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State Capital NEWS

Frantic preparations are underway to ready the State Capitol for the 62nd legislative session which begins January 12. Construction workmen will have to complete renovation of the building and completion of new offices and committee rooms. Staffs must be assigned, opening sessions planned and the budget and other major bills drafted.

Surveys indicate that most legislators are agreed that tax and redistricting of congressional and legislative boundaries are their toughest tasks. There is not shortage of tough tasks for the lawmakers in 1971.

Legislative Budget Board has passed the estimated new revenue need to \$645.1 million. Many think it will run a great deal higher, perhaps as much as \$800 million or more. Few ideas have been offered on how to raise the new revenue.

Political futures of many legislators ride on the redrawing of their district boundaries, which must follow population patterns of the 1970 census.

Among other major problems, appointed by legislators are:

- * A multi-billion-dollar state budget.
- * Liquor-by-the-drink legislation.
- * Welfare programs, including an increase in the \$80 million a year ceiling on categorical assistance payments.
- * Laws to curb drug use and prevent crime.
- * Revision of auto insurance regulations.
- * Air and water pollution control.
- * Financing higher education, including a proposed tuition hike.

INAUGURATION PLANNED

Six inaugural balls will mark the second-term inauguration of Gov. Preston Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes on January 19. Main ball, a formal event, is scheduled for the Austin Municipal Auditorium. Governor and Mrs. Smith will lead the traditional grand march of the state officials. An admission fee will be charged.

Five other dances will be held in the Austin coliseum, a state dance at the University of Texas gymnasium and three others at downtown hotels.

Formal inaugural ceremonies will be held at noon on the Capitol steps. A prayer breakfast will open the day's events. Preceding the inaugural will be a Democratic victory dinner on the night of January 18 at the Austin Municipal Auditorium. Singer Wayne Newton will be the headline entertainer for the dinner.

APPOINTMENTS

Governor Smith appointed District Judge Wendell A. Odum of Houston to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Odum will take the seat of Judge John F. Onion Jr., who was elected presiding judge of the court and assumes the top post on January 1.

Smith named Gerald T. Bischoff of Victoria, as Associate Justice of the 13th Court of Civil Appeals. He succeeds Judge Paul Hye who moves up to Chief Justice on January 1.

To fill Judge Odum's 176th district court bench, Smith appointed Judge William M. Hatten of Houston, now judge of the court of Domestic Relations No. 2.

Andrew L. Jefferson of Houston will succeed Judge Hatten.

OPINIONS

County commissioners court would order proceeds from the sale of county hospital bonds deposited with the county treasurer pending completion of proposed construction or improvements, Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that:

- * Odessa College cannot lawfully contract with a vending machine company where a member of its board of regents is president and a stockholder.
- * State Welfare Department has authority to purchase fide-

ity bonds but not insurance against loss by theft of food stamps and cash.

- * Maximum fee schedule authorized for Texas Private Employment Agency Regulatory Board does not apply to those charged by an employment agency to employers, but only to those charged employees seeking work.

COURTS SPEAK

A three-judge federal court in Dallas held that Texas' political filing fees are unconstitutional, although low, "reasonable; fees may be permitted. Governor Smith said the ruling would lead to "tremendously chaotic conditions."

Attorney General Martin applauded the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court that voting in national elections must be extended to 18-year-olds but that Congress cannot direct states to permit the teenagers to vote in state and local elections.

RATE HIKE UPCOMING

Auto owners will be getting notice this week of the new insurance rates which will be paying after January 1.

News won't be so bad as first anticipated. While an average statewide increase of 23.4% had been recommended by the State Insurance Board staff, it now appears that the jump will be between 12 and 18.6%.

Board calculations indicate companies will get an after-tax rate of return of six or seven per cent of total assets. Companies wanted an increase of 27.7% and are not expected to be overjoyed with the "compromise."

ISLAND ROW ROARS ON

One of the hottest continuing controversies in the state is over the proposed \$4.1 million purchase of land on Mustang Island for Park purposes.

Governor Smith pledged to do all in his power to prevent the buy with state money, and proposes private fund contributions for the purpose.

Parks and Wildlife Commissioners Harry Jersig of San Antonio and L. P. Gilvin of Amarillo bypassed the governor and PWC Chairman Pearce Johnson of Austin in asking the release of \$2.1 million of federal funds to buy the land. Over \$2.1 million would come from the state bond fund. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation said it would allow use of federal money.

Smith said other areas need parks more.

SHORT SNORTS

W. T. (Shorty) Smith of Waco was named 1971 "national driver of the year" for his 43-year accident-free record as a truck driver.

Governor Smith urges drivers to take coffee breaks to help them keep alert against accidents during this holiday season.

More than 400 cities got \$36.5 million in local sales tax revenues during the quarter which ended September 30.

Barney Pool To Receive Discharge In March 1971

Barney Pool, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pool, will receive his discharge from the U. S. Army on March 9, 1971. He and wife Joyce have been living in Frankfurt, Germany, where he has been stationed since May of 1969.

Barney is a member of the Army Security Agency. He plans to attend college when they get back to the states.

His wife Joyce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Fichter of Shamrock.

They sent their holiday greeting to be put in the Christmas edition but it was received late. They wished to send "holiday greetings to all their friends and their wonderful people of McLean and surrounding areas."

Corinne Trimble visited her son Norman Trimble and family in Ashland, Kentucky, over the Christmas holidays.

19 Landowners Great Plains Contracts To Expire Dec. 31, 1970

Nineteen landowners will complete Great Plains Conservation Program contracts in the Pampa Work Unit, according to Mickey Black, District Conservationist, of the Pampa Soil Conservation Service. Their contracts will expire December 31, 1970.

Black stated that this represents farmers and ranchers from Gray County which receive technical assistance from the Pampa Work Unit office.

These contracts represent a wide variety of conservation practices which were applied to the land to reduce soil erosion and provide a more economic farming and ranching operation. The practices include irrigation pipeline, irrigation land leveling, terraces, grassed waterways, brush control, grass seeding, cross fences to improve grazing management and farm ponds and wells to improve livestock distribution. These are but a few of the practices that are carried out under the Great Plains Program.

The Great Plains Conservation Program is a voluntary one. Its core is a complete conservation plan for the entire farm or ranch. The plan is based on the needs of the land and the desires of the individual landowner. This program makes it possible for a farmer or rancher to receive costshare assistance to apply a complete conservation plan on his land.

According to Black, from the beginning of the program in 1958 till the present time, 112 landowners have completed contracts in the Pampa Work Unit. This represents a total of 195,152 acres.

Farmers and ranchers completing this year are: Valta Earl Tarbet, Jr., Robert Rapshtine, Tony R. Smitherman, George A. Philpott, Bob Sherrod, Monroe Seltz, Aaron & Raymond Sullivan, Wm. T. Fraser Estate, James A. Lewis, Harris King, Lester Bailey, C. J. Magee, Ercy Cubine, John C. Haynes, Charles M. Grigsby, Homer Abbott, Lamon L. Stovall, A. L. Hibler, Jr., and Craig Morris.

Old Timers Club To Meet Jan. 8

The Old Timers Club will meet Friday, Jan. 8 at 12 o'clock noon in Lovett Memorial Library at Pampa.

All who have lived in this area 50 years or more are urged to come and bring a covered dish for the luncheon. Mrs. John Hankins and Mrs. Carl Boston will show their tour pictures.

Edna Vincent
Chairman



THE TOP BOY AND GIRL WINNER OF THE THREE JUNIOR HIGH GRADES WERE: BETH HAMBRIGHT AND CURTIS SIMPSON, 6th GRADE; CATHY CURRY AND TODD DARSEY, 7th GRADE; CANDY CARVER AND JAY DEE FISH, 8th GRADE.

Lefors Man Receives Air Force Honor

U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant Edward L. Buehrer, nephew of Mrs. Mary Maple, Rosebud, Mo., is a member of the Forbes AFB, Kan., field maintenance squadron that has been selected as the best in the worldwide Military Airlift Command (MAC).

Sergeant Buehrer is an aerospace ground equipment specialist with the 1st Field Maintenance Squadron that was chosen for the annual award.

Squadron personnel were cited for superior leadership, job performance and management of resources. They provide in-shop repairs for aircraft and related ground and survival equipment supporting operations of MAC's highly technical Aerospace Cartographic & Geodetic Service.

The sergeant's wife, Jaquita, is the daughter of Mrs. Geneva Lisenbee, Lefors, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty had the following guests during the Christmas holiday, children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Nora Loveland of Dallas; Francis L. Petty of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Petty and children, Anna, Joan, Douglas and Joy of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Petty of Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Kennedy and daughter Tina, all of Amarillo; and Buck Henley of McLean. The Kennedy's remained for the remainder of the week.

A call was received from the Harold E. Petty's from Moberly Mo.



DRESS-UP DAY WAS HELD RECENTLY BY THE STUDENTS OF THE MCLEAN JUNIOR HIGH. The two top winners were Kathy Raines, a seven grader and Donnie Bentley, a eighth grader.

Charles D. Upton Is Aboard The USS White Plains

Navy Petty Officer Second Class Charles D. Upton, husband of Mrs. Vickie S. Upton of McLean, Tex., has returned to Alameda, Calif., aboard the combat stores ship USS White Plains following a five month deployment to the Western Pacific.

Brad Dalton Completes Dallas Police Course

Brad Dalton, Detention Officer, Dallas Police Department, has completed a course in chemical testing for alcoholic influence. Dalton is certified to administer chemical test using a breathalyzer instrument. The test is used to determine whether or not a D.W.I. subject is intoxicated.

Dalton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dalton of McLean. He has been with the Dallas Police Department for 8 months.

Sgt. Ricky D. Guill On Duty In Wash.

U.S. Air Force Sergeant Ricky D. Guill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Guill, McLean, Tex., has arrived for duty at McChord AFB, Wash.

Sergeant Guill, an aircraft control and warning radar repairman, assigned to a unit of the Air Force Communications Service. He previously served with an Air Force support unit at Hohn, Iceland.

The sergeant is a 1967 graduate of McLean High School. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hill, Alanreed Tex.

Jerry Sanders from Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with his parents & brother, Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Sanders, Mrs. Jewel Nichols, David and Deann of Albuquerque, N. Mex., visited her parents & brother, Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Sanders over the week end.

Mrs. Lorene Walker, Former Resident Is Buried In New Mexico

Funeral services for Mrs. Lorene (Burrows) Walker, 61, were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Clovis, N.M. Mrs. Walker, a former resident of McLean, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on December 28th at Clovis Memorial Hospital, Clovis, New Mexico.

She is survived by her husband, Berna Walker; 2 sons, Fred of Santa Fe, N.M., and Bill of Virginia; 4 brothers, Dolph of McLean, James of Albuquerque, N.M., Raymond of Studio City, Calif., and Wayne of San Diego, Calif.

RESOLUTIONS ARE MADE TO BE KEPT

Don't go through the motions of making New Year's resolutions unless you have serious intent of making them work. In fact, according to psychologists, you may be doing your psyche harm by experiencing another defeat. You'd be better off not making resolutions at all.

One expert suggests we make resolutions aimed at self-improvement, rather than promising to do things which would require a sharp change in our habits or activities.

Here is a 4-point guideline:

1. Never let pressure of a calendar date or friends' well-meaning nudges cause you to make a resolution.
2. Stop and take inventory of your problems. (Oh, yes, you have them). Try to trace the source of the trouble, not merely the symptom. If necessary, get professional advice.
3. When you have located the source of the problem, find out how important a change is to you. Do you really want to effect this change? Would you really work at it? If you cannot honestly say "yes" to both these questions, you probably won't achieve the change.
4. Don't set too high standards for yourself. Keep your goals reasonable. Keep in mind that many mental problems as well as lost resolutions are due to your making unreasonable, unattainable demands on yourself.

Open House To Honor Charlie Thut

There will be an open house held for Charlie Thut on December 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the County Court House at Pampa. Mr. Thut is the outgoing county clerk and has served Gray County for many years.

Everyone is invited to go by and visit with him then.

"Hollydays" Bring Memories Of Days Gone Past

When you deck the halls with boughs of holly you are perpetuating customs of both the Druids and the Romans.

With its year-round display of shiny green leaves and its bright, red berries, holly through the ages has been the object of legends and folklore.

Druids believed the sun never deserted holly, so they brought branches into their dwellings for protection against winter.

All the evil spirits which roamed Rome were kept off balance by knowledgeable Romans who kept holly around the house. Friends of Roman newlyweds wished them well by sending wreaths of holly, and wreaths were exchanged during Saturnalia, the Roman holiday which Christians adopted to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Holly in Rome was also a protection against lightning and insurance that cattle, when in its presence, would thrive.

Early Christians adopted the use of holly in their celebrations, but with it came some of the superstitions. It was used to ward off witches, mad dogs and wild beasts which were supposed to lie down quietly when a holly staff was thrown at them.

The evil spirits which plagued Romans bugged the American Indian too, so they kept holly around to ward them off. The Indians found some practical uses for the holly tree. Some used the wood for tomahawk handles, and the berries, when dried, were used for ornaments. Tea brewed from the leaves, they thought, gave them strength and courage in war. The same tea was used in later years as a "cure" for colic, measles and whooping cough.

George Washington may have chopped down cherry trees, but he was a regular Johnny Appleseed when it came to holly trees. He took great care in planting seedlings at his home, Mount Vernon, and some believe that his famous wooden false teeth were made from holly.

Holly grows naturally in most of the world, flourishing in most warm and moist climates but also doing well where it is harsh and dry.

The hard, white wood has always been in demand for fine carving, and the boughs with their berries are sought during the holidays, so much so that in some areas of the nation holly trees have been wiped out.

Holly trees are a landscapers boon, but prospective owners may want to think twice before planting one in their yard. Legend has it that if it likes the owner, it will flourish, but if it dislikes the owner, it doesn't care if it lives or dies.

Barry Cotton Finishes Navy Basic Training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Barry L. Cotton, husband of the former Miss Carolyn A. Holt of McLean, Tex., was graduated from basic training at the Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

He will report to the USS Tention, Norfolk, Va.

S. S. Information May Be Obtained At Pampa Office

Social Security information can be obtained by going to the social security office at 400 West Kingsmill Street, in Pampa, or by telephoning 669-3381 (area code 806). The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday (except national holidays).

A representative is available to explain the provisions of the Social Security Act and answer questions at meetings of farm groups, civic groups, high school or college groups, teacher groups, and other interested organizations. There are no charges for any of these services of the Social Security Administration.

Visiting with Mrs. Louise McDonald & Betty on Christmas Day were Mr. & Mrs. Jim McDonald, Paige & Trevor, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford McDonald & Robert, Mr. Joe Immel of Higgins, Mrs. & Mrs. Bill Immel & Deanne of Uvalde, Texas, Mrs. & Mrs. Elmer Immel & Pete of Kellierville, Mr. & Mrs. Rex Immel, Lisa, Elizabeth, & Joe Dan of Kellierville, Mr. & Mrs. Linden Immel & David of Okmulgee, Okla., and James Allen Thockmorton of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Thelmer McPherson and family of Dallas visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McPherson over the Christmas holidays.



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We're spreading the news to friends near and far - we wish to all, the happiest new year ever.

SWPS Announce Plans For \$20 Million Expansion in 1971

A 14% addition to the area's electric generating capability in mid-1971 and plans for still another major power production unit in 1974 highlight a nearly 20-million dollar construction program for 1971, announced today by Roy Tolks, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

The addition to electric generating capability in mid-year will come about when the first unit goes into service at Jones Station, located southeast of Lubbock. The 256,000 kilowatt generator will be the largest single unit on the company's system and will put the company's total power-producing capability at nearly 2,800,000 kilowatts. That's more than twice what it was 10 years ago.

Tolks also revealed plans for the second 256,000 kilowatt machine at the new facility. A twin of the one which will go into 1971 service, the new unit has been ordered from Westinghouse Corporation. Ground will be broken for the second unit in 1972.

"We don't propose to get into any bind insofar as adequate power supply to serve our customers is concerned. It takes longer to get electric generating equipment these days, so we've put our order in to adequately meet our requirements. We are noting an increase in number of customers throughout our service area, an indication that we are returning to a growth pattern, and we want to have the electric power supply that will stimulate that growth," Tolks said in making the plant expansion announcement.

Jones Station is named for Clifford B. Jones, president emeritus of Texas Tech University, and a director of Southwestern Public Service Company since 1945.

When the two units are in service, Jones Station alone could serve a city three times as large as Lubbock or Amarillo and it is just one of eleven generating facilities on Southwestern's interconnected system.

There has been no power shortage problem in Southwestern's service area. In 1970, for example, when some sections of the area were pla-

Antelope Hunters Had A Good Year

Pronghorn hunters had a good 1970 season according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. A total of 896 bucks were harvested in the Trans-Pecos, Permian Basin and Panhandle.

In the Trans-Pecos the kill was 610 bucks and the hunter success was more than 97%.

Panhandle hunters had 89% success, killing 209 animals.

Permian Basin counties, with 80 hunters on the range, harvested 77 bucks for a success of 96%.

The antelope range got rains in time to add body weight to the antelopes, and most of them were in good shape when harvested.

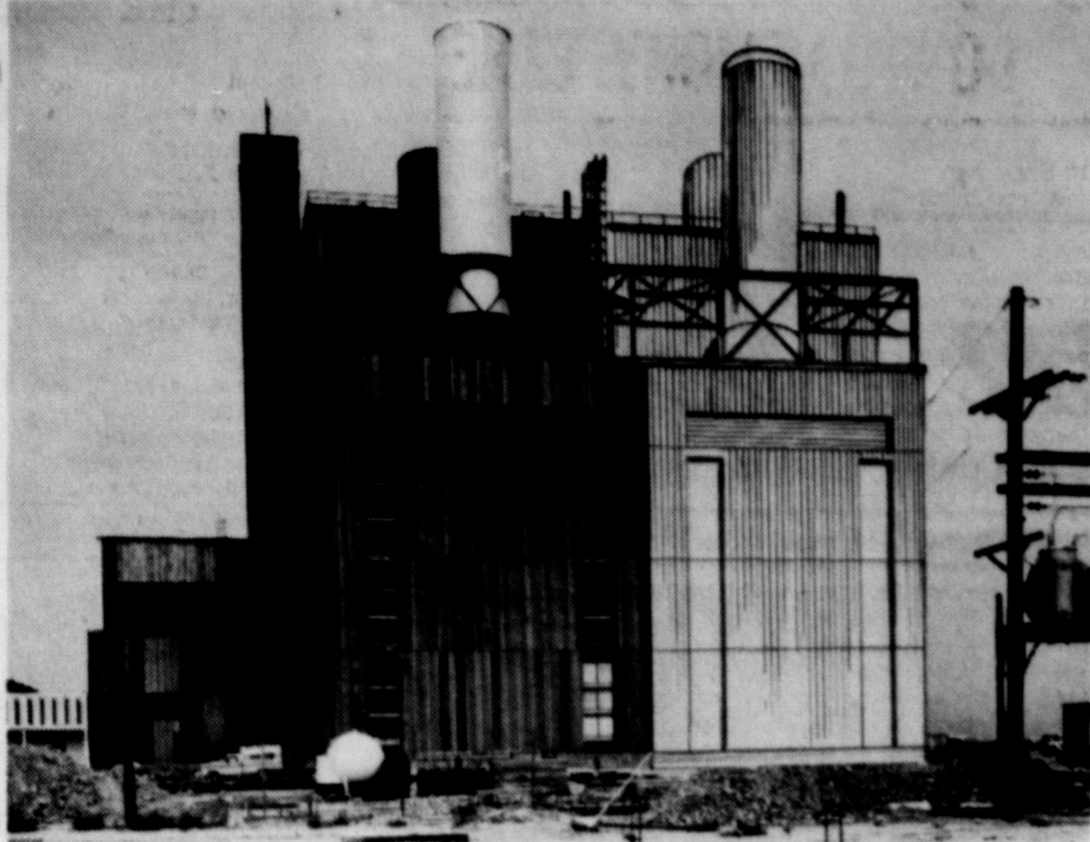
Miss Denise Bailey of Amarillo visited in the home of her parents over the holidays.

BIRTHDAYS

- January 1
Carolyn Bailey
- January 2
Louise Dwight
Opal Patterson
Clyde Windom
- January 3
Pat Miller
Bobby Gilbreath
- January 4
Gordon Wilson
- January 5
Mrs. John B. Rice
Teresa Don Humphreys
Opal Watson
- January 6
W. C. Simpson
Jimmie Shaw
Audrey Denise Littrell
Jane Elizabeth Christie
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Barbara Ann Conatser
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qued with brownouts and voltage reductions, Southwestern's customers were able to continue to use electric power without restriction and the company passed through its summer peak period with reserves that exceed the peak demand by more than 20%. The 1971 Jones Station addition is designed to provide adequate power reserves during the three year period until the 1974 unit is completed.

1971 will be Southwestern Public Service Company's Golden Anniversary Year. The company was incorporated at Roswell, New Mexico in 1921 as the Roswell Public Service Company. Its service area

now covers 45,000 square miles in parts of four states and it serves 225,000 customers. It has an investment in plant and equipment that is now approaching 500 million dollars and it has been adding to that investment at an annual average rate of 20 million dollars for the last ten years.

Governor Names Jan. 15 As Arbor Day In Texas

Texas - Governor Preston Smith has designated January 15, 1971 as Arbor Day in Texas.

A resolution by the 51st Legislature, in recognition of the importance of trees to Texans, designates the third Friday of each January as Arbor Day.

In his Proclamation the Governor urged all citizens, and especially the public schools of Texas, to appropriately observe the occasion in the interest of Texas and the Nation.

"Trees have played a major role in the development and growth of Texas. As a economic crop, they have provided Texans with vital raw materials, so important to our wood-using industries, helped stabilize the soil from erosion by wind and water, provided food and cover for wildlife, and have been refreshing objects of beauty around the home, in parks and along our public roads.

"Trees are in integral part of our total natural environment. Their ability to purify the air and manufacture life-sustaining oxygen are of the utmost importance to Texans.

"Trees are a renewable resource and as such should be protected from their natural enemies - forest fires, disease and insects."

Hunting Season Progressing Nicely

With the hunting season well underway, Texas hunters are having average to good success over the state, and those who are connecting are finding the animals in generally excellent shape.

But for all the reports of excellent game populations and healthy animals, a black cloud hangs on the horizon in most parts of state -- continued warm, dry weather.

With the exception of the easternmost portion of the state, biologists say that unless there is a good rain immediately, there may not be enough food to carry the present population level of quail and deer through the winter, and the results could be a heavy and widespread die-off.

Duck hunters are still getting their limits, and Beezley says most hunters are happy with the new point system for determining bag limits. Beezley says pintail drakes are about the only ones unhappy with the new system since they, being

10 point ducks, are getting plenty of pressure.

Squirrel and rabbit hunters have been doing well, but most of the interest is in deer and waterfowl.

Counties which normally have quail are experiencing a drought which could mean trouble for quail later on in the year. Dove were scattered during the season, and the kill was about average.

Quail populations are outstanding in most of West Texas except for an extremely dry area stretching from Mitchell County to Lubbock. The hunting is good, but the quail may not hold out if it does not rain soon. The situation is critical.

Mrs. Geo Colebank spent the Christmas holidays with the Benny Coopers in Canyon and at Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper at Albuquerque, N.M.

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We want to thank the wonderful people of McLean for everything that has been done for us during our illness and times of hospitalization. You have been so generous in bringing in food, flowers, singing carols, helping with the house, especially for your prayers. May God richly bless all of you.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Bones

CARD OF APPRECIATION
I wish to express my appreciation to my friends at McLean for the many cards and kind wishes I have received from each and wish every one a Happy and Prosperous New Year added to Health.
Mrs. Lona Jones
P.O. Box 703
Stinnett, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Thompson of Canyon and Mrs. Foster Burgin of Groom visited Mrs. Jim Wheeler and Dick Monday.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors who helped us to celebrate our golden wedding anniversary. Your cards, gifts, and visits will be treasured all our lives.
Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Hommel

Order Free Arbor Day Kits Now

Orders for free Arbor Day Program Kits are still being accepted by the Texas Forest Service, a part of The Texas A&M University System, for delivery before Arbor Day, which will be observed in Texas, January 15, 1971.

The kits are free on request to Texas school teachers and heads of conservation-minded organizations. Each kit contains materials for a classroom tree-raising project and suggestions for an appropriate observance of Arbor Day. A kit also contains two quality pecan seeds (pecan is the state tree of Texas) and instructions for planting the seeds. The Program materials include poems and songs about trees and information about Arbor Day. Address requests to Arbor Day Kits, Texas Forest Service, College Station, Texas 77843.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cullison during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cullison and girls, Carlene and Gail of Burkumett, Miss Alice Hommel of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and Mrs. Bruce Phypel of Vega and Mrs. W. E. Kennedy.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

10 Years Ago

A total of 400 farms were counted in the 1959 Census of Agriculture conducted in Gray County, according to a preliminary report just issued by the bureau of the Census U.S. Department of Agriculture. Magee and Breeding, McLean have assigned cattle to the southwestern herford sale, to be held in conjunction with the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth on January 31.

Jim Hathaway, owner of the Master Cleaners, has been elected chairman of the McLean Housing Authority.

Lee Welch, McLean superintendent of schools, is attending a meeting of Texas superintendents in Austin this week. Welch left Tuesday and will return this weekend. McLean's annual New March of Dimes was shaping up into an enthusiastic campaign this week as plans for a big basketball game and various other events were being formulated.

20 Years Ago

A special program honoring charter members of the McLean Lions Club who still live in the McLean area, will be given next Tuesday noon at the regular meeting hour.

The Hugh Grogan family has just completed their new home and entertained the family of Mr. Grogan with a tree and party on Christmas Eve.

30 Years Ago

Miss Irene Rice entertained with a Christmas party Monday night at the home of the Duard Beck's, Mrs. Beck is Miss Rice's sister. Gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Miss Billie Mae Lisle of Pampa and Mr. Billie Roy Cash of Dumas were married December 25, at Amarillo. Luther G. Roberts, minister of the Central Church of Christ, performing the ceremony in the presence of the bride's sister, Miss Bonnie of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Phillips of Dumas. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lisle of Shamrock and a niece of Mrs. Sherman Deatheage formerly of McLean. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cash of McLean and a graduate of McLean High School. He is employed with the Shamrock Gas and Oil Company at Dumas, where they will make their home.

40 Years Ago

The Pampa poultry show will be held January 8th through the 10th, in the new city hall basement.

Married Wednesday, December 24, 1930, at the United Methodist Church parsonage, Mr. Lee Holland of Hedley, and Miss Ida Bell of Albrecht, Pastor John Crow performing the ceremony.

Christmas day was a quiet affair in McLean, the stores being closed and most of the people celebrating the day with family reunions. Sheriff Graves states he arrested more "drunks" last Christmas than his deputies and the Pampa police force arrested this Christmas.

50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coffee entertained with a New Year Party Friday evening. Games were played until midnight, then a mock wedding ceremony was performed. Miss Frankie Mae Upham was the bride and Harold Carpenter was the groom. Bob Turner acting as minister, conducted the ceremony. Delicious refreshments were then served.

This week shelving and fixtures have been put in the building recently vacated by C. S. Rice and as soon as the paint dries and the stock of goods arrives, a stock of groceries will be opened by the Industrial Transportation Company with R. S. Jordan as manager.

Black Deer Are Odd But Not Exotic

Each autumn, a number of Texas hunters rub their eyes in disbelief at the sight of solid black deer in parts of the Hill Country.

Some have shot the animals without really knowing what species they were. Others have taken them thinking they were some exotic import mixing with the native whitetails.

Others who guessed correctly that they are simply a rare dark phase of the white-tailed deer wondered if they should have shot them.

Don Wilson, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist at San Marcos, said there have traditionally been two to 20 black animals taken by hunters in Hays and Comal County during the past six to eight years -- and the number appears to be growing.

"This is simply a melanistic (dark) phase of the whitetail, and the black deer is just like the other deer in every way except color." The recessive gene which causes the dark phase to crop up is dominated by the gene for normal coloration, which explains the rarity of the phenomenon.

All mammals, Wilson said, have melanistic phases. Some of the better known are the silver fox and silver mink, which are prized for their pelts.

Melanism among deer is much rarer than another coloration anomaly called albinism. Albino (white) and partially albino deer are fairly widespread in Texas and other states, although not necessarily plentiful. The melanistic phase apparently never shows up in a spotted (or pinto) pattern as is sometimes observed in albinistic deer.

The black deer are usually black over most of their body during winter, fading to a blackish brown color in the summer. They are similar in coloration to the Japanese sika deer which has been released experimentally in several parts of the state.

Wilson said the black phase is most numerous in Hays and Comal Counties because of an apparent "gene pool" which has developed in that area. "Deer don't stray very far from where they are born, so the melanistic deer there have stayed pretty well in their home territory and the dark color phase keeps popping up."

The melanistic deer don't have a great deal of biological significance, and biologists consider them more an oddity than anything else.

The old rule of "look before you shoot" is always appropriate, especially when it comes to firing at an animal which has not been positively identified. If it looks like a whitetail, but is black, chances are it is all right to go ahead and take it.

Visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Roy Mc Cracken through the holidays were Mr. & Mrs. Donald McCracken of Amarillo Mr. & Mrs. Ernie McCracken of Canyon, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roy McCracken, Leann & Randy of R. O. Ranch of Clarendon, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Hayter of Pampa, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Standford of Electra, Texas.

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Prove Wheat Yield By January 7

The basic provision for proven wheat yields are continued under the Agricultural Act of 1970. You may elect to establish a yield for your farm based on actual production rather than use of a yield established by the county committee on a judgment basis only. The base period for establishing 1971 farm yields is 1967, 1968, and 1969. To prove your yields, you must have harvested wheat acreage in each of these three years and be able to provide reliable proof of production on the harvested acres.

In order to assure consideration, you may file a written request within 15 days from the date shown on this letter. Production data timely received will be considered before notifying you of your official 1971 farm wheat yield. If you wish to prove your wheat yield, please do so by Jan. 7. **ENDING IN 1970 COTTON PRODUCTION**

The new cotton program states that the 1970 actual cotton production will be used to establish the 1971 cotton yields. It is necessary that every cotton producer bring in the evidence of 1970 cotton production. No other year is needed except 1970. Failure to bring in the 1970 production will result in assuming that there was zero production in 1970.

WOOL PROGRAM
Producers making wool sales through December 31, 1970 should apply by Jan. 31, 1971 to the county ASCS office in order to receive incentive payment.

COMMUNITY LOANS
Warehouse storage loans for the 1970 crop have been authorized for extension on barley, grain sorghum, oats and wheat. Reseal of farm storage loan for the 1970 crop is authorized for grain sorghum, oats and wheat. No extension or reseal is approved for the 1968 or 1969 crop on any commodity. These must be settled by the maturity dates.

FINAL DATES
December 31 - To report completed ACP practices.
December 31 - To report completion of Debris Removal

January 7 - To prove wheat yields.
By Evelyn Mason

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hommel of Alanreed during the Christmas holidays were Rev. and Mrs. Norman Grigsby and sons, Wes and Mark of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard Miller and sons, Micheal and David and Mrs. Ammie Smith of Amarillo Mill Alice Hommel of Dallas and Mrs. W.E. Kennedy of McLean.

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KAREN SUE WILSON
Karen Sue Wilson Announces January Wedding Plans

Mrs. Oma Wilson, of 519 N. Walnut, announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Karen Sue, to Charles Randall Jones, son of Mrs. Juanita Freeman, of Shamrock. The bride-elect is a senior at McLean High School, while the groom is presently employed at Billingsley's Triangle Service Station.

Vows will be exchanged January 9th, at the Assembly of God Church 4th & Main, in a double-ring ceremony with Rev. Z. A. Myers officiating. Services will be at 7 p.m. with reception following.

Some Geese "Dog-It"

Those beautiful V-formations in which geese fly are more than just aesthetically pleasing, according to biologists for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The geese behind the lead bird are "dogging it" by riding on vortices, whirling air currents stirred up by wing tips of the birds in front of them.

The inner wing of a goose flying in formation is supported by the vortex caused by the outer wing of the goose in front.

The lead bird, according to biologists, is usually the strongest of the flock, and because of his position, creates two usable vortices.

New Tax Rules On Foster Children

The Tax Reform Act of 1969 makes it easier to qualify foster children as dependents, Ellis Campbell, Jr., IRS District Director for North Texas said today.

A foster child now can be claimed as a dependent on the same terms as a natural child if he lives with the taxpayer as a member of the household for the entire year.

The effect of the Act is to permit a taxpayer a dependency exemption for a foster child who makes \$625 or more if the child is under 19 or a fulltime student and the other dependency tests are met. Previously, such a foster child could not qualify as a dependent even though all other dependency requirements were met.

A foster child is defined as one in the care of someone other than natural or adopted parents who cares for the child as his own.

To be well heeled tomorrow one has to be on his toes today.

Tax Deductions For Capital Losses Restricted

The Tax Reform Act of 1969 limits the federal income tax deduction for long-term capital losses, Ellis Campbell, Jr., IRS District Director for North Texas, said today.

The Act allows only 50% of an individual's long-term capital losses to be used to offset ordinary income. Thus it takes \$2,000 in losses to get the maximum offset of \$1,000 against ordinary income.

While the \$1,000 limitation is unchanged in the case of joint returns, the new law limits the deduction to \$500 on each return of a married couple filing separately.

Mr. Campbell said that new long-term capital losses carried over from pre-1970 tax years can be fully deducted under the old tax rules. The 50% rule does not apply.

The maximum capital gain tax rate is 25% on the first \$50,000 of gains and 29.5% on any excess over that amount.

Suggestions Offered For Beef Buying

The buying of beef for the family table or for the home freezer often turns in a chore. But it need not be.

Meat, has been graded for quality, how palatable it will be when served, for many years. Most steaks and roasts are cut from the top three grades, Prime, Choice and Good, Choice quality will have a bright cherry red color and flecks of fat intermingled with lean (marbling).

The lean will be fine in texture and firm in appearance. The outside fat on a roast or steak grading Choice should be a half-inch or less. All of these can be noted on a cut of meat in the self-service counter, says W. W. Bailey.

When a side or quarter of beef is purchased for the home freezer, it is an easy matter to purchase the desired quality grade. However, points out the specialist, this is not all of the needed information. Choice grade carcasses can have from two-tenths to an inch of outside fat. No one wants to buy outside fat at a high price and then trim it off and there is a solution.

To meet the changing conditions, the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1965 started another kind of grading which indicates the quantity of salable meat on a carcass. These are known as yield grades and are numbered from 1 to 5. Yield grade 1 carcasses have the highest yield of retail cuts and 5 the lowest. Because of this difference in yield of lean meat, there is about \$3.60 per hundred weight difference in price between each yield grade, explains Bailey. This, a carcass grading Choice or Good with a yield grade of 1 would be worth \$18 more per cwt. than a carcass with a yield grade of 5. On a 600-pound carcass, this would amount to \$108, a big difference, in value.

This big grading system, is based on four factors: size of the ribeye muscle at the point where the sides are quartered; thickness of outside fat measured at the ribeye muscle; amount of kidney, pelvic and heart fat and size of the carcass.

These new yield grades are not only valuable to the consumer but also to the producer, the packer who buys the live animal and retail butcher. To the rancher or feeder, they provide a means for identifying breeding and slaughter cattle for differences in

visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Chilton during the Christmas holidays, were Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Chilton, Ralph and Renee and Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Duwayne Blackshear, Debbie, Sandy, and Royce; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bailey; Mrs. Johnny Kramer; Mrs. Ruth Saye; and Mr. and Mrs. Wink Gideon.

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Bailey, Levi, Charlene and Brent of Pampa, Dennis Gee of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gee and boys of Oklahoma visited the E.M. Baileys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tate and Mr. and Mrs. Orphus Tate and family visited their parents, the O.O. Tates, over the Christmas holidays.

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yield. He can select for breeding and slaughter cattle for differences in yield. He can select for breeding and feeding animals that produce high yielding carcasses. To the packer, they furnish

an additional tool which permits him to more precisely evaluate difference in the value of animals he buys. To the retail butcher, they provide a means for purchasing beef with an assurance as

to its yield of salable meat. To the consumer, yield grades are an excellent guide to yield of meat bought in the form of a quarter or wholesale cuts for the home freezer. Bailey reminds that the qua-

lity grades should not be confused with the 1 to 5 yield grades. He notes there are very few No. 1 yield grade carcasses produced but No. 2 and 3 yield grade carcasses are plentiful and are available

from most wholesale beef outlets. To get the most from beef purchases, the specialist suggests that the beef quality grades be used in combination with the newer yield grades.

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