Room Sunday. There were a few visitors from out in town present.

Next Sunday, Dec. 4th, the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will conduct the service here. Y'all come!!

The Bingo winners last Wednesday were: Bess Andrews - 2; Lester Garrett 1; Beaulah Harris - 2; Frank Reed - 1. On Friday the winners were: Zeral Holland - 1; Beaulah Harris 1; Bess Andrews - 2; Delia Gardenier - 1. Thanks go to Ruthie Dacy for the above list of winners. We couldn't get along without her. Snap judgement has a way

LaVita Brooks, While in Eldorado they Beaulah Harris, Reporters.

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Austin--Governor Dolph Briscoe has approved five criminal justice grants affecting the area served by

the Concho Valley Council of Governments. They are: --\$29,865 to the regional council for the 1978 planning grant;

--\$62,061 to CVCOG for upgrading of the regional Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network in the sheriffs departments of Kimble, Reagan, Tom Green, Irion and Menard counties and the police departments of

Brady and San Angelo; --\$30,959 to the San Angelo Police Department for the Special Squad;

--\$25,080 to CVCOG for continuation of regional law enforcement officers train-

--\$4,798 to the Brady Police Department for a reporting and records

The local grants were among 121 approved by Governor Briscoe statewide from Law Enforcement Assistance (LEAA) funds under the Crime Control Act of 1976.

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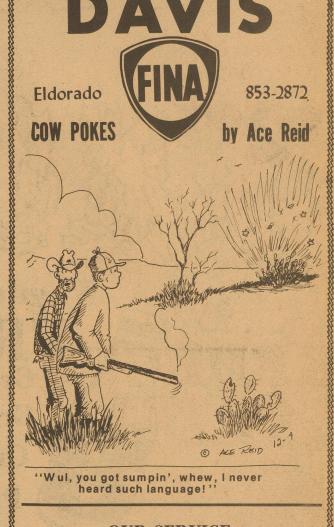
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Kirkpatrick joins Mobley



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With Mobley he will have responsibility for directing operations and marketing for the three divisions in Eldorado, Breckenridge and McCamey. He will headquarter in Loop Plaza Office park in San Angelo.

Prior to joining Mobley Transports, Kirkpatrick was Executive Vice President of Parkem Industrial Services, Inc. of Odessa. Mobley Transports is an oilfield service company

providing tank truck services from its Haley Division in San Angelo, Kennedy Division in McCamey and its Breckenridge Division in Breckenridge.

A native of West Texas, Kirkpatrick grew up in Crockett County, attended Howard County Jr. College in Big Spring and received his B.S. degree from Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Kirkpatrick and his family

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Predator bills pose threat for ranchers

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ducers cannot afford to be

unconcerned about the

plight of stock-raising

neighbors in other states.

Many of these producers

are forced to use federal

are either indiscriminate or

particularly conducive to

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that, or at least he hopes

that no one else will.

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slaughter,

people who write our laws can take up a good chunk of your time, but it has its rewards. Sometimes you're quick enough to nip a bad bill in the bud, other times you at least save the price of a ticket to a horror movie or a comedy, depending on which piece of legislation you just got through reading.

A couple of recent ones lean a little toward the Frankenstein side. There may also be time to catch them before they hatch.

One of the measures, House Bill 9348, was sponsored by Rep. William Whitehurst, Virginia. The other, Senate Bill 2226,

belongs to Birch Bayh, Senator from Indiana. The Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association is strongly opposed to both of Whitehurst's bill is called the Predator Conservation Act, and well deserves the

killing of predators on

name. It would outlaw the federal lands, pure and

grazing leases because their own holdings are checkerboarded throughout

the federal lands. Texans near federal parks and military installations also know the folly of protecting predators on any sizeable chunk of land. Whitehurst defends his bill by bemoaning the 'indiscriminate slaughter'' of predators. None of the control methods he attacks

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Senator Bayh's bill shows somewhat more sophistication and cunning. It would outlaw the use or possession of almost any effective poison for predator control -- anywhere, public or private land. It would also end the present cooperative federal state predator control program, allow the federal government to set standards for surviving state programs, and allocate federal money for the protection of predators. Bayh calls his bill the

Antipoisoning Act of 1977, but the real purpose, evident from even a quick scan of the bill's wording, is to end predator control programs, period. In fact, the official description of the measure begins..... 'A bill to authorize a national policy and program with respect to wild predatory

conceived legislation may be a tall order, but it's essential that we try. At their best, our predator control programs are losing ground to predators every day, and an end to the programs would mean a virtual death sentence to the sheep and goat

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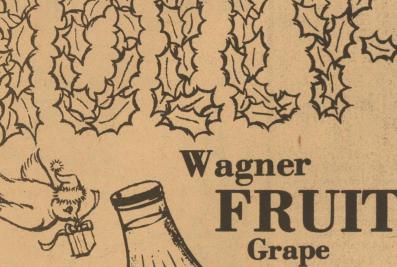
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Dual phone listings are now available

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Sydiskis, division manager. This new service allows residential customers to list two first names or sets of initials with a single last name, if both persons reside at the same address and share the same phone number. Nicknames may be included also.

Here are some examples of dual listings available: Smith, Samuel & Sarah

Each customer decides which name will appear first in the listing. If each person wishes his/her name to appear

first, customers still have the option of purchasing an extra listing at a small monthly charge.

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OBITUARIES

ANTON JOSEPH WILLEKE

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Willeke and family, who live on the former V.H. Humphrey place on the north edge of Eldorado, were called to Odessa last weekend by the death of his father, Anton Joseph Willeke, who died at his home in Odessa at the age of 83 after a long

Funeral services and burial were held Friday in Odessa

Mr. Willeke was born March 10, 1894, in San

Angelo. He was married to Eula Mae Smith Jan. 27, 1926, in San Angelo. They moved to Odessa in 1954 from Garden City. He was a retired rancher and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Tony Willeke of Odessa and Gus Willeke of Eldorado; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Powers of New Orleans, La., and nine grandchildren.

Local golf club plans elections

The annual election of officers and covered dish supper will be held Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Eldorado Golf Clubhouse. We urge all members to attend.

Comptroller predicts

record sales

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said last week that Texans may be headed for their biggest Christmas holiday shopping spree if retail sales continue at their current brisk pace.

Bullock said that city sales tax collections---a prime indicator of the buying public's mood---are up an impressive 22 percent to date over last year, the biggest increase in recent

"This increase in retail sales reflects a growing confidence in the Texas economy which we feel will carry over into the holiday shopping period," Bullock

"If everything continues to go as expected, Texas merchants should have one of their best holiday sales



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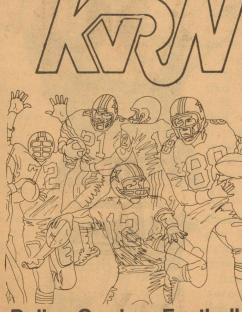
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Welcome to December!

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Publisher, ED MEADOR

It's been a long year, and yet seems it just sort of "flew" y. Here we are looking at that particularly pleasant time when the holiday season is upon us, and we pause to assess our accomplishments -- or failures -- of the past months, and look forward to the advent of a new year, with the prospect of better things to come.

What makes Christmas-time fun? So many things----like the anticipation seen in the eyes of the children, the good smells coming from the kitchen, the hustle and bustle that seems to grab hold of everyone. Best of all is the feeling that comes over us that this truly is a time when brotherhood and good will step in and really become a part of our lives.

So don't fool around...You'll enjoy it more if you get that Christmas spirit early!

Indicative of the time of the year are all of the specials to e seen on television.

For those who watched, Bing Crosby made his final urtain call on CBS's "Bing Crosby's Merry Olde Christmas" Wednesday night. There had to be a lump in your throat and a couple of tears as you heard his final rendition of "White Christmas", and thought of all the happiness and joy that Bing has brought to the world. But that song has become as much a part of Christmas as has "Silent Night, Holy Night", and Bing will continue to live in the hearts of all of us.

We have had our problems with weather this year, and the prices paid for farm and ranch products haven't really been to our liking. But take heart... If what I saw yesterday is any indication, there's better times ahead. A string of 350 head of black-faced ewe lambs sold at Producer's Auction for \$70.20 cwt. They weighed 72 pounds and that figures \$50.54 per head. If we could ever get cattle, sheep and cotton together at the same time, and couple that with a good moisture condition, Schleicher County might ring

Congratulations are in order to Mort Mertz who was named to the Texas Animal Health Commission on Tuesday by Governor Dolph Briscoe. Mort will be a welcome addition to the commission, and will give area stockmen a direct line to make their views on animal health problems known.

Well, it's time to put aside whatever you want your better burned down this small tim barn on his half to spend for Christmas, and get ready to spend the rest of it on feed. Practically everyone is watching dollars roll around on the ground since the feeding season made a premature appearance this year. Hopes of adequate moisture still prevail, and if farmers and ranchers weren't optimists, there would be a lot of empty pastures around these parts. Don't give up too soon---the forecast for December is "drier than normal". That means it's a good time for the weatherman to get embarrassed!

Local cagers lose three games

at Iraan Tuesday

The Eaglettes' varsity team lost to Iraan 72 to 54 Tuesday night. Mary Kay White scored 33 points, Sammye Jay 6 and Susan Mertz 15.

The girls' "B" lost to the Iraan girls' "B" 41 to 33. Those scoring for the Eaglettes in this contest were Lorrie Powell 13 points, Jolynn Jay 4, Lori Griffin 3, Toni Fatheree 3. Mary Byrd 2, Ronda Kerr 6, and Angela Ann Fay 2.

The Eagle varsity boys' team lost 64 to 45. Eagles who scored were Ernesto Martinez 11 points, Larry Fatheree 15, David Robledo 14, Kyle McCormack 3, and Steve Short 2.

Next Monday night, Dec. 5, the Eagles boys will go to Sonora for games starting at 6:00 o'clock. The following night the Eaglettes' A&B teams will host McCamey for games starting here at 6:30.

This space could have had a news item about you. Just call your news to us at 853-2032. The Express News personnel care about you.

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Not only has Mr. Mort Mertz lost many acres of pastureland to fire this year, but yesterday morning at about 9:30, a fire

property. Mexican aliens passing through the area were assumed to be the cause of the fire. Photo by Jim McWilliams.

Booster Club now meeting once a month

The Eagle Booster Club met Monday, November 21. There was such poor attendance that those parents attending voted to meet only once a month

during this season. We have consigned a band from Houston to play for the dance after All Sports should really enjoy "Shade Tree" as they are known in Houston for their popular

Bumper stickers are still on sale by our members, and if for any reason, you have trouble with your sticker, it will be replaced free of charge.

Also, we are trying to put Banquet. The students together the scrapbook of nostalgia from this year's football season. If you have anything (clippings, pictures, ribbons, etc.) you would like to share with us, please contact Betty Lacy. They will be preserved forever and any students would enjoy returning in the future and "remem-

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ELDORADO

The Eldorado High School and Junior High Christmas parties have been planned for Monday night, Dec. 12. Mr. and Mrs. EHS will be crowned at the High School party. Any organization that wishes to nominate candidates for the Mr. and Mrs. EHS title must turn them in no later than NOON today, Friday, Dec. 2. Please turn in the nominations to Robert Jay, at the Eldorado High

School office. The school faculty Christmas dinner party will be held in the school lunchroom on the night of Dec.

Eldorado High, Jr. High, and Elementary Schools will be dismissed for the long Christmas holidays at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. School will start again after the 11 day holiday, on Monday, January 2nd.

Atlas Tires!

The Elementary school grades will have their Christmas parties and exchange gifts in their classrooms after the lunch period on Wed., Dec. 21. Santa Claus will be giving bags of candy to the children before the buses run on the 21st. The distribution of candy will be sponsored by the American

JAWBONING with Editor, Jim McWilliams

GOOD OLD JOSEPH A.

I once heard someone say (I think he was a bureaucrat too!), "If Edison hadn't invented the lightbulb, we'd all be watching TV by candlelight." He was probably the one who said, "There is one born every minute...and they're all working here with me in Washington!"

The mentality of some people in Washington's "Ivory Towers" has baffled me ever since I was told that generals make good presidents.

That didn't make any sense to me, and neither does the proposed HEW guidelines for Hospital care.

Joseph A. Califano and his nearsighted friends got together and decided that a big hospital would work better than a few small ones. (That's the general consensus about everything in Washington, except on

To put the facts on the table, the new rules may cost Eldorado its clinic, hospital, and nursing home.

If the new rules close the obstetric clinic, keeps children from being admitted to the local hospital, allows only 12 beds, and requires most people to drive to San Angelo for medical treatment, then Dr. Brame will be left to treat runny noses and scraped knees.

There will be fewer patients for Dr. Brame to treat. Therefore each patient will have to pay more for treatment to help offset the lost income. (It's the old economy of scale rule.)

Eventually, the hospital will have too few patients to warrant the Doctor's salary and he may have to go to the big city hospital to make a living.

When that happens, the nursing home will have to close because HEW says the nursing home must have a doctor immediately available.

Isn't that great! Our Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will have put into effect new rules designed to lower our health costs while increasing our health

See how much our government's bureaucrats have helped us?

If Joseph A. Califano cannot see how foolish his proposals are for rural Americans, then he has no insight

Our only hope lies in the Surgeon General. Maybe he can rule that the Department of HEW may be hazardous to our HEALTH.

Jim McWilliams

Elton & Wayne Back from hunt

Elton & Wayne McGinnes hunted deer on the Strauss Ranch near Alpine, Texas. Among the hunting party were Kenneth Wilhite from Houston, and Tee Horton

from San Angelo, Tex. All four of the men shot a buck and enjoyed the hunt. It rained all of Monday night, but the rest of the hunt was

Texas Taxe\$

By BOB BULLOCK, State Comptroller

consisting largely of column sales tax, the report shows, upon column of dry, imperreading, but I've just finished one such book that should be on Texas' best seller list.

In fact, the book--really a report---was prepared by my office as required by law. Its title: State of Texas 1977 Annual Financial Report.

And while they probably won't be making a movie based on it, the report contains some pretty interesting information for anyone who has ever wondered where the state gets its money.

Or how it spends it. The report shows that the fiscal year ended August 31 was a record one for Texas in terms of state finances with income totaling \$7.36 billion. Motor Vehicle Sales and This is up 11.6 percent from Rental, the previous year.

\$336 million from that at the close of Fiscal 1976. (A state fiscal year is from

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Nearly one-half of the money spent by the state--AUSTIN - A book Sept. 1 through Aug. 31). about \$3.1 billion-went for nsisting largely of column The four percent state public education.

upon column of dry, impersonal dollar figures usually doesn't make very exciting reading, but I've just finished producers, raising \$1.7 billion lion was spent for mental or 38 percent of all tax health and corrections programs and \$1.3 billion went revenues. Energy-related taxes-oil, for other programs.

gas and motor fuels--account- Texas has been very fortued for 30 percent of the nate in that it has been able to meet its responsibilities state's tax income. Biggest revenue producer without raising or adding new

in that category was the state taxes. natural gas production tax Hopefully, this prosperity which brought \$474 million will continue. into the state treasury.

Skyrocketing natural gas prices have pushed the natural gas production tax from the state's seventh largest revenue producer to second.

The other major taxes and the amount of revenue produced include Cigarette and Tobacco, \$328 The closing cash balance was almost \$2 billion, up \$105 million; Insurance Occupation, \$120 million.

One-fourth of all state revenues came from the federal government in the form of assistance for welfare and public health programs, highways and education. This amounted to \$1.8 billion.

In terms of outgo, the state spent \$6.6 billion in Fiscal 1977, up seven percent

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Out back in West Texas

Reports from hunters, deer processing plants, landowners and Parks and Wildlife Department biologists indicate most everyone is pleased with the deer season, so far.

The deer are moving, the weather continues to be relatively mild and most of the animals harvested thus far are in fairly good condition with certain exceptions.

Deer taken near or along river bottomland are fat and healthy due to the good acron crop in West and Central Texas. However, biologists say this acorn crop fell early this year and is now in short supply.

On the other hand, deer harvested from our more overly grazed mesquitesavannah flats are of lesser body weight and could be in for some more trouble when and if we get into a hard winter

As you might expect, most of the animals harvested so far are buck deer and will normally be in better condition this time of the year than does. Does have been reported to be in fair to poor condition due to their diminished ability to successfully compete for food with the rest of the deer herd. This is one of the reasons P&WD biologists have been recommending that hunters who have access to doe permits utilize these early in the season while the animals are still in relatively good condition.

Some ranchers in West Texas have taken this advice to heart and have required their hunters to take a doe deer before allowing them to shoot a

Antler development this year has been good and big racks have been reported on several harvested deer. A 26-pointer was taken near Big Lake and a 16-pointer was downed by a 14-year old youth in Sweetwater. A 25-pointer was taken off the Rocker B Ranch during the first weekend. This is the first time the public has been allowed to hunt on this big ranch for quite some time, and you would expect this ranch to produce some whoppers this year.

VIOLATIONS NOTED Game wardens have been kept pretty busy this season in Central and West Texas with road hunting and shooting after hours being some of the most prevalent violations.

Illegal hunters with citizen hand radios have been causing some landowners some real headaches. One particular landowner I talked to is particularly nervous since two years ago when some road hunters shot one of his prize horses by mistake.

Citizens and landowners are urged to call P&WD whenever they suspect a violation of this type is occurring MULE DEER

Mule deer season in the Trans-Pecos opened this weekend [Nov. 26] and will continue through Dec. 4. P&WD biologists are predicting a fair to good hunt this season.

The Trans-Pecos has been hard hit by the drought. Last

year, the harvest of mule deer was down by some 31 percent and the number of hunters decreased by 14 percent.

CARE OF VENISON L.D. Nuckles, P&WD Information Officer in Rockport offers some good advice on the proper care of venison:

'Unless you are a vegetarian, a good piece of venison, properly cared for in the field and properly cooked, makes as fine a meal as any beef," he 'Of course, an old buck that

is deep in rutting season with all the fat run off and his neck swelled up like a balloon does not make for choice eating. I really don't think there is anything you can do to make this particular piece of flesh fit for human consumption. This may be the trophy you've been huhting for, but good to eat?

"If you want to enjoy some really fine eating, choose a fat doe or young buck who hasn't yet entered the rut.

"After properly choosing your venison, your first shot should be placed so as to kill quickly and cleanly. If it drops dead in its tracks, you're well on your way to some good

"Now you must properly field dress the carcass. P&WD has a pamphlet which teaches the fundamentals of field dressing your deer if you don't know how. Next, hang the deer carcass up to cool and protect it from flies. I always like to wash the body cavity with chilled water which helps to dissipate the animal's body heat.

"As soon as the body heat has been dissipated, skin the animal and cut and wrap the meat for the freezer. And there you have it.

Perhaps to stretch a metaphor, L. D. offers an interesting analogy which probably applies to most hunters:

and cripple it with a couple of shots through the body cavity and another shot through the rear end as it runs away. After several hours of chasing him, you finally put him out of his misery. Now, do a sloppy job of field dressing the animal and then haul him around on your pickup's fender for half a day. Now hang the carcass in a locker plant for three to six weeks with the hide still on. Do you think you would consider that good eating? Well, believe it or not, the same thing should apply to deer.

'If you're after a trophy for

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Commissioners want a 5% pay raise from page 1

county officials at the present time along with the proposed increase is included in the Legal Notice.

The Commissioners are calling the upcoming hikes "cost of living

The Commissioners will have a hearing at 10:00 o'clock the morning of December 12 on the subject of the salary hikes. If any of the public wishes to protest for any reason they will have an opportunity then to do so. The Commissioners will officially vote on the hikes on Dec. 12 and if they are approved, the five percent salary hikes will go into effect on the 1st of January, 1978.

Judge Robert L. McWhorter presided at the Monday meeting of the full compliment of Commissioners: Thomas Richard Jones, Gene McCalla, Joe Christian, and David Meador. Mrs. Helen Blakeway, County Clerk, read the minutes of the previous meeting held Nov. 14.

Amending of the original Social Security agreement was the second major item of business on the agenda. County Treasurer A.G. McCormack was on hand to explain to the Commissioners that when the 1951 County Commissioners Court entered into such an agreement with the Government placing county employees under Social Security coverage, part-time workers and those hired on an emergency basis were exempted.

The new contract that was presented and signed by the Commissioners and Judge calls for all workers, including those hired part-time, to have Social Security deductions taken out of their pay

An interesting sidelight that came up in regard to the 1952 Social Security coverage of county employees was that for that year \$3,600 was paid on the 22 employees that Schleicher county had on the payroll. Currently, the county pays about \$12,000 a year on 45 employees. The larger amount is due to more county workers as well as to the higher percentage of deductions taken from wages.

Routine business included paying of bills, including the Petit Jury list of a week earlier and approval of the Trapper's Report submitted by Ross

Commissioner McCalla reported

that he had had requests from two or three women for the Commissioners Court to take up the matter of decorating the Court House and Memorial Building for the Christmas holiday season. This was done in years past and included the stringing of colored lights around the buildings and the installation of a star on top of the Court House. There was discussion about what could be done at this late date and the proposal was postponed until next year, after the Commissioners agreed that time was growing too short for such a major project. Judge McWhorter pointed out that the Court House building was completely rewired a few years ago and decorative lighting would call for a special circuit to be run from the

Commissioner McCalla also reported that he had had a request from Arch Edmiston to hire a county employee and equipment for some part-time work and this was turned

matters. No action was reported following this closed meeting.

down by the Commissioners. The meeting was closed with an executive session on personnel

'Take an old, fat Angus bull

the den then kill a skinny, old buck with big antlers; if you're not, choose a good, fat, young deer and kill it cleanly, handle the meat properly and you'll have some of the best earing