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# On The Corner

# Plenty Of Excitement-At Clyde

BY DON TABOR Publisher

There hadn't been so much excitement in downtown Clyde since the last Santa Claus parade. On second thought, there probably has never been so much excitement in downtown Clyde.

It was the middle of the day last Saturday when the guy who earlier in the morning had held up Howle's Discount Pharmacy was chased back to the scene of the crime by police and for two and a half hours held pharmacist Larry Howle's brother. Jerry, hostage.

That two and a half hours gave time for the crowd of on-lookers to form, and form, and form.

They parked their cars for three blocks across the railroad tracks from the store on N. 1st St. They parked for blocks on S. 1st St. behind a roadblock about a half block from the pharmacy. They stood along the railroad tracks, some peering through binoculars to get closer to the action.

The police were there in force. I counted seven different agencies represented, everybody from the Game Warden to the Texas Rangers. The Abilene TV stations were having a field day, some stations with two, three maybe more people there. There were newspaper reporters and photographers, my son, Dan, the Journal editor, and I right in the middle of them.

Once I stood shivering trying to find something to break that cold south wind I looked at all the people on the railroad tracks and wondered what would happen if a train had happened by. There were also a couple of TV station cars parked close, and I mean close, to the tracks.

Then, about the time I figured we were going to be there all day, Jerry walked out the back of the store with the hold-up man's plastic toy gun in his pocket. (Jerry said he hadn't realized until the man laid down the gun to shoot up with dope that it was a toy. I don't blame him for not being curious to find out earlier.)

Jerry said he simply picked up the gun and walked out. There was a bit of a tense moment when he did. Some of the lawmen watching the back of the building were from out of town and didn't know Jerry from Adam. They saw the gun in his pocket and started pointing their own guns (real ones) his way. They ordered him down on the ground with his hands out. He complied and they then found out who he was.

Shortly afterward, the "unarmed" hold-up man walked out the front door and gave up to Abilene SWAT squad officers, who quickly spirited him

away. And that was it. Oh yeah, there was one more happening. Although Jerry told lawmen only he and the hold-up man were in the pharmacy, the SWAT team wasn't taking any chances and put on a good show for the on-lookers.

It looked like a TV police drama as three of them crept toward the front door of the building, dressed in all black, their automatic weapons bristling. The lead man had a bullet-proof shield with a peep-hole in front of him as he darted in the door, quickly followed by the other two.

"Hey, cool, man," a kid on the

tracks hollered.

# \$\$ Shelled Out for Peanuts

By VANDA KING Editor

The 1986 peanut harvest is just about over for most local farmers. This has been an exceptionally good year in more ways than one. The abundance of moisture, replacing the drought weather, produced an extraordinary crop.

The drought which hit Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida created a profitable situation for farmers in Texas. They were able to receive the bonus prices which usually go to these Southeastern states, because very few peanuts were produced there.

Glenn Winfrey, owner of Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Company, reported 4 million pounds of peanuts being sold to Birdsong (the sheller)

this year. He said, "This was about twice as many peanuts as were sold in 1985. This has been the first above average crop since the 1970's."

He stated that the grades and vields were above average, especially for dry land. The irrigated crops were average to below, due to leaf spot and Southern blight. Leaf spot becomes prevalent when there is too much moisture and high humidity weather. Southern blight is caused by excessive moisture.

Winfrey said that no Seg. II or Seg. III peanuts were graded this year.

(non-contracted) was \$607.81 per ton based on an average 70 grade. With the 125 percent bonus on Spanish (non-contracted) peanuts it made the price \$758. The 155 percent bonus on

Runners (non-contracted) made the price \$940.

If a farmer received a higher grade the cost per ton increased. A good grade could bring \$14 to \$15 per bushel on Runners.

The United States can only produce approximately 1,300,000 tons of peanuts for domestic use in one year's

All additional peanuts are sold for export at the price of \$148 per ton unless they were contracted for \$350 per ton. The local farmers did not have to sell their peanuts for export, The price for quota peanuts because they buy quota market pounds from other farmers who do not need them. This procedure allows them to get the best price and the

No peanuts went to the

# Christmas Program Saturday

Saturday, December 20, is the day for the Annual Christmas Program, sponsored by the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. The event will be held downtown on the corner of 8th and Main Street beside the Citizens State Bank between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00

Make plans to attend, as it is a great opportunity to visit friends and neighbors and have a good time. You might get lucky and win a cash prize or gift certificate, which local businesses have donated. You must be present to win!

Drawings will be held as follows:

6:00 p.m. — \$ 25

\$ 25 1 Gift Certificate

6:30 p.m. — \$ 25 \$ 25

1 Gift Certificate

6:45 p.m. — \$ 25 \$ 25 1 Gift Certificate

7:00 p.m. \_ 1 Gift Certificate

Merchants will have boxes ready for customers to register prior to the

Entertainment will be provided between drawings.

Santa Claus will arrive during the program and hand out candy for the little children (up to 4th grade):

Johnson's Dry Goods, Western Auto and Cross Plains Discount Center will be open for your shopping convenience during the celebration.

# School Out 16 Days For Holidays

Christmas Holidays will begin Friday, December 19, with an early out. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m. Students will not return to school until Monday, January 5, at 8:20 a.m. Sixteen days will be allowed for Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Semester exams have been designated for January 13, 14 and 15. A schedule will be released at a later

Friday, January 16, will be a school holiday due to inservice for teachers. Notice of official days off were received from Leonard Wood's office.

Government Loan Program this year, according to Winfrey. This is a storage arrangement and usually only low quality nuts are sent. All the peanuts sold at C. P. Grain and Peanut Company this year went to the shellers.

I also contacted the Pioneer Farmers Co-op and spoke with Franklin Cox, manager. Cox reported 6,900,000 pounds of peanuts sold in 1986. A total of \$2,850,397.91 worth of peanuts were sold. He also commented on the unusually good year. Farmers in the Pioneer area had a better dry land crop than irrigated due to more rainfall.

Cox said, "Most of the grade were

in the 70's with a few high 80's." He stated that there were some Seg. II but no Seg. III. He explained

that the Seg. II designation is usually caused by field damage, crops standing in water, disease, rot, and freeze damage. Seg. III is designated when there is a visual presence of a. flavus mold.

This good crop was long awaited and it was a great relief for many farmers. For some it may be making that final land payment, and for others it may mean they can farm one more year. Hopefully, next year will also be generous and help our Community prosper.



WINTER WONDERLAND — The snow last Thursday created a beautiful landscape. The white glistening blanket made everything so

clean and Christmasy. We may have had a "White Christmas" a little in advance.

## Commodity Program **Doubles in Callahan**

food commodity program in Callahan County has almost doubled in the number of people it serves. 737 in September 1984 and 1,410 in November 1986.

According to figures released by Melinda Winfrey, Callahan County Director for Central Texas Opportunities that oversees the commodity program, Clyde shows the largest increase in number of people served by the program.

Clyde handed out free government food commodities to 549 people in November 1986, while only 225 had signed up for the program in September 1984.

Clyde's largest increase in the number receiving food was from the September 1984 total of 225 to 425 people in November 1985, a increase of 200.

The town of Cross Plains is close behind Clyde in the number of people served with 461 receiving food in November 1986. The town showed that only 294 had signed up for the program in September 1984. The November 1985 total record was 413 people served.

The town of Baird has also seen a large increase in those receiving food In November 1986, 371 received commodities, while only 208 were served in September 1984. Figures

The federally funded government show 274 people received food in November 1985.

The county town of Putnam only served 29 people in November 1986. Figures show that in November of last year 33 people were receiving food. The town had 10 show up for the free commodities in September 1984.

Ms. Winfrey said the program distributes butter, cheese, dry milk, honey, rice, flour and corn meal to the four county towns. For instance last month, 673 one pound tubs of butter were given away and 682 five pound boxes of cheese were distributed.

She said that any surplus commodities not given to those in need is stored in Cross Plains. She added that there is very seldom a surplus. More commodities are given out during warmer weather.

Guidelines for receiving the government food commodities are based on the number of people in a household and the amount of income

Ms. Winfrey said that the commodities are picked up in Brownwood and distributed to the four county towns every second Wednesday of the month.

Although the commodities are funded by the federal government, it is distributed by the West Central Texas Opportunities in this area.

### Post Office Open Again Saturday

The Post Office will be open again on Saturday, December 20, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for customer's convenience during

The service window will be

available for mailing and picking up parcels and all other services.

Postmaster, Joe E. Hanke, Jr., hopes that this additional time will be

### on the corner of 9th and Main Street. 627 A.F.and A.M. will be commemorating 100 years existence Masons Note 100 Yrs.

By RAY PURVIS

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY —

The Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge No. 627 A.F.and A.M.will hold an important meeting on Saturday, December 20, to commemorate their 100th Anniversary, Lodge will be opened at 6:00 p.m. and called to order. Refreshments and a special program will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Community Center.

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge was chartered on December 16, 1886. Meetings were first held at East Caddo Peak in the upper story of a small wooden building about 16' X 24'. Some of the charter members were J. A. Coats, Alex S. Ford, B. N. Hendon, B. A. Odell, E. Roberts, W. B. Farmer, W. R. McDermett and J. M. Coffman.

In 1888, a building was erected in the old town site, just west of the present Cemetery. The Lodge was located there until 1911 when it moved into the upper story of the Alton Hornsby building. In 1926, the Lodge voted to erect a Lodge building at its present location of the corner of 9th and Main Street.

in this community. Their present

meeting place is above the City Hall

There will be plenty of food and good entertainment. The guest speaker wil be Jack Kelly, Grand Master of Masons of the State of

All Master Masons, their wives and families are urged to attend this once in a lifetime celebration. A warm invitation goes out to all past Masters of this Lodge, widows of Masons and

members of the Eastern Star Chapter.

# 78 Children on List For Christmas Needs

Central Texas wants to thank those of you who have given assistance in the city-wide toy drive and ask those of you who have not, to please do so at

At this date, we have seventy-eight children on our need list, so as you can well imagine, we need a few more on our contributor list.

We need these contributions by

Toys, extra good clothing, books, records, cassettes, sports equipment, fruit, candy, cookies or money to purchase these items are needed.

If you have a child (children) or know of one who needs a toy for Christmas call before December 20.

Distribution of the Christmas items will be Monday, December 22, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Christian Ministries Building across from the Post Office.

Please help put a smile on an area

The Christian Ministries of West child's face. Call today won't you? Contact Glenda at 725-7727 from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.



### Santa Visiting In C.P. Today

Attention children! Santa Claus will be at the Lakeway Grocery on Wednesday, December 17, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to talk with you. You can tell him all those special gifts you want for Christmas.

A photographer will be available to capture the charm of your little one

Balinda Wyatt, manager, invites all local children and parents to come by.

the Christmas mailing rush.

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# WTU Plans Another Refund

the cost of capital approved in the

Q. How much refund can the typical

Q. How will refunds be calculated

A. WTU will comply with the

refund provisions of the Com-

mission's fuel rule. The total refund

will be allocated to each rate schedule

based upon that schedule's kilowatt-

hour usage for the period in which the

over-recovery occurred. There are

twenty-three (23) rate schedule

classes. Once the refund is allocated

to each rate schedule (class) the

refund amount is divided by the

projected kilowatt-hour usage for that

class during the month of refund to

develope a refund factor which will be

applied to individual customer's

usage billed in the refund month,

except for transmission voltage

(municipal pipeline pumping class)

and seasonal agricultural (large

irrigation and cotton gin classes).

Refunds to the municipal pipeline

pumping customers and cotton gin

and large irrigation customers will be

based on their historical usage during

the period in which the over-recovery

the current fuel rule?

fuel costs?

fuel factors.

Q. When did the Commission adopt

A. The Commission's current fuel

Q. Why did WTU over-recover its

A. The PUC requires utilities to use

fixed fuel cost factors, which specify

the amount to be charged for fuel per

kilowatt-hour used by the customer.

Because the factors are based on the

expected cost of fuel as forecast at the

time the factors are set, actual fuel

costs probably will turn out to be more

or less than the amount of revenue

recovered through the interim fixed

In October and November, WTU

has spent less on fuel than was anticipated with the result that

another over-recovery has accumulat-

ed. These reduced costs are primarily

the result of a contract renegotiation

with one of WTU's major gas suppliers which lowered prices and

has allowed WTU to obtain a greater

quantity of low-cost spot gas.

rule was effective on August 22, 1986.

Company's last general rate filing.

residential customer expect?

and made?

West Texas Utilities Company plans another refund to its retail customers early next year.

The Company was to file a request Wednesday with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting permission to refund a total of \$4.9 million in retail revenues collected in excess of actual fuel costs during October and November. The total includes \$4.7 million actual fuel cost savings, plus \$.2 million in interest.

Larry Cheshier, WTU local manager, said recently negotiated contract revisions reflecting the continued soft price of natural gas makes the refund necessary.

"As our cost for boiler fuel went down, we simply over-collected under the fuel rate approved by the PUC," Mr. Cheshier said.

This will be the fifth refund made to WTU retail customers since the summer of 1985. With each refund, the fuel rates charged to customers have been adjusted, but the price of natural gas, WTU's main power plant boiler fuel, has continued to decline.

WTU's base rates have not changed since December 1984. However, Company officials have said that a base rate increase will be necessary after the new coal-fired Oklaunion Power Station near Vernon is completed and placed in service. The assured supply of coal under a long-term contract is expected to stabilize WTU's power plant fuel costs and to partially offset the necessary base rate increase.

The refund will be made through one-time credits to retail customers in January or February depending on when the PUC approves it. The typical residential customer will receive about \$9.

Q. How much money is WTU planning to refund?

A. Fuel cost savings available for refunding amounts to \$4.7 million. With interest added, the total is \$4.9

Q. How is the interest calculated? A. In accordance with rules of the Public Utility Commission, interest was calculated at a rate of 13.08%,

> If you think you're having a heart attack, think out loud.

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**State Department of Highways** and Public Transportation

# **Cross Plains** Discount Center Going Out of Business

After 15 years in this business we are just tired. This is not an easy decision to make, but there are several factors involved. The slow economy has not helped, and overhead keeps going up.

New shipment of Christmas wrapdecorations and other merchandise.

We want to express our appreciation to our loyal customers who have given us their support and patronage over the years. We are deeply grateful and hope that you won't be inconvenienced by our closing.

Notice - We are increasing the discount on our stock to 40%. Going out of business sale will continue thru Dec. 24th. That will be our final day. New price starts Dec. 10th. AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O

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looked like "Winter Wonderland" when fluffy white snow covered tree limbs, fences and ground Thursday afternoon.

One neighbor, Vernie Belle Mauldin, took pictures around their place. Bushes along fence rows looked like plants with huge white flowers. The scene couldn't have been more beautiful. All this makes Christmas seem even closer and less time to do your shopping.

Tonya, Bill and Connie Steele trooped through their pasture Sunday for a tree, not too tall or not too short. They had fun decorating it.

They also went on a round with their grandmother, this writer, for her small table tree.

While Edna Dye was in Abilene Saturday, she visited friends, Rev. Howard Hollowell and his wife, in their home. He had returned home after undergoing surgery.

Robert, Dorothy, Cody and Wyatt attended a basketball game between Baird and Rising Star in Baird Monday night.

The Community Supper and Game Night will be at the Center Saturday night, December 20. Time is 6:30 for the meal and visitors are welcomed.

Sisters-in-law, Ann Dye and Erlene. Dye, of Abilene had lunch with Kathy Dye at the Steak and Ale Restaurant in Abilene Friday. All three ladies work in Abilene.

This writer had short visits with her aunts, Faye White in Baird and Jewel Swanzy and Anna Bell Tabor in Clyde, when she went to Abilene Monday.

Nell Gunderson, sister of Joyce Odom and this writer, called from Seton Hospital in Austin Tuesday afternoon, stating that her husband, Gundy, had come through heart bypass surgery fine.

Lora Fay Harris was in Cross Plains

Saturday morning visiting her mother, May Belle Odom, in the nursing home. She decorated her mother's room for the holidays.

Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Ima Gibbs in Baird Sunday afternoon while Gene was practicing with the First Baptist Church Choir on their Christmas song program.

Joyce Odom and this writer attended the Garden Club's Christmas dinner in Cross Plains Friday night.

Another luncheon date for Kathy Dve was with her relative, Sharron Allen, in Abilene one day last week. Bob and Kathy will be in Mason with her mother, Mrs. Douglas Dendy, for the weekend.

Little Drew Flippin spent part of this week with his grandparents, James and Dorothy Reynolds. They returned him home Saturday where they spent the night and attended church with Tan and Janet Flippin near Stephenville. Dorothy sang during the morning service.

When Emma Johnson was called for weekly news and happenings around their house, her response was relatives coming to hunt. Carroll Burks of Abilene, Charlie Burks and son, Joey, and two young friends of Joey from Potosi. Also Arlene Laney and her granddaughter of Cross Plains who comes to help with cooking and house work each week.

## **Christmas Open House At Colonial** Oaks Nursing Home

All relatives and friends are invited to Open House and the Christmas Party for the residents at Colonial Oaks on Sunday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m.

# Art Lawler

It's hard to say when the thought first slipped through.

Maybe it was at midnight when my wife and son were standing by the access road on Stemmons Freeway in Dallas - she holding a nine iron and he a one-wood as I crawled underneath the car. The idea was to get it jacked up so I could mount the little wheelie where the blown-out tire had resided moments before.

"If anybody comes near you, kill them," I instructed.

Or maybe it was earlier when we were standing next to the grease pit at the truck stop listening to the diagnosis. "Your car needs a regulator. Usually it's not made with the alternator and doesn't cost too much. On the other hand, your alternator has the regulator built in, so you'll have to have a whole new one, and it is expensive."

How much?

"... bout a hunnerd-fifty."

How long, and do you take Ameri-

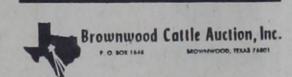
"Don't have no alternator. Might be able to get one in the morning, but I wouldn't guarantee it. Naw, we don't take no plastic."

Or maybe it was on the way from the truck stop to Dallas, while driving on a charged up battery in the middle of the night, and wondering how I'd protect my family - not to mention how they'd protect me - if the car suddenly stopped in the middle of nowhere.

Better still, it may have been the next day, after I'd bought the new tire and the new alternator. After the kids' soccer team had lost a sudden death shootout at the state tournament. After we had started back home and the new alternator had failed after 60 miles use. And after we had finally succeeded in awakening the lady in the motel so we could have a place to spend the night.

"Yes, we take American Express," she said And "No, I don't know who could fix your car this time of night. Tommorrow's Sunday, you know. I doubt if you can get anybody to work on i' until Monday.'

Then again, it may have been Sunday morning, when, after touring the Yellow Pages, I found a mechanic willing to break the sabbath and check my car's vital signs. "What! You paid \$155 for that alternator. (Expletive deleted.) Don't you know you can pick up an alternator in any junk yard for \$15? It's no good anyway. Defective regulator."



Brownwood Cattle Auction had a and steady market Wednesday. Estimated receipts were 500 head.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

Harry Coldewey, Brookesmith, Blk Str #660 at 60.00

R. V. Fryar, Brownwood, Blk Mf. Hfr.

#330 at 61.50 H. C. Lewis, Brownwood, Blk wf Hfr

#605 at 56.00 W. W. Means, Brookesmith, Red Bull

#1730 at 48.50 Cecil Perkins, May, Red wf Strs (3 hd)

Avg #365 at 68.00

Dennis Prater, Comanche, Blk Wf Str

#785 at 59.50 Gene Sledge, Zephyr, Bri Wf Str #575

at 64.00

George Teeters, Bangs, Red Mf. Hfr.

#425 at 58.00

M & M Ranch, Brownwood, Blk. 6 Blk prs #1095 at 620.00

M & M Ranch, Brownwood, Blk. Springing cows #1010 at 540.00 hd.



"Sorry. It won't happen again." "Here, we'll disconnect your alternator and you can drive home on your battery. You can drive these things for seven hours before they run down.

You won't have any trouble.'

Maybe it was after we got back home and after my wife had called the alternator salesman to give him a piece of her mind about his no good alternator, and after I had called my attorney friend, promising to sue for the \$155 even if it cost me \$2,000 to

That would have been noon Monday as my wife and I and were standing in the auto electric place. The same place my service-station attendant had advised me to go before leaving town - just as a precaution after I had told him my choke light had been on for two weeks.

"The battery's OK. The alternator's OK. I'll have it fixed in about 20 minutes," said the electric man. "Somebody wired up your starter wrong and it caused the alternator to over-charge, which messed up your battery."

Turns out, the whole problem could have been fixed for \$17.50, plus a 20 minute time donation.

As it was, we spent \$155 for an alternator, S61 for a tire, and extra \$44 for a motel, and an additional meal ticket totaling another fifty

Yes, that would have been the moment the thought slipped through. The moment when it became clear that never, not in 42 years of careless bumbling, had I managed to exhibit this much stupidity in a single 48hour period.

It wasn't much comfort, but my wife wasn't at her best, either. As this is being written she is composing a letter of apology to the alternator salesman. Not that we needed an alternator - defective or otherwise. Copyright @ Art Lawler, 1986

Anyone wishing to address his, or her, comments to this columnist should write P. O. Box 432, Buffalo Gap. Texas - 79508.

# **OBITUARIES**

### James H. Hickman

CROSS PLAINS - James H. Hickman, 70, died Wednesday at a Comanche nursing home.

Services were held 2 p.m. Friday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jasper McClellan officiating. Burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born in Big Lake. He was a rancher and owned a machine shop. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, June Hickman of Cross Plains; two daughters, Cynthia Brown of Tacoma, Wash., and Vickie Walker of Cross Plains; four grandchildren, Colby Walker, Brock Walker and Stephanie Walker, all of Cross Plains, and Kelli Brown of Tacoma, Washington.

Pallbearers were Noah Johnson, Howet Wilson, Gene Rhodes, Nathan Foster, Ance Barr, Jim Fleming, L.D. Koenig and Bobby Dillard.

### **Elizabeth Higgins**

MERKEL - Elizabeth Higgins, 66, died Friday at an Abilene hospital. Services were 2 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Keller officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

She was born in Plainview, N.M. She was a Practical Nurse and the widow of Orien Higgins.

She was a member of the Stith Homemaking Club and the Baptist

Survivors include three sons, Allen Higgins, Danny Higgins and Dale Higgins, all of Merkel; a daughter, Barbara Green of Lake Dallas; five sisters, Leta Mae Vannoy of Lubbock, Melvina Kaley of Traverse City, Mich., Ida Bell Carrell of Tuscola, Nellie B. Upton of Midland and Althea Ingram of Cross Plains; a brother, Ira Oneal of Roswell, N.M. and three grandchildren.

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# COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Mack Kniffen, presiding Misdeamor Filings Dwight Clements Albus, DWI. MARRIAGE LICENSES

Rafael Lopez Gomez, Rt. 2, Baird, and Mary Jane Vasquez, Rt. 2. Baird. Bobby Dean Spence, Clyde, and Linda Kay Hopkins, Abilene. **NEW VIHICLES** 

James R. Atchlev, Abilene, Chev.

Steve Corp, Rt. 5, Abilene, Chev.

Howard J. Cheshire, Abilene, Chev. PU.

Darrell Dean Gibbs, Abilene, Chev.

### School Board **Meeting Set**

The Board of Trustees for the Cross Plains Independent School District will meet in regular session on December 18, at the faculty room of the high school beginning at 7:30

The following agenda will be addressed:

- 1. Facility request
- 2. 1986 exit level TEAMS Test report
- 3. Delinquent tax collection 4. School lawsuit status
- 5. Superintendent's report
- 6. Financial report 7. Pay bills
- 8. Personnel
- 9. Executive Session

10. Adjourn. Notice of the executive meeting was

presented by M. Lee Thompson, Superintendent.

C. E. Morris, Rt. 1, Clyde, Chev. 2

Jerry Hickerson, Baird, Ford Bronco.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT Don Lane, presiding Civil Filings

James C. Collins, dba 4C Transport vs. Altair Energy Corp., suit on account.

Flovd L. Teague vs. Lesia Gail Teague, suit for divorce.

Marlys (Foster) Freeman vs. Mac Foster, suit for child support.

Clyde CISD vs. following for delinquent taxes: Charles Cozby, Billy W. Hollowell, Loveless E. McKee, Robert J. Moore Sr., Charles D. Kirkendall, Otis E. Seals, Glen A.

Sherfy, Doris Lee Shirley. **Felony Criminal Indictments** Jerry W. Dawson, 2 counts theft. Andrew Biera Rivera, DWI.

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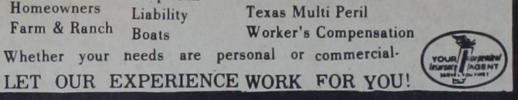
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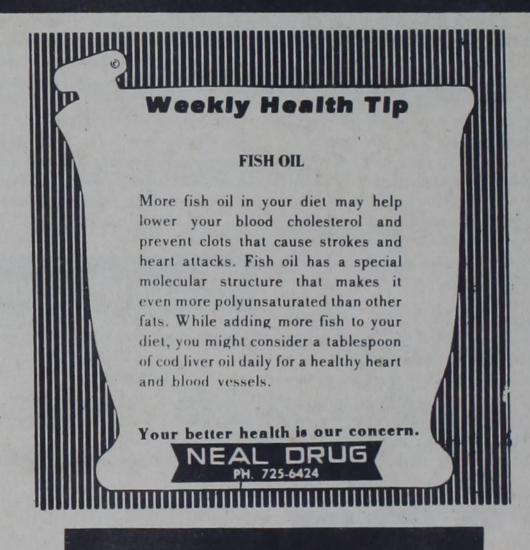


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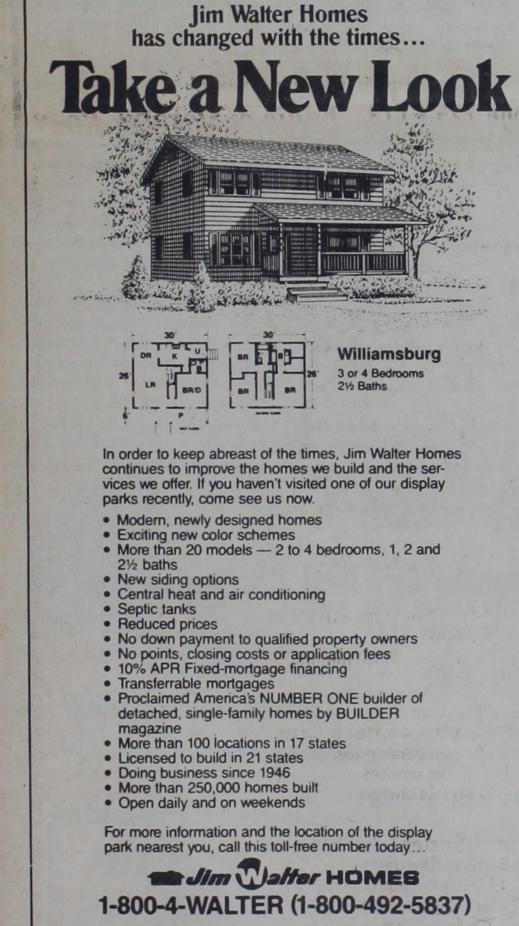
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# BASKETBALL

By SHEILA PAYNE And PAULA KENNEDY

Tuesday. December 9

Varsity Girls vs Bangs (at Bangs) Score: Cross Plains - 35

Bangs - 36 Beth Wood - 10 Deana Conlee - 5 Sheila Payne - 3 High Point: Melissa Montgomery -

Free throws: 4 of 9

Jy Girls vs Bangs

Score:

Cross Plains - 24 Bangs — 21 High Point: Pam Helms - 8

Kerry Pointer - 6 Pam Strength - 6 Stacy Schlittler — 2 Stephanie Walker - 2 The girls led all the way, but it was

Varsity Boys vs Moran (at C.P.)

Score: Cross Plains - 51 Moran - 26 High Point: Troy Harris - 15 Lee Meador — 10 Stacy Montgomery - 6 Chad Bagley - 6 Clay Richardson - 4 Lynn Porter — 4 Scotty Cupit — 2 Jesse Sibley — 2

Robert Teague — 2

Free Throws: 1 of 3.

## A Look At The Consequences

By CA

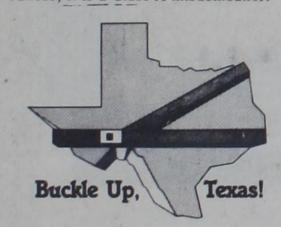
It attracted quite a bit of attention outside the Cross Plains' gym that Friday night during the basketball tournament. Word spread quickly that two boys were arrested for drugs. Were they from here? Fortunately, they were not. But, it could have just as easily have been one of our students.

It was an unfortunate incident with some permanent consequences for those kids involved. According to Jerry Martinez, the local police officer involved, this is what happened. Based on personal observation and suspicion of their activity, the officer questioned the two boys. It was determined that they were in possession of and were using an illegal drug...in this case marijuana. They were given their rights and taken into custody. The vehicle was searched and a small quantity of marijuana was found, some in the ash tray and some on the floor board. It was less than 2 ounces.

The boys were taken to City Hall in Cross Plains and their vehicle impounded. They were given their rights again and an inventory of their personal effects was taken. They were then transported to the Baird County jail where they were locked up for the night. Parents of both were notified, although because of their ages, it was not mandatory.

The next day, both were released under their own recognizance only after posting \$750 bond each. The vehicle was released to the parents.

They were charged with "Posession of Marijuana" and in this case it was classified as a Class B misdemeanor because of the small amount found. If they plead guilty to the charge, the county judge will then determine the amount of fine and/or jail time. The fine could be as much as \$1,000 and/or jail time as much as 6 months. And this is for a first offense and only for marijuana! The amount of fine and/or jail time increases with the increase in the amount of marijuana found. From a useable amount up to 2 ounces is a Class B misdemeanor. From 2 ounces to 4 ounces, it is a Class A misdemeanor.



Anything over 4 ounces is in the felony range.

Not a pleasant experience to have happen on our campus and I'm sure even more so for those arrested. But it must be realized, that they made the conscious decision on their own to use the illegal drug and therefore, must suffer the consequences. And all of that trouble for an amount smaller than a regular size candy bar.

These boys were arrested for possession of an illegal drug, but it is also illegal and is a Class C misdemeanor to be in possession of any drug paraphenalia (anything that aides in the use of the drug). The paraphenalia does not have to be in use, or even with the drug, but only have the smell of the drug on it. A pipe, for example, that may have been used to smoke marijuana but was emptied will still smell of marijuana. This carries a fine of up to \$200. As an added note, drug detection dogs will alert on drug paraphenalia.

As far as the law is concerned, anyone 17 or older is treated and punishable as an adult. If a minor is found in possession, they may be taken into custody (not arrested) and held for 24 hours at the Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center in Abilene. Then a probationary program is worked out through juvenile court.

Perhaps this account of a close-to-home incident and the consequences, and the newly implemented Drug Dog Program at school will cause some students to think real hard about using illegal drugs or at least consider the risk involved in bringing illegal drugs on our campus.

For the minor, the offense is permanently recorded in police files, but erased from public record at age 18. For the adult, it is permanently recorded on both police and public record and never erased.



**DECEMBER 18 — DECEMBER 19** 

BREAKFAST

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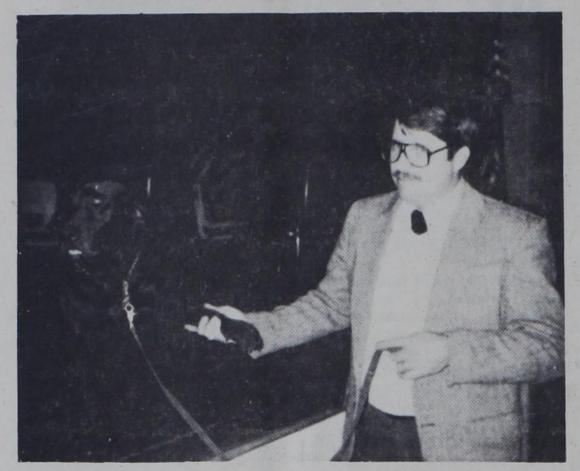
THURSDAY - Chili beans, spinach, carrots, cornbread, pineapple, milk. FRIDAY - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, crackers, diced peaches, milk.

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DRUG DOG AND HANDLER - I.C.C.I., demonstrated the use of a

"Telly" and his handler, C. P. drug dog to students at the Cross Youngblood, Assistant Director of Plains auditorium Friday.

## Telly Savalas" Comes To School

By CA

The School Assembly held last Friday afternoon to introduce the new Drug-Dog Program to the students and faculty was both informative and entertaining.

It was conducted by D. P. Youngblood who is the Assistant Director of the Institute of Criminal and Civil Investigation (ICCI). It is this group that handles the Drug Dog Programs for schools in a very large area of central Texas. He explained the purpose of the program, some of the history, how the dogs are trained, and a demonstration of what the dogs

Then he introduced "Telly Savalas", the 10 year-old black Labrador retriever. Telly is one of the 5 dogs used by the ICCI which is based in Waco. There are an additional 8 dogs based in Houston. Telly demonstrated his abilities to follow commands completely, and with the help of Senior Jesse Sibley handling him, he showed the audience his ability to locate some drugs that had been hidden on stage.

Mr. Youngblood explained the training procedures for these dogs, which is done in Houston. It is based on the principle of praise and reward; he summed it up by saying that "The training is easy, but monotonous." He said that after a dog has learned about 12 to 15 drugs that he can detect, it only takes about 5 minutes to teach him any new ones. He also said that any breed can be used, but not just any dog can be taught. When one does complete the thorough training, he will be able to detect some 50 different types of drugs in addition to alcohol and firearms. The dog with the basic training is now worth between \$5,000 and \$6,000. An experienced and proven Drug

# The Students Are Heard

By AMY FOLLER

In reference to the Drug Dog Program held on Friday, December 12, at Cross Plains School (attended by grades 4-12) the C. P. Student Review reporters surveyed the High School students to find out how many were in favor and how many were against having a drug dog come to our school.

As a total, only 23 students said no. it isn't a good idea. There were, however, 106 that agreed that it was a good idea. You can see from the chart below just how the opinions were divided up between the classes.

The question: "Do you think it's a good idea to have the drug dogs at school?"

, 10000	Yes	No
Freshmen	10	19
Sophomores	48	2
Juniors		1
Seniors	25	1
Total	106	92

The majority of our students answered the question voluntarily. It's nice to know, but not surprising to find out that the idea is accepted by almost a 5 to 1 margin by the students in our school.

Detection Dog is worth between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The dog program had been in operation with the ICCI since 1976, with an average of 3,000 drug finds per year. All the dogs are gentle, and have had obedience training. Oddly enough, a dog will search for drugs only upon command. In other words, unless given the command to search, he would walk right by and ignore the same drugs he would alert on if he were "working."

Impressive as Telly was, he may not necessarily be the dog that will be coming back to do any searches. It could be any one of the 5 Waco-based dogs. Currently, four other area schools are on this program, including Clyde, Ranger, Eastland and Coleman. With only 5 dogs working such a large area, it's easy to see why it took 21/2 years to become a scheduled school in the program.

\*A personal note: Telly has been detecting drugs and helping educational programs for at least 7 years. Mitchell and I remember him from the last two years we taught at China Spring (near Waco) before coming to Cross Plains, and the program is still being successfully used there.

### **Peanut Winner**

By JAMES AMES

Do your remember last week's article about the Cheerleaders' "Peanut Guessing Contest?" Well, the results are in. The winner with the closest guess was Samantha Bomar.

She guessed a total number of 1,235 peanuts were in that glass jar (which was taped and sealed tightly shut). The actual number of peanuts in the jar was 1,246, according to Leonard Wood.

For her accurate guess, Samantha, a Junior, won a homemade batch of peanut patties made from the

The total amount of money brought in from the guesses will be turned over the the Student Council to buy canned goods for the Student Council Christmas Food Drive.

# A Big Success

By PAULA KENNEDY

The results are in from the Future Homemaker's Association cookie and candy sale that we told you about a few weeks ago. The sale was a great success. The 30 students who sold the goodies made around \$600.

Julia Wheeler, the F.H.A. sponsor, said that this money would help with the expense of taking some of the students to the Regional F.H.A. meeting in Arlington and the State meeting in San Antonio.

The members who sold the most candy and cookies were Senior Melody McGough, Junior Shelley Key, and Freshman Melissa Tijerina. Altogether, 372 items were sold. The F.H.A members would like to thank everyone who purchased something from them and helping them with the

# **Drug Detection Dogs At School**

By CA

The Public School System...It's one of the most important institutions in our society. Over the past few years, it seems that educational issues have had the attention of the public's eve more than any other time since desegration.

Most of this attention is due to the many reforms instituted by our State Congress. It seems that everyone is watching for what will happen next. There's been teacher evaluations, the TECAT, the no-pass no-play rule, and the list goes on...all in the name of improving the quality of education.

There is, however, one everincreasing problem that has not been addressed specifically, or directly by the state government. The handling of which has been left to the individual school boards. The drug problem that is rampant in our society has been invading our schools from the elementary level on up.

Here in Cross Plains we have been very fortunate as far as the amount of drugs being used at school. Any amount is bad, but it could be much worse. The use of drugs affects, of course, not only the user (physically and emotionally), but it would be disruptive to an entire class if a student or students came in under the influence. It would hardly be conducive to a good learning environment.

The Cross Plains' Board of Trustees has implemented a program as a preventative measure to help discourage drugs on our campus. An assembly was held in the auditorium on Friday, December 12, to introduce the Drug Dog Program. Grades 4 through 12 attended the assembly which explained how the program will work, and to watch a demonstration of the dog's abilities. (see related article on "Dogs").

The decision was made unanimously by the school board and administration about 21/2 years ago to join the program. According to Lee Thompson, Superintendent, some concerned citizens approached the board with the idea. The board then had some representatives from the program present the information and it was accepted. It took 21/2 years to finally get a scheduled visit and actually be in the program. Again, the primary purpose of the program is preventative and not punitive with the ultimate goal of helping the school system provide the highest quality education possible to the Cross Plains

According to Leonard Wood, High School Principal, the dogs can come to the school any time during school hours. The key to the successfulness of the program is the element of surprise...the unannounced visit. Not even the superintendent or either principal will know when they are coming until they walk on campus. There is no predetermined pattern or dates set. They could come 2 days in a row, or 2 weeks apart or longer, or Upon arrival, they will report to the

administration offices first and

receive instructions as to what areas to search. This could be any area on campus...the classrooms, lockers, bathrooms, gym, field house, and even any vehicles parked on school grounds. The dogs are not just turned loose, but are at all times with and under the control of the handler. If the dog alerts on a particular

area, it is legally considered to be probable cause for a search of the area. If it is an area other than a vehicle, the administration has the

1. Immediately check the area.

2. Call the student involved to the area and then check, or

3. Call the police, notify the student, and then check.

If the dog alerts on a vehicle, the procedure is slightly different. There is still probable cause for a search, but since it is private property, the police are notified, then in the presence, and with his permission, the vehicle is very thoroughly searched (for example, even traces of used drugs or spilled alcohol will cause a dog to alert). If the student refuses permission for a search, then the parents are called and permission requested. If it is still refused, a warrant will be obtained from either the city or county law enforcement officers and the vehicle will be searched. If there is still refusal and no cooperation, the vehicle can be impounded and the student can be held for 24 hours based on the probable cause.

In either case, whether the area is a vehicle or not, the student's parents will be notified and requested to come to school and according to Lee Thompson, Superintendent, "The matter is resolved by following school and legal procedures. This is known as "due process" and as long as the school stays within these guidelines, the chances of a court ruling against the school or dog handler is very

If anything illegal is found, depending on the type of substance, it will either be handled within the school, or completely turned over to the police. (see related article "Consequences"). Hopefully, these procedures will never be necessary...as stated by D. P. Youngblood (one of the dog handlers) "The success of the program is in the failure."

## Teachers Got Real Christmas Lunch

By LEANN WEBB

It finally happened, the teachers got their "real" Christmas lunch. On Tuesday, December 9, the third period Food and Nutrition class under Julia Wheeler's direction, prepared a

### Texas Educational **Assessment Of** Minimum Skills

The results of the 1986 Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills tests have been received. The TEAMS tests measure minimum competencies expected to be mastered by virtually all students. The Junior students of Cross Plains High School achieved the following mastery:

English language arts 100% mastery

Mathematics 96% mastery

In order to graduate from high school, it is required that students master the two subject areas.

Those students not mastering both subject areas will be required to retake the test. Tutoring will be available for remedial instruction prior to the next assessment test.

delicious Mexican dinner and served it to the high school teachers in the homemaking room.

The meal consisted of chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, chips with hot sauce or cheese sauce and lemonade pie for dessert.

The students that were involved in preparing this meal were Amy Foller, Melody McGough, Trey Morton, Julie Atchley and Leann Webb (all Seniors). Also helping were Sophomores Curtis Wyatt and Staci Schlittler. The Juniors of the class that helped were Ruben Olvera and

The lunch went very well and the teachers must have loved it. It was funny, because I had never seen teachers "pig-out" before!

### The Fruit Is In

By JAMES AMES

The Cross Plains Future Farmers of America has completed their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas fruit sale. There were boxes of apples, or oranges, or grapefruit or boxes of mixed fruit.

The Chapter made about \$1200 from the program. Part of the money will be used for entry fees for the major stock shows coming up in the spring. The money is also used to purchase equipment used in the shop.

# **Party Time**

By ROBBIE WHEELER

As tradition goes, the various classes at school will have Christmas parties to start their long awaited Christmas holiday. At the elementary level, each individual class will be having their parties in their own rooms. In talking with some of the teachers, they tell me that they will be starting after lunch. There will be gifts and lots of good refreshments.

The gifts are still being exchanged in the usual manner, boys bring a gift for boys, and girls bring one for girls. The kids can pay up to \$2 for their gift. The refreshments are generously provided by the children's parents.

At the Junior High and High School level, the Christmas parties are usually optional with each teacher. If a student is fortunate, and hits just the right class schedule, they can eat and party all day long. Not many gifts are exchanged at the higher grades, but there sure is a lot of good food going around.

It really doesn't matter what level you're in, everyone enjoys the Christmas parties and a day off from the usual routine of classes, notes, books and studying.



### Stone-Wood Vows Held December 6

Bradley Wood were united in marriage on December 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the Word of Faith Christian Center in Brownwood. Rev. Grady Chastian

Becky is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy G. Stone of Cross Plains. Robert is the son of Mr. Stephen R. Wood and Ms. Margaret Wood of

Jal, New mexico was Matron of Honor. Teri Reedy of Lubbock and bridemaids.

Chris Castello from Round Rock was the groom's best man. Donnie

Becky Lynn Stone and Robert Corley from Montgomery were

Jim Davis from Okeechobee, Florida and Bryan Wood and Paul Wood of Austin, brothers of the groom, served as ushers.

Attending the register was Alisha Kirkham of Cross Plains. Wedding music was played by Mary Beth Pierce. Teri Reedy sang a special song chosen by the bride and groom Donna Beeler, the bride's sister, of entitled "You're My Inspiration."

The reception was held at the Early Lions Club. Attending the bride's Tonja Holland of Clyde were table were Ellen Wood of Austin and Vicki Schkade of San Angelo.

After a four day honeymoon in San Antonio, the couple is making their Robertson of Normangee and Keith home at Rt. 4, Box 98, Brownwood.

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Lillie Mae McMillan welcomed her daughter-in-law, Jackie Dewbre McMillan, and three of her grandchildren, Cindy, Marcie and John, the week of Thanksgiving. Jackie and Marion are currently living in Singapore.

Thanksgiving Day followed the same routine as all of the McMillan holidays. Lunch was at roon. The dishes were put away, and the food placed on the oven and covered with a tea towel so that it would all stay warm for any mid-afternoon, after-nap snackers.

Of course, like every other family in America, our family turns into an eating machine on holidays.

So, it was no surprise when we bumped into each other at the stove reaching for a still-warm dinner roll, a sliver of pecan, pumpkin, and/or mincemeat pie and some coffee to top it all off.

Between lunch and dinner, we raked and burned leaves, decorated a

Christmas tree and the front of the

Cindy, 26, lives in Arlington and is employed by Adventure Tours and Travel, Las Colinas. Marcie, 22, is a 1986 graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and is currently working in the UTA News Service.

John, 18, is a freshman at North Texas State University, where he is majoring in business management. Susan, 19, was unable to spend Thanksgiving in Cross Plains. She will begin classes at the International Aviation and Travel Academy in Arlington in January.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dill were Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Walker, Pete Golson, Juanita Thornton, Alton McCowen, Jay Kirkham, L. A. Richardson and Mrs. A. L. Breeding all of Cross Plains.

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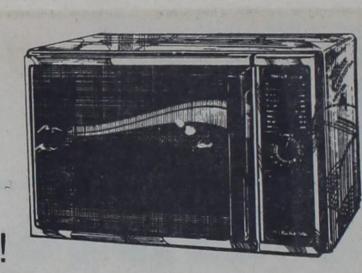
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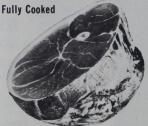
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## **INSURANCE AGENCY**

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# COLEMAN COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

"Danny Kellar-Manager"

In a review of the business interests of the area, we cannot overlook COLEMAN COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC., dedicated to providing our residents with the best in communications. For your communication needs such as equipment, installation, sales and service, contact this popular telephone cooperative in Santa Anna at 215 N. 2nd, phone (915) 348-3124 They have earned the respect and admiration of all those who have done business with them. Their honest and straight forth manner of dealing on a one-to-one basis with people of all walks of life has made them the local leader in the field of communications.

We are fortunate indeed in having COLEMAN COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., located in our midst. It is our pleasure to recommend and salute them. COLEMAN COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC., wishes each and all A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# BROWNWOOD REGIONAL HOSPITAL

BROWNWOOD HOSPITAL is located on Burnet Dr. in Brownwood, phone (915) 646-8541. We recommend this hospital for all cases of illness or accident. Here you will find a hospital where the most painstaking care is taken in giving patients the best of care. They have a staff of trained nurses, whose years of

training and experience are at your disposal. When you or your family needs medical care, you want the best and BROWNWOOD REGIONAL takes pride in their staff of physicians, credited with saving many lives. When you think of a hospital, think of this outstanding medical center which has contributed so much in serving

our area. We would feel we had not done our part in this review had we not made prominent mention of this modern hospital in Brownwood. We salute BROWNWOOD REGIONAL HOSPITAL and they wish each and all A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

## MED-TEX CENTRAL CREDIT UNION

"Don Smith-Manager"

Financial Security doesn't come easily for most of us. We have to save for it and manage our money wisely. In Brownwood, we have a friend who will help us with all our money matters - it is MID-TEX CENTRAL CREDIT UNION on the Brady Hwy., (377S), phone (915) 646-4571 and branch office at 948 Early Blvd.,

phone (915) 643-5694. Savings, lending, and financial counseling by knowledgeable financial people whose interests in their members come first. Savings are insured to \$100,000 per account. We should all improve our financial picture and the experts at MID-TEX have sound procedures for you to do so. If you or

your group are not now a member of a credit union, let us recommend that you contact this fine credit union soon. We suggest you stop in and find out about the many advantages offered by MID-TEX CENTRAL CREDIT UNION. Don and staff wish each and all A Joyous Christmas and prosperous 1987.

When in the market for a computer any purpose, go to COMPUTERLAND OF SAN ANGELO located at 4241 Southwest Blvd., in the "corners", phone (915) 942-6541 or COMPUTERLAND OF ABILENE located at 3274 South 27th, phone (915) 695-6110. They offer factory authorized service on COMPAC,

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When people go through life without smiling it makes the whole world glum for everyone. Good dental hygiene enables everyone to light up the world with a smile, and good dental health begins when you see dentist regularly. Dr. LAWRENCE THOMPSON is located at 209 W. Pecan in Coleman, phone (915) 625-3535. Dr. THOMPSON

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offers a comprehensive range of personalized dental services, including crowns, partials, dentures, cosmetic surgery and a full range of other dental services in a relaxed atmosphere. His emphasis is on prevention and he endeavors to make your visit comfortable, convenient and affordable. With the aid of

modern X-Ray techniques, Dr. THOMPSON can quickly pinpoint problem areas in your mouth and begin the necessary work. Improve your dental hygiene, contact Dr. LAWRENCE THOMPSON today! Dr. THOMPSON and staff wish each and all A Merry Christmas and A Healthy New Year.

# SUMMER SKY

alcohol or other drugs to solve life's problems, call SUMMER SKY located at 1100 McCart in Stephenville, phone (817)968-2907. They are staffed with an experienced caring staff who knows exactly where that road to recovery starts. So many of life's worst problems ride in on the coattails

of a bad alcohol or drug disease. SUMMER SKY specializes in making those problems solveable - not just for the drug abuser, but everyone related to that person. SUMMER SKY wishes each and all A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year.

# **WOODS PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE**

This well-known psychiatric treatment center, WOODS PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE, located at 1115 Industrial Blvd. in Abilene, phone (915) 698-2320, is known throughout this area as a place where expert psychiatric, alcohol or drug abuse attention can be had at a moments notice. When you or any member of

your family needs care, you want to be sure that you are getting the best to be had. WOODS PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE takes great pride in their staff and may be credited with helping many people. They have at their disposal the latest in treatment modalities and facilities, which

enables them to diagnose and treat illnesses properly. You also have the assurance that they employ a highly skilled and experienced staff. This is a factor that is most important. We recommend WOODS PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE and they wish everyone A Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

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WOLF DRILLING CO., located in Stephenville, on Hwy 847, phone (817) 965-7406, is considered by the many who have used their services to be the area's #1 well driller. Their many completed wells are in service throughout the area and residents report outstanding results from their custom-drilled water wells. No matter what type of drilling is to be done,

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# ROYAL INN

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having Cable TV is being able to select from several channels for your viewing pleasure. We know you'll be glad you contacted this firm. They wish each and all A Merry Chistmas and Happy New Year.

### phone call away ... at (915) 698-1613 or A member of the family is being 1-800-592-4499, located at 301 S. Pioneer Suite 105, in Abilene. They

released from the hospital. An aged parent can no longer function alone. A handicapped person or child requires special care and attention. These are real situtations requiring real solutions. Where can you turn?...Turn to CONCEPTS OF CARE, with the assurance that warmth and understanding are only a

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are here to help...whenever you need them...wherever you need them...with health care personnel dedicated to the highest professional standards. Care is easy to arrange as Merry Christmas and A Happy and needed with RN's, LVN's and home Healthy 1987.

Are you the kind of person who enjoys dining in a place where the atmosphere is just as great as the food? We thought so! Our recommendation for an outstanding pizza AND that fabulous family entertainment is CRYSTAL'S at 2201 South First in Abilene, phone (915) 672-5616 or 672-9111 for delivery. Select your favorite combination from

"Present this Ad for \$2 off Large Pizza" the unique CRYSTAL'S system. Their special menu allows you to choose the ingredients you desire individually and in any combination you want. Your pizza is always prepared exactly the way you like it at CRYSTAL'S. You've never tasted pizza so good and you've never had a time like this fine restaurant offers! Bring the whole family down for pizza and fun!

Famous throughout the nation for their famous pizza, CRYSTAL'S specializes in good food. There's the cartoon theater and other wholesome family entertainment for people who enjoy having a good time while they eat. We recommend CRYSTAL'S for great pizza...and great fun and they extend Seasons Greetings To All.

That friendly shopping area in Brownwood at (915) 646-8531, is just waiting for you with bargains galore and some real old fashioned service! We're talking about HEARTLAND MALL and it's high time that you make this fine shopping center a regular stop on your shopping

excursions. Featuring a complete line of quality clothing, gifts, household items and fine eating establishments, these well known merchants offer some great buys on all types of goods. They also specialize in service with a capital "S". Stop in soon and see what we mean. HEARTLAND MALL

includes some of the region's most prominent firms. Their business policies and courteous personnel have won them the respect and patronage throughout the area. We highly recommend HEARTLAND MALL to all our readers. They extend Seasons Greetings to all.

# PALACE DRUG STORE

This modern drug store offers many outstanding brand names in high quality merchandise. Whatever your needs, if it's a drug store item, you will find a wide selection of drugs, sickroom supplies, beauty aids, photographic needs and sundries at PALACE DRUG STORE located at

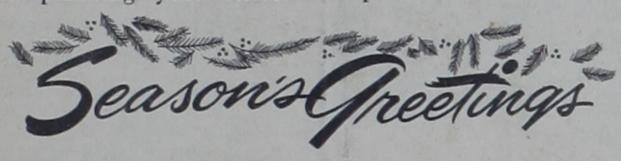
101 N. Main in Rising Star, phone (817) 643-3231. You can always find name brand cosmetics at this store and other high-grade merchandise such as candies, shaving supplies, smoking tabaccos, greeting cards and toys. You will find here a prescription department that is rated the best,

assuring you of fast prescription service. We highly recommend PALACE DRUG STORE and urge you to trade with them regularly. Billy and Peggy Dennard and Lou Wilson wish each and all A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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YOUR OFFICE REFLECTS YOUR BUSINESS PERSONALITY. Let this office equipment and supply company show you their office furniture and equipment and suggest attractive, yet practical arrangements for your offices. They are experts in this line and welcome your request for assistance in planning your office

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# Calendar **DECEMBER 20**

Community

Cross Plains Annual Yule Program will be held Saturday, December 20, on the corner of 8th and Main Street beside the Citizens State Bank from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Drawings for cash and gift certificates will be held intermittenly. Entertainment will also be provided. Santa Claus will be there to talk with the children and hand out candy.

# DECEMBER 21

Colonial Oaks Nursing Home will have Open House and a Christmas party Sunday, December 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m. All relatives and friends of residents are invited to

# **PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones of Abilene, former residents of Cross Plains, Mrs. Jones, being the former Joyce Tyler, are announcing the marriage of their son, Rodney Mac to Judy Kathleen Dennis of Saint Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dennis of Saint Jo are parents of the bride.

The couple were married November 29 at Saint Jo Church of Christ.

Leeann Lovett of Fort Worth was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Reed of Abilene, Karlyn Hibbitts of Throckmorton, Mary Beth Johnson of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Leigh Ann Greeson of Rule.

Best man was Scott Reedy of Abilene. Groomsmen were Nathan Jones, brother of the groom, Ray Berry and Gary Grigsby. All three are enrolled at Baylor University in Waco, and Chris Reed of Abilene.

Ushers were Lance Thweath of Alvord and Randy Jones, brother of the groom, from Abilene.

Jodi Thweath of Bowie and Lindsey Lovett of Fort Worth were flower girls and Joshua Jones of Abilene, nephew of the groom was ringbearer.

The bride graduated from Saint Jo High School and attends Abilene Christian University, majoring in kindergarten and home economics education.

The bridegroom graduated from Cooper High School and will graduate from Hardin Simmons University this December with a degree in Marketing. He is employed by Western States Specialty.

Attending the wedding from Cross Plains were Dr. and Mrs. Edington and Toni. Toni served at the reception.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tyler of Cross Plains.

# LIBRARY NEWS

The Cross Plains Public Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 26 and on December 31, January 1 and January 2.

The following contributions have been received this month:

Memorial: Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis for Mrs. George Parrish. Books: Wes and Joyce Marton, Cherei Goble, Lou Parrish, Nelda Holmes and Floyd Carter.

Donations: Nancy Childress and Blanche Thrasher.

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### By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This has been a fantastic week for me - weather wise and otherwise. I have had some lovely messages on beautiful cards from friends I hear from only at this time of year.

The husband of a long time friend wrote their annual letter - and it is one of the cleverest I've ever read she can really be proud of his effort to "come to her aid." It is to my whole family, and I'm anxious to show it to my brothers and sisters down home.

I have kept a Christmas card list since the 1960's - and it is sad to see how many friends we've lost including my own husband (in 1965).

I attended a Sunday School social on Friday at the church. Twelve ladies exchanged presents, enjoyed refreshments, sang Christmas songs, and Ms. Cora Howland, 96, read the Christmas story from the Bible.

Bobby Roady had to work on a roof job on Monday - bless his heart he surely dreaded it on account of the bad weather.

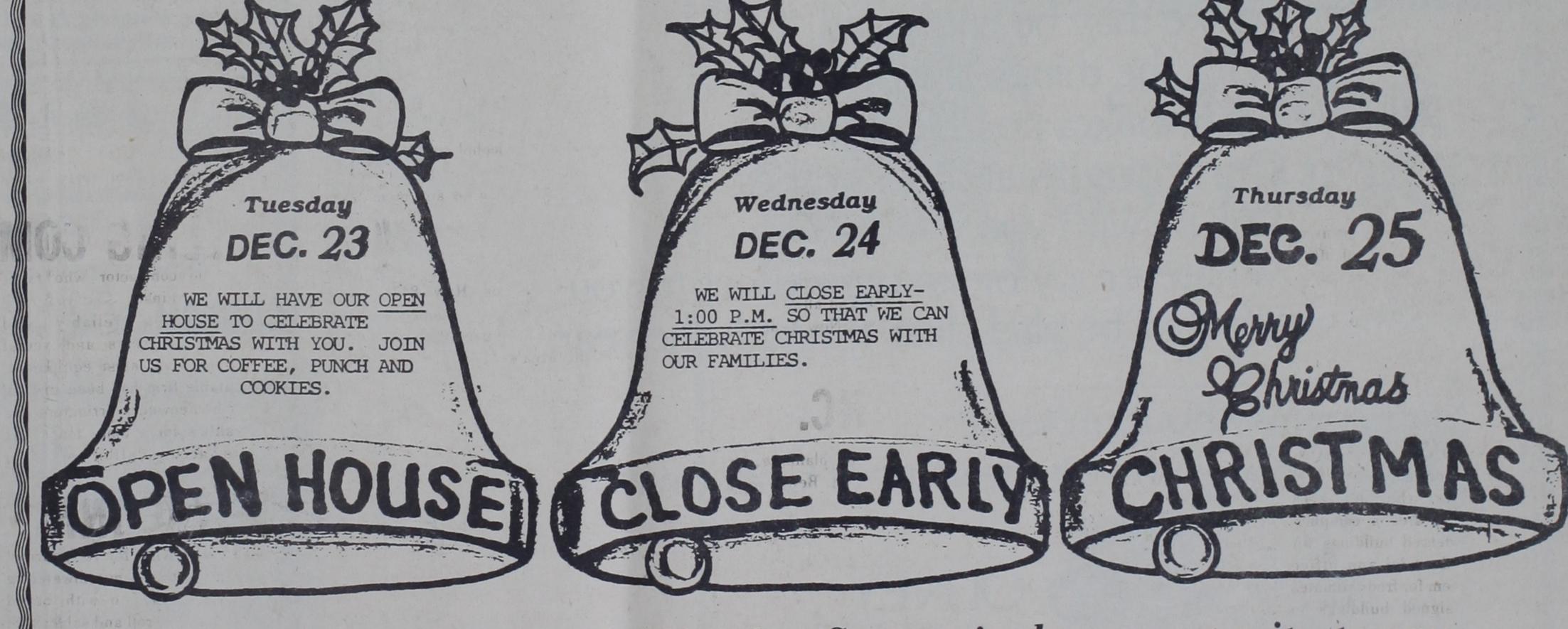
The Roady's son, George, of San Francisco visited them last weekend. Cindy and Charlie of Brady spent the weekend here. Ms. Nettie Roady visited them, and they visited her also. They visit Sally's father, Howard Hicks, in the nursing home nearly every day.

Gregg Williams of Cross Plains visited J. T. and Betty Beggs last Saturday. Rex and J. T. were in Brownwood part of Saturday on business.

Norma and Eugene Foster visited, Ms. Jewel this week - they all have had that sort of bronchitis so many others have had. Ms. Jewel attended the Sunday School social on Friday.







One of the real joys of the Holiday Season is the opportunity to say Thank You

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# **Plains Cemetery**

Gifts To Cross

Cemetery gifts for September are Leota Howser, \$25; Barbara Illingworth Young, \$20; L. Baker (In memory of Lola Murphy), \$50; M. D. Montgomery (In memory of S. Michael Montgomery), \$50; Mrs. Claude Mayes (In memory of Bruce Spencer), \$10.

Total amount for September: \$155. Donations received in October consist of Mrs. S. T. Van Burum, \$25; Lerlene Fortune, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnell, \$50; J. H. and Carolyn J. Childs (In memory of Mother, Beulah McDonough Childs and Brother, Carl L. Childs, Jr.), \$100; Velma Jackson (In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Chess Barr), \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Peevy, \$25; Earl Montgomery, \$50; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Walker (In memory of Mr. and Mrs V. C. and Clyde Walker), \$50; Johnnie Mae Fore (In memory of Pat McNeel), \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hughes, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Duncan, \$100; Mrs. Carl. L. Childs, Jr., \$100.

A Grave Opening Permit for Minnie Fore, \$75.

Total amount for October: \$825. Gifts for November are Toody Byrd (In memory of Hugh and Anne McDermett), \$50; Harlon, Lenora and Jack Lacy (In memory of Jack and Hettie Lacy), \$300; Laura Ingram, Estate Per. M. J. Ingram, \$19.31; Mr. and Mrs. William D. Brown, \$30; Mrs. J. P. Smith, \$25; Mrs. Clyde Sims, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott, \$100; Mrs. Alma Hefner, \$10; James Hefner, \$10; Anna Mae Whitmire, \$50.

Total amount for November:

\$619.31. Three month total: \$1,599.31. Others are less literal. There really

Is a Santa Claus, Virginia, but should

there be? Santa has always had his critics. What kind of example is a man who overndulges, then tells innocent old man's sleigh fly right past their

rooftops on Christmas Eve. wino, and the waistline of a glutton. for fashion, red suits haven't been in style since the late fifties.

Has anybody audited his books stely? Does he pay elves the same hourly wage he would have to pay a non-eit? I doubt it.

Critics of Claus point out that he gets children to be good for all the wrong reasons. Most of us are willing to put on our best behavior from December 15th through the 25th - but only if we are well compensated.

Children, and probably even adults, they tell us, should be good because it's the proper way to be, not In order to get freebies from the

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1. Responses must be limited to a

maximum of 150 words. 2. The publisher reserves the right Mattel factory on the North Pole.

Proponents of the season couldn't disagree more. Stores do a booming business during the holiday season. Most men would go sock-less and tieless the year round if it weren't for this special time. Some people even make children to be good, or risk having the | it to church to celebrate the birthday of somebody besides Santa Claus.

Little children play possum, then Claus, critics say, has the nose of a wake up with huge smiles on their faces. Claus gets to stuff himself with He is neither trim or well groomed. As cookies and hot chocolate in virtually every household in the world.

Never mind the contradictory messages parents leave with their children. Always tell the truth, they say in one breath, while trying to explain how Santa is able to get inside every household in a single night - even with the doors bolted to keep out the

What's your opinion on this issue? Should we do away with Claus and all of his bad habits? Or should we retain the old geezer out of habit?

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## **FM Road Continues Contstruction**

Even though the highway department lost funds during the Texas allows for continued construction of Legislature's last special session, the department's farm-to-market road under the 1985-86 Texas Farm-toconstruction program will be continued.

members of the State Highway and Public Transporation Commission approved funding of the program for State Highway Fund. the current fiscal year and the 1987-88 biennium.

The farm-to-market road program seeks to meet the most pressing needs of farming and ranching areas throughout the state by the construction of paved, all-weather roads. Texas now has more than 41,000 miles on the FM road system which was created to "get the farmers out of the mud", to enable them to get their produce and livestock to market, and to provide safe highways for school buses and mail routes.

Since the inception of the Colson-Briscoe Act in 1949, the Texas Legislature has appropriated \$15 million annually from the State General Revenue Fund to be used for farm-to-market roads. Another \$8 million in state highway funds provided for an annual \$23 million construction program.

The State Legislature canceled its appropriation for construction for the current year, but highway funds will be used to continue the program. The highway funds are made possible through the additional five-cent gasoline tax passed by the Legislature in the special session:

The recent commission action all projects previously approved Market Program. The commission also ordered development of the At their November meeting, 1987-88 Farm-to-Market Program, with the total allocation of \$46 million for the biennium coming from the

### Ray Bishop Named **Supermarket Division** Manager

Ray Bishop has been named Supermarket Division Manager effective November 1, 1986. Ray will be responsible for the operations and personnel management of Town & Country Food Stores' Village Market stores. Currently, Town & Country operates supermarkets in Big Lake, Menard, Clyde, Sundown, Cross Plains, Tuscola and Ballinger.

Ray is a graduate of San Angelo High School and also attended Howard Payne and Angelo State Universities. He has been involved in a broad range of supermaket retail, management, advertising, purchasing and public relations functions over the past 30 years.

Ray and his wife, LaQuita, have two children. His daughter, Kayra, is married and resides in San Angelo. His son, Blake, is a student at North Texas State University.

By FREEDA BURKETT

About 1.1" rain fell in our community during the weekend of December 6 and 7. The weather is expected to remain about the same this week, with near freezing at night and more cold weather on the way.

The Methodist Church enjoyed a Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner at the Dub and Mildred Lowe home Saturday evening. The guests helped with the food by bringing covered dishes. Entertainment was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged.

Low and Liz Golson were in San Angelo Saturday visiting their daughter and family and shopping.

Jody and Eureta Whitley of San Saba spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lat Mountain and Jack and Lovera Strickland.

We are happy to have Montie Jennings back at home after spending several weeks in Brownwood Regional Hospital where she underwent surgery for a broken hip, bruises, etc., from a fall at home. Her sister, Lula Havner of Bangs will stay with her during her recuperation.

About five to six inches of snow fell from Wednesday evening to Thursday 10:00 p.m. The weather was so still the snow stacked to three or four inches on tree limbs and twigs, and weighted shrubbery down with the beautiful glistening snow that was still intact until after sunup Friday. We can be sure a lot of snap shots were made of the beautiful scenery and each one worthy to be used as Christmas greeting cards.

Latest news from Hap Bearden is that he is feeling pretty well but still not so strong. He is at Vancouver, Washington with his daughter, Mary Jane Koester and family. Hap's many friends here miss him so much and wish him a very Merry Christmas and а Нарру 1987.

For those that want to send Hap a card or letter, his address is 15119 S.E. McGillivary Blvd., Vancouver, Wa. 98684.

A.H. Carroll has been making his home at Leisure Lodge in Coleman for the past few months. His daughter of Brazoria visited him last week and she took him to live with her. We all miss Mr. Carroll and wish him a very happy holiday season.

Jo and Bill Davee visited friends at Leisure Lodge last week, one being

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Ora Hoover. They say she is doing excellent at the Lodge and seems very happy. She has many friends here. Let's remember her with a card or

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Golson of Austin spent the Thanksgiving Holiday here with his mother, Anna Golson, and other family members.

The Quilting Club met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Santa Anna. She was a lovely hostess and cooked a delicious Christmas dinner for the club.

Those present were Iola Terry and Addie C. Rhoades of Coleman, Lucille Cross, Wilda Tomlinson, Doris Walker and Freeda Burkett all of Burkett, Willie Mae Wilson and the hostess of Santa Anna.

Ethel donated \$10 to the Burkett Community Center which is always needed and appreciated.

Lillian Brown is recovering satisfactorily after undergoing surgery Wednesday of last week at Brownwood Regional Hospital.

We send get well wishes to Linda Dodgen who also underwent surgery last Wednesday at Brownwood Regional Hospital. Latest news from her is that she is recovering and will be home in a few days.

### Girl Scouts Report Gains

Delegates to the 38th annual meeting of Heart of Texas Girl Scout Council assembled in Brownwood on Thursday, December 4, to elect council officers, amend by laws, receive and act upon reports of 1986 achievements and honor those whose leadership contributed significantly to attainment of council goals.

Eight percent more girls were served in 1986 and both adult and girl member retention continued a long term upward spiral.

Cross Plains Girl Scouts were recognized for a five percent gain of girl members, and for high retention of leadership.

Two local leaders were elected to serve on the council's board of directors. Bettie Cavanaugh will serve as council secretary and Donna Merrick as a member-at-large.

Carolyn Adams, representing Cross Plains Girl Scouts, presented a plaque to Bettie Cavanaugh recognizing her outstanding leadership in Cross Plains.



le are thinking of you today Because it's Christmas And we wish you joy, And tomorrow Because it's the day after Christmas We shall wish you joy. Perhaps we can't tell you about it From day to day For you may be far away Or we may be entangled With the things of life But it makes no difference. Our thoughts and our wishes Will be with you. Whatever joy or success comes to you, We shall be glad clear through the year.

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# Resolving Car Repair Disputes

Car repairs are among the most common sources of complaints received by the Attorney General's Office. Almost everyone needs an auto mechanic from time to time. So. if you're not an expert on auto repair, you're going to have to find someone who is. The best advice we've heard is this: Ask your friends for the names of reliable mechanics and locate several you feel comfertable with BEFORE the car needs repairing. Your investigation should include a call to your local Better Business Bureau and/or the nearest branch of the Attorney General's Office to see if there are unresolved complaints against those you are considering.

### REPAIR TIPS

- When you take your car in for repair, ask for a written estimate before any work is done on your car. Tell the mechanic to call you for authorization if any additional work or parts are needed.
- If the charge is much higher than the estimate or if work was done without your authorization and you feel you have been overcharged, question the bill. Ask for a written explanation and keep the statement in case you decide to take further action. You may wish to try to talk the mechanic into lowering the price. However, if you refuse to pay the bill, the mechanic can legally refuse to release your car.

My attorneys tell me there is a continuing problem with certain transmission repair companies around the state. We have sued several of these companies for tactics such as falsely advertising the price of repairs and "bait and switch" tactics. Some companies advertise a low price for a transmission check-up, for example, and then lie to consumers about the need for repairs—at a much higher price.

One company advertised a rebuilt transmission for under \$200, but when customers came in they learned that low price did not include an essential part, raising the price considerably. This company also is under injunction obtained by my office.

### WHAT THE LAW SAYS

Although many other states have laws specifically governing auto repair shops, Texas has none. However, the Consumer Protection Act makes the following practices unlawful:

1) knowingly making a false or misleading statement of fact concerning the need for parts, replacement, or repairs;

2) representing that work has been done or parts have been replaced when that is not the case;

 representing that goods are original or new, when they are actually second hand or refurbished;

4) basing a charge for a repair on a warranty instead of on the value of the actual repairs without separately stating the charges for the work and the charge for the warranty, if any.

### FOR MORE HELP

If you have an auto repair problem that the shop will not correct, the Consumer Protection Division offers a mediation service for such complaints.

If you or your business needs more help or information on this or other consumer problems, contact your nearest Attorney General Consumer Protection Office (in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen and San Antonio). The Attorney General's Office is the people's law firm. We're here to help you.

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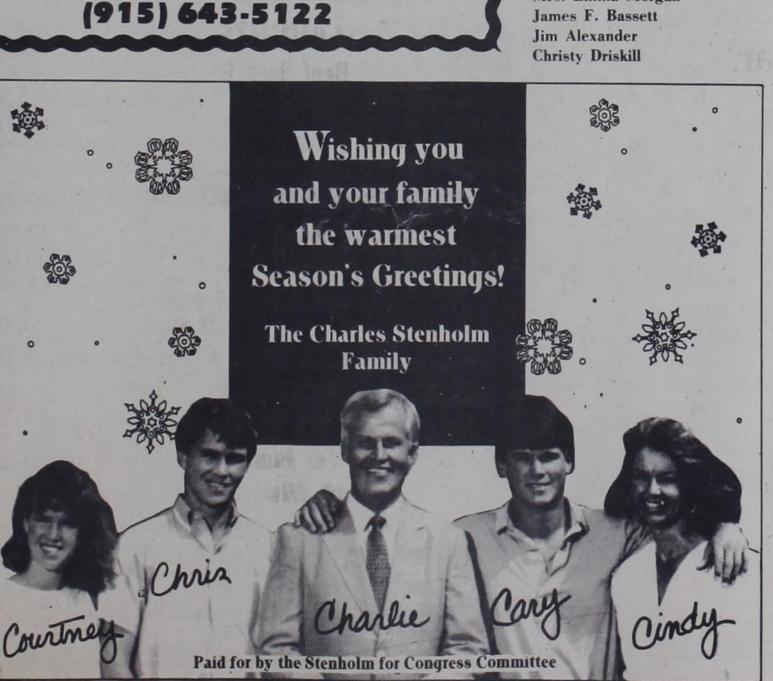
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# Clyde Mason Appointed District Deputy Grand Master

A Clyde retired postmaster was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Texas Masonic Grand Lodge at its annual meeting in Waco December 4-6.

He is John R. Gee, past master of Staked Lodge No. 598 in Big Spring. As District Deputy, Gee represents Grand Master John E. (Jack) Kelly of San Antonio in the 74th Masonic District during 1987. The district includes five Lodges in Callahan and

Shackelford Counties.

The Grand Lodge celebrates its 150th birthday during 1987, having been founded in 1837 by Sam Houston, Anson Jones and other early Texas Masons.

Gee said that special programs will be held in all lodges in his district to observe the Grand Lodge birthday.

The Grand Lodge is the governing body for 959 Texas Masonic Lodges with over 200,000 members, making it the largest fraternal order in the state. There are some 5 million members of the Masonic Fraternity worldwide.

Gee is a life member of the Optimist Club, has been chosen Layman of the Year and President-Elect by the Kiwanis Club and is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. He was named Clyde Citizen of the Year and is a Deacon of the First Baptist Church in Clyde.



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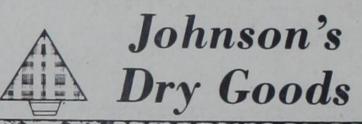
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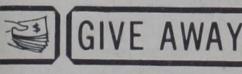
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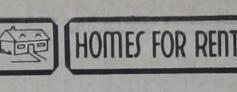
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