



Schleicher County rancher, Clay Atkins, shows a 33-lb. Bobcat that he caught on his ranch this week. The

cat was caught in a snare trap that Atkins had set on a fence line.

Big bobcat trapped

To many area ranchers the threat of predators is one of those unknown quantities that has to be tolerated. Usually it is not until a counting check is made on a recent lamb crop, or there's an unusual number of young ewes that appear to be missing. If you could have seen the Bobcat that Clay Atkins apprehended this week, you could realize exactly what you're dealing with if you feel predators are on your place.

The cat, a tom, weighed approximately 33 pounds, and when held up, stretched from shoulder to boot-top in length. Standing on all fours he probably stood two feet tall or more.

Perhaps this goes to show how important the Schleicher County Producers Association is to the control of such predators. According to Association Secretary Ronnie Mittel, only about \$4,400 has been received from members to this date. Approximately \$7,000 was received the first two years of the program. The fee is primarily used to support the government trapper working here in Schleicher County. The program has been in effect now for about three years and has had promising results. However, for the program to continue successfully, all area ranchers are encouraged to

participate by contributing \$15/section to the Association. If you have not signed up and wish to participate, contact Ronnie Mittel.

Construction site causes concern

Mayor Pat Ragsdale presided at the meeting Tuesday night of the City Council in which some complaints were heard, other items of business were considered, and the three old vehicles owned by the city were sold to bidders.

A.J. Walling who lives on Dixie Drive in Glendale was on hand to voice a complaint about the R&H Well Service firm putting in a new

yard facility across the highway from Glendale.

Citing the possibility of future air pollution from the diesel trucks, Walling asked the City Council if any legal action could be taken to stop the building of the facility.

The Council members stated that since the City of Eldorado does not have a building code or zoning laws,

there is no legal recourse that the city government could take.

"Unless a crime has been committed, nothing!" was the remark by Mayor Ragsdale as he commented on the question.

Alderman Bobby Sykes stated that a proposed legal action would be out of the jurisdiction of the City Council.

R&H is building their yard, shop, office, and mobile home layout on seven acres of land on the San Angelo highway. This is more fully reported in a separate article in the Express News issue.

The Council members opened and considered the sealed bids from would-be purchasers of the three old vehicles they had to dispose of. They accepted the \$618 bid from Charles Blair for the 1967 dump truck, and his \$218 bid to buy the 1967 Chevrolet pickup.

Wayne Canner of Ozona submitted the high bid of \$500 to buy the 1967 ton-and-a-half Chevrolet flat bed truck.

J.N. Evert, operator of the city's Pak-Mor trash hauling truck, was on hand to report that that vehicle is needing some work done on it. Kent's Automotive is to look into the matter of doing some of the mechanical repairs while other work will probably have to be done by a welder. Also some parts may have to be ordered from Pak-Mor in San Antonio.

John Callison and his wife Jo were other visitors at the Council meeting. They reported that the house on North Street they bought a few months ago from Bill Roundtree was having sewer problems because the line on the city street clogs up. The four-inch Orangeburg line serves the Callison and Moore houses and is in need of replacement, it was pointed out.

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HEW boss says:

'No hospitals will close'

Senator Lloyd Bentsen was notified Friday, Dec. 2, by HEW Secretary Joseph Califano that proposed health planning guidelines, issued in September, will be revised to insure that they don't lead to reduced medical care in rural areas of Texas. Bentsen had written to Califano in October expressing concern about the effect the Health, Education and Welfare Department guidelines would have on rural health care and asking for changes.

"I was pleased by the response from Secretary Califano. He expressed deep concern about the problems of health care in rural areas and he promised revisions in the guidelines," the Senator said.

"I have been concerned that the proposed guidelines might force small rural hospitals or community hospitals to close and that the standards applying to obstetrical units may be too strict."

Bentsen noted that the guidelines currently exempt rural hospitals if they provide services to patients who would otherwise be more than 45 minutes travel time from a hospital. "The Secretary has assured me that revisions in the guidelines will clarify and broaden the exceptions applying to rural and community hospitals," the Senator said.

"He also said his department recognizes that the proposed standards for obstetrical units may

be too strict and they will be revised to take into account objections that have been raised."

"In addition, Secretary Califano stated that nothing in the guidelines would take decisions about individual medical facilities out of local hands and that the guidelines will not require any local agency, any state agency or any federal agency to close any hospital or hospital service," Bentsen said.

"I appreciate the Secretary's attitude in this matter, which is of deep concern to me, and I will await with interest the revised guidelines when they are published by his department," Senator Bentsen said.

New Officers For The Volunteer Fire Department For 1978



Local fire department elects 1978 officers

By Jim McWilliams

Walter Powell has been elected Fire Chief for 1978 by The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. The election was held at the regular

business meeting last Tuesday night.

Powell is pictured above on the far left, back row. Other officers elected were (in above photo from left to right) Vice-President Luther Dunham, Fire Chief Walter Powell, Secretary-Treasurer Joe Edmiston, First Chief Orval Edmiston, Department Sheriff Roy Cavaness, Second Chief Sam A. Whitten, Department Deputy Jerry Richards, and President Jerry Jones. The photo

was taken by Department Reporter Jim McWilliams.

Other positions filled at the election meeting were: State reporter Bill Radle, Chaplin Clay Porter, Fire Mother Janet Powell, Senior Sponsor Fayla Cheatham, Junior Sponsor Kendra Dunham, Sherry Powell, and Mascot Justin Edmiston.

Pension board trustees are Jerry Jones, Ted Short, and Fred (Pop) Riley. Bill Radle is the Training Officer.

There will be no fireman's meeting on December 27 or January 3.

Heart class planned

If a fellow worker or a family member had a heart attack, would you know what to do? If your answer is no, sign up for a class in cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) by calling the Red Cross at 653-5909 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A class is being set up to start December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and the class is free. If you can't make that class, call anyway! We are setting up classes for January also. The life you save may be someone dear.

Senior citizen's party set

The annual Christmas Party for Senior Citizens will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Building. This party is given by the Schleicher County Aging Committee and the Home Demonstration Clubs in the County. All senior citizens in this community are invited to attend. We will have cards, dominoes and other games. Some musical entertainment is also planned. Miss Connie Spence is serving as chairman for the party.

Safety begins with you

Spurred by the Consumer Product Safety Act, manufacturers now must not only make sure that products are free of hazards encountered during their normal intended use, but must also be free of hazards encountered during reasonable foreseeable misuse. Although manufacturers are trying to produce hazard-free products, consumers also have a responsibility to buy the right product for the intended use.



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

Home Front News

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.A. (Tucker) Clark during Thanksgiving were their two sons: Mr. and Mrs. Tony Clark & Tana of LaPryor and Mr. and Mrs. Mickie Clark & Dan of Charlotte, Texas. They helped to celebrate Tuckers birthday on Thanksgiving day. Tony is recuperating from a recent roping

accident of which his right hand was severely injured, having to have surgery.

R.L. Ballew and Bob Bradley of Eldorado and Sherwood Barker and his son, John Ray, of San Angelo, were in Dallas Sunday for the Cowboy-Philadelphia game.

Franklin Head of LaValle, Wisconsin, flew in early this week to visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Penfield Barker, and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Head and their families. He expects to spend part of the winter visiting in this area.

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Jamboree set for tomorrow

The once-a-month Country and Western Jamboree will be held this Saturday, December 10, in the Memorial Building beginning at 7 p.m.

There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome. Musicians are especially asked to participate. Come early.



Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

"THE BARGAIN STAR"

Very seldom do I ever get a bargain, but when I do it's a real "Lulu." This year I made the buy of a lifetime. It was a new Christmas star for our tree, and what a star it is. I could hardly wait to surprise the family with the extraordinary addition to this year's Christmas tree. So after a brief ceremony to retire the old Angel, who had faithfully served about 12 years as our tree-top ornament, her and her ragged cotton cloud were demoted to the lower branches to make way for the new star.

"O.K., Where's that new star? We're ready for it."

It was too bad I didn't have a drum roll when I removed the lid on the box to reveal the giant star with 50 flashing lights, silver tinsel, and a red foil center.

You could have heard the gasps of disbelief as they looked at it, and Captain Daddy had to sit down.

"Where...Where on earth did you ever find...THAT?"

"Pretty fantastic, huh?" I said, unwinding the cord. "Let's plug it in and see what she looks like."

Well, what can I say? You'd just have to see it to believe it. It's sort of a cross between a pinball machine and a 4th of July fireworks display.

"I like it. It makes your teeth glow in the dark", Heather said with a smile.

"Really, Mother! From outside it looks like our house is on fire."

"It looks like a prop from Star Wars," voiced another critic.

"I think it needs sound effects. Where's the Alka-Seltzer?"

I'll have to admit it IS a little overpowering - I wonder why it was so cheap?

Once again the Christmas tree is up and it's our usual Wilkerson special, with decorations that reach back through the years with their special memories. The manger set that served as a teether for our babies, the Santa and sleigh with one three-legged reindeer, bubble lights, the kindly old Angel, and the magnificent new star.

Yep! It's just around the corner...and that's something to think about this week.....

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THIS WEEK'S WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 27	66	37	
Nov. 28	70	36	Trace
Nov. 29	42	26	Frost
Nov. 30	64	28	Frost
Dec. 1	60	27	
Dec. 2	65	28	Frost
Dec. 3	79	31	Frost



Plan holiday decorating

Let a new theme and color scheme create excitement or serenity at home for the holiday season. Holidays provide an excellent opportunity for generous use of accent colors and decorations--and this year's color choices are "anything goes", suggests Glenda Moore, a housing and home furnishings specialist. **HOLIDAY THEME** Selecting a holiday theme first can help set the color scheme, she says. A decorating theme might be religious, country, modern, or an "old-fashioned" Christmas. Miss Moore is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System. Spending a lot of money on new decorations is not necessary to create this year's holiday look, either, the specialist says. New ideas and color combinations can start with

adapting decorations already on hand. "On-hand" items can become fabric or ribbon bows, or tinsel made from popcorn or colored paper rings to carry out an "old-fashioned" theme. For an effective country look, glue fabric scraps onto plain styrofoam balls, include a velvet ribbon at the top, and hand it on the tree with a bobypin--or mount them around the house with thread and thumbtacks. **COLOR SCHEME** In choosing a holiday color scheme, first consider the existing background colors of walls, carpets and upholstery. Also, take the style of furnishings into consideration. Then select one or two harmonizing or contrasting colors for "holiday colors," which do not have to be traditional red and green. Color choices are limited only by the imagination,

Miss Moore says. Consider using red, white and gold -- or green, blue and silver. Perhaps purple, lime and green might be this year's selection. Or pink, white and gold -- or green, orange and browns -- or even burgundy, red and gold might look best. In considering on-hand items with color in mind, remember that greenery usually fits into most color schemes. Using either red or green as the base color also allows for the use of more lights and ornaments from last year's supply. In fact, lighting and accents give a color scheme added excitement or serenity. Use colored paper over lighted valances, or try lighted wall brackets or corners for example. A final thought: if regular home accessories do not fit into the 1977 holiday color scheme, store them till the season is over.

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Meneges

Mr. Emaie Earl Menges died Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 2:25 p.m. in a nursing home in Fredericksburg at the age of 72. Services were held Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Harper Baptist Church with interment in the Harper Cemetery. Arrangements were by Beckmann Funeral Home in Fredericksburg. Mr. Menges lived in Eldorado a number of years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Peggy Beard of Elmirage, Calif.; a son-in-law, Marvin Beard; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a stepson, Harold Hornby of Wisconsin, and two sisters, Mrs. Ardella Miller of Lubbock, Texas, and Mrs. Viola Phelps of Art Port, New York.

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

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 as follows:

OFFICE	PRESENT SALARY	PROPOSED SALARY
County Commissioners	\$5,106.00	\$5,361.30
Precincts #1,2,3, & 4		
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	\$10,212.00	\$10,722.60
Justice of the 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
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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone in the community for the kindness shown at the passing of our loved one and during Kendra's recovery from her accident. Your expressions of concern will always be remembered. The Luther Dunham Family

OFFICIAL RECORDS

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

Patrolman Dale Cavaness filed unsafe lane change charges against Sylvester Ramon of Eldorado; and speeding charges against Jeannette I. Smith of San Angelo and Billie Joe Smith of Resenberg.

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 unknown heirs of said party, and any other person claiming any interest in and to the hereinafter described property, and the legal representatives of any of the above named parties. 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 expiration 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 in Mertzon, Texas.

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 parties in said suit are: Mary Burke Carter as Plaintiff, and J.H. HOMAN, ET AL as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Trespass to Try Title on the following described property in the town of Mertzon, to-wit: 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 520.

Plaintiff specifically claims and pleads herein under the three (3), five (5), ten (10) and twenty-five (25) years statute of limitations.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this 14th day of Nov., A.D., 1977. s/s Kirby Lawdermilk, Clerk 51st District Court, Irion County, Texas

ONE YEAR AGO
Dec. 9, 1976--Funeral services were held for Mrs. L.W. Chrestman, 88, and for Mrs. Corinne Robinson, a former long time teacher in the local schools. Sterling Smith, a border patrolman was moving here from Van Horn and was buying the Brushy Top location on the county line to be his home. Carol Casbeer and Robert McGarvey were married.

FIVE YEARS AGO
Dec. 7, 1972--The First Grade choral group presented the program at the Lions Club meeting, at which Elton McGinnes presided. John Herbert West died at age 86 in Odessa, and his funeral was held there. Mitch Trainer became manager of Sonora Foods. His wife was the former Jennie Sue Martin. Mrs. F.M. Bradley and Margaret Frost went to Raymondville where R.K. Finlay, Jr., celebrated his 89th birthday. Phil Olson was manager of the Neighborhood Center which had activities underway for the coming Christmas season. Former Eldoradoan Clarence O. Dewey retired from Marathon Oil Co., in San Angelo, after 45 years of service. J. B. Ward was coming from San Angelo to put on a Cub Scout training course.

12 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1965--The County Commissioners retired five employees who were over age of 65: N.G. Hodges, Ben Biggs, Ida C. Neill, Jud Brannan and Fred Gillaspay. J. B. Dockal was employed as a new custodian of county buildings. Mikeska Gin reported 3,550 bales. Clay Meador was pictured with a 12-point Blacktail Deer he had killed near Presidio. Air Force Sgt. Voy J. Mitchell completed a course at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, and was going to new duty assignment in England. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Isaacs Jr. were going to Dallas for the funeral of Mrs. Baker's uncle, Rex T. Hampton. Funeral services were held in San Angelo for Franklin Green, 73, father of Mrs. Bill Meador. Schleicher ranchmen named directors of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assn. were P. K. McIntosh, Jo Ed Hill, Walter Pope, Mort Mertz, Ford Oglesby, Henry Speck Jr., and Bobby Sykes.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 5, 1957--Mrs. J. L. McElroy died in San Angelo at the age of 83. Under direction of Bill Bowen, the Junior class was presenting their play, "The Night Is My Enemy." Cast included Margo Mittel, Jeannie Mund, Janis Sofge, Ernest K. Nimitz, Myrta Topflike, Nancy Jo Jackson, Robbye Waldron, Arnie Lee Westbrook, Alvin Atkinson, and Phillip Walker. A daughter, Patricia Carol, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gausemeier. A Sonora contractor was at work on a new road over the top of the hill to the Huldale oil field. The Highway Dept. held a public hearing and disclosed plans to re-route the Sonora highway from Main Street to South Divide Street sometime in the near future. Congress O.C. Fisher addressed a meeting of the Lions Club.

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(Compiled from Eldorado Success Files)

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Lunch Room Menu
Monday, Dec. 12
Baked Ham
Blackeyed Peas
Golden Hominy
Spiced Apple Rings
Iced Cupcakes
Tuesday, Dec. 13
Beef Tacos with Cheese
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Cornbread
Chocolate Cake/
Fudge Icing
Wednesday, Dec. 14
Hamburgers
Potato Chips
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles
Cheese Strips
Banana Pudding
Thursday, Dec. 15
Turkey & Dressing
Giblet Gravy
Wax Beans
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Potato Pie
Friday, Dec. 16
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Chocolate-Peanut Clusters
(All meals served with Hot Rolls, Milk & Butter) (All Menus Subject to Change)

CHRISTOVAL CORNER

Short Notes

The El Concho Study Club of Christoval will meet Dec. 12 in the Golden Years Nursing Home at 2 p.m.
Gifts and refreshments will be given to patients. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ben Keyes, Mrs. Harold Pettitt, Mrs. Jack Skinner and Mrs. Tip Vancourt. A sing song will be led by Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Recipe Corner

by Liz Clark

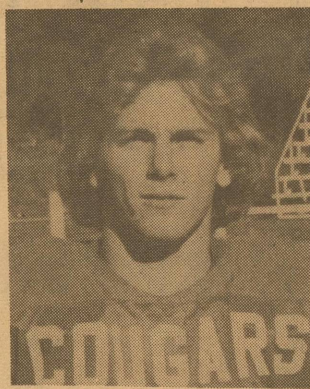
DUTCH PRALINES

- 1/4 cup oleo
- 1-1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- few grains salt
- 2/3 cup nuts
- 1/4 cup water

Grease and flour several baking sheets. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat butter and sugar until well mixed. Add flour, cinnamon and salt. Mix well. Stir in nuts and water. Put on baking sheet, using a teaspoon, 2 inches apart. Bake in center of oven 10 minutes. When edges begin to color, remove from oven. Cool 2 minutes; remove and cool on wire rack.

Coach
Jerry Miller

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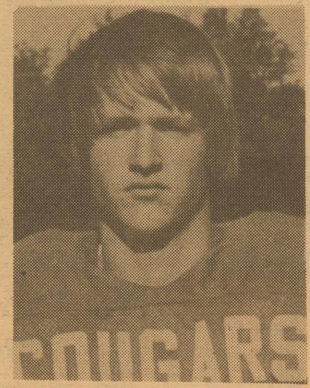
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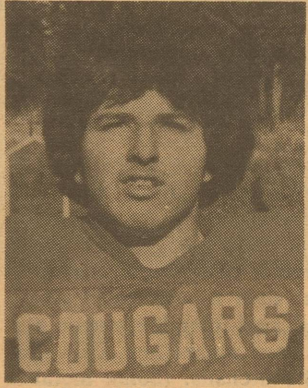
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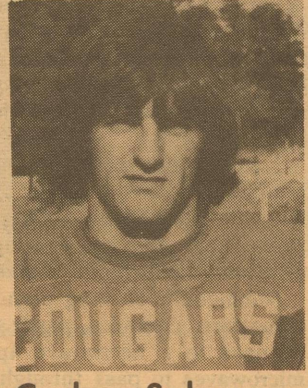
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Know Your Neighbor



Tim Hayes

By Sunshine

Tim Hays burst into this world Nov. 14, 1959 in San Angelo, Texas. He soon wound his way into the heart of all those around him, especially Mama and Papa, Chuck & Lena Hays.

Tim remembers his first grade teacher, Mrs. Kidd, who he said, "Was always on my case, and put me in the back of class to stand in the corner. I was always getting into trouble for talking in class", he grinned.

Tim's family moved to Knickerbocker when he was in second grade. Knickerbocker is now consolidated with Christoval. His favorite teacher, Mrs. Noble in fifth grade, taught here. When asked about her special qualities, he remembered that, "She made us feel special and I think she was partial to boys." With this he gave an embarrassed laugh.

Since sixth grade the name of Tim Hays dominated the sports scene in the Knickerbocker-Christoval area as he participated in track, basketball, and his first love - Football. In track he ran the 100-yard dash and the 440 relay, helping put his team and school in the blue ribbon category more times than not. His position was guard on the basketball team, where his enthusiasm swept his teammates onward and upward.

He began football with Pee-wee's in the sixth grade, when you could see more football suit than anything else. But could that football suit go - every-which-a-way and then some! He played in the position of running back on the team. In 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, they moved him to quarterback and he met the challenge with determination that led his team to victory game after game. He was like a golden glow of hope as football prayers went up, "Please God, don't let the boys be hurt, especially Timmie." Every time there was a dog pile, he was smack on the bottom. The last little Cougar up was Timmie and he always had an arm or leg in his hand.

Tim asked to be switched back to running back in his Sophomore year where he remained to blaze trails for the Cougars - You just wouldn't believe. In those three years he pulled out an incredible 4,016 yards rushing, even after missing much of the '76-'77 season with a ruptured appendix. He was sick but insisted he was fine, and only gave up after the game. God looked after our golden boy once again, and brought him back to health.

This year Tim is a Senior and helped spark his team on to District Championship with such bruising statistics as 236 yards rushing against Loop, a non-district match. What makes this boy more remarkable is his eagerness to talk of team effort rather than his own accomplishments. He was elated that so many of his teammates were chosen for All District, giving me their names which I had to drag out of him - plus his own honors.

Dr. Forlano addresses faculty

Dr. Albert J. Forlano delivered a Seminar to the faculty of Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, and local high school teachers on Saturday Dec. 3, 1977.

The talk dealt with alcohol, heroin, morphine and marijuana pharmacology and abuse.

Specifically blood levels of alcohol and their relationship to inebriation, kidney disease, gout, heart disease, blood fat and liver disease were covered.

In the case of heroin and morphine the addiction potential and effects on the brain were considered.

Marijuana was discussed from the standpoint of

psychogenic effects, destructive effect on lung tissue due to the smoke itself, addiction potential and a possible use of the active ingredient to lower intra-ocular pressure in the treatment of glaucoma.

Freak accident on Hwy. 29

Patrolman Dale Cavaness was called to investigate a freak accident on West Highway 29 last Friday, Dec. 2.

Mary Davis Coupe's ranch pick-up was being driven west by one of her hands,

Pomposo Rodriguez, when it met an eastbound vehicle towing a trailer. The driver was from San Angelo.

No one was injured and the patrolman did not file any charges.

Candy delivery set

Fred (Pop) Riley expects delivery sometime this week of the candy ordered by the American Legion post for the Christmas party for county children set the afternoon of Dec. 21st.

Legionnaires will gather sometime soon to bag the candy and get it ready for

the party, according to Tom Miner, Commander of the local Bev McCormick post.

Distribution of the candy bags is a long-standing tradition in Eldorado and is financed by the sale of ads on the Basketball Schedule Placards. The placards were sold and printed about a month ago.

Benefit sale under way

A benefit Garage Sale is set for all day today, Dec. 9 and until noon on Saturday at the Memorial Building for the benefit of Ethel Doran, whose husband, Clifton, has been undergoing treatments in recent weeks in a Galveston hospital.

The sale will be held in the main room of the Memorial

Building and persons wishing to donate items to the sale should take them by

Mrs. Doran took her sons to Galveston during the Thanksgiving holidays to visit Mr. Doran. She has remained in Galveston most of the time in recent weeks.

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Home Front Continued

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Finley of Brady were in Eldorado Thursday to visit his aunt, Mrs. F.M. Bradley. While here they visited the Museum. Mrs. Finley's father, C.A. Womack, was County Judge of Schleicher County in 1919-1920.

Jimmy Dan Doyle and Mike Doyle of San Angelo visited recently with their grandmother Bessie Doyle.

The Primitive Baptist Church will conduct the service this Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at the Nursing Home.

Sunday afternoon, the firemen were called to a grass fire on Cecil

Meador's place out on Highway 2129. The blaze was whipped by high winds but was controlled after a time.

Several members of the Eagle Band will be in Sonora Friday and Saturday for the Regional Band Try-Outs.

Mrs. Adah Bowder of San Angelo was visiting here last Friday.

Mrs. Coleen Timmons is employed now in the ASCS office. Her husband is moving here with R&H Well Service.

Coldest weather sets in

A cold and dry norther set in Monday night over the area, and by Tuesday morning residents awoke to 22-degree temperature readings.

We have had a drouth on

for a number of weeks, posing a fire hazard on city lots and ranges.

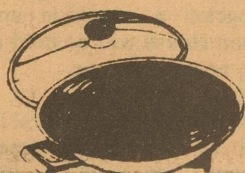
Tuesday's cold snap amounts to the first killing freeze of winter and should make all trees and shrubs dormant.

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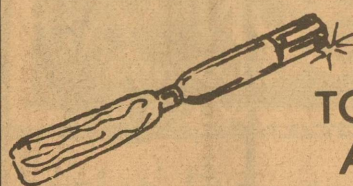
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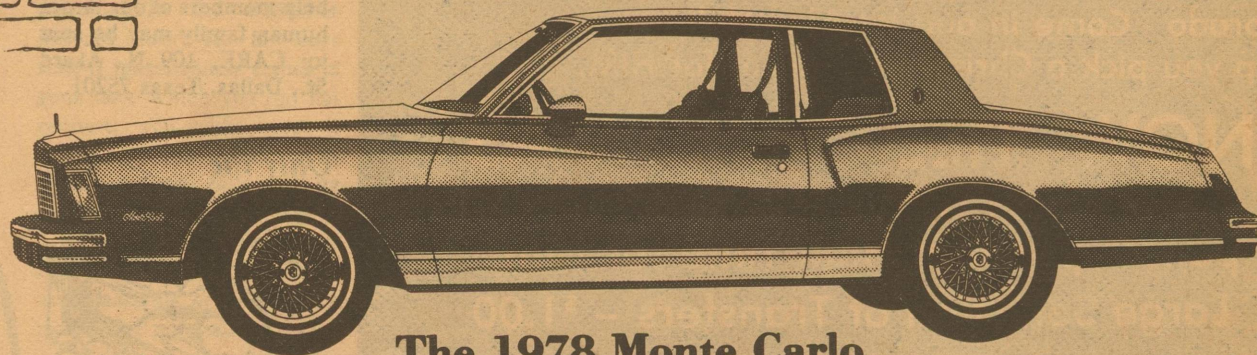
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Presbyterians announce Christmas plans

Lee A. Morris, a senior student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach at the service this Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the candlelight Christmas service will begin at 5:30 with special music and choir and congregation participation. The Christmas Tree gift distribution for the Sunday School will be held following this, in the church basement.



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Display at Carlsbad has theme of 'Operation Noel'

The Magic of Christmas is in the air at San Angelo Center, Carlsbad. Plan now to visit "Operation Noel" any evening between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M., December 13-23.

"Operation Noel" will be a lighted Christmas display designed by Anne Hughes, Center Arts & Crafts Director, and built in the Arts & Crafts Department by staff, residents and volunteers. The Volunteer Services Council is co-sponsoring the display with S.A.C. as a tangible way to say "thank you" to the West Texas community whose concern and generosity continues to add an extra measure of happiness to the lives of Center residents.

The display will be divided into four sections: Santa's helpers, Gingerbread Square, Toyland and Santa, and finally, The Night Before Christmas will be displayed around the perimeter of the campus. Guests will be able to drive down the east side of the campus, across the back and out the west gate. Santa will be on hand to hear children's Christmas wishes.

The Volunteer Services Council provided materials for the display, and J. Willis Johnson, Council Chairman, said "Operation Noel" will be an annual event with an exciting new section to be added each year. Mrs. A.L. Herrington is the Council 1977 "Operation Noel" chairman.

Investigate before giving to charities

Before you "give to charity," learn where your donation will go, says Mrs. Linda McCormack, family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

The holiday season promotes the spirit of giving, and consumers who want to make sure where their contributions go will have a source of help, she says.

To get ready, write to the National Information Bureau, 419 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016. Consumers may receive free reports on up to three charitable organizations.

The National Information Bureau (NIB) also provides a free monthly pamphlet, "The Wise-Giving Guide," which reports the NIB's rating of a wide range of charitable organizations.

Consumers can help to promote a more charitable operation of such organizations by checking up before writing a check, the specialist suggests.

Remembering the larger family

As we write our holiday shopping lists this year, let's be sure to include some neglected members of the family to which we all belong -- the human family. The gifts they need most are hope, health and the chance to become self-supporting.

For millions around the world who live with poverty, malnutrition and disease, any day with adequate, nourishing food on the table, clean water to drink or accessible medical care would be a holiday. But for the poor in develop-

ing nations, that day hasn't come yet. And it won't come until we all decide that the world's poor have waited long enough.


Once we make the decision to help, the method is close at hand. CARE, the international aid and development agency, has an outstanding record of service. This year through the annual Holiday Food Crusade, CARE hopes to raise \$6,500,000 to provide nourishing food to more than 25,000,000 of the world's neediest people, most of them children. Food is distributed at preschool centers, primary schools and nutrition centers, many of which CARE helped build. The agency's varied self-help programs extend to more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

Food is combined with agricultural development, community improvement and health care in the agency's integrated approach to poverty's complex problems. CARE stretched each donor dollar to \$9.25 in 1977 through U.S. Government Food-for-Peace commodities and host government contributions. Your donation to help members of our larger human family may be sent to: CARE, 109 N. Akard St., Dallas, Texas 75201.

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AROUND The HOUSE and OTHER PLACES



by Nancy Lester
County Extension Agent - Home Economics

Christmas is nearly here and everyone seems to be thinking of gift ideas. One of the most popular items on the market today is microwave ovens. These ovens are really fantastic for doing some things but they can't do everything. So this week I would like to give you some information on microwave cooking and some things you should know and consider before selecting one.

The method of cooking used in the microwave appliance differs from the conventional method. Microwaves heat neither the air nor the oven, as in the conventional method, but penetrate the food where the microwave energy vibrates and generates sufficient friction and heat to cook some items in seconds.

Loss of nutritional content and flavor of foods is at a minimum in the microwave appliance, since little or no water is used when cooking. Foods evenly distributed or spread out in the cooking utensil use energy most efficiently, and the food is heated or cooked uniformly.

Nonmetallic cooking utensils, such as ovenproof glass, chinaware, ceramics, paper and heat-tolerable plastic can be used in a microwave appliance since they allow the microwaves to pass through the utensils. (Some metallic utensils are not suitable since microwaves bounce off them; however, some manufacturers condone the use of TV dinner trays and aluminum foil since these are quite thin and do not interfere substantially with microwave distribution.) Both the cooking cavity and the utensils remain cool, making cleanup simple since food splatters do not bake on in the cooking cavity or on the utensil. Food can be covered loosely with waxed paper or a paper towel to prevent splatters. When cooking larger items that require a longer time in the microwave appliance, some heat from the food can be transferred to the utensil. A pot holder may be needed to remove these items after cooking.

COOKING LIMITATIONS
Most microwave appliances cannot be used to simmer or stew. The microwaves will make liquids boil until the food has lost all of its moisture or the power is cut off.

Foods in some microwave appliances will not brown as well as in conventional cooking. Browning features are found on some models.

The microwave appliance will not produce crispy coatings on foods or crust on pies. Steam is produced when food is heated and wets the crusts and coatings. A microwave appliance also will not fry or broil. It can grill and toast, but it is tricky and not very effective.

Large cuts of meat may not be as tender as when cooked conventionally.

For best cooking results when using a microwave appliance, follow manufacturer's directions closely until you are able to judge cooking times for yourself.

SPECIAL FEATURES
Browning devices—A special browning unit or a special utensil that produces browning by capturing microwave heat is available with some models. If the microwave appliance you select does not have this feature, foods can be browned in a conventional oven after being cooked in the microwave appliance. The initial cost of the microwave appliance will be higher with the browning feature, but it is more economical and convenient than using two appliances to cook one food item.

Automatic defroster—Switches power on and off every 30 seconds to achieve even thawing. Without this feature, microwave appliances have the tendency to overdo the outside of foods and leave the inside icy.

I think the main thing you will want to remember is that microwave appliances are used primarily to supplement conventional ranges. Although the microwave appliances can cook faster and cooler than a conventional range (for example, you can bake a potato in 5 minutes compared to 40-45 minutes in a conventional oven), it cannot take the place of a conventional range since some foods cannot be prepared well in them. Microwave cooking is a new way of preparing foods requiring the cook to learn a new approach to food preparation. Most wives, however, will not object to this!

Hospital Auxiliary Meets

The Hospital Auxiliary met Dec. 1st with Mrs. Arch Mittel presiding. There were fourteen members present.

The treasurer reported \$27.50 from memorials, \$92.25 from the Gift Shop, \$6.00 from dues and a gift of \$100.00. Expenses were \$12.35 which left a balance of \$946.50.

A report was given by the sewing chairman, Mrs. Ruby Dameron, that fifteen more lap spreads had been made by Mrs. Mildred Roach which makes a total of fifty.

Mrs. Winnie Jackson reported from the Gift Shop that several items had been received but more are needed. Each member is urged to make or buy something for the Gift Shop.

A motion was made and carried to purchase some new Christmas door panels to decorate the doors in the Nursing Home.

A motion was also made and carried to buy some large aluminum pitchers for the kitchen.

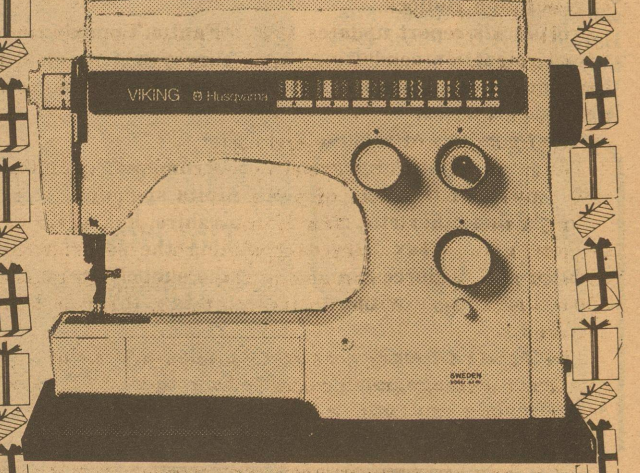
Mrs. Walter McGregor and Mrs. LaVita Brooks were voted in as life members to the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Nancy Lester and the Junior 4-H Club members will have charge of decorating the Nursing Home and dining area.

Mrs. Bessie Doyle and Mrs. Winnie Jackson were appointed to buy gifts for the Nursing Home residents.

The Christmas party will be held Sunday, Dec. 18, at

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Lutherans schedule Christmas services

Hope Lutheran Church in Sonora, which has several communicant families living in Eldorado, has announced their schedule of special services for the Christmas season.

This Sunday, Dec. 11, there will be practice at 10:00 for Christmas. At 4:00 p.m., the church will be decorated and at 5:00 Christmas program practice. At 6:00 supper will be served to the children.

On Sunday, Dec. 18, the Sunday School children and

Youth will present the Christmas Service, "Light a Candle." It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the message about the Christ in Christmas. Following the program a reception and Open House will be held at the new parsonage.

Christmas Day Worship will be at regular times except there will be no Sunday School classes that morning. Rev. John E. Hafemann is pastor of Hope Lutheran Church.

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Texas is No. 1 in favorable business climate, as well as football, according to a new report by Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock's report updates a 1975 Fantus Company (industrial relocation consulting firm) survey which rates Texas preferable to all states in taxes, law and regulations which attract business.

Key findings of the study include:

Texas, in spite of increased governmental expenditures, still ranks 48th in terms of per capita spending.

Only one other state, New Hampshire, has a lower overall per capita tax burden, excluding the severance levies on natural resources, and among the sunbelt and industrial states and those without an income tax, the Texas burden is lowest.

The state's four per cent state sales tax is right on the national average, and income from the levy is growing faster than any other state—31 per cent over the last

two years, compared with a 17 per cent national average growth.

Even soaring property taxes are still \$50 below the national per capita average, although they exceed levies in other sunbelt states.

Texas is the only major state with neither a corporate nor a personal income tax.

Living costs, as high as they seem, statistically are among the lowest.

The per capita state debt is \$167 compared with the \$394 national average.

During the recession, while other states were losing jobs, Texas was growing and adding 150,000 jobs.

\$2 Million Federal Fund Loss?

Texas may lose \$2 million in federal funds if the Air Control Board fails to comply with new federal air pollution rules of the Environmental Protection Agency.

A requested waiver was due to be ruled on by EPA December 10. Public hearings are slated for December 19 to decide what action to take if the waiver request is denied.

The federal rule requires that before a plant can move into a location with a high pollution level, other facilities must "clean up" the environment to a degree offsetting pollution of the new plant.

TACB claims it can reduce pollution just as well in its own way.

New Industries Locate Here

Sixteen new industries which will create 1,206 spinoff

jobs elected to locate in Texas during October.

The facilities will have 687 direct employment positions and an annual economic impact of \$70.5 million.

Plants will locate in Texarkana, Irving, Longview, San Antonio, Houston, Marshall, Greenville, Midland, Roston, Waco, Amarillo and Wichita Falls.

Workmen's Comp Rates Going Up

Workers' compensation insurance rates for 1978 will increase by an average of 3.2 per cent over last year, effective January 1.

Reductions and increases on various occupations were as much as 25 per cent in some cases, but most changes are slight.

The overall increase of 3.2 per cent is the lowest in recent years. Cost of insuring against injury to clerical workers is only 24 cents per \$100 of wages paid. Rates for shipbuilders will not change. Average rates went up 7.1 per cent in 1976 and 4.6 per cent in 1977.

Court Says Wife Can Sue Husband

The Supreme Court held a wife can sue her husband for damages if he beats and injures her.

The high court agreed with a lower court that heirs of Roy Furr, Lubbock businessman, can divide stock from his estate over objection of a daughter.

A San Antonio contract giving a wrecker service an exclusive right to tow abandoned and wrecked vehicles was upheld by the court.

A mobile home cannot be anchored on a lot in a subdivision with restrictions against trailers, the court concluded.

A security guard at a building materials store in Paso was ineligible to get a \$7,498 camper and truck given away by the business in a prize drawing, the high court said.

The Court of Criminal Appeals reversed a San Antonio man's conviction for aggravated assault because evidence raised possibility of his innocence.

The same court reduced bail from \$100,000 to \$20,000 in a Bexar County murder case.

Attorney General Opinions

In one of his most controversial recent opinions, Attorney General John Hill held a bill seeking to allow a tax break for agricultural lands cannot be implemented without a constitutional amendment.

In other new opinions, Hill concluded: A state law limiting county clerks' fees for mental hospital commitment proceedings to \$40 is not in conflict with other statutes.

An 11-day break between employment by two different state agencies constitutes an interruption in state employment sufficient to require payment for accrued leave.

Short Snorts

The Department of Public Safety is urging Texans to drive with their lights on during the Christmas and New Year holiday to try and reduce traffic accidents.

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Nursing Home Notes

We have beautiful sunshine as usual, this morning, and in the weather reports there is no indication that there will be

a change soon. It seems that it always has rained when the time comes that we can't get along without it. All things are in The

Lord's Hands and I, for one person, am willing, because He does all things well.

Nothing unusual happened in the Home during the last week. Ella (Granny) Casbeer is in her room, and in bed, practically all of the time now, and Zeral Holland hasn't been feeling quite as well and is eating his meals in his room. Also, Lester Garrett doesn't come to the Dining Room to eat and remains in bed most of the time. Georgia Springston and Frank Reed are doing better. Carrie Ogden spent Thanksgiving day with Mrs. Modelle Tisdale and she had supper with Mrs. J.L. Buchanan one night last week. Lizzie McAngus' grandson, C.W. Sudduth, of Carrollton, Texas visited her. The visitors were scarce last week.

The St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church conducted the service in the Dining Room Sunday, which was led by their pastor, who lives in San Angelo. Several of the members of that church were here for the service and we enjoyed the pastor's sermon and the members singing of several songs. We always do enjoy their singing.

Next Sunday, Dec. 11th, the service will be conducted by the Primitive Baptist Church. We hope that a number of the members and others from out in town, will come to the Home next Sunday afternoon for the service at 3:30 o'clock.

I wish that a number of Schleicher County residents would write letters to President Carter and some Beaucrats in Washington in regard to a movement that they are working on trying to close hospitals in sparsely populated areas of Texas, to save the Government some money. It seems that letters are pouring into Washington against the move, but, the more the better. So, please write a letter soon. If we lost our Hospital, we would likely lose our Doctor also.

The Bingo winners last Wednesday were: Delia Gardenier 2; Elva Daniels 2; Carrie Blakeway 1; LaVita Brooks 2; Beulah Harris 2; Frank Reed 1; Bess Andrews 1; Erna Rexroat 1. On Friday the winners were: Bess Andrews 2; LaVita Brooks 2; Beulah Harris 2; and Carrie Blakeway 1.

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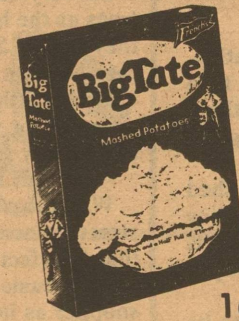
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by Jerry Swift
Schleicher County Agriculture Agent

SELECT A LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Consider using a living Christmas tree this year. Since everyone seems to be more ecology minded these days, what would be more fitting than a tree that could be used in the home for the holiday season and then moved to the yard or patio as a permanent fixture.

While the traditional Christmas tree is usually a conifer of some type, many broadleaved plants also make very attractive Christmas trees. The female Yaupon holly with its bright red berries and small dark-green leaves makes a beautiful tree. Regardless of the type of plant you select, be sure it is a species adapted for your area or is suited for interior use.

For South Texas, plants that may be used as living Christmas trees include the Podocarpus, Aleppo pine and Norfolk Island pine. Suggestions for Central Texas include the Deodar cedar, Arizona cypress, juniper, Podocarpus, Japanese Black pine, and Yaupon holly as well as many other holly varieties. The Norfolk Island pine makes an excellent plant for indoor use.

In North Texas, the Colorado blue spruce, Scotch pine, Norway pine and a great variety of junipers make beautiful living Christmas trees. Some very interesting decorative effects can be achieved by using plants that are a little out of the ordinary in regard to shape rather than the typically conical shape usually associated with the Christmas tree.

Schedule your plans so the tree doesn't remain in the house more than two weeks. Place it where it isn't in the air stream of a heater or air vent. A night temperature of 65 degrees or less will help keep the tree fresh.

Be sure to place the root ball or container in a leak-proof tub or box or cover the rug or floor with polyethylene film to prevent water damage. If the plant is balled-and-burlapped, put it in a container large enough to place an inch or two of damp peat moss, saw dust or pine bark around the ball to prevent excessive drying. Because of the low humidity usually found in heated homes, plants will probably require watering at least twice a week. They must receive enough moisture to prevent desiccation and root damage.

Be very careful when using lights on living Christmas trees as the heat from bulbs can damage leaves and bark if they touch. Small twinkle lights are usually safe to use if care is taken in placing them on the tree.

With a little care and imagination you can plan something different for Christmas this year that will provide pleasure and beauty for many years to come.

SELECT CHRISTMAS TREE WITH CARE

With the rows and rows of Christmas trees on every other street corner, it seems almost impossible to find or select that "perfect" Christmas tree.

Four basic points must be remembered by the holiday shopper as he selects a Christmas tree.

1. The tree should have a triangular shape.
2. It should be well-filled out.
3. It should not be too large or bulky for the allotted space in the home or apartment.
4. Most important, it should be fresh.

Shake the tree and note how many needles fall to check the tree's freshness. A fresh tree will shed only a few needles.

Once you get the tree home, cut about an inch off the butt end and place it in a container of water in a cool, bright area until ready to bring into the house. When ready to decorate,

recut the base and place in a tree stand that holds water. Check the water supply regularly and replenish it as needed to help the tree maintain a fresh appearance.

In the home or apartment, keep the tree away from heating vents, radiators and fireplaces. Check the wiring on lights before decorating the tree to prevent a fire. Always turn the lights off when leaving home or retiring for the night.

GARDEN CHECK LIST FOR DECEMBER

1. The future life of a "living" Christmas tree depends upon the care it receives while serving as a Christmas tree. Some points to remember include:

- A. Do not subject your living tree to hot, dry household air for longer than two weeks.
- B. Keep the tree in as cool a location as possible.
- C. Keep it out of drafts and away from heating vents.
- D. Provide as much natural light as possible.
- E. Place the root ball or container in an attractive tub that has been lined with heavy plastic to protect the floor from moisture.
- F. Water the tree only when the soil starts to dry out. Twice a week should be sufficient.

G. Don't move from the warm indoor environment to a frigid outdoor condition at once. Do it gradually, maybe from house to unheated porch or garage then under a tree before placing in full sun.

2. Use good pruning practices when selecting Christmas greenery from landscape plants. Don't destroy the natural form and beauty of the plant.

3. Protect your lawn from excessive winter damage by providing irrigation during dry periods.

4. Don't forget to keep water in the container of your Christmas tree stand.

5. Time to prepare a hot bed for starting annual flowers and vegetables. (See Landscape Notes, Dec. 1976)

6. "Weed" trees and shrubs frequently sprout and grow in shrub borders and hedges. They often go unnoticed until they have crowded valuable shrubs. These should be pulled or dug out of your plantings as soon as possible.

7. Plant those spring flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.

8. Try to interest your garden club or civic organization to take leadership in a community effort to clean-up, fix-up and paint-up the community. Start early so program is in full swing by early spring.

9. African violets and other plants that are watered from below or by a wick method should be thoroughly watered from the top at least every 4 to 6 weeks to wash out any soluble salts that may have accumulated at the soil surface from evaporation.

10. Don't use candles near flammable Christmas decorations.

11. Prolong the life of Christmas gift plants by providing proper care. Check to see if pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't overwater. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and opening doorways. Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.

12. Mulch any tender perennials.

13. Select and plant trees and shrubs needed in your landscape plan.

14. Check planted annual and perennial beds and newly planted trees and shrubs for adequate moisture. Much needless winter injury could be reduced or prevented if plants were adequately watered.

15. Remove and destroy bagworm pouches on narrow leafed evergreens.

16. Rake leaves in lawn area and place in compost pile.

17. Old Christmas tree branches can serve as a mulch. Don't attempt to dispose by burning in the fireplace as it is unsafe.

18. During the busy holiday season, don't forget to take time to share a few minutes of your time with shut-in friends and senior citizens. They will cherish the time and the conversation more than any gift you could send them. Better yet, bring them a small plant or flower you grew yourself as a reminder of your thoughtfulness.

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No screwworms in Texas or New Mexico in November

Neither Texas nor New Mexico recorded any laboratory confirmed screwworm cases during November, reports Dr. M. E. (Cotton) Meadows, Jr., director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Screwworm Eradication Program.

The last recorded case in either state was tallied October 24 when a sample collected at Clint, in El Paso County, Texas, proved to be screwworms.

The 11-month totals for 1977 now are 39 for Texas and 22 for New Mexico, reports Meadows. These compared to 29,070 for Texas and 84 for New Mexico at the end of November, 1976.

"This gives good evidence the 'Mission '77 - Stamp Out Screwworms' campaign is proving successful," says the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) veterinarian.

Arizona tallied 130 screwworm cases during Nov.,

bringing that state's total to 364, and the three recorded in California raised the state total to five for the year.

Efforts to continue eradicating the parasite of all warm blooded animals from the United States and Mexico continued with establishment of two sterile fly distribution centers in Northern Mexico on December 1. Sterile screwworm flies will be loaded aboard airplanes at Torreon and Hermosillo, Mexico, to be dispersed in areas where wild screwworm flies are known to exist.

The APHIS program is based on the adult female screwworm fly's trait of mating only once. Screwworms are artificially reared, rendered sterile, but left sexually active by exposure to Cesium 137 radiation, and released among known populations of wild flies. Eggs produced by matings of a sterile to a fertile fly will not hatch, ending the life cycle.

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The intramuscular injection of emulsified Vitamin A at the rate of one million units apparently provides sufficient Vitamin A to prevent deficiency signs for two to four months in growing or breeding beef cattle.



Trend-setters — everything from popular sayings to new fashions, can be found in the newspaper. Even the comics are responsible

Illegal alien problems explained

It has been estimated that there now are as many as 8-12 million illegal aliens living in the United States. The economic impact of these illegal aliens is much debated. On the one hand, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has estimated that they are costing \$13 billion in the form of social services, tax losses on incomes paid in cash, and balance of payment losses and wage losses to U.S. residents displaced by illegal Mexican labor.

On the other hand, such estimates do not include federal and state taxes withheld where benefits are never received, or the positive impact of illegal aliens on productivity - keeping prices down and business healthy. One thing that most people do agree on: Effective policing of the 1,945 mile Mexican border is virtually impossible. While nearly 800,000 illegal aliens were apprehended last year, it is recognized that for every illegal alien apprehended, two escape into the U.S.

President Carter has laid out a plan to deal with the illegal aliens problem. It would give full amnesty to illegal aliens who came here before 1970 and stayed. It would let those who arrived between 1970 and 1977 live and work here but without benefits such as food stamps, welfare, or the right to apply for U.S. citizenship. It would place stiff fines on employers hiring recently arrived illegal aliens.

It appears that the Carter proposal has received little favorable reaction from the

politicians in Washington. It is, however, interesting and important to note that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has received substantial increases in appropriations for enforcement of restrictions on entry of illegal aliens. In addition to the Carter proposal, various other proposals have been made to make it illegal for any employer to knowingly hire an illegal alien. Once again this would place the burden for enforcement on employers - which in many cases are farmers.

Cattle may need supplemental Vitamin A

Many beef cattle may not be getting enough Vitamin A in their diets this Fall due to drought conditions and lack of green forages. So producers may want to supply a supplemental source of Vitamin A for cows grazing dry, bleached pastures with little or no green hay or silage.

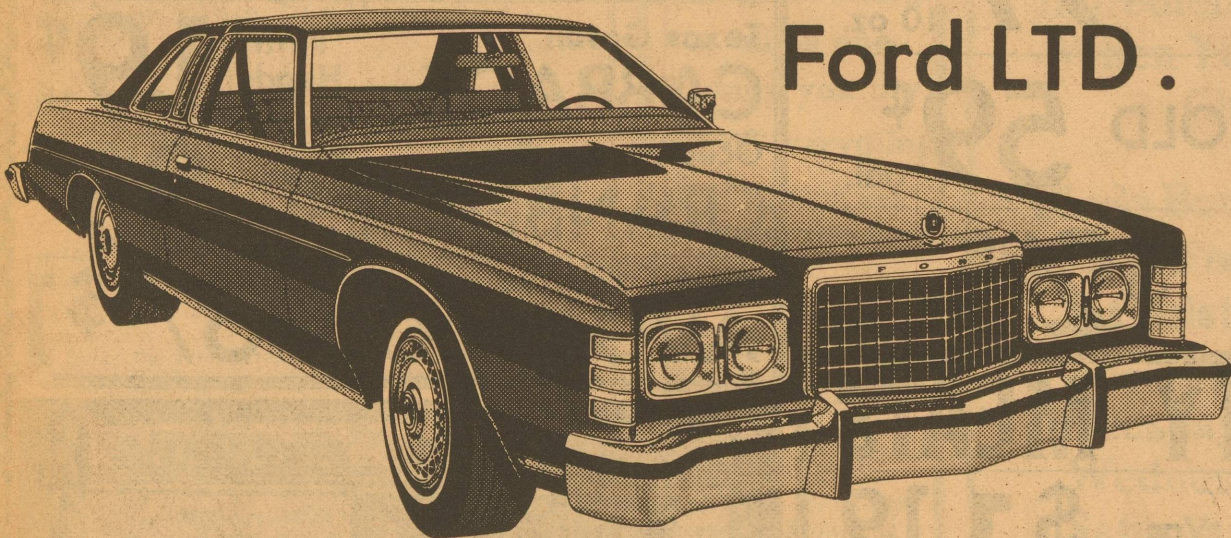
"Vitamin A promotes growth, stimulates appetite, aids in reproduction and lactation, keeps the mucous membranes of respiratory and other tracts in healthy condition, and makes for normal vision," points out Dr. Larry L. Boleman, area beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Deficiencies of Vitamin A during pregnancy may cause cows to abort or give birth to dead or weak calves. Extreme deficiencies may also impair the ability of cows to conceive. Bulls receiving insufficient Vitamin A show a decline in sexual activity and semen

quality." Carotene, which supplies Vitamin A, is contained in all green parts of growing plants. Good pastures always provide liberal and rich supplies of carotene and thus have a high Vitamin A value. However, vitamin value decreases after the plant's bloom stage and much of the carotene is destroyed in hay by oxidation during field curing. The degree of greenness in a roughage is usually a good index of its carotene content, but hay over one year old (regardless of color) is usually not an adequate source of carotene or Vitamin A, says Boleman.

"The Vitamin A requirement of breeding, growing and finishing beef cattle can be met by carotene in feedstuffs such as green pastures, grass or legume silages, hay not over a year old, or by supplementary Vitamin A either by intramuscular injection or

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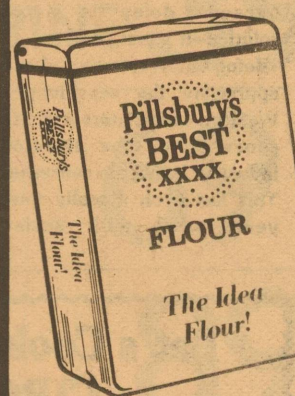
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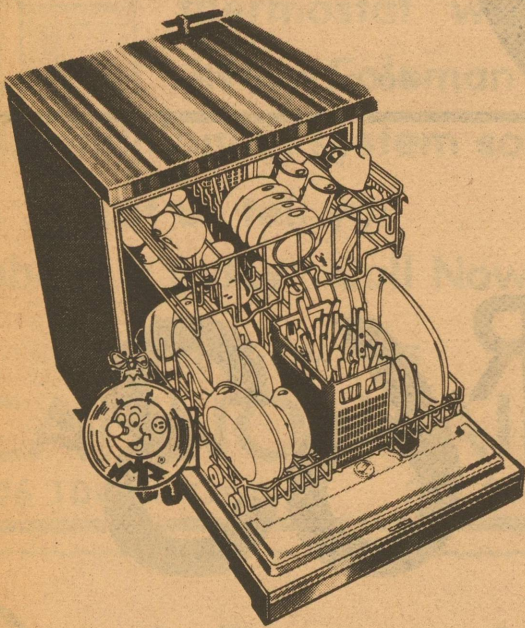
On December 12 we will begin taking applications to earn cost shares for carrying out an approved conservation practice. For 1978, terraces and all phases of brush control are considered as high priority practices, and the cost share rate is 61%. Crossfencing, reseeding, wells, pipelines and tanks are considered medium priority and the cost share rate is 50%.

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Sheep & Goat Industry News

Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association president Bill Schneemann recently traveled to Wash. where, among other things, he took steps to counter a potential lowering of the wool import tariff and discussed predator control with the Secretary of Interior.

Schneemann visited with Australian Wool Corp. chairman A.C.B. Maiden about the wool import tariff situation, and has since sent telegrams to Senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower opposing a reduction of the tariff.

A review of U.S. tariffs in general is a major focus of President Carter's foreign policy strategy, and wool industry officials are cautioning Washington officials against lowering

the tariff on wool.

The Australian Wool Corp. has long sought to lower tariffs against their product and some observers maintain that the AWC was partly responsible for some of the delays Congress faced in completing the wool portion of the 1977 Agriculture Act.

The import tariff supports U.S. wool incentive payments and AWC lobbyists maneuvered in an attempt to convince Congress to finance incentive payments in some other manner. This, of course, would have removed one of the major purposes of the tariff, thus strengthening the AWC's drive to lower or remove it.

The sheep industry successfully defeated the AWC ploy, and some optimistic spokesmen are

now suggesting that the general tariff re-evaluation poses less of a problem than it might have in other days; the current furor over steel imports is considered a prime example of the need for adequate tariffs to protect domestic industries and wool, they say, could thus benefit indirectly from steel's problems.

Schneemann's visit with Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus hints at a few rays, at least, of light at the end of the predator control tunnel. Interior under the past few administrations has appeared to work overtime trying to throttle existing predator control programs, restricting methods when the situation called instead for loosening restrictions.

Such may not be the case this time. Schneemann says

Andrus appeared genuinely aware of the sheep and goat industry's predator problems, and, more to the point, seemed amenable to strengthening control programs.

In addition to Schneemann Andrus and other sheep industry spokesmen, the meeting included Robert L. Herbst, assistant secretary in charge of fish, wildlife and parks. Predatory animal control is under Herbst's jurisdiction.

"We understand," says Schneemann, "That after the meeting, Assistant Secretary Herbst talked to his people and told them to get to work on the control problem. It's an encouraging sign, after all we've been through in recent years with Interior's big brass."

Sec. of Interior Andrus explains the purpose of the 1976 Land Act

By Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior

There's more at stake in the Carter Administration's grazing fee proposal than a simple dollars-and-cents formula; there's the question of what's right for everyone concerned. That includes the rancher who grazes livestock on public lands, as well as those folks who look to the same lands for other needs.

Equally important, it includes the public--the more than 200 million Americans to whom the public lands belong.

The grazing fee issue is not new. For many years, fees charged for forage on National Forest lands and the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management have lagged far behind what was being charged for grazing rights on private lands.

What is new is that today we have a mandate--the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976--to protect the public by insisting on a fair return on resources taken from its property.

That law required a joint effort by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior to study grazing fees and propose a reasonable fee structure; one that is "equitable to the United States and to holders of grazing permits on public lands."

The key word here is "equitable", although I

recognize the difficulty of achieving this lofty ideal, to everyone's satisfaction, in every case.

In this instance, for example, the law itself contains some apparent ambiguity. It says, on the one hand, that we should consider the cost of livestock operations in establishing fees. This could have the effect of holding fees artificially low, thereby subsidizing the rancher.

On the other hand, the law quite properly requires us to obtain "fair market value" for grazing rights. The question is, which of these requirements is paramount?

I believe that basing the fee structure on fair market value was the overriding intent of Congress in enacting this legislation. It is also the best way to resolve this issue--at long last--in a way that is fair to everyone.

It's fair to the rancher. He would pay only what forage is worth. Not more. And it's fair to the public. It would receive as much as the forage is worth. Not less.

Of course, there's always the chance that this is not what Congress intended. Perhaps they would subsidize the livestock industry by selling public resources at bargain prices. Frankly, I doubt it, but if that was their goal, then I think it's up to Congress to clarify the law.

Instead, there is some Congressional activity aimed at once again postponing any grazing fee adjustments. I hope this doesn't happen, because delay is not a solution--it's just delay.

Being a Westerner, I can appreciate the sensitivity of Western legislators to the concerns of the livestock industry. I, too, am concerned. This has been a really tough year, what with serious

drought, rising costs and uncertain market conditions.

But that's all the more reason for stabilizing the grazing fee situation now, because every year of further delay means the gap between public and private grazing charges grows larger.

Interior and Agriculture have been reaching toward fair market value in grazing fees since 1969, when the present regulations went into effect. Those rules, by the way, would set the 1978 fee at \$2.08 to \$2.15 per animal unit month (AUM). Our new formula would work more gently than that, setting next year's fee at \$1.89, with modest raises each year until fair market value is reached in 1980 or 1981.

So our proposal would soften the burden by making the

increases gradual. In fact, for most operators who graze their animals on public lands, the impact would be minimal, because Federal fees are only a small part of their overall operating costs [the average annual increase would be only \$60].

The livestock industry would, in fact, benefit from our proposal, because it would help solve the critical problem of deteriorating rangelands.

Under our proposal, as directed by Congress, one-half of all fees collected would be earmarked for investment in range betterment projects. That's urgently needed now--not another 20 years down the road. And making the range more productive will bring greater stability to the livestock industry in the long run.

Six counties reported Brucellosis free

Six Texas counties have gained top status in the cooperative state-federal campaign aimed at eradicating brucellosis, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The status changes, based on a monthly review, were effective Nov. 25, according to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

The six counties are Glasscock, Hudspeth, Menard, Midland, Schleicher and Sutton. "These counties have attained the certified brucellosis free status for the first time," said Dr. E.S. Cox, Austin, APHIS Veterinary Services regional officer.

Brucellosis, or Bang's disease, is a contagious

disease of cattle and other livestock affecting the reproductive organs.

Over 60 percent of the nation's 3,153 counties--28 entire states--are certified brucellosis-free. The remainder are classed as modified-certified except for two noncertified areas: Morgan county, Mo., and Yellowstone National Park.

Counties are classified according to known infection rates as well as compliance with testing schedules for quarantined herds and other measures meant to control and eliminate infection in cattle. To become certified free, a county must have no infection at time of certification; and its herd infection rate must be under one percent during the preceding 18 months.

Abortions, breeding problems, and reduced milk yield resulting from brucellosis cost cattle owners an estimated \$30 million a year. The disease can also affect people, causing a long-term, recurring fever.



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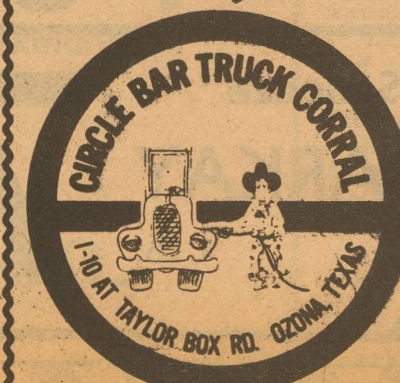
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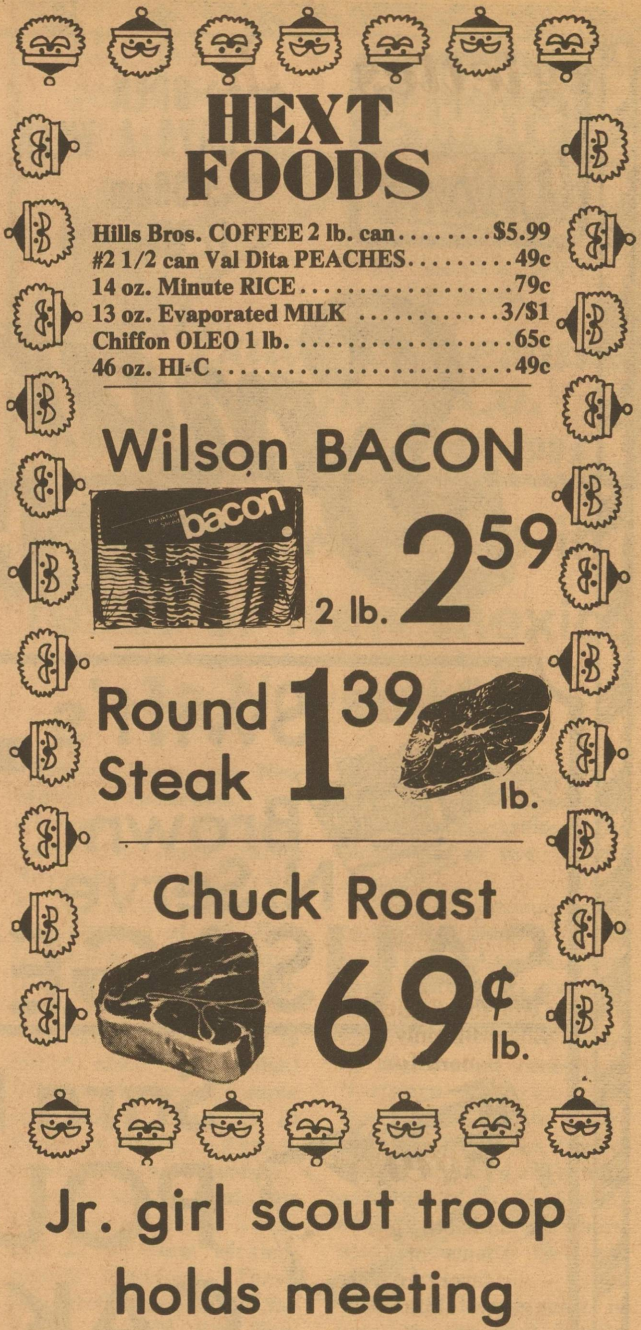
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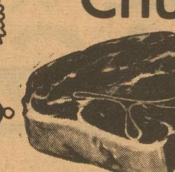
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Jr. girl scout troop holds meeting

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The girls worked some on the tray favors and the gifts for parents.


Refreshments were

furnished by Stephanie Field and her mother. Next week refreshments will be furnished by Brenda Suarez.

Reporter for next week will be Brenda. Troop leaders for Troop 225 are Ann Hyde and Nancy Terry.

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Eaglettes take second in Sonora Tourney



GOING TO WIN. Eaglette Varsity members break from their huddle with only seconds left in their game with Sonora in the Sonora Tournament last week. The Eaglettes

held off the Broncos and won the contest which put them in the tournament finals.

Last Thursday night, the girls' basketball tournament got underway in Sonora with the Eaglettes' defeating Ozona 72 to 46. Scoring for the Eaglettes were Mary Kay White 18, Cherie Niblett 22, Sammie Jay 29, and Susan Mertz 3.

Friday, the Eaglettes won over Sonora in the tourney 47 to 46, and scoring for the Eaglettes were: White 22, Niblett 14, Jay 9, and Mertz 2.

Final day of the tourney, Saturday, the Eaglettes lost to Iraan 63 to 50. Eaglette scoring was by White 17, Niblett 15, Jay 16, and Mertz 2.

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Jr. Cagers win two games at Wall

The 7th and 8th grade basketball teams of both boys and girls went to Wall last Thursday night and took two wins and two losses.

The 7th grade girls lost 6 to 15. Scoring by the local girls was done by Mary Lisa O'Harrow 4, and Laura Lozano 2.

The 8th grade girls took a 29 to 15 win over Wall with

scoring by Jill Pitts 2, Linda Gentry 7, Lori Patton 12, Sandra Martinez 2, Lori Whitaker 4, and Jennie Day 2. The Eldorado Junior High 8th grade boys and girls are leading the district. The victory against Wall can be attributed to teamwork and good defensive play by the girls.

The 7th grade boys played their initial game against

Wall, losing 15 to 20. Scoring points for Eldorado were: Danny Pina 5, Cheelo Martinez 4, Craig Griffin 2, Gene Edmiston 2, and Joe Barrera 2.

The 8th grade boys won over Wall 42 to 17. Scoring for Eldorado were: Bobby Hurley 15, Andy Bosmans 11, Eddie Montalvo 10, Lawrence Brame 2, Larry Timmons 2, and Raul Gonzales 2.

Eagle games scheduled

Dec. 8, 9 and 10 are dates of the McCamey Tournament with A&B girls participating, and the Ozona Tournament which has the A boys.

This coming Tuesday, Dec. 13, the A, B, and C girls will go to Sonora for games starting at 5:00, and that same night the A&B boys will host Mason for the initial District games starting at 6:30.

Next Thursday night, Dec. 15, the Mason Junior High teams will come here for games beginning at 4:00. Participating will be 7th & 8th grade boys, and 7th and 8th grade girls.

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SEC's actions will affect independent oil producers

U.S. Senate candidate Joe Christie says independent oil producers will find it harder to borrow operating money under a set of accounting procedures about to be adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Christie said the SEC by Dec. 22 is going to eliminate the "full-cost" accounting system favored by smaller producers and uniformly impose the "successful-efforts" system used by major oil companies.

"Existing procedures let independent oil and gas producers write off production costs over the long term, but the new rules will

force them to take writeoffs immediately," Christie said. "Big oil prefers the immediate method, but to smaller producers it will mean a drastic drop in reported earnings and less credit at the bank."

Independent producers find most new oil and gas, Christie said, and snipping their lines of credit would

run counter to the nation's need for more energy.

"It's the independents who drill the wildcats, and if they have to write off the cost of dry holes immediately, the resulting decrease in reported earnings will prevent a lot of them from raising the capital to drill," Christie said. "The SEC's new pro-

cedures will reduce competition in the oil and gas industry, and they will cause a drop in production that will make us more vulnerable to another major energy crisis."

Christie said the proposal to make the "successful-efforts" system uniform came to the SEC last July from the Financial

Accounting Standards Board, which formulates rules for the accounting industry.

"No doubt a uniform accounting system would simplify the accounting process, but sacrificing oil and gas production for office procedures is about as bright as punting on first down," Christie said.

The Consumer Alert

from the Attorney General's office

AUSTIN—Christmas mail order catalogs and advertisements are arriving daily for most Texas consumers.

Many of us find shopping by mail a way to beat the hustle and bustle of Christmas crowds and a convenient, satisfactory way to do business. While shopping by mail can be a timesaver, our Consumer Protection Division attorneys say a certain amount of caution should be taken. The U.S. Postal Service reported last year that more than \$500 million in mail order fraud resulted from shopping by mail.

Our lawyers also point out that problems with mail orders rank high on the list of the consumer complaints we receive each month.

The Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act, however, protects Texas consumers against mail order fraud which originates both in the state and outside of Texas. Texans are also protected from harassment by companies trying to collect money for mail order merchandise the consumer did not order. The law says that if merchandise comes to your door which you did not request, you can keep it without having to pay for it, unless it was delivered by mistake.

Here are some guidelines from our attorneys to help you avoid possible problems with mail order purchases:

—Examine offers made to you carefully. Exaggerated claims on products or prices should be viewed with caution.

—Compare the products and price with a similar one you could buy locally.

—Place your order several weeks before you want the product, since mail orders take time. Check the ad or catalog for a cut-off date after which delivery will not be

guaranteed for a certain date. This is important if you are ordering for a special occasion, such as Christmas.

—Never send cash through the mail. Pay only by check or money order and be sure to include shipping and handling charges. Take these into consideration, too, when you are comparing the price with a similar item available locally.

—If you will accept a

substitute, be sure to state exactly what you will accept.

—Given precise instructions, and repeat the description and price of the article when you order.

—Be sure to indicate your name and address clearly on the order, or, it's a gift, where and to whom it's to be sent.

—Check the order as soon as

you receive it, to make sure it is the correct item, and that it's not damaged. Notify the company promptly if there is a problem.

If you have a consumer complaint, call the Consumer Protection Division in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, or McAllen. If you live outside these areas, call toll free: 1-800-252-9236.

Eagles lose to Sonora

The "A" or varsity boys' team lost 47 to 66. Eldorado played a close game until the fourth quarter. "We were in foul trouble throughout the game and fouled out three players. John Cheatham played well and scored 14 points," stated the coaches.

Scoring by the local Eagles was: John Cheatham 14, David Robledo 8, Larry Fatheree 6, Larry Fay 5, Ernesto Martinez 4, Kyle McCormack 4, Bryan Oglesby 2, Steven Short 2, and David Hill 2.

The "B" boys played an overtime game described by coaches as "Very close throughout the game." They ended with 40 points to Sonora's 43.

Scoring for the Eagles were: Mike Griffith 8, Keith McCormack 6, Randy Morrison 5, Eddie Scott 5, Charlie Bradley 6, Michel Mertz 4, Joe Aguilar 4, Mickey Nixon 1, and Don Garlitz 1.

The Eldorado Eagle A and B basketball teams went to Sonora Monday night and sustained two losses.

Eaglettes host McCamey

- win two

The Eaglettes A & B basketball teams hosted McCamey in two games Tuesday night in the school gym.

The varsity girls took a 62-39 win and scoring was by: White 32, Niblett 7, Jay 21, and Powell 2.

In the junior varsity game, Toni Fatheree had 10 steals, and scoring by the Eaglettes was by: Kendra Dunham 20, Jolynn Jay 12, Mary Byrd 6, Lori Griffin 2, and Donna Jo Cantwell 2. These girls defeated McCamey 42 to 36.

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News wire opens the door

Editor's Note:

The article below, written by Mr. Dennis Fulton, recently appeared in the Dallas Morning News. The story is a follow-up to the trip that was taken by Rusty Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meador, to the Soviet Union in October. The article about his planned trip appeared in the September 30 issue of the Express News.



NATIVE ELDORADOAN Rusty Meador, (left), is shown with Energy Publications publisher, Abbott Sparks (center) and John Scott Editor. Meador is district manager

for Pipe & Gas Journal in Houston, a trade journal published by Energy Publications. The group recently attended an oil and gas trade show in Moscow, USSR.

What was referred to as a major breakthrough in Soviet Union communications was achieved recently by Energy Publications of Dallas.

The breakthrough came about during the Nefta-Gaz exhibition in Moscow staged by U.S. petroleum equipment manufacturers and service companies.

"Our company worked it out for United Press International to install a news wire printer for use by the 1,500 visiting Americans," Abbott Sparks, president of the Dallas publishing division, told The Dallas News.

"Being behind the Iron Curtain and unable to hear any news will drive you up a wall. It did just that at the first exhibition in 1973."

This represented the first time in the history of the Soviet Union as it is now structured that an open international news wire was permitted to run uncensored at any type of show, Sparks said.

"No American news is reported in Russia. The news is all censored. You just wish someone could stand up and disagree."

Sparks thinks the Soviets are coming a long way in their communications efforts, but he is quick to add that they have a long way to go.

"Things have opened up a lot over there over the past 20 years. It takes a lot of courage for them to let this progress be made."

An Energy Publications magazine, Petroleum Engineer, has been published in the Soviet Union since December 1973. This was a major breakthrough for Spark's company.

"The Soviets had been lifting the magazine and translating it since the late 1950's, without our permission. A final agreement was made in 1973 after the first Nefta-Gaz exhibition. This was a landmark agreement."

More than 100 American drilling, production and transportation companies were represented at this year's Nefta-Gaz exhibition in Moscow. The Soviets, with one of the broadest prospect areas in the world for oil and gas reserves, freely admit their need for U.S. technology and U.S. oil and gas drilling and producing equipment.

"There is little doubt among the executives attending Nefta-Gaz '77 that petroleum will likely be the vehicle on which further detente between the U.S. and the Soviet Union will ride," John Scott, editor of the publication, said.

"This second exposition was characterized by most exhibitors as much more successful than the first one four years ago."

"Soviet Petroleum ministers and the leading Soviet engineers responsible for oil and gas in the

Soviet Union were much more comfortable this time visiting with the American personnel present.

"Interpreters were utilized freely and Soviet visitors turned up at stands in groups and alone many times, looking at equipment, displays and literature and freely asking questions," Scott said.

The first uncensored news wire carried a continuous flow of U.S. and international news, weather and sports and was for the use of the American visitors only.

"The only way we could make this breakthrough was under the condition that the service be for the Americans only," Sparks said.

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By Express News Publisher, ED MEADOR

And that appears to be just what this drouthy weather is doing. Added to that was Tuesday morning low twenties temperature, all of which calculates out to bring cold chills running up and down most any stockman's spine. Seems like Ma Nature has just turned the spigot off for the time being. There's a lot of country needing rain. One can't tell which is worse....having seed in the ground that can't come up, or grain that is up with nothing to grow on.

In case you haven't written to Santa Claus yet, this might be the time for everyone to ask for a gentle, soaking rain for Christmas.

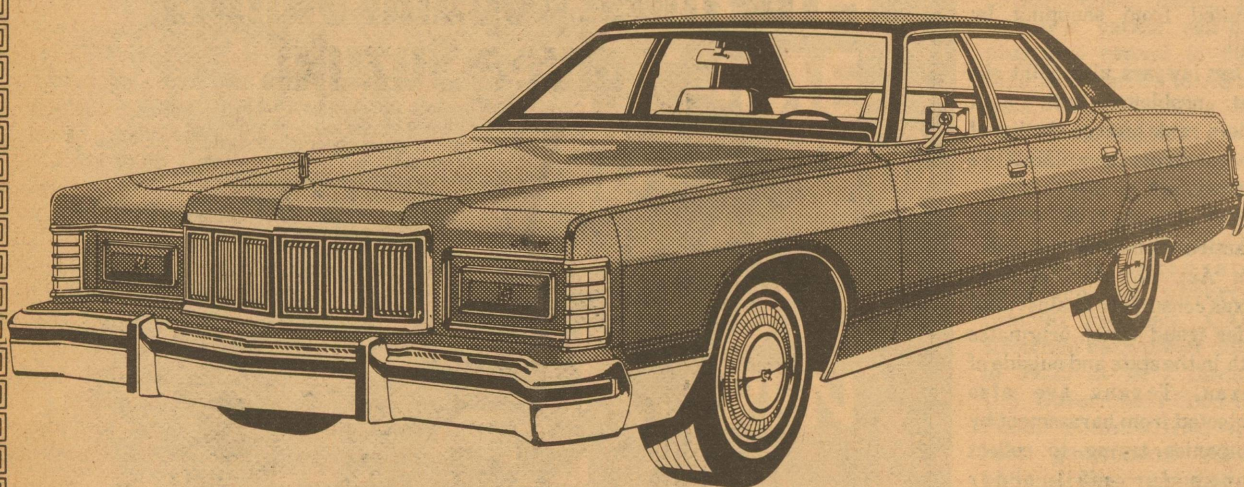
There's been a bit on encouraging news in the national press lately, and it has to do with us. Seems like good ole HEW got so clobbered by resentful mail from people throughout the country, and from several governors and other legislators that it has been forced to back away from some of the new rules affecting our local hospitals. "Joseph A." now says that a lot of the rules will not be made to apply to small town hospitals. Who said the people have no power!! The problem is that we don't use the power we have often enough.

You will have to give Governor Briscoe just applause for his efforts in turning the HEW federal meddling around on the hospital issue. And he deserves high grades on his continuing efforts to see that Congress comes up with an acceptable position on the energy question. It's evident that the governor was highly embarrassed by the treatment he has received from the present national administration concerning natural gas. We're hoping the past few days of the Governor's concerted efforts will pay off for Texas and the rest of the producing states.

Jane Who? Jane Fonda. Seems she's out touring college campuses again telling the students they belong to the "nothingness age". Too bad some people can't seem to know when their time has passed and leave well enough alone. Today's kids are smarter than she thinks. They have a deeper realization of what this nation is all about than all of the Jane Fondas, Bella Abzug, and all those 2,000 women delegates to the \$5,000,000 convention at Houston a couple of weeks ago that the rest of us got rooked into paying for. Hang in there, Anita Bryant!

We support the proposed wage increase for the county employees, and elected officials...with one exception. It seems hard to justify the increase for county commissioners, which if passed, will be the second increase this year, as it is for the other officials. An eight hour a day, five days weekly responsibility is one thing. But usually, a commissioner is a gainfully employed or self-employed individual who spends only a portion, albeit an important portion, of time conducting the county's business. You get the feeling that the present \$5,106.00 annual commissioner's salary, plus benefits, is pretty good pay for the actual time given.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor Ed Meador:
You are doing an excellent job in editing and publishing the newspaper.
We especially enjoy reading your column each week. Keep up the good work.
Please give our very best wishes to any of the "old timers" who are still around.

Sincerely,
R.D. Holt

Editor:
I would like to explain why I asked to hire a county employee and use county equipment for a few hours.
The course of the draw on our ranch has changed so that when it floods, it goes across my field. I had just planted my field when it flooded the last time. It washed the seed off and the gravel in.
The road machinery was and still is parked about 400 yards from where I wanted the gravel pushed off my field.
I know there are restrictions against using county equipment for anything else besides county work. However, it is my opinion that the draw changed its course because of poor work done by the county when big rocks from the bar ditch were pushed against my fence. Therefore, I feel I would be due the hire of the equipment.
Also, I have given the county caliche twice in the thirty-nine years I have lived here, providing the county fix my roads. My roads were never fixed, and I never received any pay for the caliche.
I do not think I made an unfair request.

Arch Edmiston

This letter is to ask all the citizens of Eldorado what they think about the County Commissioners voting themselves a 5% increase in salary. Do you think it's fair? Do you think you can vote yourself a 5% salary increase from your employer and get it with no objections?
I highly oppose the commissioners voting themselves a 5% increase in salary. This SHOULD be done by the citizens and tax payers of Schleicher County, not the commissioners themselves! We pay taxes and we pay their salary. Look at our county roads, city streets--Look at the blinking lights where there should be stop lights. These are things we the tax payers are paying for. Are all your roads in good shape? Are your bar ditches cleared? Or are they full of trash? These are some things we the tax payers need to think about...to OPPOSE the commissioners raise and in order to do this, be at the Schleicher County Courthouse Monday, Dec. 12, at 9:00 a.m. Voice your opinion and be heard. The Commissioners usually only meet 2 days out of the month, usually for 2 to 3 hours. Do you think this cause should be for an increase in salary? If you oppose this, come to the Courthouse and voice your opinion. As you know, this increase, if approved, comes out of OUR MONEY, or tax payers money.

Name withheld by request

JAWBONING with Editor, Jim McWilliams

I would urge our county commissioners to save some personal embarrassment by excluding themselves from the anticipated pay raise next Monday.
In an era of public disenchantment with government, the voting of a personal pay raise would not, I think, settle well with the local voters.
The other elected officials keep a full-time schedule, and provide a valuable service to the county. We need to keep competent officials in government. Therefore, we must compete with private industry salaries. Their pay raises, along with increases for the "hired hands", are not at all out of line.
But our county commissioners are being paid enough now. I know commissioner David Meador feels that way; but the others I haven't talked with. There was no motion reported last week saying the commissioners wished to exclude themselves from the pay raise.
I am not trying to hang anyone. I'm only trying to justify the salary paid for the work performed.
Let's give the commissioners the benefit of the doubt. Let's say that a commissioner gives one week's work to the county...five days out of every month, or forty hours a month he devotes to exclusive work for the county. He probably drives through his precinct taking notes on the road conditions, visiting his constituents, asking if they need any assistance from him, and doing other duties he sees fit to do.
During that one week a month he works exclusively for you and me...because we elected him to work for us. (We didn't want to do it ourselves).
If each commissioner does do that (or spreads it out over each month), then we are now paying our commissioners \$425.50 per week or \$10.63 per hour to be our representative.
If he gets a pay raise, he will get \$446.77 per week, or \$11.17 an hour.
The question really is, "Do the commissioners feel a pay raise is justified? And if so why?"
The city aldermen voted themselves a zero salary. The Hospital Board and School Board members receive no salary. Each board has a great effect on our lives.
I don't believe a salary makes the office holder any more conscientious. If it did, we would have no fire department or ambulance drivers.
I don't feel a pay raise is in order. In fact, I think a bronze plaque would be engraved if the county commissioners said, "We want to give the county a gift of \$21,445.20 a year and voted to take no pay for the office."
But money is so important today; and I wonder whether the positions would be filled if no silver was paid for the trouble.
It's worth \$21,445.20 to you if you'll ask your commissioner that same question.
And next Monday at 10 a.m. is the time the commissioners have asked you to tell them what you think. Silence gives consent. If you don't let them know, you'll only be able to let them know how you feel when they ask you for another raise.

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Buy only safe toys for Christmas

Children should be seen and NOT HURT this Christmas by new toys says the Texas Department of Health.
A few months, or a year or two in a child's development can make quite a difference in his ability to cope with toys. "That's the reason manufacturers are required to place precautionary labeling on toys," says Harold Ray, director of the Department's Product Safety Division.
"Consumers should look for the warning label on a toy which states that the toy isn't recommended for a child under a certain age," he said. "If such a label warns that the toy is too advanced for your child, look for something else that fits the child."
Ray said a testing process is being used which can help parents determine the right toys for their children. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has regulations for the use and abuse testing of toys. These regulations provide tests for impact, bite, flexure, torque, tension and compression--all simulating the normal and reasonably foreseeable use, damage and abuse of toys, games and other playthings.
The testing is done using different age levels of

children for whom the toys are intended. These age levels are 18 months and less, more than 18 months but not more than 36 months, and 36 months to not more than eight years of age.
What can you as an individual do to prevent a mis-match of a toy and a child this holiday season?
First, be aware of how the toy is built, says Ray. "Parents should avoid toys with the obvious hazards such as sharp points; rough or unfinished surfaces; small, detachable parts that may be swallowed; and brittle plastic or glass that breaks easily and leaves sharp edges that cut," he said.
"Other things to watch out for include poorly constructed toys with sharp spikes or pins that are exposed when pulled apart by a curious child; and toys with triggers, gears, or other parts activated by a spring or motor that may pinch fingers or catch hair."
Ray said there is a safety regulation for electrically operated toys. The regulation specifies maximum temperatures for these toys and requires reliable electrical construction. Electrical toys must bear warning labels stating they are not recommended for children under a certain

age. For toys containing heating elements, the manufacturer may not indicate that the toy is recommended for children under eight.
Some 5,000 new toys enter the marketplace each year. The holiday season will find more than 150,000 different kinds of toys for sale in an estimated one million retail outlets. Despite the efforts of toy manufacturers, retailers, state and federal inspectors and different governmental agencies, it is impossible to inspect every toy.
But it is possible for parents, relatives, and older sisters and brothers to check every new toy bought and every old toy around the house for hazards.
Ray says tripping over toys causes the most accidents, but many serious injuries result from exploding gas-powered toys, from flammable products, from those with sharp edges, and from children swallowing small parts or placing tiny toys in their noses and ears.
To report a product hazard or a product-related injury, write to the Product Safety Division, Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin 78756.

R & H Well Service begins local development

A seven-acre tract of land on the north edge of Eldorado is being purchased and developed by R&H Well Service, a Crane-based pulling unit firm that expects to employ about 30 people at their local facility.
R&H also has yards for doing oil field work in Odessa and Andrews. So the Eldorado development will be the fourth location for the firm.
The acreage has been cleared off in recent weeks and a number of loads of caliche and gravel have been unloaded on the site. Work has been done in recent days on spreading the caliche and gravel around where needed.
Wayne Rymer is presently living in a large mobile unit parked at the northeast corner of the area and he is overseeing the construction.
Plans call for a 60 by 80-foot shop building to be erected and an office, about 40 by 40 feet to be built facing the San Angelo highway. Baker Construction Company of Brackettville was expected to have a work crew here on Wednesday of this week to begin work on the cement slabs for these two buildings.
The Worth Steel Building Company of Grandview has the contract for erecting the prefabricated shop and office buildings and they will have work crews here in about two weeks.
The south side of the seven acres will be converted into a mobile home park for employees. It is to accommodate 20 mobile homes, according to Rymer. Some trenches were being run this week to accommodate the utility lines for the mobile homes.
R&H will move W.A. Huckaby here from Crane to be manager of the well service, and Harold Lawson will move from Odessa to manage the trucks and also work with the well service.
The entire shop and yard area will eventually be fenced in. There will be five pulling unit trucks and about five more trucks for general use.
The seven acres were formerly in the C.C. West Estate and were sold to R&H Well Service by Mrs. Adah West Bowder of San Angelo. The site was one of several considered a dozen years ago as possible location for the Medical Center, but was not selected at that time.

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City Council... from page 1

The Council took no definite action at this time but felt that in the future the 120 feet of sewer line should be replaced with heavier duty sewer tile.

Mrs. Helen Blakeway was on hand to report to the Council that she wanted to buy some land behind her building on the San Angelo highway, land that she thought was in an alley-way belonging to the city. The aldermen told her to do further checking on the platting of the area to make sure the land she was interested in really does belong to the city.

Several months ago the City Council wrote Santa Fe about the possibility of buying some of the old berm on the east edge of Eldorado that adjoins the sewer pond. A letter was read from E.C. Honath of the Amarillo office of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company replying to the inquiry. Honath's letter stated that Santa Fe is currently removing the tracks and other salvageable materials from the 65 miles of right of way between San Angelo and Sonora and that this work will continue for several more months. Honath's letter continued that at a later time Santa Fe will consider bids from the City of Eldorado for some of the former right of way.

In other business, the chronic problem of getting a stand-by source of natural

gas to serve the town of Eldorado was touched on briefly, with City Secretary Phil Olson reporting he had tried unsuccessfully to get in touch with another gas firm.

Along the same line, Mayor Ragsdale and the aldermen have tried to get in touch with Cities Service to find out the life of the Page gas field that serves this town. Sometimes gas service is erratic, especially during times of extremely cold weather. So far Cities Service has not sent one of their engineers to a City Council meeting to discuss this matter.

The McRan firm has encountered a delay in getting the three new doors for the fire station building, but expect shipment in the near future, it was stated.

Mayor Ragsdale reported \$140,941.55 on hand to make some city improvements. That amount is currently unbudgeted.

The aldermen discussed the future purchase of a maintainer and pick-up and they asked the city

secretary to watch government surplus sales to see if anything turns up.

A motion was made by Kent, seconded by Hall, to buy a ham or turkey for each fireman and city employee and this was approved by the Council.

The Council voted to allow David Vannett to connect his sewer line to the city sewer system if he has the lines laid to city specifications and on proper grade. Vannett moved a readybuilt house to his lot in the south part of town.

The Council considered a request from a local electrician that new electricians here pass an examination, post bond, and pay for a city license before being allowed to work on jobs here. Action on this was postponed.

City Council Roll Call: Mayor Pat Ragsdale met with Aldermen Bobby Sykes, Richard Kent, and Raymond Hall. City Secretary Phil Olson was present. Aldermen Bill McCravy and Jimmy Doyle remained at home sick.


School parties set Monday

The Christmas parties for the high school and junior high classes will be held this Monday night, Dec. 12.

The high school event will start at 7:00 in the Memorial Building and will be highlighted by the presentation of Mr. and Miss E.H.S.

The junior high party will begin at 7:00 in the school cafeteria and the class favorites will be presented.

The school faculty Christmas dinner party will be held the following Monday night, Dec. 19, in the school lunchroom.



The Easy Way Out

By Billie Porter

This recipe is great when you have been shopping all day or working, especially on a cold night. Good enough to serve your guests during the holidays.

MEXICAN CHICKEN

1 Fryer, washed and drained well
1 can Green Enchilada Sauce

Preheat oven to 325 degrees; place chicken in casserole, add salt and pepper, and pour the enchilada sauce over it. Cover and bake one hour.

SUGARED PEANUTS

Place in sauce pan 2 cups raw peanuts, 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup water. Cook on medium heat until all the liquid is gone. Pour onto a greased cookie sheet and bake at 250 degrees for 15 minutes. Stir and bake another few minutes.

11 will compete in district food show

Eleven Schleicher County 4-H Club members will be competing at the District Seven Food & Project Show in Ballinger on Saturday, Dec. 10. Senior Food Show participants will be Patti Hausenfluck, Lou Ann Turner, Kara Homer and Judy Pitts. Junior Food Show entrants are Tina

Williams, Cindy Hausenfluck, Melissa Sauer and Melissa Burleson. Local 4-Hers who will be entering the project show are Deeanna Yocham and Belinda Turner, home inviroment, and Margaret Turner, family life education.

Politics.... from page 1

How many of the foregoing officials run for re-election and how many will draw opponents remains to be seen in the weeks ahead. Traditionally, the last week of December and the first week of January are when candidates throw their hats in the ring and begin campaigning. Candidates may announce in the Express News any time through the month of January. We are also equipped to take your order for Candidate Cards. Nominees aspiring to any political office will be required to pay their fees to this office in advance (cash with order).

Each candidate for a county elective office, including both incumbents and challengers, who plans to run in the coming Democratic Primaries, must go to Dick Preston, Schleicher County Democratic Chairman, and fill out application forms for the office he plans to run for. The filing deadline is the first week in February. State Representative Jim Nugent of Kerrville is currently serving in Austin from the 56th Representative District which includes Schleicher County.

The term of office for State Representatives is two years, so Nugent will be coming up for re-election. Texas State Senators are now elected for four-year

terms, with half of them coming up for election each two years. In 1978 State Senator Pete Snelson's current term will expire. Snelson has represented the 25th Senatorial District since he defeated Dorsey B. Hardeman in 1968. Snelson lives in Midland.

Governor Dolph Briscoe's current four-year term will expire and already several high-level Democrats are eyeing that contest, and there will probably be several Republicans in the running.

On the higher political levels, main interest is expected to center on the race for Congressman of the 21st District of Texas. We have had an unexpected "open race" for the post to develop after Democrat Bob Krueger was elected four years ago. He has now announced that he will run for the U.S. Senate this coming year against Republican John Tower.

Krueger's action means that a number of aspiring candidates for Congress will come out in both the Democratic and Republican primaries in 1978. The top Democrat will face the top Republican in the General Election in November of 1978. The position carries a

\$55,000 a year salary with many "fringes" added on. John Tower will be completing his third six-year term in the U.S. Senate as the incumbent Republican Senator from Texas. He has already won re-election to office twice against what some thought at the time as overwhelming odds. Joe Christie and Bob Krueger are the two most noted Democrats who are aspiring to the U.S. Senate and who plan to run this coming year. It looks as though there will be a knock-down drag-out fight in the Democratic primaries for the nomination for Senator. And whoever wins will not have a shoo-in against John Tower.

A final word: Be sure you are registered to vote this coming year. Voters used to have to register in person, but if you voted in any recent election, you should have received your new voter registration by mail from the sheriff's office in recent weeks.

If you have moved since voting last, or if you have any question about your current eligibility to vote, you should call or go by the sheriff's office and have the matter checked.

Order your history books now

The cold snap that blew in Monday night cut attendance at the monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Historical Society. Only seven people showed up.

Mrs. Margaret Frost presided at the discussion which centered mainly on lining up of more advance orders for the Schleicher County history book which is to be done by Anchor Publishing Co. of San Angelo.

The history book is to be dedicated to the pioneers of Schleicher County. Orders are being taken by Mrs. Wenona Isaacs at Drawer J, Eldorado, Texas 76936. A check for payment in the amount of \$24.95 must accompany the order for each book wanted.

It was reported Monday night that 266 had been ordered and it is hoped that the goal of 750 can be reached.

This county history book would make a nice gift for Christmas, and gift certificates are available.

There are 220 family histories in, it was reported and several more come in each day. Also nearly 10 pages of memorials have been sold in the history book.

Work continues on getting together such information as early maps of Verand and Eldorado, oil and gas production, the stage coach and other transportation, industry, ranching, and the schools, churches, museum, business district, etc., of Eldorado.

Army recruiter presents program to Lions Club

Army Sergeant First Class Manuel Gutierrez of San Angelo, brought the program at the meeting Wednesday of the Eldorado Lions Club. Boss Lion Phil Olson presided.

Sgt. Gutierrez is an Army recruiter for the San Angelo area where he has served for about a year. He showed advertising material pertaining to the Army and for the program showed a film which described today's Army. In a brief address to the club he pointed out that the Army now puts special emphasis on education and that promotions are now made only to those who

earn college credits. He was introduced by Bill Gentry, who in turn was introduced by Raymond Hall, chairman of the program committee for the current month of December.

In the business session, Sgt. Gutierrez drew the ticket number of Lion Keith Wyatt for the drawing, and Lion Wyatt donated it back to the Crippled Children's Camp fund.

At the start of the meeting Lion Joe Christian led the singing of "America" accompanied by Lynn Meador at the piano, L. D. Mund led the Flag salute, and B.C. Coates gave the invocation.

This Week's Bridge Duplicate Bridge

We had our Christmas Party and Club Tournament last Thursday night, Dec. 1st with 13-1/2 tables of players attending, with the following winners:

HIGH NORTH-SOUTH
Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Callan, Menard - 1st; Delores McRee & Helen Payne, San Angelo - 2nd; Bain Andrews & Lou Poole, San Angelo - 3rd; Mrs. Slusher & Mrs. Nevills, Big Lake - 4th; Frankie Williams, Bobby Sanders, Helen Blakeway & Jack Bebee - Tied for 5th;

HIGH EAST-WEST
Lorene Capehart, San Angelo & J.E. Coles, Iraan - 1st; Mrs. Keeler and

George Finley, San Angelo - 2nd; Mrs. Coffee and Dan McRee, San Angelo - 3rd; Tom Peaslee, Sonora & Billie Porter - 4th; Sally Sheen and Mrs. Karmony, San Angelo - 5th; Lottie Puckett & Fred Adkins, Sonora - 6th.

Winners of the Pies and Candy were: Carol Love, Sonora; Bain Andrews and Lou Poole, San Angelo; and Bernice Sweatt, Imogene Edmiston and Zeila Baker. Ina Lambert, Frankie Williams, Billie Porter and Helen Blakeway attended a tournament in Big Lake Monday night. Billie and Helen won high.

Two Bits Bridge Club

Mrs. Dorothy Evans was hostess at the meeting Tuesday night of the Two Bits Bridge Club.

Billie Porter was a guest. Imogene Edmiston won high, Elizabeth Ballew won bingo, and Bobbie Sanders won low.

Wednesday Bridge Club

Mrs. Joe M. Christian had the Wednesday Bridge Club which met at the El Dorado Restaurant at 12:30.

There were three tables and three guests: Mrs.

Richard Jones, Mrs. R.E. Griffith and Mrs. Arch Mittel.

Mrs. Richard Jones won high guest; Mrs. Dick Bearce won high club; and Mrs. Luke Thompson won bingo.



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