



GETTING READY FOR SANTA is young Stephen Stark who is as good-looking as the Christmas tree and packages that surround him. Stephen is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Gene Stark and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Callison of

Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stark of Seminole, Okla., and the great-grandson of Mrs. Vaughtie Callison of Beckley, W. Va. and Mrs. Linda Hazelwood of Frisco, Tex. (Photo by Paul McWhorter)

Price Daniel, Jr. says he leads race for Attorney General

Price Daniel, Jr., Democratic candidate for Attorney General of Texas, campaigning in Corpus Christi said last week, "My campaign is progressing extremely well throughout the State, and I am proud not only of the strength of my campaign organization, but also of my increasing lead in various public opinion surveys."

"According to a poll conducted this month by Henson-Hopkins Associates for a candidate in another race, my lead has increased to 15 percentage points since the results of the last survey relating to the Attorney General's race were released just before Thanksgiving," Daniel said.

"The previous poll conducted by

the John Staples organization at the end of October--eleven days after the announcement of my opponent and the publicity attendant thereto--showed me with 34 percent to his 25 percent. The Henson-Hopkins poll results confirmed in other recent surveys, shows that my percentage has increased four points to 38 percent, while my opponent has fallen two points to 23 percent.

"As I have carried my campaign for Attorney General to the people across our State, my support has steadily increased, and I intend to continue conducting the same clean and positive campaign that I began on September 7th."

Daniel noted that he has broad-based support representing all political philosophies and ethnic groups in every area of the State in which he has already campaigned. Extensive campaign tours are scheduled for January in parts of the State in which Daniel has not yet travelled.

Driver gets broken jaw

Pickup rams medical center

A one-vehicle accident occurred shortly after midnight Monday when Eugene Bradshaw's Ford Explorer pickup ramed one of the support columns on the canopy at the front of the Medical Center building. Damage was estimated in excess of \$20,000.

The Bradshaw family lives in a residence just east of the Medical Center.

Bradshaw's pickup was coming from the east along the driveway that leads to the canopy when it apparently went out of control. The mishap was investigated by Highway Patrolman Dale Cavaness.

The impact of the collision caved in the front of the pickup, smashed the windshield, and forced the steering wheel and column against the front seat.

Bradshaw was treated in the Medical Center and was then transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. He sustained a broken jaw and facial injuries.

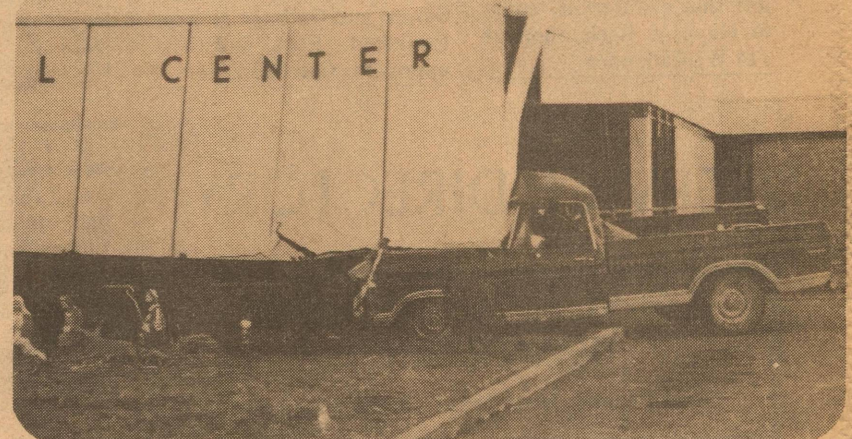
By mid-morning Tuesday, some

barricades were in place around the front of the Medical Center building and accident and insurance investigators were to check on it later in the day.

Curtis Andrews and E.C. Peters and a few other hospital board members expected to have some temporary repairs done Tuesday so that the wrecked pickup could be

removed. Don Goss, architect from San Angelo, was also on hand to give advice about the removal of the pick-up. Goss was the designer of the Medical Center building.

The building and physical plant of the Schleicher County Medical Center is now 10 years old and this is the first accident of this type to occur.



Canopy may fall if truck is removed

Sheriff's deputy resigns

John O'Harrow tendered his resignation recently as deputy sheriff, a position he has held for several months. His resignation will be effective December 27th.

After serving as night watchman for several years, he succeeded Jack Jones as deputy sheriff serving under Sheriff Orval Edmiston.

Sheriff Edmiston expects to take steps in the future to hire a new deputy sheriff to replace O'Harrow. The Commissioners Court will set the salary of any new deputy.

THE ELDORADO EXPRESS NEWS

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Readers use the grocery ads in local papers

NEW YORK - Newspaper food ads, a recent study suggests, are an integral part of the shopping process.

According to a survey of shoppers conducted by the Newspaper Advertising Bureau here, 83 percent of the persons who had read a newspaper within the past week recalled seeing food store ads.

ADDITIONALLY, MORE than one-half (55 percent) shopped store ads before doing their last major shopping.

The survey said 81 percent of the persons surveyed read ads for several stores and nearly three out of 10 (28 percent) said that an ad had influenced them to do all of their shopping in only one store.

'Light the Way'

AUSTIN--Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, today announced a special program to involve every Texan in an effort to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities during the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

In the program, which is called "Light the Way for a Safe Holiday," motorists will be urged to drive with their low-beam headlights turned on in the daytime as well as night during the Christmas and New Year weekends.

Schleicher county road boss named

At the Schleicher County Commissioners Court meeting that was held on Monday, Dec. 12, Clay Burleson was named county road superintendent to succeed O.B. Singleton who is retiring.

Burleson will assume his new duties on January 1, 1978.

The Commissioners took action on

Burleson's appointment in a brief executive session that started at 9:00 a.m.

This was followed by an open session that dealt with roads in the county and attracted attention from a large delegation of citizens present. This was reported in detail in last week's issue of the Express News.

Local taxes due

As the month of December draws to a close, the three taxing agencies here in Eldorado remind taxpayers that Friday, Dec. 30, will be the deadline for paying taxes with a 1 percent discount.

Tax collections got underway on Oct. 1.

In the sheriff's office, where county and state taxes are collected, it was reported that over 90 percent of the tax collections had been made as of Monday. That office will take Monday, Dec. 26, for a holiday and then be open Dec. 27 through 30 to receive tax payments and do other end-of-the-year business.

At City Hall, slightly over 50 percent of the current taxes have been received for the City of

Eldorado. That office, too, will be open Dec. 27 through 30 to serve the public.

In the office of Mrs. Ernestine Hext, tax assessor & collector for the Schleicher County Independent School District, deputies reported Monday that 95% of the tax collections had been received. That office closed Dec. 22 and will remain closed through next Wednesday, Dec. 28, and be open for two days, Dec. 29 and 30 to receive tax payments with 1% discount.

All of the tax agencies will receive tax collections in January for the net amount of the statements. Taxes not paid by February 1 will be delinquent and subject to penalty and interest.

Case ranch sustains fire damage

Fire units from Eldorado and Merton answered an alarm to the Fred Case Ranch about 15 miles northwest of Eldorado at 9:30 Monday morning.

The wind-swept blaze was controlled after about an hour of effort by the firemen and for a while it threatened the adjacent S.D. Harper place. About half a section of Case land was burned off.

Following many rainless months, the cover on rangelands and on city lots is tinder-dry and has presented a fire hazard in recent weeks.

The firemen made another run shortly before 3:00 o'clock Monday afternoon after the Ozona fire department notified Eldorado that they needed help in fighting a grassfire out on west Highway 29.

The Eldorado firemen dispatched one truck and held another on alert to see if it would be needed. That blaze was controlled late in the day. On Friday, Dec. 16, the firemen

made a run to the Otto Williams place on Toenail Trail.

The following day, they were called to a grassfire at W.R. Howe's here in Eldorado. That run was made at 2:30 p.m.



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

Home Front News

This Sunday afternoon, Dec. 25, the service at the Nursing Home will be conducted by the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Ruth Finnigan had as a visitor this week her brother, Ira Hudson of Lubbock. Mr. Hudson formerly lived in Eldorado and he moved from here in 1937.

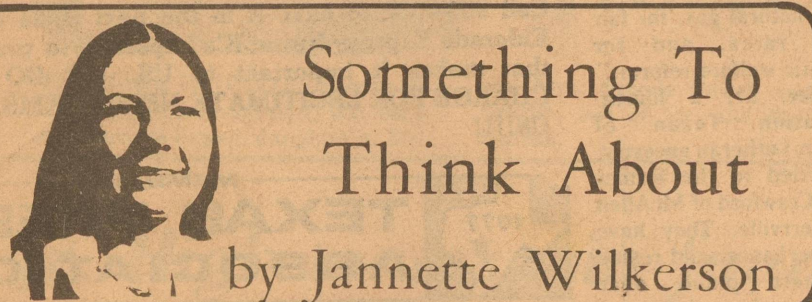
David Mobley of Atlanta, Ga., was here Monday attending to some estate matters of his late brother, the late Lyman Mobley, who served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church until his death in an auto accident last Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Reynolds visited over the weekend at Van Horn with

Mr. and Mrs. William Sauer.

Charlotte Mobley, daughter of Raymon and Jan Mobley, celebrated her 12th birthday with a Hamburger Party in her home on Dec. 6. There were 10 guests present to enjoy the festivities.

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Something To Think About

by Jannette Wilkerson

"COWBOY'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER"

My Dad had a favorite Christmas card with this old prayer in it. The author is unknown but it sums up the prayers and Christmas wishes for every Texan I've ever known.

"I ain't much good at prayin' and You may not know me, Lord--"

I ain't much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,

But you may have seen me out here on the lonely plains, A-lookin' after cattle, feelin' thankful when it rains.

Admirin' Your great handiwork, the miracle of grass, Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass.

That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend, can look up at the stars at night and know we got a Friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on remindin' us again Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.

A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer, I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord, don't let no child be cold.

Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's weak and old.

Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after.

And sorta keep us on your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen old cows a starvin' and it ain't no happy sight. Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night.

No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet - I'll aim to do my best to help you find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful Cowboy, Lord, ain't got no business prayin' -- But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin'.

We speak of Merry Christmas, Lord - I reckon you'll agree -

There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free.

So one thing more I'll ask You, Lord, just help us what you can.

To save some seeds of freedom for the future sons of man'-----

And that's something to think about this Merry Christmas week.....

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The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. School to be closed for Holidays December 22 through January 2nd at which time you can contact 949-5142 in San Angelo for information about building. T.E. Erickson, Supt.

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OFFICIAL RECORDS

From the docket of Frank Bradley Jr., Justice of the Peace:
Highway Patrolman N.J. Lucas filed speeding complaints against Patricio Gomez, Brackettville; Billy Randall Collins, San Angelo; Oscar George Smith, San Angelo; George Michael Walter, San Angelo; and Manuel Rodriguez Mata, Sonora.
Patrolman Dale Cavaness filed speeding complaints against John Wayne Davis, San Angelo; Joe Harvey Moon, San Angelo; Mario Guerra, Plainview; John T. Foster, San Angelo; Horacio Montes De Oca, Del Rio; Edwin Russell Althoe, Houston; Emilio F. Trevino, Eagle Pass; and Debra J. Sizenbach, Eldorado.
Patrolman Cavaness also charged Tommy Cecil Meador of Eldorado with failure to control speed.

THIS WEEK'S WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Dec. 11	52	42	MIST
Dec. 12	57	40	MIST
Dec. 13	63	33	
Dec. 14	70	33	
Dec. 15	74	33	Dust
Dec. 16	67	31	Dust
Dec. 17	67	33	

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Democrats blasted on policies
Loeffler stresses 'know-how'

Congressional candidate Tom Loeffler blasted the Carter Administration and the Democrat-controlled Congress for failure in a broad range of economic areas in an address to the Kerr County Republican Association Monday night, Dec. 12.
Loeffler, introduced as one of "the new breed of involved young Texans," served as Chief Legislative Counsel for Senator John Tower, a Deputy for Congressional Liaison, at the Federal Energy Administration, and as Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs for President Gerald Ford.
Loeffler stressed that his years spent fighting the bureaucracy in Washington was the basis for his coming back to Texas to run for Congress. "My first-hand knowledge and seeing what actually goes on in the nation's capitol makes me particularly concerned for the future of my family and friends," Loeffler said, "and this experience gives me a unique background

for effecting meaningful change as a freshman Congressman -- and no other candidate in this race has that know-how or experience."
An enthusiastic turn-out of Republicans heard Loeffler describe the national policy of Carter and the Congress as:
"--the sell-out of the Panama Canal;
"--an energy program that taxes Texas oil and gas production to give to New Englanders who refuse to develop their own resources;
"--a so-called welfare reform program which calls for pumping billions of dollars into a bloated and clumsy bureaucracy;
"--the Carter tax package...a Robin Hood proposal that taxes the middle-income wage-earner and gives to those who Washington arbitrarily designates as needing it."
Loeffler, a young Kerrville attorney making his first bid for public office as a candidate for the seat vacated by Bob Krueger, referred to his years spent in Washington as the basis for his assessments. His comments covered a broad range of topics, including tax reform, social security, energy policies and the need for deregulation, and welfare reform.
Underlining the differences he sees between the two parties, Loeffler said, "Democrats talk about tax reform. They've been talking about it for 40 years. What they forget is that the last real tax reform came way back in 1954, under a Republican President and a Republican Congress."
Loeffler said that if he were in Congress he would "not vote to increase taxes on the small businessman -- and call it tax reform."
In the area of energy, Loeffler said that the Carter program calls for an expenditure of 10 billion dollars to establish a Department of Energy, which he called, "a mammoth bureaucracy to regulate the industry. That's 10 billion dollars annually for Washington to hamstring domestic production of energy...that's about equal to the total earnings of all the oil companies in America for a year."
Loeffler further defined the Carter energy plan as one that says, "in effect, a self-appointed elite in our nation's capitol is telling us, 'Texans, surrender what you have...you did well in the past...now survive as you can. Your constitutional right of protection of property means nothing.'"
Calling for deregulation of new natural gas, Loeffler pointed to two benefits. "First", he said, "it will

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examples to be upright, honest and thoughtful, and I respected them for this," she pointed out.
"I was a sports enthusiast and participated in softball and basketball."
"I also threw myself whole-heartedly into literary events and belonged to glee clubs, bringing in a first in voice for 6 straight years."
"By this time my father was into ranch work and we had moved from Oklahoma to Texas which I now consider my home," she quickly added.
Ann and Lester married in 1941, as I said before on Christmas Eve. They added to their marriage 5 children - 4 girls and 1 boy. Now they are blessed with 4 grandchildren, 3 boys and 1 girl.
Ann has many hobbies, - music, reading, cooking, sewing and, of course, feeding the birds that flock to her home to freeload.
Hummingbird feeders hang from every available spot, thus her handle, "The Lady Hummingbird."
She and her husband have always been interested in the school and civic betterment for their community. Everyone remembers her scrumptious chili at school functions. Their phone number is designated by Civil Defense and the Telephone Company as Christoval's emergency number to call. Hers is the voice you hear coordinating fires, dispatching ambulances, usually with Papa Hummingbird at the wheel, or trying to locate a missing person via her C.B.
She has a soft spot for the youth, and may be counted on to help them along the way when needed.
"Lady Hummingbird" thanks for being the kind of REAL NEIGHBOR you are in behalf of myself and this entire community.

In Those Days
(Compiled from Eldorado Success Files)



ONE YEAR AGO
Dec. 22, 1976--Funeral services were held here for John Herbert Lueddecke, 58, of Marfa, who was a victim of a tractor accident in that area.
Border Patrolman Sterling Smith was buying the Brushy Top location on the county line to use as a future residence.

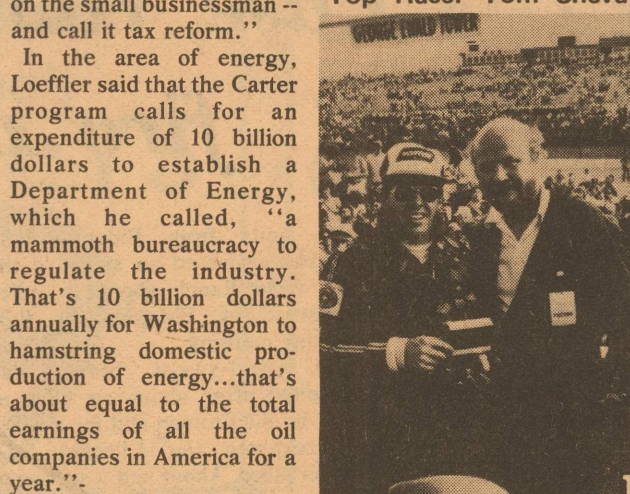
FIVE YEARS AGO
Dec. 21, 1972--Funeral services were held for Jesse Lueddecke, 22, victim of an automobile accident.
Funeral services were held in San Angelo for Jack Kerr, 58, formerly of Eldorado.
Following the Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade, LeAnne Cawley was crowned Queen, with Priscilla Holsey and June Holley runners-up.
Elton McGinnes presided at the final pre-holiday meeting of the Lions Club.
Wiley Hight's father, John Oliver Hight, died at Eola at the age of 88.
Mrs. Katie Striegler died in the Nursing Home at age 90. She was an aunt of Mrs. Oliver Teele.
Mrs. Nan Montgomery left for Midland to visit with relatives over the holidays.

12 YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1965--The new dial telephone equipment was put into use and Mayor Eldon Calk was shown making the first call, and C.C. McLaughlin pulled the switch to disconnect the old equipment.
A car accident in Fort Stockton claimed the life of 19-year-old Michael Scott McAllister, son of School Supt. Kenneth McAllister of Sanderson. The McAllisters had previously lived here.
Winners in the Christmas decorating contest were Eluterio Guerrero, Leo Prater, and Howard Derrick.
Tommy Whitten was a patient in Shannon hospital.
Rusty Meador was master of ceremonies at the high school party. Sam Henderson was Most Popular Boy and Karen Griffin was Miss EHS.
Joe Lowe was here on leave from the Navy.
The Claude Roth family were here to visit the Delbert Edmiston.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 19, 1957--Paul Goodwin was directing the Christmas musical program at the First Baptist Church.
Clarence H. Wright was moving here from Robstown to be manager of the Chamber of Commerce.
Solon Boothe was on the job hauling trash for the City of Eldorado.
Northern Natural Gas Co. was moving a crew of men here to work at their compressor plant in the Reynolds area, which was nearing completion.
Mr. and Mrs. Lige Chrestman were spending Christmas in Taft with the Marshall Chrestman family.
A son, Michael James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Sears.
Tom Henderson was recovering in Hudspeth hospital from surgery.

bring on-stream desperately needed additional supplies of energy... second, more importantly, deregulation will protect the consumer against sudden sharp increases in the average price of natural gas by making available adequate supplies."
Loeffler termed the Carter energy program as being, "not an energy program -- it's a tax program (which could) nearly double Texas utility rates."
In the area of welfare reform, Loeffler said that the end result of the Carter welfare program would be "another 10 million people on the welfare rolls at an additional cost of 30 billion dollars."
Summing up his prepared remarks, Loeffler accused the Democrat President and Congress of promising reforms that were in fact "no reform at all."
Saying that he was "fed up with politics as usual," Loeffler said he wanted to go to Washington to "fight for a tax cut and for a better system of social security. I want to fight for deregulation of natural gas, for fair utility rates, and for authentic welfare reform."
Loeffler, 31, a fourth-generation Texan of German-Lutheran ancestry, is married to the former Kathy Crawford of McAllen and Kerrville. They have one son, Lance, and reside on their place near Kerrville, where they carry on a small cattle operation in addition to his law practice.

SPORTS SPOTS



With the tension practically unbearable, a crowd of 125,000 racing fans held their breath as driver Tom Sneva crossed the finish line ahead of the pack at the Pocono International Raceway. The event? The Shaefer 500 mile USAC National Championship Series Race. Along with the winning purse, Sneva (above left) received a Speidel digital watch from Bernie Rogan (right) as one of a series Speidel is presenting to important sports figures in recognition of continue excellence in sports in America.

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CHRISTOVAL CORNER

Jaquez, 1st varsity player for W. T. Boys Ranch

Joe Jaquez has been at West Texas Boys Ranch since 1972. Joe immediately became interested in sports, participating in football, basketball, baseball, track, and swimming. Joe stayed very involved in the athletic program offered at the

ranch. Then Joe transferred to Christoval High School his freshman year. Joe played football, basketball, and ran track for Christoval Jr. Varsity. Then in 1977, Joe Jaquez became the first boy at West Texas Boys Ranch to play varsity football. Coach

Jerry Miller, of Christoval said, "Joe is a natural, has a good attitude, is willing to work hard and is very coachable." Joe is starting halfback and safety. I asked Joe what he felt this year, playing on the Varsity team; "I am really excited." Asked which was

his favorite sport, he replied, "I like all sports, but my favorite has to be track." We are all proud of Joe, and wish him the best of luck through his high school years. Kenny Kacal WTBR Activities Director

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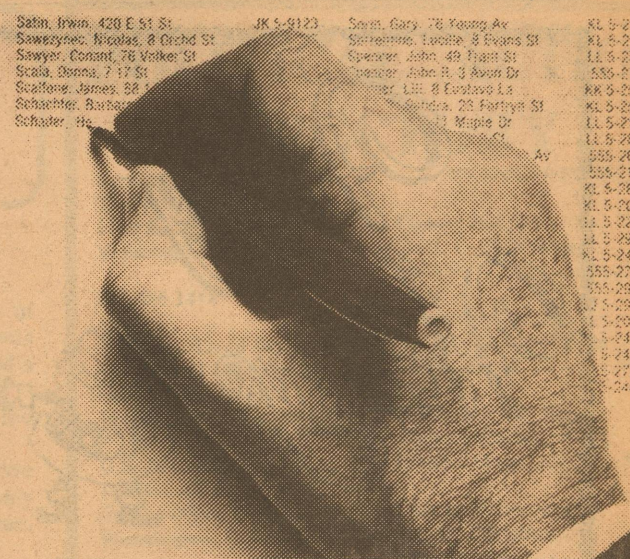


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Cougars place 7 on All-District team

By Jim McWilliams

Seven Christoval Cougar football players and the Cougar head coach were honored this month by District 2-B.

Cougar coach Jerry Miller was selected as Coach of the Year. His Cougars did not lose a single pre-district or district game during the 1977 season. They lost to Marathon in a post season play-off.

Tim Hayes, Cougar running back was selected to play in the Coaches All Star game next year. He was also named to the 2-B All-District offensive team, as well as All-District honorable mention for defense.

Kyle Green made the All-District first team as an offensive end for his outstanding effort in the Cougar victories.

Frank Arango received All-District honorable mention honors as an offensive end.

Corkey Solomon was picked as second team All-District quarterback for the running and passing ability he showed throughout the

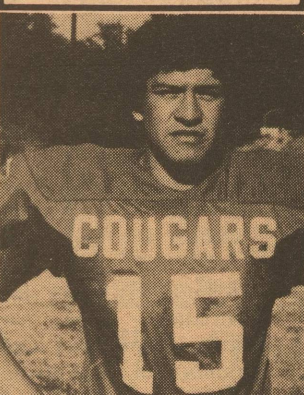
Cougar's excellent season. Byron Sawyer was selected as first team All-District defensive lineman. Byron was a great contributor to the Cougar defense all season.

Danny Duke, Cougar line-backer, was placed on the first team All-District defense because of his fine play all season.

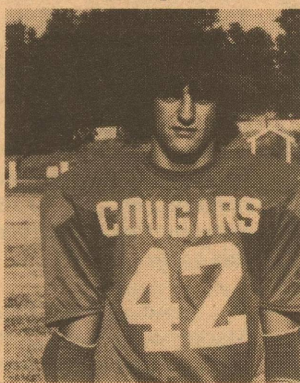
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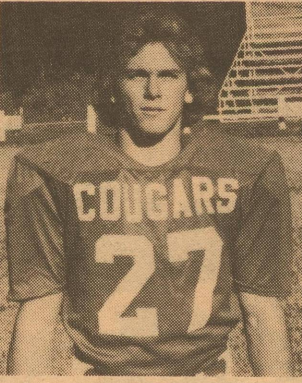
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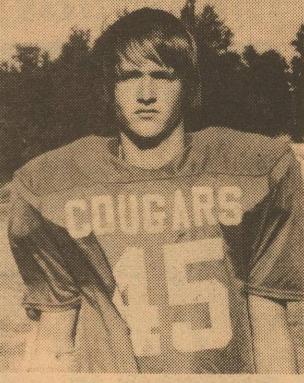
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Know Your Neighbor

By Sunshine

LADY HUMMINGBIRD, everybody's favorite neighbor, was especially selected for this weeks column in honor of her and Papa Hummingbird's anniversary on Christmas Eve. Happy Anniversary Ann and Lester Rogers and a Merry, Merry Christmas. Ann was born in Oklahoma in a little town called Boynton to Ona and W.R. Ramsey. She had 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

One of her earliest memories was when she was about three years old. Her family took the "Grapes of Wrath Trail" from Oklahoma to Calif. right after the '29 crash at the beginning of the Depression. "People were literally starving to death but we were lucky since we went by car," Ann remembered. "We found the trees still with oranges not \$5.00 bills and we had money to return on," she added.

"After that, my Dad went to work in the oilfields in Seminole, Okla.," Ann recalled, "and this was

during the boom." "Many Indians lived in the area where we were - in the Creek and Chactaw Nations."

"When I was in the fifth grade, the government forced the Indians into schools. Several Indian girls, 20 to 22 years old, were put into my class. The Indian boys would not be forced and would just run away instead," she remembered. "By the way, Indians did not say how; they used instead a 'Uhm sound'," she added. "My teachers had a lot to do with my upbringing along with my parents, of course. They set the

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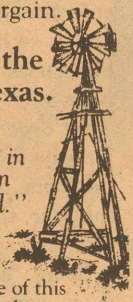
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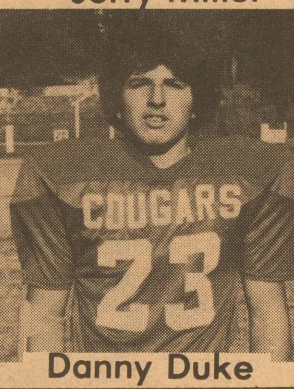
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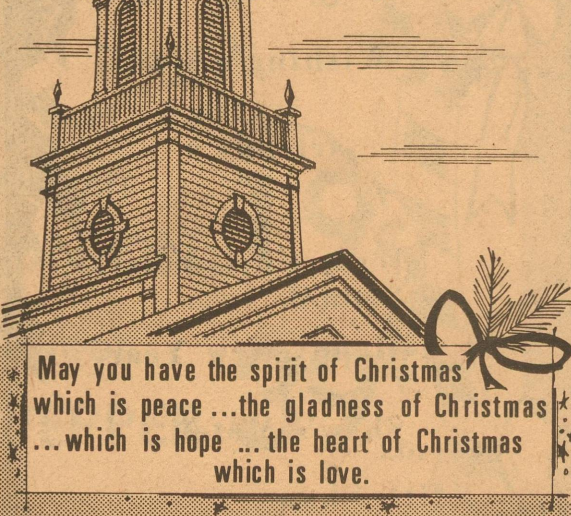
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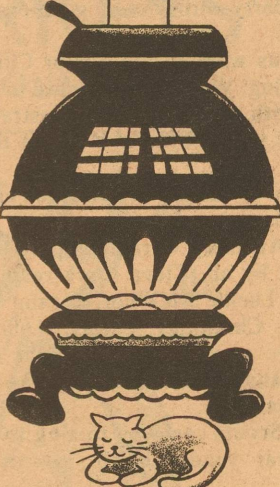


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Granvil & Mary Hext

Nursing Home enjoys holiday season

Last week was Party week for us here in the Home. I believe it was Tuesday afternoon that the Home Demonstration Club had a party for us, beginning at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the Memorial Building. Numerous games were enjoyed and they served delicious refreshments, which we enjoyed very much. This party that they have every year is for the elderly population of the county. At the end of the party they have a drawing and everyone receives some kind of useful gift. We all appreciate and enjoy this effort they make for us every year.

One night last week Dana Owens brought the F.H.A. girls, and there is quite a bunch of them, and they sang Christmas carols in the dining room, which we really enjoyed. Each of these girls have selected one resident in the Nursing Home as her "Adopted Grandmother," so when they have the Christmas Tree Party, they each give their "grandmother" a gift from around the Christmas Tree. Every father and

mother in Schleicher County who has a daughter in school here should surely appreciate the wonderful training that Dana is giving these girls.

There were several visitors in the Home last week: Mrs. Edmiston's daughter from Andrews visited her; Ima Jean Blasdel visited numerous ones in the Nursing Home Sunday; Hattie Blaylock's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Gilbert, visited her during the weekend; Beulah Harris had Pat Finley of San Angelo for a guest; and by the way, Pat was one of Yours Truly's little favorites when he was a little boy. He was cute then!!! I feel slighted that he didn't come by to say Hello, to me, while he was in the Home.

Sunday was the Sunday for the First Baptist to conduct the services, but instead of a service, the Hospital Auxiliary had a Christmas party in the dining room for us. Quite a number of the residents' friends and relatives from out in town were present

for the party with Maxine Page at the piano and Lucille McWhorter leading the singing, we all sang several Christmas songs and Lucille sang two solos. We enjoyed and appreciated it so much. The Hospital Auxiliary had gifts under the Christmas tree for the residents and Santa Claus, who was our own Gene Stark, pastor of the First Baptist Church, made a good Ho! Ho! one, too.

The First Christian Church will have the service here in the dining

room next Sunday. The Bingo winners on Wednesday last week were: Elva Daniels 2, Erna Rexroat 2, Bess Andrews 2, Carrie Blakeway 1, Ronnie Neff 2. On Friday the winners were: Elva Daniels 2, Lizzie McCalla 2, Beulah Harris 2, Frank Reed 1, Erna Rexroat 1, Carrie Blakeway 1, and Fred Gunstead 1. A rule to remember for the Holidays: Taste makes waist.

LaVita Brooks, Beulah Harris, Reporters

Home Front Continued

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry, Laura and Linda, spent the weekend in Dallas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colquitt, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Valentine, Sue Colquitt and Karen and Kevin Valentine. On Friday, Dec. 16, a birthday party was given for Laura by her aunt, Mrs. Colquitt. On Saturday a Christmas dinner was served and presents were exchanged

by everyone. The highlight of the weekend came on Sunday when Laura and her family attended the Dallas Cowboy-Denver football game at Texas Stadium.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner Hext from Pasadena, Texas are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hext. Mrs. Hext's grandson, Mr. Gary Hext and wife of Deerpark, Tex. will be visiting for a few days also.

Mrs. Tom Ratliff underwent surgery Thursday, Dec. 15, in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She remained in intensive care through Sunday when she was transferred to a private room. She was expected to remain in St. John's through the remainder of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mackey and their children, DeEtta, Diana and Don of Ft. Stockton are spending the Christmas weekend with Jerry and Bessie Jones. Mrs. Mackey is Bessie's sister. The Mackeys are down for a hunting trip too.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Mackey visited last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Houston Thigpen.

from the Attorney General's office

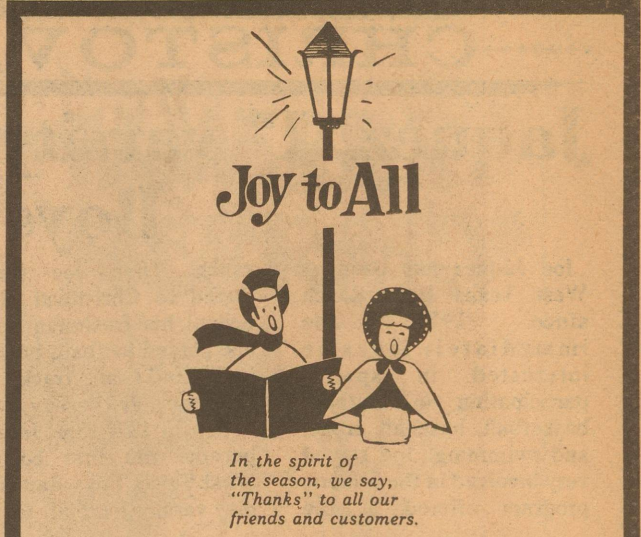
The Consumer Alert

AUSTIN—The Christmas season usually signals an increase in the number of thefts and burglaries throughout the state.

A happy holiday can turn into a sad occasion if your Christmas presents or other belongings disappear from car or home in your absence.

Our attorneys and local law enforcement authorities stress that, where thefts or burglaries are concerned, prevention is the key word. They urge consumers to look for ways to increase security in the home during this time of the year, then use them year-round.

Being "security conscious" is a way of thinking that doesn't require much extra effort. It's as simple as remembering to lock your door when you step across the street for a neighborly chat. To achieve this "security conscious" attitude initially, it helps to understand what a burglar looks for when a decision is made to break into a house.



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Christmas Sugar Cookies



Christmas Sugar Cookies make super gifts and fun decorations. Frost bells, stars, wreaths and other yuletide designs, then adorn your tree with these works of art. Later, when you remove the tinsel and ornaments, set the tree outside. Let the birds and little creatures of the earth have their own feast after your holiday is over. Be sure to bake enough cookies for family and friends, too. When you bake these or any Christmas goods, be sure to use enriched flour - then it's a gift of good nutrition as well.

CHRISTMAS SUGAR COOKIES
5 to 6 dozen cookies

- 3 1/2 cups enriched flour
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons scotch, optional
- Colored sugar

Measure flour into bowl, set aside. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and flavorings, beat well. Stir in flour. Refrigerate dough overnight or for several hours. Use cookie press to make cookies or roll on lightly floured surface to 1/8 to 1/4-inch thick. Sprinkle with colored sugar. Bake cookies on ungreased baking sheets in preheated 350 degree oven 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Note: To make chocolate cookies add two squares of melted unsweetened chocolate with eggs and flavorings.

Maternal malnutrition during pregnancy appears to be a primary cause of low birthweight, the nation's most common birth defect, says The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Early and regular prenatal care provides medical attention as well as nutritional counseling to help assure a healthy birth.

Christmas Letter

This is the time of year that we at the Nursing Home look back at the last year and are so thankful for the many people in Eldorado that think of us during the year and especially the Christmas season.

This Christmas has been especially pretty and the whole home and hospital is decorated so pretty, thanks to the hospital Auxiliary's decorations and Nancy Lester and her girls.

A special thanks goes to all our adopted grandchildren with the F.H.A. and Dana Owens. These girls decorated our nurses station and it looks so pretty. Last Wednesday they came and gave us a party with lots of goodies and they sang Christmas Carols.

On Thursday several of us went to the Senior Citizen party at the Memorial Building. We all look forward to this every year. These girls with the Home Demonstration Clubs are real workers and we always have fun at their parties.

Thursday afternoon Troop 69 and 71 of Brownies came and sang to us and we really enjoyed that.

Sunday was our annual Auxiliary Christmas party and what a good time was had by all. Cleve Clark read the Christmas story to us and Lucille McWhorter sang two solos and everyone sang Christmas Carols. Lots of delicious refreshments were served. The highlight was Santa Claus who came to hand out our gifts. I guess you never get too old to enjoy Santa.

Saturday the Junior Girl Scouts came by to sing to us. It's always so nice to hear young, bright, voices at Christmas.

On Tuesday it was Scout time again and the Girl Scouts from Mertzon came over to entertain us.

Tuesday night we had a special treat. We went out to see the Christmas lights and stopped by Miss Kroeger's for hot chocolate. This was real nice and the lights around town were so pretty.

No you can see how thankful we are for all the great people in Eldorado. Our Nursing Home is a good place to live and part of that credit goes to you.

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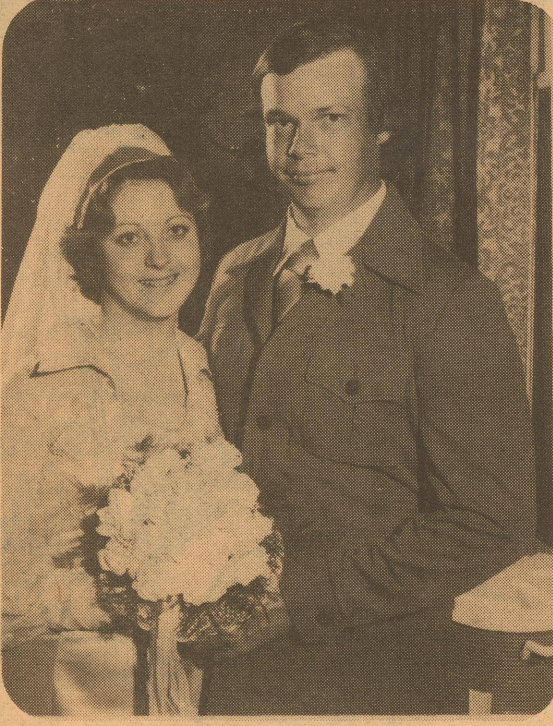
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Susie Wagoner becomes bride of Mr. Youngblood



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Beautiful is the miracle of love that Joe and Susie have begun sharing since they were united in matrimony by Mr. Garland Taylor, before a blackboard outlined in silver tinsel, Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the larger room of the two at Rocky Hill School house, four miles east of Fredericksburg, where Joe attended until the consolidation of the school in Fredericksburg.

Ushers were Mark Youngblood, brother of the groom; Mike Mahula, and Wayne Engelke.

As the traditional wedding music was played, the bride was escorted by her father down the aisle where she stopped to give her mother a red rose, the symbol of love, then was given in marriage by her father and mother. Just as vows were completed, the school bell was rung by Terry Jones, cousin of the groom.

As recessional was played, the same symbol, a red rose, was given to the groom's mother.

The bride was attired in an empire pastel blue satin gown, bodice overlay and sleeves of flocked nylon voile and pearls scattered over the flocked areas. The veil was attached to a Juliett style satin cap. Her garter was of the same satin material with a pearled heart, made and designed by the bride's mother.

The Matron of Honor wore a long dress made of blue, green and white print interlocking jersey. The bride's mother wore a street-length brick-rust crepe dress. The groom's mother chose a street-length blue print, jersey dress with chiffon sleeves.

For "Something Old" a 1902 Indianhead penny was placed in the shoe. "Something new and blue" was the dress. For "something borrowed" the bride wore jewelry belonging to Mrs. LaVita Brooks and Kelly Engdahl.

Forming a lane, the groom, bride, her family and grandmother, Mrs. R.T. Wagoner, the groom's family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Youngblood and son Mark, Matron of Honor, Mona Kiehne, sister of the bride, best man Butch Youngblood, uncle of the groom, received and met the guests on the porch.

On a comfortably mild December night in a pleasant country community atmosphere, the chairs were removed and distributed along the porch and around walls of the other room where the reception was held.

The two tables, placed in front of a large decorated cedar Christmas tree, were covered with green and white lace tablecloths. Donna and Susan Merz served the white cake and red punch. From the other table Shirley Kozielski and Sharon Fiedler served the groom cake, resembling a Copenhagen can and mints from a spittoon. The groom's table was enhanced by a small tree of blue carnations and Copenhagen cans hanging from the limbs.

All corsages, boutonnieres and center pieces were made of silk material by Mrs. Dana Walker Grosse of Menard. The arrangement on the table with the bride's book belonged to a great-grandmother of Joe's.

Wedding and Christmas decorations were carried throughout.

The couple opened gifts by the tree as entertainment provided by Irene Klein at the piano and Mrs. Youngblood yodeling, both singing country western and Christmas carols.

Rice bags were distributed by Tena Durst and Carole Merz.

Anthony Bauman, Butch Koielski and Dwayne Weindenfeller were carrying the pitchers inside and outside to replenish the empty cups of the 148 friends and neighbors who came to be a part of the first day of their new life together.

The rehearsal supper was given by the groom's parents in their home.

Out of town guests were from Eldorado, San Angelo, Menard, Houston and Pleasanton.

The couple are making their home at 1115 S. Adams.



Let's Pause a Minute

A Message from Eldorado's Ministerial Alliance
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The First Christmas service was held on the hills of Judea. It was directed by God himself and the setting was the most unusual and the most significant in all the world's history.

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The congregation was not large. The shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night were the only worshippers. They were lowly men, but good and true. Christ comes to such.

The angel of the Lord was the preacher, and the glory of the Lord was round about them.

The sermon. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

The choir. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, good will toward men."

The results. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

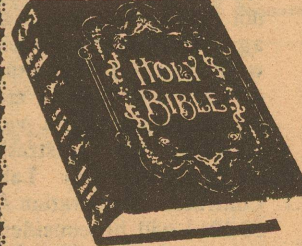
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and above all things don't forget to attend the church of your choice, Christmas Day.

The Curtis Clarks announce birth of a son

Curtis L. and Sandra Clark are proud parents of a son, Jason Lynn, born December 16 at 9:30 a.m. Jason Lynn weighed 6 lbs. 12-1/2 oz. and is 21-1/2 inches long. He has a sister, Jennifer Dawn, age 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.D. McCollum of McCamey and Mr. and Mrs. Newt Clark of Odessa.

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CHRISTMAS

Baptist youth entertained with progressive dinner

The annual Christmas Progressive Dinner for the youth of Eldorado was highlighted by Mills Caraway, his guitar and accompanist Monday night, December 19.

The first course of appetizers was served at the home of the Tom Byrds, second course continued at the Jon Calcote home where the main course was served, and entertainment was presented and enjoyed by forty guests. The last course of dessert was served at Buddy White's.

The Progressive Dinner is sponsored by the Youth Department of the First Baptist Church.

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"Hey Santy, I thought this 'twas the season to be jolly!"

We wish our faithful old friends a very happy holiday day.

Lions hold pre-holiday meeting

Boss Lion Phil Olson presided at the meeting at noon Wednesday of the Eldorado Lions Club, which was the final one before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The club will not meet next week on Dec. 28. Tail Twister John Pitts drew the name of John Griffin for the money prize and he was not present. Boss Lion Olson read a letter from the Crippled Children's Camp at Kerrville acknowledging the Eldorado club's 100 percent membership. He also read a letter from former District Governor Russell DeVore thanking

the local club for their contribution to his testimonial dinner and gift. Olson presented a gift to Fred and Flora Riley, longtime cooks for the club. Lion L.D. Mund reported that at the next meeting of the club on Jan. 4 he will show a film on the blind education program conducted at the Kerrville facility. At the start of the meeting, Jimmy West led the singing of America with Lynn Meador at the piano, Jerry Jones led the Flag salute, and Keith Wyatt gave the invocation.

Bentsen — regulations produce higher costs!

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, on December 14, 1977, said that he will call a congress-

ional hearing to find out if the high cost of government regulation is denying jobs

to American workers and helping to drive up prices. He said he is disturbed by a

new study which concludes that federal regulation of business cost over \$65 billion in 1976.

Bentsen, co-chairman of the Joint Economic Subcommittee on Economic Growth, said the hearing will be held early in the new session of Congress. He will announce a date when Congress reconvenes in January.

"Sixty-five billion dollars -- that's \$300 for every man, woman and child in the United States -- is a terrible price for our economy to pay for government regulation," Bentsen said.

"I want to find out how much of this regulation is unnecessary and what effect it is having on our economic recovery; whether it is denying jobs to American workers and how much it is helping to drive up prices in this country."

The study cited by Bentsen, titled "Public and Private Expenditures for Federal Regulation of Business," was conducted at Washington University in St. Louis.

It concluded that during 1976 it cost taxpayers \$3 billion to support federal regulatory agencies and it cost businesses and industries over \$62 billion to comply with the regulations issued by these agencies.

The cost is equivalent to 3.6 percent of the total Gross National Product in the U.S.

Bentsen indicated that one of the witnesses he intends to call for the hearings next year is economist Murray Weidenbaum, the man in charge of the Washington University study.

"The galloping growth of federal regulation is the source of serious economic problems for this country. And each year Congress adds to the problem by writing sweeping laws which give broad law-making authority to regulation -- writing bureaucrats," Bentsen said.



Sheep & Goat Industry News

Conditions have improved a bit since we last reported on the bobcat pelt export ban.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department officials have been working with representatives of the Endangered Species Scientific Authority in an attempt to clear export of bobcat skins from the state, and Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association executive secretary Bill Sims says he's "confident that suitable arrangements can be made."

ESSA is a relatively new federal authority charged with assuring that certain animal species are not endangered by export. The bobcat is one of the animals placed under ESSA's jurisdiction because of an international agreement

seeking to protect, among other things, the entire cat family. The cat family was added to the worry list at the request of certain African nations whose exotic felines were being decimated by poachers.

Without ESSA's approval, pelts of the bobcat, lynx and otter cannot be exported from a given state or shipped across state lines. Approval requires that the states show that export will not harm the species' survival in that state or in general.

It's a case of guilty until proven innocent, and Texas officials are moving double-time to document the innocence of bobcat export from our state.

Sims is encouraging trappers not to panic and either cease taking bobcats or sell skins too rapidly on

the currently depressed market. Pelt prices of as much as \$75-100 a year ago dropped to \$25-30 recently, but some reports indicate that the market has shown some strength of late, possibly rising to the \$50 range.

Much of the blame for the price crash can be laid on fear of the export ban because the vast majority of bobcat pelts are sold overseas, but some observers say that other factors have also been at work. Cat pelts have reportedly stacked up at port during the last year, a situation bound to change as many states are barred from the export market.

Assuming that Texas is allowed export status, and there is no sensible reason why it shouldn't be, Texas trappers may be called upon to fill gaps in the

market left by states unable to obtain clearance.

Another important point is that there is so far no trapping season on bobcats in Texas -- they may be taken year-round. In order to approve export, however, ESSA may dictate such a season, and trappers accustomed to year-round catches could find themselves barred from the field at some future time this year. It simply makes sense for them to think ahead now and prepare themselves for such potential federally mandated curtailment by trapping while the trapping's good.

The TS&GRA sends Season's greetings to all you folks and hopes if you can't have a white Christmas you can at least have a wooly one!

Unemployment insurance for ag workers will begin

Some agricultural employers will have to start paying unemployment insurance on their employees beginning next January 1, says a sociologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. David C. Ruesink explains the two principle means of coverage for agricultural employers. Employers who hire 10 or more workers at least one day a week in each of 20 weeks in a calendar year or who have a total payroll equal to or greater than \$20,000 in any calendar quarter will be required to provide unemployment insurance coverage on their workers.

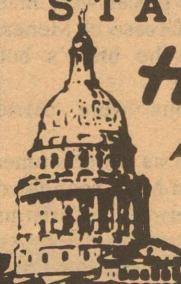
Premiums will be 3.4 percent on the first \$6,000 of each employee's wages during the first year-and-a-half to two years, explains Ruesink. Then an experience rating will be applied under which the

minimum premium under the present law would be .8 percent and the maximum would be 4.7 percent, depending on the number of claims against the employer's unemployment insurance account.

There are two situations where work may be performed but employees are not counted as part of the agricultural employer's work force: (1) Agricultural workers who have a crew leader who holds a valid certificate of registration under the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act of 1963 will be considered as employees of the crew; (2) Workers who are part of a crew doing custom work because they are considered as working for the custom operator.

Any agricultural employer who has questions about unemployment insurance may contact the nearest Texas Employment Commission office, suggests Ruesink.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights



by Lyndell Williams

AUSTIN—Texas Republicans are boasting of victories in back-to-back special legislative vacancy elections and see further gains in 1978.

Meanwhile, two more potential statewide GOP candidates appeared about ready to emerge. James A. Baker III of Houston indicated likelihood of his running for attorney general is increasing, and former State Sen. Henry Grover of Houston said he will decide next month whether to make a statewide race—probably for governor.

Former State GOP Chairman Ray Hutchison of Dallas and former Deputy U.S. Defense Secretary William Clements, also of Dallas, already are in the governor's race.

Republicans took new encouragement from the victories of Dr. S. L. Abbott of El Paso for a vacant state House of Representatives seat, and former U.S. Rep. Bob Price of Pampa for the 31st (Panhandle) district Senate seat. Price is the first Republican to hold the district seat.

State GOP Chairman Ray Barnhart said the Price and Abbott triumphs show a significant upsurge in Republican strength throughout the state.

The view was shared by Associated Republicans of Texas (ART) Chairman Julian Zimmerman of Austin, who helped raise funds for the Abbott and Price campaigns.

"I'm convinced these Republican victories reflect a favorable political climate that will become even better for our candidates in 1978," said Zimmerman.

Brown Issues Warning

Proposed federal rules allowing eight variances on meat packages could play "regulation roulette" with consumers' food dollars, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown warned.

Brown said the regulations proposed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture allow tolerances due to moisture loss between the point of packaging meats and the checkout stand where they are sold.

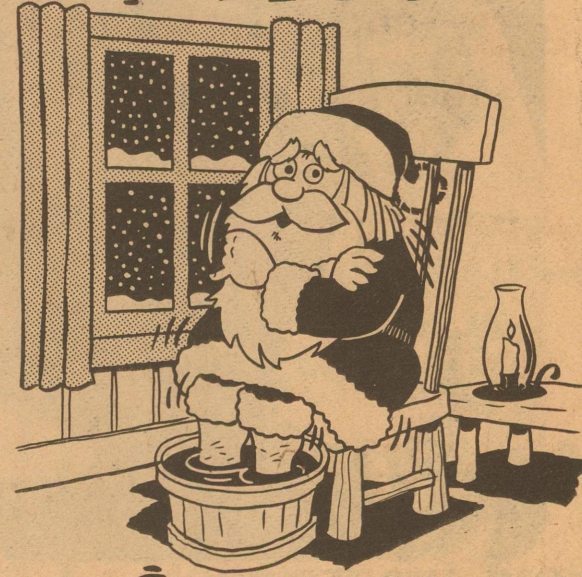
Prior to a Supreme Court decision last summer, Texas Department of Agriculture weights and measures personnel had monitored concise regulations which required a meat packer to allow for moisture loss, guaranteeing consumers the product they bought contained the amount stated on the label.

The court ruled a state cannot establish more stringent weight labeling standards than those created by the federal government—which were far less stringent than Texas standards, Brown said. Brown claimed allowing any variances at all is not fair to consumers.



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Special Elections Set

Gov. Dolph Briscoe set two more special legislative vacancy elections for February 18.

One is to pick a replacement for Sen. Don Adams of Jasper in District 3, the other to fill the unexpired term of Rep. Roy Blake of Nacogdoches (House district 4) who is running for Adams' seat.

Courts Speak

A Dallas man sentenced to life imprisonment in a robbery won a new trial when the Court of Criminal Appeals held the trial judge should have required prosecutors to identify a confidential informer.

Survivors of accidents are not protected against loss of income benefits by personal injury riders on insurance policies, the Supreme Court held.

A Deaf Smith County man will get a new trial on statutory rape charges (due to a faulty job of trial language interpretation) after serving eight years in prison.

A Dallas auction gallery can collect \$50,523 in insurance due to a burglary of antiques, the high court agreed, upholding lower courts.

A divided Court of Criminal Appeals upheld a driving while intoxicated conviction of a Houston man who protested he had been forced to drive by a punch in the mouth and a threat at a bar.

A man who failed to pay child support payments under court order lost an appeal from a contempt conviction, but the Third Court of Civil Appeals said the State Supreme Court should determine whether he was entitled to a lawyer.

Attorney General Opinions

A county can utilize misdemeanor convict labor on public improvements without establishing a workhouse or county farm, Attorney General John Hill said.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded: The State Board of Professional Engineers is authorized to regulate and restrict the use of the word engineer and its variations in academic titles.

A recent change in the education code is not applicable to Montgomery County which supports county school offices with revenue generated by property tax revenue.

State employees who sustain a permanent specific injury entitling them to workmen's compensation benefits should receive the compensation without deduction for accrued sick leave used.

Short Snorts

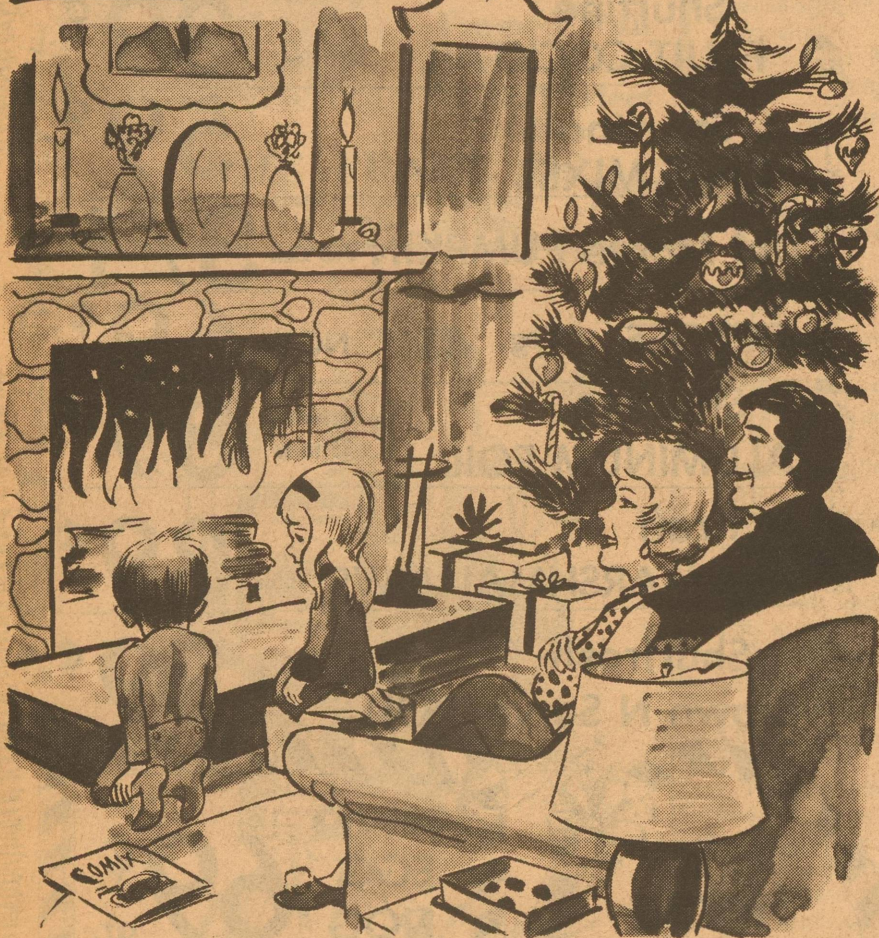
A new schedule of vital statistics fees, including a \$3 charge for certified copies of birth or death certificates, become effective January 1.

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission has approved preparation of preliminary studies and plans for a Highway Tourist Bureau for the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Dr. George Beto, former head of the Texas Department of Corrections, has been recommended for director of the FBI.

Texas Department of Water Resources set a public hearing January 5 on a major rules change affecting contracts for downstream use of water from storage.

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Eaglettes take consolation in Iraan

The Eaglette girls' teams went to Iraan last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 to 17, to participate in the basketball tournament.

The Eaglette A team lost to Rankin the first day 44 to 52. The Eaglette scoring was by Mary Kay White 24, Cherie Niblett 2, Sammy Jay 14, and Paige Helmers 4.

The B team won opening day over Rankin 39 to 26, with scoring by Lori Powell 6, Jolynn Jay 13, Lori

Griffin 4, Mary Byrd 2, and Kendra Dunham 14.

On the second day of the tournament, the A team took a one-point win over Big Lake 49 to 48, and Eaglette scoring was by Mary Kay White 28, Cherie Niblett 10, and Sammy Jay 11.

The B team took a 35 to 20 win over Sonora with local scoring by Lori Powell 18, Jolynn Jay 3, Lori Griffin 2, Mary Byrd 2, Kendra Dunham 7, and Ronda Kerr

3. Final games of the tourney were played Saturday. The A team won 40 to 36 over Crane with scoring by Mary Kay White 12, Cherie Niblett 15, and Sammy Jay 13.

When the Varsity girls defeated Crane 40 to 36 Saturday, they cinched the Consolation trophy.

The B team won 39 to 27 over Iraan with scoring by Lori Powell 14, Jolynn Jay 4, Lori Griffin 4, Mary Byrd 2, Kendra Dunham 10, Toni Fatheree 4, and Ronda Kerr 1.

The Eldorado "B" girls won the Championship with their 39 to 27 defeat of Iraan. This game was also held Saturday.

Jr. High games changed

The school announced this week a change in the basketball game schedule for the week following New Year's in regard to Junior High.

Because January 2, the

date the Junior High teams were to go to Menard, is now a holiday, those games have been moved to Thursday night, January 5. The 7th and 8th grade boys and the 8th grade girls will go to Menard for games starting at 5:00 p.m.

The post-holiday schedule for the high school teams remains the same.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3 the A&B girls and A&B boys will go to Big Lake for district games set to start at 5:00 p.m.

The following Friday night, Jan. 6, the A&B girls will go to Rankin for games starting at 6:30.

Girls down

Sonora

On Tuesday night, Dec. 13, the three Eaglette basketball teams went to Sonora and won two out of the three games played.

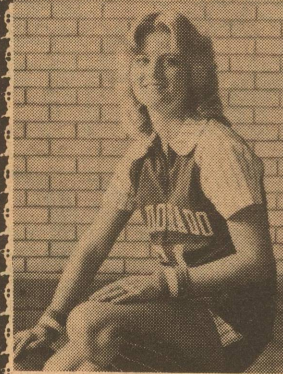
The A team took a 62 to 60 win with scoring by: Mary Kay White 30, Cherie Niblett 14, and Sammy Jay 18.

The B team had the only loss of the evening as they bowed to the Sonora B team 31 to 33. Scoring for Eldorado was by: Lori Powell 4, Jolynn Jay 3, Kendra Dunham 18, Lori Griffin 2, and Mary Byrd 4.

The C team from Eldorado won 14 to 10 over Sonora with scoring by Deanna Clark 2, Cissi Cavaness 2, Lori Bell 7, Sabrina Jarrett 1, and Kara Homer 2.

EAGLE DAIRY MART

Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year



Susan Warnock



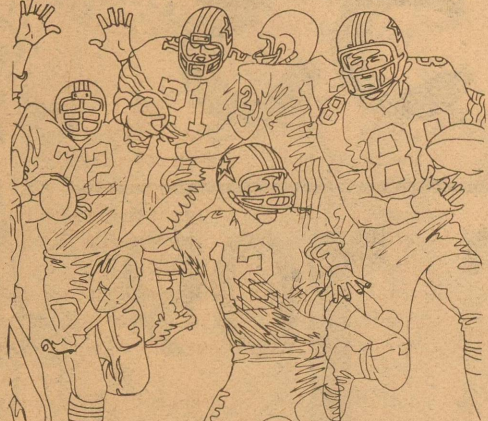
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Listening Schedule

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7TH GRADE FAVORITES chosen at the Jr. High Christmas party last week were Victoria Powell, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Jimmie Powell and John Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Griffith.

Jr. High teams win four from Mason

Last Thursday night, the Junior High basketball teams hosted the Mason teams in the final games before the holidays started. Eldorado won all 4 games.

The 7th grade boys downed Mason 14 to 10, with scoring by Cheelo Martinez 8, Ashley Niblett 4, and Craig Griffin 2.

The 7th grade girls took a 35 to 6 win over Mason.

Scoring for Eldorado were Maricela Arisepe 8, Laura Lozano 8, Martha Atkins 4, Julie Cash 4, Mary Lisa O'Harrow 3, Stephanie Thomas 2, Shanna Swift 2,

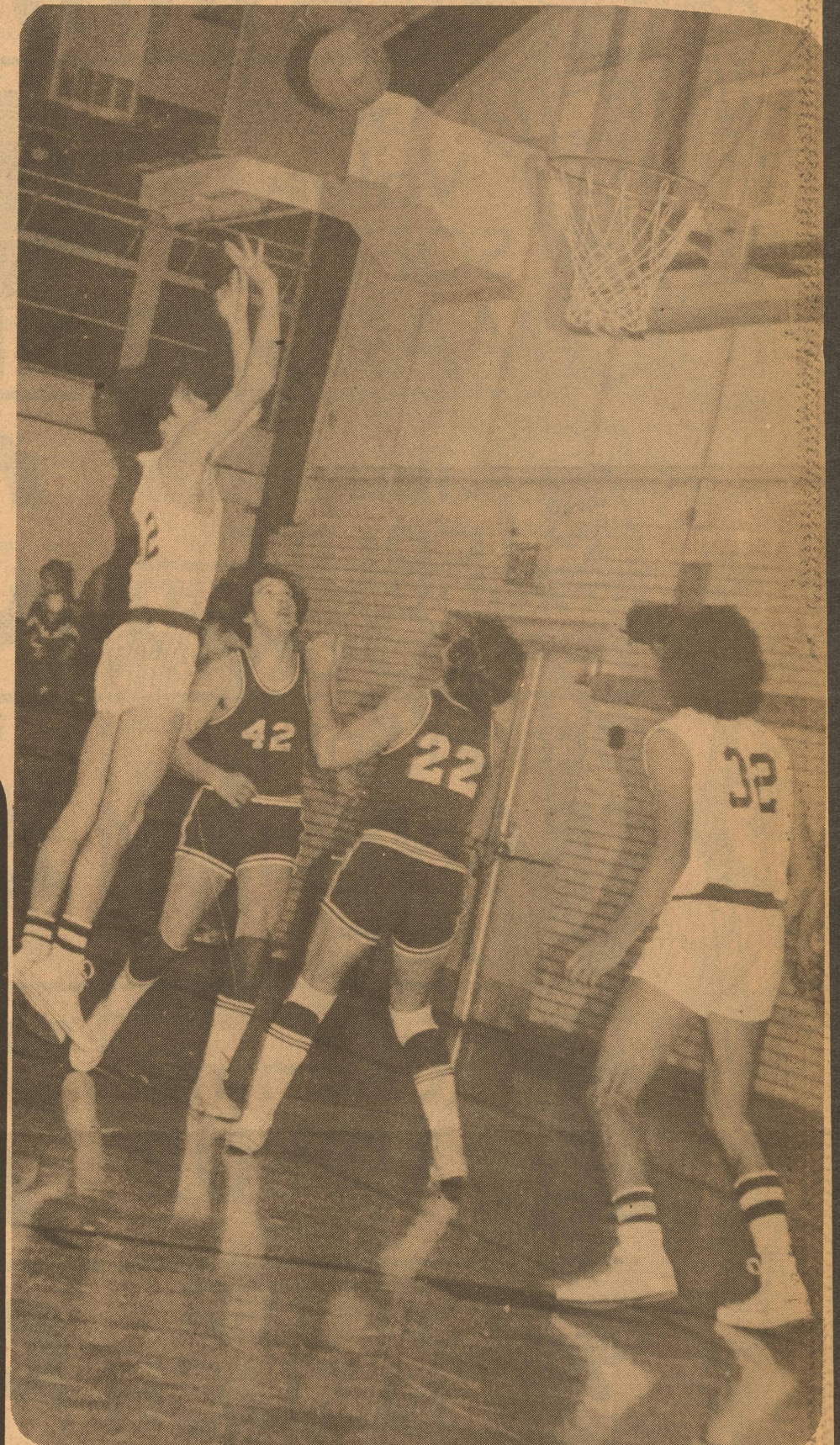
Amy Heald 2, and Dannette Dunagan 2.

Maricela Arisepe was the leading scorer along with Laura Lozano. Most of their points came from stealing the ball from Mason and driving in for lay-ups. Making the opponent make mistakes and capitalizing on their mistakes was the name of the game.

The 8th grade boys capped a 4-0 record for the year by downing Mason 34 to 13. Eddie Montalvo with 18, Bobby Hurley with 14, and Laurence Brame with 2 did the scoring for Eldorado. Eddie Montalvo and Bobby Hurley played a good offensive game and their board control was very impressive. They did a good job of rebounding. Laurence Brame played a good defensive game.

The 8th grade girls won 29 to 14 over Mason, giving the local team a 4-0 record. Scoring for Eldorado were Lori Patton 19, Jill Pitts 4, Sandra Martinez 4, and Lori Whitaker 2.

The spark plug of the night was Jill Pitts. Besides playing a good defensive game, she added four points to the score. This team displayed over-all good team effort, it was stated by the coaches.



Eagle Forward Larry Fatheree puts up a sure two pointer for the Eldorado Eagles in their first district game against Mason last week. The Eagles edged the Punchers in the final seconds, 61-59 for their initial district win.

Merry Christmas



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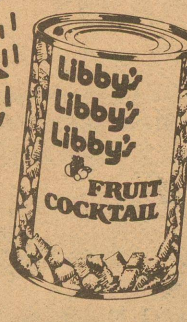
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Local churches plan Christmas services

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First Presbyterian

Christmas Day worship services will be held at 11:00 o'clock the morning of Sunday, Dec. 25, with preaching by Kenneth Carrell, a seminary student. Sunday School will

not be held that day.

Last Sunday, the Joy Gift Service was held in the morning with the candlelight Christmas service being held at 5:30 p.m.

Mike Thompson, a seminary student, will preach at the church on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1. Sunday School

will be held that morning.

First Baptist

A special schedule of services has been set at First Baptist Church during the Christmas holiday weekend. On Christmas Eve a special candlelight Lord's Supper will be

celebrated. A brief devotion and special music will be included in the service. All Christian friends and their families are invited to participate with the church in the celebration.

Sunday School will be at the usual 9:45 a.m. hour. However, the morning worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. in order to dismiss earlier for traditional family Christmas dinners. Since there will be the special Christmas Eve service Saturday, Sunday evening services on Christmas Day have been cancelled so members can be with family and friends. There will be no Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 28, also. The schedule will be as usual beginning Sunday, January 1. First Baptist Church wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Christmas Eve for private worship. Everyone is welcome. Communion will be served for those who wish to partake of the sacraments. Special music will be provided by Rusty Meador.

May your faith be a part of your Christmas worship. Please come! Christmas Day services will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Keith Wyatt preaching. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Rev. Lea Roy Aldwell of St. Mary's Episcopal Church will have Christmas Eve services at 8:00 p.m. Saturday night. Holy Communion will be served and all visitors are welcome.

First United Methodist

The United Methodist Church will be open from 5:30 p.m. 'til 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King was the youngest man to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He was only 35 when he was awarded it in 1964.

Wednesday, Dec. 21, was the official first day of Winter and it blew into Schleicher County with 20-degree readings reported early that morning.

Some residents reported thermometer readings in the upper

teens. Snow flurries were reported in Midland and Abilene but did not come this far south.

Temperatures have been lower than normal all week.

School holidays are under way

School dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Following the lunch hour, the Christmas trees and gift exchanges were held in the classrooms of elementary school. This was followed by the American Legion Christmas party which was held in the school gym.

Legionnaires assisted Santa Claus in distributing bags of candy to county youngsters 12 and younger. School will reconvene on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1978.

Supt. Guy Whitaker stated that students will probably attend classes on Friday,

March 10 as a make-up teachers' work day with students having classes off.

Coming two Mondays are holidays

An informal survey of the Eldorado business district reveals that most stores, offices and other business establishments will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas and on the following Monday, Jan. 2, for New Year's.

This year the Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Sundays, which

means that the days following are taken as general holidays.

The New Year's bowl games will be played on Monday, Jan. 2.

School will reconvene following the holidays on Tuesday morning, Jan. 3.

So, take care of your shopping needs with the holidays in mind.

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Faith Reminds Us That CHRISTMAS IS A BIRTHDAY

For young and old, Christmas represents the climax of the year and the glittering jewel of the winter season; yet amid all the excitement of presents and parties we should never for one moment lose sight of its origin and purpose. Let us remember that what we are celebrating is the most important birthday in all the history of mankind: of Someone who, from an obscure corner of the world, was destined to teach us all how to live in peace, brotherhood and love. Most of our good character traits and whatever spiritual happiness we may have achieved we owe in some measure to Him, through the Bible and the many Church denominations which expound His teachings. Attend yours this Christmas, and learn how the true spirit of it came about.



Portable heaters make a convenient gift

Portable electric heaters give extra heat the easy way, and they save energy, says Mrs. Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

These heaters add extra heat when it's needed—in bathrooms, for example, and they heat occasionally used areas, such as garage

workrooms, which usually have no heating facilities, she says.

Portable heaters, of course, are easy to move from one room to another, and they can be plugged in to any electrical outlet, she adds.

However, be safe and do not operate them on the same circuit used for a

major appliance, such as a refrigerator or microwave oven, she warns.

In selecting a portable heater, compare different models for several features.

Some features are a choice of heat settings, thermostat controls that maintain the desired comfort level, and fans that force heated air around the room.

Some models have timers which start units at the same time every day, and some also operate as fans alone for summer comfort.

Important safety features available on almost all models now include protective grills, safe-temperature exterior surfaces and automatic safety shut-off, in case the unit tips over, or if air intakes become blocked, the specialist says.



JUST JOGGIN' ALONG!

By Express News Publisher, ED MEADOR

In case you haven't looked up lately, you have today and tomorrow to get all that shopping done that you resolved last January to have completed well in advance. Time has just about run out...and if you are like I am most of the time, there's a lot of unfinished business to take care of, and you have that nagging feeling of having left something undone, or forgotten somebody. Others keep telling me that it is all a part of the Christmas rush. Well, it is fun and you can get awfully involved....

I stepped out into the clear crisp cold last night. The opaque sky was shimmering in golden moonlight enhanced by a million glimmering stars. Gee, you could see forever. And it struck me that it must have been just such a night so long ago that the shepherds watched. It's easy to imagine the quiet stillness of those hillsides of Bethlehem broken only by the low bleating of the flocks. You can feel the wonder of those who watched when that strange light filled the evening sky...and moved ever so surely to fix itself above that sleeping little village. No one has said how long it took for the message of that moment to spread...for all those who saw to understand. But nineteen hundred and seventy-seven years later we can look up into that beautiful night and know a Saviour was born.

That is what it is really all about.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Sales tax rebates show increase

AUSTIN--State Comptroller Bob Bullock announced on December 15, 1977, that some 890 Texas cities will be receiving some early Christmas cheer in the form of city sales tax rebate checks totaling \$53.8 million.

Mailed Thursday, the checks represent the cities' December share of the local option, one percent sales tax.

The December checks totaled \$3.2 million more than those for the same month last year, and bring the rebate total for the year to \$361.6 million. This is up \$58.9 million -- 19.4 percent

city sales tax rebates for the year. City sales tax rebates for the city were up a whopping 31 percent.

The local option sales tax is collected by local merchants and other sales tax permit holders and returned to the cities monthly by the Comptroller's Office.

The City of Eldorado had payments of \$5,746.38 through the period of Dec. 2, 1977 and this compared with \$4,138.20 for the same period of a year ago.

The 1977 payments to date totaled \$29,198.06 compared with \$23,378.85 for 1976, a 24 percent increase.

-- over calendar 1976. "These figures indicate that 1977 was a banner year for merchants and other sales tax permit holders in Texas, and we expect the coming year to be as good or better," Bullock said.

Eight of the cities will receive checks totaling \$1 million or more.

They were Houston, \$9.7 million; Dallas, \$6.6 million; San Antonio, \$3.5 million; Fort Worth, \$2.2 million; Austin, \$1.9 million; El Paso, \$1.4 million; Corpus Christi, \$1.2 million and Lubbock, \$1 million.

Of those eight cities, Austin registered the biggest percentage increase



Peace on Earth

Good Will Toward Men.

May the true spirit of Christmas be with you this holiday.

Bill's Barber Shop

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Happy 1st Birthday

Cody Whitten



Dec. 21



Junior Girl Scouts hold meeting

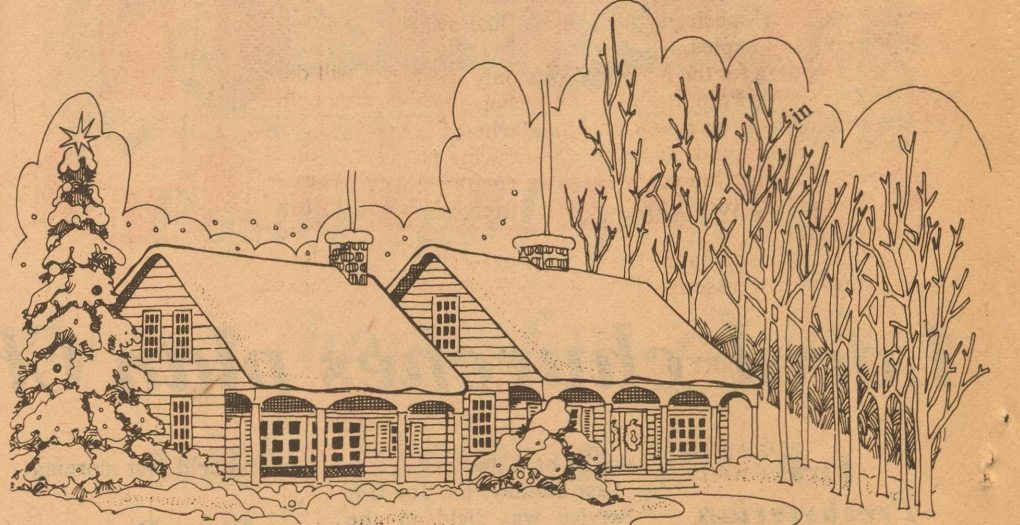
Troop 225, Junior Girl Scouts, held their meeting at 3:30, Dec. 20th. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise. All members were present.

They had their Christmas Party and the Girl Scouts invited the Brownies to their party. The Girl Scouts furnished refreshments. They all sang Christmas carols, had refreshments, played games and was dismissed.

On Dec. 17th the Girl Scouts went to the Nursing Home and sang Christmas Carols and passed out candles which they had made and decorated for the patients.

The Girl Scouts will not have their weekly meeting next week because of the holidays but will meet again the 3rd of January. Troop leaders are Ann Hyde and Nancy Terry.

Troop Reporter, Eureka Norton



A simple, sincere wish that our friends, young and old, will enjoy the yuletide season... from all of us to you.

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Merry Christmas

to you and your family from all of us



Silent Night

To one and all, we wish the joys and peace of Christmas.

Have a happy New Year Lum & Ona Burk

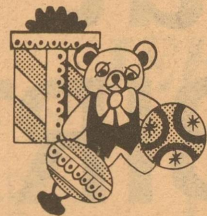


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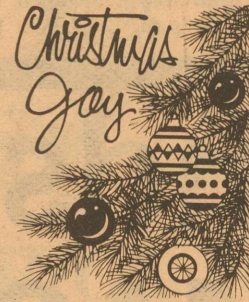
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Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King! Greetings from

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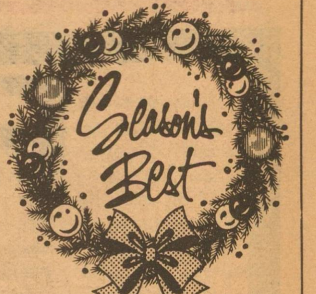
Warm season's greetings to our many dear friends.

The Griffiths Griff, Bea, Rick, Mike, & John



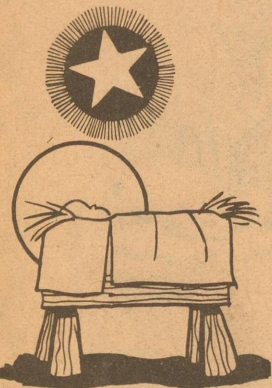
From all of us to all of you... A very happy holiday. We hope we can continue to serve you.

From Orval & Charlene Edmiston, Ricky Bishop, John O'Harrow, Dorothy Evans, & Betty Wilson



Over a year ago at the Express News has been a wonderfully warm experience. Despite the winter winds, Eldorado is one of the warmest places in the world. Thank you all for making us feel so much at home. Merry Christmas and God's Love to all!

Jim, Lynne, Ricky & Lisa McWilliams



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To friends and customers, old and new, warm "thanks" and best holiday wishes.

Walter Ford & family



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7. Sammy
8. Terry
9. Sandy

Merry Christmas to you all and I'm glad we're all together.

Love, Candy



May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family. May it extend throughout the New Year.

The Clifford Schooleys



Peace on Earth

May your holidays be filled with peace and joy.

Wes & Susan Wade



...to you, our customers. We thank you for your cooperation and wish you a joyous holiday!

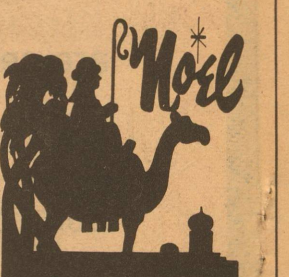
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The Eldorado Post Office



The jacks of all trades want to wish you the best Christmas ever.

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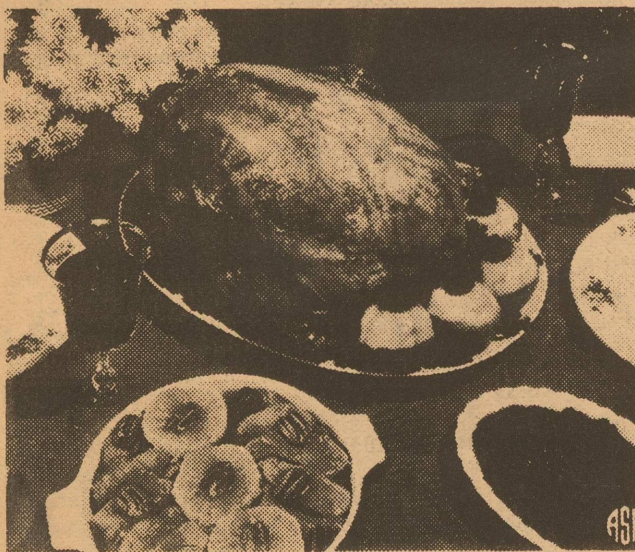


Wishing you the happiness of Christmas today and throughout the year.

The Eldorado Fire Department

Traditional Turkey

by Martha Logan



Some foods seem to make a holiday; without question, it's tender, juicy roast turkey. You can probably think of other menu musts for special days -- things like sweet potatoes, cranberries and apples.

When shopping for the holiday menu, only the best will do. Butterball Swift's Premium Turkey is a choice that offers help from start to finish. Its color coded handle helps you select the size that's right, and its complete thawing and roasting directions will give you confidence. Its deep basting assures juiciness, and its cord lifter helps transfer the bird to the platter.

The proof is in the eating, and this turkey feast, complete with sweet potato casserole and baked apples, make it a meal to remember.

CRANBERRY GLAZED BAKED APPLES

Yield: 6 apples

- 6 medium baking apples
- 6 tablespoons cranberry-orange relish
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail

Core apples and pare one-third of the way down. Fill center of each apple with 1 tablespoon cranberry relish. In a small saucepan mix cornstarch, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Gradually add cranberry juice and bring to a boil. Cook until clear and thickened, stirring constantly. Place apples in deep baking dish and pour cranberry glaze over them. Bake in a 325 degree oven 30 minutes, basting with glaze every 10 minutes. Serve as garnish with hot turkey.

from the Ministerial Alliance

Let's Pause A Moment

By Gene Stark, pastor, First Baptist Church

HOW TO BE FREE OF GUILTY FEELINGS

The conscience is the source of our guilty feelings. It acts as a built-in voice of the Creator and not as the echo of the crowd. While it has strong social relationships, it is more than the voice of the crowd. To try to kill the conscience is to try to destroy something sacred to one's own individuality.

To ignore the voice of conscience is to deceive the self, but to become burdened with a sense of unforgivable sin is also to deny the nature of Christ's mission. The mission of Christ was to free people from the guilt of their sin. When the angel appeared unto Joseph, the earthly father of the Child King, the father-to-be was told of the child to come, "thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." The name Jesus means "Jehovah is salvation". Our conscience is not designed to keep us from the fruits of salvation by constantly reminding us of our guilt. Instead, the conscience creates the concern (the guilt) that can lead us to saving faith. When our conscience is allowed to cause fear and anxiety in our lives, when it has become more than a concern-creating agent for salvation, it has ceased to serve its function. The conscience tells us of our sin and urges us to do something about it. The Gospel tells us we can repent of sin, accept the gift of salvation by faith in Jesus, and become a child of God. When the angel spoke of "his people", the messenger meant all who come to faith in Jesus are "his people".

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of the one whom we can trust to free us from the guilt of sin. God's concern is with fruitful living. One can never live a fruitful life as long as he is constantly guilt-ridden. Ask Christ to remove the guilt from your life this Christmas and begin to live creatively and free in your relationship with Him. Confess and be free to live creatively again. The birth of our Saviour truly is Good News. Merry Christmas.

During the Christmas and New Year weekends, thousands of Texas motorists will be burning their headlights day and night as a visible reminder to others to drive safely. Join this effort to make the Holidays accident-free.

Your Texas Department of Public Safety



Christmas is for children, but not alone, for their faith reminds us all of the great truth and their joy is so much our very own to share. Happy holiday!

Buff, June, Holley, & Cody Whitten
and Jim, Jerre, James Mack, & Jay Holley

Merry Christmas

to you and your family from all of us

<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.</p> <p>Freddie & Marsha Williams</p>	<p>Peace on Earth</p> <p>May your holidays be filled with peace and joy. Thanks for letting us serve you.</p> <p>Benton Abstract & Title Company</p> <p>Elizabeth Ballew</p>	<p>One bright star - One bright hope for mankind.</p> <p>Bill, Pat, Laura, & Linda</p> <p>The Gentrys</p>	<p>The jacks of all trades want to wish you the best Christmas ever.</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Henry Speck, Jr. & Barbara Ann</p>	<p>Peace</p> <p>Warmest holiday wishes to each and every one.</p> <p>Fenna Whitten</p>	<p>O Holy Night</p> <p>The holy spirit of Christmas reaches out with our good wishes.</p> <p>Paul Page Oil</p>	<p>Best Wishes</p> <p>Greeting You and Yours at Christmas</p> <p>May your holiday be bright with blessings, aglow with good cheer.</p> <p>Juanita & Delbert Taylor</p>	<p><i>A Merry Christmas to All!</i></p> <p>From our family to yours... the season's best wishes.</p> <p>The J.F. Mayos</p>
<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas. Serving you has brought us great joy.</p> <p>Griffin Oil Co.</p> <p>Dan, Judy, Curt, Craig, & Kelly Griffin</p>	<p>Warmest feelings and kindest thoughts at Christmas time</p> <p>Dan & Rita McWhorter</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>To friends and customers, old and new, warm "thanks" and best holiday wishes.</p> <p>Yates Cleaners</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>A very special "thank you" for your patronage and friendship.</p> <p>Jack, Johnnie, & Dianna Harris</p> <p>Love's Beauty Barn</p>	<p>THE FIRST NOEL</p> <p>Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season from The Wilkerson's</p> <p>Robert, Janette, Shannon, Cody, & Heather</p>	<p>With wishes for the best Christmas ever.</p> <p>Paul McWhorter</p> <p>Express News Photographer</p>	<p><i>Holiday Cheer</i></p> <p>We're glowing with good wishes for you and your family.</p> <p>Richard & June Jones</p>	<p>Season's Greetings</p> <p>Joy and Peace abide with you and yours this holiday.</p> <p>Adobe Mini Mart</p>

Generations can learn from each other

Families give children memories—with each generation teaching different traditions, says Dorthy Taylor, family life education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

For instance, today's teens know about pupped cereal, go-carts and jeans—for breakfast, for fun and for fad clothing. Alongside that, older generations can teach them about cornmeal mush, snipe hunting and white socks with penny loafers, she adds.

Just picture...



an old-fashioned CHRISTMAS



And you have our wish for this holiday

Meador Land Co.



8TH GRADE FAVORITES were Sandra Martinez and Bobby Hurley.

The couple were chosen at the Jr. High Christmas party last week.

Blood donations are still needed

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

However, there are probably some people you forgot, according to Ray Perkins, Donor Recruiter at West Texas Blood Service. There are people who need a very special gift this holiday season...and it's something they can't do without.

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

But you can help. At the top of your shopping list, add "donate blood." Give the gift this year that only you can give. Get away from the bustling crowds,

relax, put your feet up... and donate blood. Call 915-653-1307 in San Angelo for a convenient appointment or information on donating.

Rep. Bob Krueger discusses farmer's strikes

Saturday morning a few weeks ago, farmers drove tractors, corn pickers, fertilizer spreaders and pick-ups down Independence Avenue, around the Capitol and past where I work.

You could sense, not just by talking to the farmers, but by looking at their faces as they steered mammoth equipment through freezing weather, that these were men determined to be heard.

The message they delivered was more than one of warning that they, as the Americans who dig and plant and reap our food, are people whose problems need to be taken seriously. Though this is certainly a valid message, a message to which we all should be attentive, the farmers also expressed a feeling that non-farming Americans seem not to appreciate the diverse knowledge and backbreaking work which farming requires.

As one farmer put it, "They just can't imagine the kind of variety of skills we have...what we have to know about fertilizer machines, crops, economics, decision-making." As a person familiar with farming and ranching, I can vouch for that. People who don't farm can have a hard time visualizing the work a farm requires.

A real danger is that Washington bureaucrats

remove themselves from these concerns and do not bother to learn the ins and outs of many men's work.

As a Congressman, I have a special obligation to stay attuned to the needs of all people, no matter what they do for a living.

I am particularly concerned about a problem now facing some of the farmers in Texas who store their wheat in grain elevators.

Although most elevator operators are honest, in some cases they have not balanced their books and bankruptcies have occurred.

These operators are required to bond their elevators but the bondsmen cover only what the elevator is worth, not the grain stored within. The result is economic tragedy for the farmers who lose their grain.

This is just an example of how farmers can lose money. Steps must be taken so that in the future farmers will be safe in relying on the grain elevators where they store crops.

With understanding of a person's job comes appreciation of the service that the person provides. As Americans, we need to develop a sense of national appreciation for the farmer before he can no longer afford to harvest our food.

Have a nice holiday!



to all our friends we will be closed 24th and 25th

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This Week's Bridge

Two Bits Bridge Club

Margaret Frost entertained "Two-Bits" Bridge Club Tuesday night. Ethel Etheredge won high, Bobbie Sanders won low,

and June Jones won bingo.

Refreshments were served and gifts were given to each member by the hostess.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners last week: Tom Peaslee, Sonora and Billie Porter, 1st; Margaret Frost, Pete Finley, Helen Blakeway and Jack Bebee, Ties for 2nd; Lottie Puckett and Fred Adkins, Sonora, 3rd; Imogene Edmiston and Zeila Baker, 4th. Members of our club

brought candy, cookies, cheese roll, dip and chips last Thursday night, and it was all delicious. I was given a Christmas gift, which was a wonderful surprise and so greatly appreciated.

Rep.

Wednesday Bridge Club

The Wednesday Bridge Club held their Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Corral Club in Ozona. At the luncheon gifts were exchanged. There were

three tables of players present.

Mary Coupe won high, Elizabeth Powell - 2nd high, Mary Helen Stockton - low, and Mrs. Dick Bearce won bingo.

Merry Christmas

to you and your family from all of us



<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>May the 12 days of Christmas be filled with joy for you and your family.</p> <p>Jon, Rene Calcote Gary, Charlene & Susan</p>	<p>"PEACE ON EARTH"</p> <p>This - the eternal message to the world - rings out at Christmas!</p> <p>Rev. & Mrs. Keith Wyatt Amy & Katherine</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p> <p>Time to think of the true meaning of Christmas and thank all our customers for their patronage.</p> <p>Olson's Laundry Phil & Mary Lou</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>Have a glistening holiday filled with old-fashioned good cheer!</p> <p>The Western Company</p>	<p><i>A Merry Christmas to All!</i></p> <p>Your patronage is the best gift you can give us. Thanks, and have a beautiful holiday.</p> <p>Sofge's Mary & Doc Grocery store will be closed Christmas Day! Liquor Store will be closed Christmas Day & the 26th.</p>	<p>Yuletide</p> <p>Greetings</p> <p>May your Christmas be filled with all good things.</p> <p>Accent on Gifts 1917 Knickerbocker Rd. Stadium Park Shopping Center San Angelo.....949-2510</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.</p> <p>Gloria & Pat Enochs</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>Happy holidays! You've made our Christmas the best ever.</p> <p>Bill, Diana, Lynda, Tana, & Chris AT TSHIRTS+ UNIV. PLAZA San Angelo</p>
<p><i>Noel</i></p> <p>May the spirit of Christmas brighten your holiday.</p> <p>San Angelo Ford Tractor</p>	<p><i>JOY TO THE WORLD</i></p> <p>And to all our sincere wishes for a great holiday.</p> <p>Herry's Footwear BEHIND BUDDIES - IN THE VILLAGE</p>	<p><i>JOY</i></p> <p>Thank you for your patronage in 1977. And warm season's greetings to our many friends.</p> <p>Bath n' Boudoir 2019 Knickerbocker Road Stadium Park Shopping Center 915/949-0460</p>	<p><i>NOEL...NOEL</i></p> <p>In the spirit of Christmas, joy and peace to the world. Special greetings to all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for your patronage in 1977. Happy New Year!</p> <p>Pauline's SPORTSWEAR 2009 Knickerbocker 949-8932</p>	<p><i>"Wishing you a joyous Holiday Season and may the spirit of Christmas remain with you through out the coming year."</i></p> <p>Best Wishes</p> <p>Mary P. Hoover</p>	<p><i>JOY</i></p> <p>Ring in the best Christmas ever! Greetings to all our friends and families.</p> <p>Ina & Bruce Lambert</p>	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <p>From all of us to all of you... A very happy holiday. We hope we can continue to serve you.</p> <p>Schleicher County Abstract Co., Inc.</p>	<p><i>JOY</i></p> <p>Glad to have been your little helpers in the past. Visit us again soon.</p> <p>Stan & Chris Meador</p>

Birth defect risk factor cited by national foundation

To find new ways to protect the unborn baby from birth defects, The National Foundation-March of Dimes supports 386 research programs in effect October 1, 1977, at universities and medical centers in the U.S.

Women who smoke heavily during pregnancy tend to have low-birthweight babies, says the National Foundation-March of Dimes. Low birthweight is the primary cause of the greatest number of infant deaths.

Abdominal X-rays during pregnancy can possibly damage the unborn baby, according to The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Be sure to tell any physician or dentist who wishes to make X-rays of you that you are, or may be pregnant.

The infant death rate in the U.S. is higher than in 16 other nations, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Health officials feel the rate could be reduced by one-third if every woman were to

receive high-quality medical care early and throughout pregnancy and during labor and delivery.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes says that there are currently more than one million alcoholic women of childbearing age in the U.S. Medical experts have discovered that women who drink excessively during pregnancy tend to have more babies with physical and mental defects.

Babies weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz. or less are the highest

risk of death or lifelong damage, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. The volunteer health agency urges pregnant women to receive early, prenatal care. Those women who have early, regular prenatal care are less likely to have a low-birthweight baby.

Immunization against rubella (German measles) can spare the unborn baby severe, sometimes fatal birth defects, according to The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Five million women of childbearing age in the U.S. have no immunity to this infection.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes provides the major source of funds to clinical centers in the U.S. providing services in genetic medicine. In 1970 there were 10 such centers.

Early and regular prenatal care seems to be one important factor in preventing low birthweight, infant disease and infant death, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Every two minutes a newborn is denied a healthy birth, says The National Foundation-March of Dimes. The volunteer health agency's goal is the prevention of birth defects.

Tay-Sachs disease, appearing primarily in infants of Jews of Eastern European descent, is a birth defect which affects the brain and ultimately leads to death, says The National Foundation-March of Dimes. In its search for a cure, the NF sponsors research projects dealing with biochemical genetics and cell biology.

A baby risks being born with Rh disease if his blood type is positive and his mother's is negative, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. A vaccine is available to prevent the possibility of Rh disease.

Low birthweight (5-1/2 lbs. or less) is the major cause of disability in childhood, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Some 232,000 infants are born each year with low birthweight.

Untreated venereal disease in a pregnant woman can kill or cause severe birth defects in her unborn baby, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Regular medical attention and early prenatal care provide for detection of VD and help prevent this threat to the unborn.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes acts as a clearinghouse for birth defect data gathered in several European nations.

Canada and the United States. Ten nations report quarterly to the NF on the incidence of specific birth defects.

Birth defects strike one of every 12 infants born each year in the United States, reports The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Every two minutes, a child is born with physical or mental damage.

This is a hometown newspaper, and people are interested in your recent illness. Tell the Express News.



The Easy Way Out

By Billie Porter

I had so much turkey left over at Thanksgiving that I hunted for ways to use it. So just in case you have the same problem after Christmas you might enjoy the following recipe.

TURKEY SPAGHETTI

In large skillet melt, 1 stick of oleo, saute 2 large chopped onions and 1 cup chopped celery. Add 1 can tomato soup, 1 can mushroom soup and 1 small jar chopped pimientos. Add 4 cups chopped turkey. Set aside.

Cook 2 packages of spaghetti, drain well and add the turkey mixture. Put into casserole dishes and top with cheese. Pour about a cup of broth over this so that it will not be too dry. Bake at 325 to 350 degrees until bubbling. (This makes a large amount and freezes well. Do not add cheese until ready to bake.) If you do not have leftover turkey, you can boil a nice size fryer and it works as well.

The following recipe is my favorite and can be used in any home.

RECIPE FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Use one crisp cold December Eve topped by sparkling stars, add a pinch of frost and a layer of crunchy snow. Prepare a crackling hot fireplace, sprinkle in some holly and a dash of fir, mix gently with a preparation of family and friends. Top this mixture with the JOY of a get together, let simmer in the warmth and Good Will of each one's heart, season with a few smiles and a bushel of love. Set before an evergreen tree tinseling with silver and topped by the Star of Hope. Serve to the strains of a Christmas carol, feel the Goodness of Living, and the yield is One Merry Christmas.

(Author unknown)




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A beautiful Christmas to all our Friends. Be sure to visit us over the holidays.

Start your trip early

Start a trip early in the day before rush-hour traffic to avoid stop-and-go driving, suggests Claudia Kerbel, consumer information specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"This saves gasoline and covers a surprising number of miles before the 'working people' get stirring," she adds.



Merry Christmas

We hope you and yours will have the nicest Christmas ever.

Helen Blakeway
County Clerk

Rugged beauty, grandeur in Big Bend National Park

By Connie Sherley
Travel News Service

In my mind's photo album Big Bend National Park in Texas is pink and green shaded with brown and paved with beautiful sunsets. Maybe the sun does the same tricks in other places as it sinks into the west, but I've never seen anything lovelier than the way the last rays hit the cliffs and rocks in the park. The Indians named the mountains Chisos, meaning ghost, because of the mystical illusions.

Two horseback trips from the Basin area offer a chance to see great scenery not accessible by car. The shortest ride to the Window takes about three hours and is within the tolerance of level of just about anyone. The horses are trailers with no desire to run anywhere. They just get you there, and when you are at the top, looking down through the Window, you'll be glad you went.

The south rim trip takes eight hours, but they say the view is worth it and the scenery is spectacular. The ride is 14 miles to the point where you get a panoramic view of Texas and Mexico.

Castolon has a history dating back to the 1800s and a store that preserves the old time flavor and smells. The compound has been preserved by the park service.

Boquillas is just across the river in Mexico. You can boat across to see the primitive village. The cost of boating has gone up in the past year and the fee is far more modern than Bo-

quillas. Depending on his mood, the boatman will charge \$1-2 and you'd better be sure whether that's round trip or one way. If the river's down, you can make the crossing on burro.

For me the only drawbacks to Big Bend National Park are snakes and scorpions. Watch your step when hiking.

But that minus is more than balanced by the sight of the deer that stand silently in the brush as you approach and then gracefully bound away. Birds sense their freedom and put on aerial displays. There are 850 varieties of desert flowers in the park and endless supplies of beautiful rocks.

The ruggedness of the park grows on you. It has a brave, raw, bold beauty. W.J. Newell of Alpine describes it as a 12-month "golden season."

The Rio Grande Village campground has a trailer park with utility connections. It's located at 1,850 feet, so there's quite a

difference in temperature. In May it already is hot in that part of the park.

Campers can buy supplies at historic Castolon and Panther Junction, but remember, a drive of 40 miles is nothing in Big Bend. You're really in the great outdoors there.

For complete information about lodge facilities, write National Park Concessions, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834. The National Park Service has an excellent brochure on Big Bend that costs 75 cents. A hiker's guide and guide to the back country and river are available for 50 cents each. You can send money and request those through the superintendent of Big Bend National Park, same zip code as the lodge.

For full information on travel in Texas write to Dept. GW, Texas Tourist Development Agency, Box 12008, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711.



A Texas cowboy as drawn by the noted Western artist David Sanders.



"God bless us, everyone!"

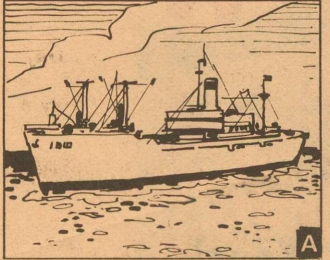
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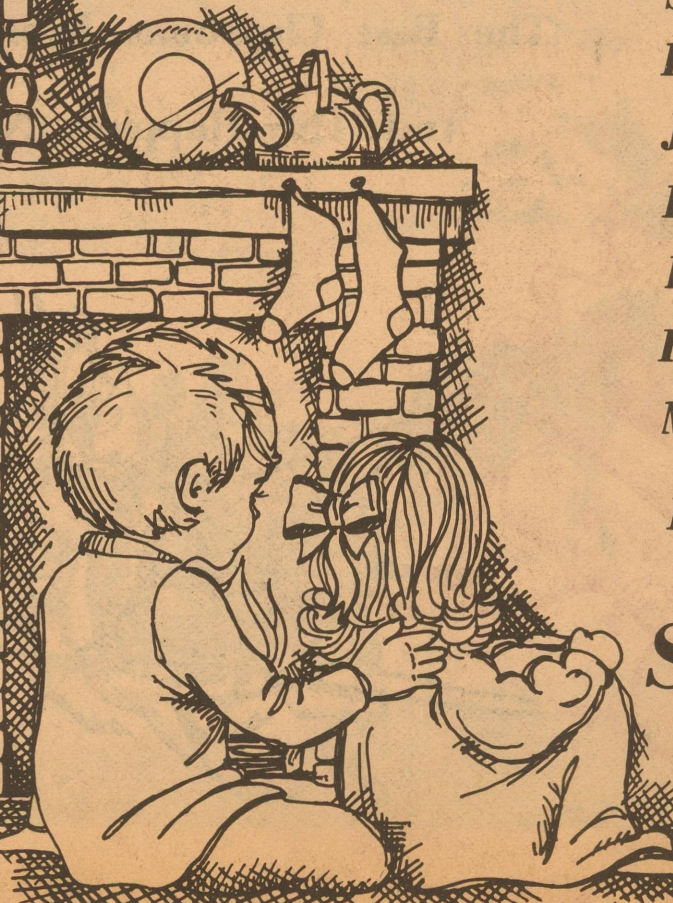


OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WILL BE WEAKENED If Proposed Legislation Is Defeated.

But if legislation currently before Congress is not passed into law, sufficient U.S.-flag tankers may not be available. The U.S. merchant marine, say experts at the Transportation Institute, is being eroded because many major oil companies build and operate their ships under foreign flags and use foreign crews. Today only about three percent of America's oil imports are being carried on U.S.-flag tankers.

With the cargo equity legislation, H.R. 1037 and S. 61, at least 9.5 percent of imported oil will eventually have to come on U.S.-flag vessels—assuring us of reliable transportation for our oil imports, providing a complement of merchant seamen prepared for close cooperation with the Navy in time of war, and sustaining America's needed shipbuilding base.

In the true spirit of Christmas, we wish to everyone much joy, peace and lasting happiness from our family to yours.



Joe Turner
Sam Dillard
Sydonia Wilson
Paul Lippman
James McCullough
Roy Pierce
L. D. (Big Boy) Martinez
Rolando Ochoa
Moises Galindo

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Inflation-Fighting GIFT IDEAS

If you haven't yet put the finishing touch on your gift list, you might want to consider a gift that makes professional finishing touches.

Not surprisingly, the router fits this description perfectly. With a router, the home handyman can make flutes, beads, reeds, rounded corners or almost any other finishing touch under the sun.

A router that many quality-conscious gift-givers are choosing is part of a special package price on the Model 4609 router kit that Rockwell is offering this

season. Included, for under \$55, are the Model 4600 router, three popular cutting bits, an edge guide and a handy carrying/storage case. This router has many excellent features, such as very high speed (28,000 rpm) to cut fast and smooth, and micrometer depth control to make adjustment easy. Other important features are double insulation for user protection against electric shock and 100 percent ball-bearing construction to make it last longer.

The beauty of giving a high-quality power tool is that the initial expense of

the gift can easily pay for itself in cost savings of do-it-yourself projects it can help accomplish. But aside from making finishing touches, a router can make other really practical things like dovetails for drawers, dados for shelves and rabbets for joints. The economy of doing it yourself, combined with the pride in the quality of the final product, is a potent combination that any home handyman will find hard to resist.

TOWER TALKS

by U.S. Senator for Texas
JOHN TOWER



Economic Enemy Number One

WASHINGTON—Inflation's strong grip on the national economy has not relaxed one iota in the last year, and from all the sign posts, the near future doesn't hold answers to the steady erosion of our purchasing power.

In response to continuing inflation, and its contribution to a sluggish economy, government has maintained its business as usual approach: talk a good game on whipping inflation, but back it up with little of the effective medicine government could use to roll back inflationary pressures.

Thus, while Washington's economists are locked in debate over macro and micro economic theory, the price of everything inches upward.

The most effective measure government could use, spending restraint, was long ago shelved and continues to gather dust. Government's spending habits directly affect inflation and the resulting price increases all consumers see in the goods and services paid for.

In fiscal year 1978, you might be interested to learn, the Federal government will spend \$3.9 billion per day. That figure represents \$163 million per hour, \$2.719 million per minute, or \$42,300 per second.

The interest alone on the Federal government's budget deficit, which amounted to \$7,300 for a family of four in 1970, today totals \$12,400 for that same family of four.

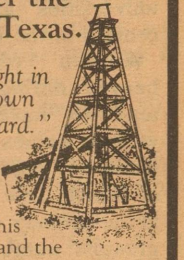
Predictions for the future are not encouraging. Even if inflation rates could be held to around five percent—and five per cent is considered the lowest figure attainable—the buying power of the dollar in 1987 would be only 61 cents. If inflation continued at the present 6.6 per cent, the dollar ten years from now would be worth approximately 53 cents.

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Happy Holidays

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our appreciation to everyone

who has done so much this year

to make the Auxiliary a success.

The Medical Center Auxiliary



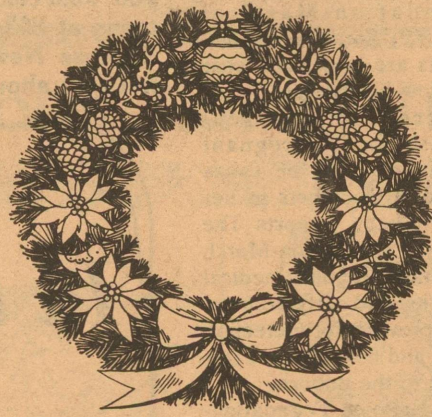
MERRY CHRISTMAS

from all of us to everyone!

May your holiday be a most

memorable one for you and

your loved ones.



JERRY FREDERICK

LINCOLN-MERCURY

SAN ANGELO



by Arthur J. Salisbury, M.D.
Vice President for Medical Services
The National Foundation-
March of Dimes

The disfiguring disease rickets was finally conquered more than 50 years ago with the discovery that vitamin D brought about striking cures. Under this regimen a child's distorted and softened bones would strengthen and straighten.

But gradually doctors noticed that while the vast majority of children with rickets were cured by this treatment, others weren't. Not until 1937 was it found that some patients needed at least 100 times the normal dosage of vitamin D. Then it was clear this type of rickets was due not to a deficient diet, but to some other problem.

Researchers learned that these children had vitamin D-resistant rickets, an inherited disorder, traced to a defective gene on the X chromosome.

Patients with this birth defect of body chemistry do not retain calcium or phosphates from foods. Because these minerals are necessary for normal bone formation, rickets result.

Denise's fight
Denise Nankivell, 1978 March of Dimes National Poster Child, has vitamin D-resistant rickets. Her father, uncle, and grandmother also have it. When Denise was six months old, her legs started to bow. Tests at The Milton S. HERSHEY Medical Center in Pennsylvania confirmed vitamin D-resistant rickets.

At age two Denise had surgery to straighten her legs. She wore casts and braces to prevent her legs from bowing. Initially, doctors thought she would need to wear braces through adolescence, but Denise responded to treatment so well that her braces have been removed for a four-month trial period.

Denise takes large doses of phosphate and vitamin D daily. This treatment allows



MARCH OF DIMES National Poster Child Denise Nankivell was born with vitamin D-resistant rickets. Five-year-old Denise has had surgery to straighten her bowed legs. She takes medication daily to strengthen them.

correct bone formation and also seems to be important in assuring normal growth.

Finding the right dosage of phosphates and vitamin D requires sophisticated skill. Too much phosphate causes diarrhea. The high dosage of vitamin D needed is nearly toxic and can cause weakness and weight loss. Overdosage can cause kidney damage and eventually death. Denise's calcium and phosphate levels are checked monthly. The doctors also monitor her growth. So far, it is normal.

A puzzling inheritance
When doctors first investigated vitamin D-resistant rickets, it wasn't clear how it was inherited. An examination of the patient's family tree often failed to reveal any ancestors with rickets. Not until doctors began using blood phosphates as an indicator did a clear inheritance pattern emerge.

Family studies indicate that vitamin D-resistant rickets is caused by an abnormal gene on the X chromosome. According to the laws of heredity, if a man has the disorder all of his daughters will also be affected, but none of his sons. If a woman has the disorder, all

of her children—boys or girls—have a 50-50 chance of receiving the faulty gene.

Problems and outlook
Most children with vitamin D-resistant rickets never grow to normal height for several reasons. Often diagnosis and treatment is started after deformities and growth retardation have become serious, especially for children with no clear family history of the disorder.

Also, it is very difficult to maintain medication in the growing years. If vitamin D overdose occurs, treatment may have to stop and not be reinstated until active rickets reappear so that the benefits of therapy are lost. In severe cases, patients show little benefit from doses of vitamin D high enough to risk kidney damage.

Through its birth defects research program, The National Foundation-March of Dimes supports scientists who are trying to pinpoint the flaw in body chemistry that interferes with the body's absorption of minerals. Their findings may lead to new methods of treatment that will benefit children who cannot yet be helped.

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