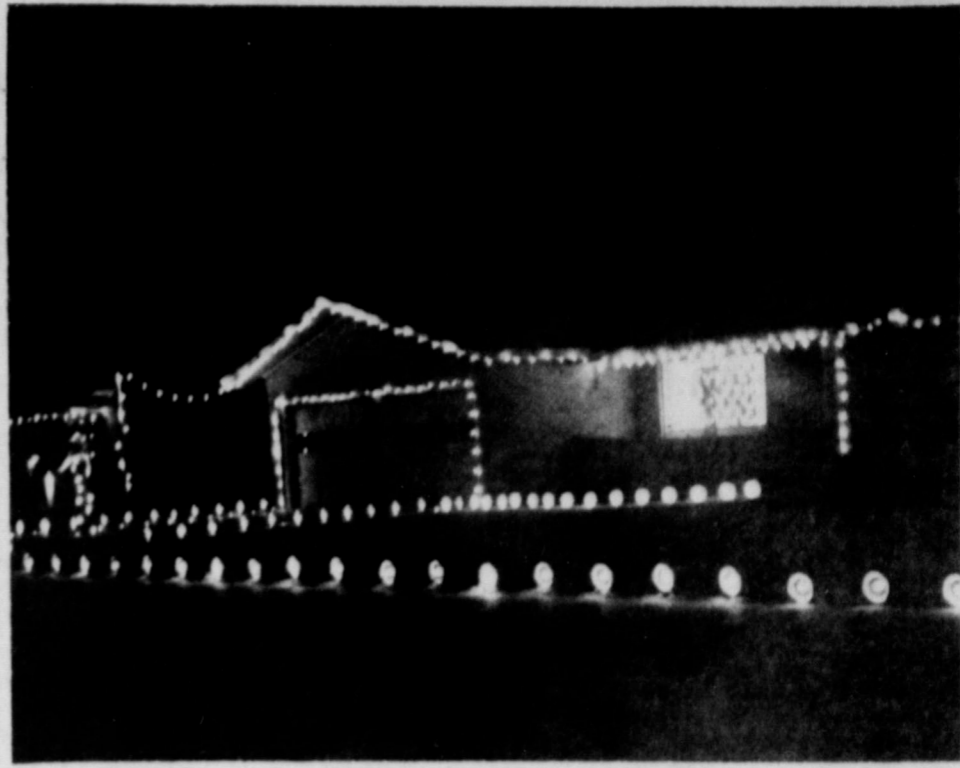


WINNERS--These three yards took top prizes in the Slaton Chamber Christmas Home Lighting contest. Top is the Breland-Wilson combination yard. Big lighted candles were in both yards, and a figure of Santa Claus in the background. The wheel had the words "Merry Christmas" and "New Year." Middle is the Ralph Thorp home, 2nd place winner at 845 S. 13th St. Right is the Wayne Perkins home, 3rd place winner at 1460 W. Crosby. (SLATONITE PHOTOS)



Lighting Contest Winners Named

The annual Christmas Home Decorations contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, were announced last night. The overall home and yard prizes went to the combined Breland-Wilson yard, 755 S. 21st St. These are the winners. Middle place went to the Ralph Thorp home, 845 S. 13th St., and third place was awarded to the Wayne Perkins home, 1460 W. Crosby. Cash awards of \$25, \$10 and \$5 were presented by the Chamber. The contest was judged by the judges of Tommy Davis, 755 S. 22nd St., and Roger W. Babson, 1535 W. Garza. The contest was held in the auditorium, first place went to the Jim Dulin, 1510 W. Garza, and second place to the Ansil O'Neal home, 1460 W. Crosby. Prizes of \$7.50 and \$5 were awarded. Savings & Loan won the special award for the best downtown store display. The judges were Thayer Brown and Roger W. Babson, both of Lubbock. Babson served as committee chairman. Appreciation was expressed to all persons who participated in the contests.



By Speedy Nieman

Division Street says you're a teenager unless you're a teenager. The pleasure tempt these, no profit allure anything which you know to be a jolly; for a Christmas is a continual Christmas.

The Christmas edition of The Slatonite and all the staff joins in extending best wishes for a happy Christmas holiday season! This issue contains many "Christmas" stories from Slaton firms and individuals. We hope you'll take time to look at one of them.

The publisher and his family will be going to the "white" Christmas in a great treat and we understand a few more families are leading Tres Ritto way during the Christmas season. These include the Truett Bownds, Mr. and Mrs. August Kitten, Melvin and the other children and grand-children and the James Riney family.

Your Christmas plans, we hope you are making at this time of the year for you and your family. The celebration of Christmas reminds us that material success holds little value in the end. The strongest endeavor is that of the family, and the feelings that we project our good wishes to those around us. We exchange gifts, exchange cards, make personal visits or telephone calls, expressing brotherly love.

It is wonderful if we could extend our Christmas of Christmas Day to the 364 days in the year?

An interview with a newcomer drove home the point with us the other day. The point is that Green does a great job as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce office. She does her job all the time, and we don't want to notice it. The incident that brought this to mind is a small part of her job. A newcomer, who was in Lubbock, said he wanted to move to a smaller town and decided on Slaton. He added that Mrs. Green was so pleasant in trying to help him that he chose Slaton.

The Christmas holidays preceded the Christmas holidays in many Slatonites when death claimed the life of Mr. One of the leading senior citizens of our community, Mr. Todd maintained an interest in people and their activities. In recent months, he had also received an invitation to the golf course, and he had the game during his retirement. Mr. Todd had a keen sense of humor, and he apparently enjoyed life to the fullest. We shall miss this fine gentleman.

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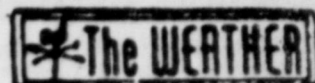
A MEMBER OF MOST FAMILIES IN THE SLATON TRADE AREA

59th YEAR, NO. 12

LUBBOCK COUNTY, SLATON, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1969

10 CENTS



(Courtesy of Pioneer Nat. Gas)

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 22	85 est.	42
Dec. 21	74	34
Dec. 20	74	30
Dec. 19	56	32
Dec. 18	52	40

Bale Count Tops 80,000 in Slaton Area

Babson's Report To Be Feature Of Jan. 1 Issue

Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1970 will again be featured in the New Year's Issue of The Slatonite, it was announced this week. The forecast, prepared by Roger W. Babson, nationally-known business analyst, has been an annual feature with the newspaper for several years. The Babson forecast will comment on a number of economic and business factors as the nation enters a new decade. Among the topics of discussion will be inflation, international prospects, labor prospects, building and construction, money rates, and bonds and stocks. The Babson staff is of the opinion that the cauldron of world problems will continue to boil, but that the many festering wounds can be kept localized to a sufficient degree to avert a worldwide conflagration. For many other forecasts, be sure to read Babson's Report in the Jan. 1 issue of The Slatonite.

YEAR IN REVIEW IN JAN. 1 ISSUE

"Year in Review" -- the annual glance back at the Slatonite headlines -- will be presented in the New Year edition of the newspaper. The popular feature has been published for several years, with readers being able to look back and recall the top news stories of the year. The week-by-week review of the headlines will be presented next week.



OPERATION YULETIDE--Jim Carnes, dressed in his ROTC uniform, assists Dee Bowman, Bill Ball and Col. Clifford Bowen as they raised money on "K-10 calling" Monday morning over Radio Station KCAS for Operation Yuletide. As people called in their donations, Jim was standing by to go after the contribution. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

The best demonstration of a man's poise is his ability to talk fluently while the other fellow is paying the check.

Overlooked department: A big tip of the



SLEIGH-OF-GIFTS WINNER--Mrs. Billy Childers, winner of Slaton's Sleigh-Full-of-Gifts contest, is shown receiving a certificate from Don Kendrick, Chamber of Commerce Christmas committee chairman. Mrs. Childers will receive more than \$500 worth of gifts from city merchants as winner of the contest. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Mrs. Childers Wins Sleigh of Gifts

Mrs. Dorothy Childers, 17, whose husband, Billy, is stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany, won Slaton's "Sleigh-Full-of-Gifts" contest which ended Saturday, and she is the lucky winner of \$510.35 worth of gifts from local firms and merchants.

Mrs. Childers had the best estimate on the total value of the sleigh of gifts, missing the correct total by only four cents.

"I can't hardly believe it... that's the first time I've ever won anything," Mrs. Childers exclaimed Saturday evening when informed by Slaton Chamber of Commerce officials that she was the winner.

The "sleigh" contained gifts from 26 Slaton firms and merchants, and a bowl of coins from Citizens State Bank. Idea of the contest was to guess the total value, and contestants

could go by the participating firms to determine the cost of all items except the bowl of money.

Coming in a close second to Mrs. Childers was Roberta L. Luedke, who missed the total by just six cents, and Mitti Lowe, who missed by only nine cents. The bowl contained \$20.01.

Others who were very close to the total included Carolyn Rinne, Mrs. Frances Clements, Mrs. W. W. Rogers, Gertrude Stolle, Mrs. Pauline Siewert, Mrs. Jerry Hutchens, N. J. Luman, and Mrs. R. L. Camden.

Mrs. Childers has been a

The Slaton area cotton harvest rushed toward the finishing line this week with a whopping 80,797 bales weighed in at 15 gins around the city and area.

The bale count was made by The Slatonite Monday morning. The total was about 20,000 bales above the bale count made at this time last year.

The Slaton area was more fortunate than farmers to the north and northwest, where the killing freeze hit about a month earlier. Late rains, however, hurt the quality and grade in this area.

A number of the gins reported they were about through with the ginning season this week. The bale count made Monday reflected these totals:

Slaton Co-Op 15,600; Acuff Co-Op 10,900; Canyon Gin 7,821; Wilson Co-Op 6,631; Hackberry 5,920; McClung Co-Op 5,000; Union Co-Op 4,965; Way-side Gin 4,500; Farmers Gin 4,132; Posey Gin 3,214; New Lynn 3,000 est.; Gatzki Gin 2,750; Planters Gin 2,500; Campbell Gin 2,109; Basinger Gin 1,755.

The South Plains cotton harvest passed the one million bale mark this week, according to W. K. Palmer, in charge of the Lubbock Cotton Classing Office of the USDA.

Samples from 1,150,000 bales of cotton had been received by the Lubbock, Brownfield, Lamesa and Levelland offices through Friday, December 19th.

Cotton sample receipts began a gradual decline at the four area classing offices as the harvest neared completion. Estimates indicate that 80 to 85 per cent of this season's crop is now out of the fields.

Strict Low Middling Light Spotted was the predominant grade at Lubbock last week with 25 per cent of all cotton classed. Strict Low Middling made up 10 per cent, Low Middling Light Spotted 20 per cent and all Spots and Tinges 26 per cent. Thirty-seven per cent was reduced in grade because of bark and 7 per cent was below grade.

Staple length averaged between 31/32 and 1-inch. Two-thirds of the cotton classed at Lubbock had staple lengths of 31/32 and longer.

Forty per cent of the cotton classed at Lubbock had staple lengths of 31/32 and longer. Forty per cent of the cotton classed at Lubbock last week was in the desirable micronaire category of 3.5 to 4.9. This compares to 47 per cent the previous week.

Fifty-six per cent of the cotton classed at Lubbock last week had Pressley readings of (See COTTON, Page 6)

Mid-Town Mayor

A CIVIC CLUB IS A GOOD INSTRUMENT TO BEAT THE BUSHES FOR PROGRESS.



Operation Yuletide Aids Needy Families

Operation Yuletide -- a project to provide Christmas baskets for needy families in Slaton -- came to a climax Tuesday, Dec. 23, as Lions were scheduled to pack the baskets and City of Slaton crews were to make the deliveries.

A big boost to the project was given by KCAS Radio Monday morning when about \$325 in cash donations were solicited during a special broadcast of K-10 Calling, from 8 to 9 a.m. Dee Bowman and Bill Ball turned the radio show over to the Yuletide cause.

The Slaton Lions Club, sponsoring the Christmas program, assisted in picking up donations Monday morning. Jim Newhouse is committee chairman for the Lions' project. Lions were to meet at the First Christian Church Tuesday morning to

pack the Christmas boxes.

Slaton Chamber of Commerce served as a "clearing house" for the names of needy families. The Ministerial Alliance served as a screening committee on names submitted.

A benefit basketball game between the Lions and Slaton High teachers launched the drive for Operation Yuletide. Canned goods and toys were donated as admission to the game. The Athenian Study Club also donated new toys, and many individuals contributed toys.

An incomplete list of cash donors:

First Baptist Church (Beneficent fund) \$50, Ministerial Alliance \$25, Catholic Youth Organization \$10, Catholic Sisters of Mercy \$50, O. Z. Ball & Co. \$10, KCAS \$10, Southwestern Public Service \$10, Col. Clifford Bowen

\$10, J. S. Edwards \$10, T. J. Wallace \$10;

Friendship Sunday School class \$10, The Slatonite \$10, Slaton Pharmacy \$10, KSEL Radio \$10, George Privett \$10, Bob Kern \$10, Tom Sims \$10, Wendel TV \$10, Bill Adams \$10;

Elder Electric \$5, Dean Robertson \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hartman \$5, Slaton Upholstery \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shepherd \$5, Jim Newhouse \$5, Terry Niemeyer \$5, Kenneth Henderson \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Cain \$5, Bill Bohannon \$5, Max Arrants \$5, Rush Wheeler \$5, J. W. Holt \$5;

Pete and Leon \$2, Weldon Self \$1, John Robinson \$1, Curly Martindale \$1, Ted Gentry \$2, Leo Henzler \$2, Arvin Stafford \$2, Chester Williams \$2, J. C. McClosky \$2, Clarence Voigt \$2, Mrs. W. H. Eanes \$2.



SENT FOR 20TH TIME--Mrs. Virgie Hunter, who is signing a Christmas card to be sent to her dear friend, Mrs. Mack Klattenhoff, is pondering over what to write on it this year. She mailed the card to Mrs. Klattenhoff the first time in 1949 and they have mailed it back and forth each year since. One year Mrs. Hunter kept up with it when she traveled to Washington, D. C. and mailed it from there. In 1966 it was signed "Same Ole Card--Same Ole Love, Myrtle" and in 1967 it read "This is the same ole card--And this is the same ole love, Virgie". In 1961, it was signed "Nearly lost it!" In 1954 it was signed "Sure is fun". . . . and that is what it has meant over the 20 years, fun and love between two friends of many years. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Mrs. Crandall Has Christmas Program for Club

The Civic and Culture Club met last Thursday in the home of Mrs. A. L. Saage for a Christmas luncheon, with Mrs. H. T. Scurlock and Mrs. E. R. Legg assisting as hostesses. Mrs. H. V. Wheeler presided for a brief business session. The food was served buffet style from tables for four adorned with Christmas decorations. Mrs. R. H. Todd offered thanks and the group sang "Silent Night" with Mrs. Legg at the piano.

Following the luncheon, members met at the Christmas tree for a program, "The Wonder of Christmas" given by Mrs. B. H. Crandall. One of the special poems she read was written by Kirk Rimley Williams, a 10-year old boy from Liberty. This poem was featured on the front page of the Kansas City Star. The program was followed with a gift exchange.

Members attending included Mmes. H.E. Anderson, J. D. Barry, Kenneth Davies, M. L. German, R. C. Hall, T. C. Martin, Fred Schmidt, R. E. Switzer, Crandall, Legg, Saage, Scurlock, Todd, Wheeler and a new member, Mrs. Lillian Russell.

The next regular meeting is scheduled Jan. 28 in the home of Mrs. Hall.

Matrons Hear Xmas Program In Elliott Home

Mrs. J. A. Elliott served as hostess when members of the Past Matrons club met in her home last Monday. Mrs. E. R. Burns read the Christmas story from the 2nd chapter of Luke, and then led the group in prayer.

Mrs. Eugene Eddings, president, conducted a business session. Mrs. R. J. Clark presented two stories, one a true story entitled, "A Christmas Visit", and "The Invisible Side of Christmas".

Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Elliott served refreshments to Mmes. R. J. Hurst, J. D. Barry, Virgie Hunter, Mable Vaughn, Douglas Wilson, H. E. Woods, Wade Thompson, Clark, Burns and Eddings.

Secret Pals Revealed

Secret Pals were revealed at a Christmas Party for the Sla-Ton Tops Club when it met in the home of Joan Howell last Thursday. The group played games and drew names for secret pals.

The club's next meeting will be January 1 and anyone interested is invited to attend. Contact a member at phone 828-6826 or 828-6281 for details.

Thelma Johnson was crowned K.O.P.S. queen of the year and presented a gift.

A Christmas gambol off could cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year. — Scott

The Sla-Ton Tops Club also met Thursday, Dec. 11 in the home of Edna Henry. Wanda Hurst was crowned queen for the month and was presented a charm.

When we place the figures of little donkeys, cows, sheep and lambs in our Christmas creche, let us pause to realize what important parts they played in that first Nativity scene, almost 2000 years ago.

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MRS. PAT MCKINLEY
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McKinley-Bell Vows Read In Lubbock

Miss Nancy Linn Bell and Pat McKinley were married in a double ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday in Calvary Baptist Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Claude Cone, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ford Bell and Mrs. Eunice McKinley and Mr. L. P. McKinley, all of Lubbock.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown in candlelight. The fitted waist of re-embroidered Alencon lace, featuring long sleeves and a scalloped neckline, was attached to a gathered skirt of silk peau de sole edged with the lace. The mantilla of silk illusion and re-embroidered Alencon lace was three quarter length. The gown and head piece were designed and made by the bride and her mother.

The bride carried a nosegay of gardenias and red feathered carnations encircled with holly and velvet ribbon.

Mrs. Don Bell, of Wolforth, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Jimmy Russell of Norman, Okla., and Miss Jeanette Bednarz of Slaton. The attendants wore formal length A-line sheath gowns of red crepe featuring a jewel neckline, elbow length sleeves, and slightly raised waistline. Headpieces were of red bows and silk illusion. Each carried a nosegay of red and white carnations and holly tied with green velvet ribbon.

Alan Mattison of Lubbock served as best man. Groomsman were Larry McKinley of Thorndale, Texas and Carl McKinley of Lubbock, brothers of the bridegroom. Guests were seated by Don Bell of Wolforth, Gary Bell of Lubbock, brothers of the bride, David

Ray of Lubbock, Clellan of San Antonio, and Cooley of McLean. Misses Donna and Rose were flower girls, redcrepe formal, and carried white red flowers.

Wedding music by Mrs. Leon Linn, organist, Bible of Odessa, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held at the ceremony. Baptist fellowships were 17 members party. The bride covered in white gown. Both feature centerpieces of red and white.

Following a wedding reception at 210 APT. 129 in Lubbock.

The bride, a 1969 Cooper High School graduate, is planning to receive a home economics degree in December from Tech, and will be employed at Canadian River Tech, she was in Tech Creamery, Tech.

A 1965 graduate of High School, the senior government Tech and is employed at Tech.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bell will include Dr. and Mrs. England and daughter of Irving; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Nellie from Dallas; Mrs. Schmidt of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Z. Albert Dodgen from

Townsend Xmas Supper Edmondson Home On Leave

Mrs. W. O. Townsend entertained her family with a Christmas supper Saturday evening in her home. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Dean McManigle and Ramey, all of Odessa; Mrs. Helen Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kessee, Douglas and Beth Ann, all of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Townsend, all of Lubbock, Dale Townsend of Ft. Sill; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Townsend, Kimberly and Clinton of Chicago, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Townsend, Paul and Gayle of Lubbock; and David Townsend who is stationed in Tennessee in the Navy.

Second Class Petty Officer James Robert (Robby) Edmondson is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Jarman, and his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Edmondson of Lubbock.

Robby returned to the United States in September after serving a second tour of duty in Vietnam. He will return to San Diego on Jan. 7 where he is stationed.

ITEM: If you plan to spend winter evenings putting a boat in shape for next season, do it right. Use marine paint on all surfaces, whether they actually come in contact with water or not. Marine paints are designed to withstand real punishment from sun, waves, marine growth, rain and abrasion.

ITEM: Color can be used in any number of "fool the eye" tricks. "Shorten" a too-long home by focusing attention at the entrance or central portion of the home through the use of bright colors. A home that seems "lost" in its setting will emerge with a coat of light, bright paint. And, judicious use of dark colors can make a large home blend with its surroundings.

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Sleeveless shift gown with matching applique trim. S, M, L. Azure Blue or Sunglow. Item A.	\$6.	Tailored two-piece pajamas are comfortable, feminine. Azure Blue or Sunglow. Sizes 32-40. Item D.	\$9.
Culotte lounging pajamas tie with a satin sash. Azure Blue. Sizes 32-38. Item B.	\$13.	Full-length gown has 3/4 sleeves, floral applique trim. Azure Blue or Rumbling Rose. S, M, L. Item E.	\$8.
Short robe with 3/4 sleeves and applique trim is perfect by itself or over Items A, D or F. Azure Blue or Sunglow. S, M, L. Item C.	\$9.	Shift gown with 3/4 sleeves, applique trim. Azure Blue or Sunglow. S, M, L. Item F.	\$6.

We wish you all a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the message of Christmas renew in our hearts the hope and promise of that night in Bethlehem when the Star shown above. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, let us especially rejoice, this happy holiday, filling our hearts with peace and contentment—extending many kindnesses to others.

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Rev. Cartrite Speaks To Senior Citizens

The Rev. J. L. Cartrite, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was speaker for the Senior Citizen Club meeting held last Friday in the Slaton Club House. His message was taken from Luke 1 and 2. He told about "giving" in connection with the birth of Christ.

Mrs. Fannie Patterson, president, conducted the business meeting and B. A. Hanna gave the opening prayer. Mrs. H. E. Ahaip accompanied Mrs. Alvin White as she led the group in singing.

Rev. and Mrs. Cartrite joined the 20 members for lunch and then the members played games during the afternoon.

Cains, Great-Grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Cain received news last week of the arrival of their first great-grandchild.

Kevin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sullivan of Los Angeles, Calif. was born Dec. 13. The baby's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Bostick of Los Angeles. Mrs. Bostick is the Cain's daughter.

HELLO WORLD



12-14-69-- Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Wayne Biggs, 1123 E. Green Acres, Hobbs, N.M., parents of a boy, 8 lbs., 5 ozs.

12-15-69-- Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe R. Bernal, Rt. 2, Box 253, Snyder, parents of a boy, Guadalupe A., 8 lbs., 12 ozs.

12-17-69-- Mr. and Mrs. Juan Ariaz, Box 242, Slaton, parents of a girl, Linda, 6 lbs., 7 1/2 ozs.

12-17-69-- Mr. and Mrs. Luis Martinez, Jr., Box 853, Wilson, parents of a boy, Leroy, 8 lbs.

12-17-69-- Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Clemons, 310 Arizona, parents of a girl, Marsha, 6 lbs., 6 ozs.

Invitation Extended

Mr. and Mrs. James Mason extend cordial invitation to friends and relatives to attend the wedding of their daughter, Mickey Ann, to Allen Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miles, on Saturday, December 29, at 7 o'clock in evening at the Slaton Church of Christ.

Reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

ADD ENJOYMENT

Books and stationery are personalized presents that add home enjoyment.

Library Closed For Xmas, Open Friday

The Slaton Branch Library will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holidays, according to Mrs. Polly Melugin, librarian.

Library staff members and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Dec. 12 in the Lubbock City - County Library. A banquet meal was served and gag gifts were exchanged.

The local library is receiving new books regularly from Lubbock, and a large number of books based on the Christmas theme, have recently been checked out.

Mrs. Floye Miller and Mrs. Emma Cronin of the Lubbock Bookmobile headquarters visited the Slaton branch last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tucker and daughters of Albuquerque, N.M. arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. I. C. Tucker. Also present for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. James Haliburton and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rice, all of Lubbock. Mrs. Snodgrass and Mrs. Haliburton are daughters of Mrs. Tucker, and Mrs. Rice is her granddaughter.

ITEM: Company coming for dinner? Home economists say that each person needs at least 21-24 inches of table space for dining comfortably. Some guests would prefer to sit at a separate table than worry about elbows during the meal.

ITEM: If your home has a fireplace, keep the damper closed when the fireplace is not in use. If the damper is left open, warm room air is drawn up the chimney and you'll be heating the outdoors.

Holiday Parties Given For Nursing Home Residents

Residents at Slaton Nursing Home have certainly not been forgotten during the Christmas holiday, thanks to many individuals and organizations.

Activities during the past week include Margie Dillard bringing the Grace Lutheran choir to entertain residents, Darla Earwood brought the Westview Baptist Girls Auxiliary to entertain with songs and last Thursday a film was shown on "The Holy Land" by Jerry Rodgers.

Friday noon the Slaton High School Choir, directed by Jimmy Wilson, entertained residents. Then Friday evening a Christmas Party was held at the home with a capacity crowd attending.

Max Campbell, of the home office for Assembly Homes in Glenwood, Minn. spoke on "What Christmas Means To Us". He gave staff members gifts. Then Mrs. Howard Hoffman gave a story on "The Other Wise Man"; Mickey Mason sang "Noel"; St. Joseph's Choir sang "Silent Night"; the Idalou Youth Choir did two songs with bells and led the group in some Christmas songs; Mrs. Vera Johnson, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, recited a poem; Mrs. Vivian Rucker was introduced as president of the auxiliary; a doll made by Cecilia Steffens was won by Mrs. John Murchison; and then gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree.

The Ladies Auxiliary served cookies and punch to everyone. The Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6721 presented each resident with a beautifully potted poinsettia plant. Mrs. Essie Savell gave a bag of fruit to each resident and the Nursing Home Auxiliary has a bag of fruit and candy for each resident.

A beautiful poinsettia plant was sent to the home from Bo-Kay Flower Shoppe and the Slaton Home Demonstration Club sent a plant. The HD Club also sent a Santa Claus pin for each resident to wear to the party.

So many people have donated gifts to the home and the residents say "Thanks to everyone".



DOORS DECORATED---Many of the doors at Slaton Nursing Home have been gaily decorated for the holiday season. Admiring one of the doors are roommates, Mrs. Maggie Davis, seated, and Mrs. Sarah Benton. Mrs. Davis celebrated her 88th birthday Dec. 24 and claims 52 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Benton is a spry 84 years young. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



PARTY HELD---Members of the Slaton Garden Club entertained students at Slaton Opportunity School last Friday with refreshments and presented each child with a gift. Mrs. Bill Smith is shown serving refreshments as Mrs. George Hubert, Jr., volunteer worker, looks on. The Christmas tree was donated to the school by the Lions Club. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

TEL Class Meets In Hanna Home

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church met Thursday, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. B.A. Hanna at 1 p.m. for a luncheon and Christmas party.

Members exchanged gifts and took a Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Rev. J.L. Cartrite, pastor, presented the devotional and he and Mrs. Cartrite and Mr. Hanna joined the 13 members for lunch.

BECKER REUNION HELD SUNDAY

A reunion of the Becker family was held Sunday at the Slaton club house with some 85 guests registering.

Twenty-six families were in attendance from Center, Colo., Milwaukee, Wisc.; Wilson, Slaton, Lubbock, Taft, Floydada and Slaton. Special guests were Pastor and Mrs. Delmas Luedke of Grace Lutheran Church in Slaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schneider of Lubbock.

Season's Greetings

You have been very thoughtful and generous and in extending the greetings of the season to you, we wish to include our hearty thanks for everything.

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ANNIVERSARY---Mr. and Mrs. Luther Faulkner of Slaton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 27. They were married in Brownwood on Dec. 27, 1919. The couple has one son, Luther, Ulysses, Kan., and two daughters--Mrs. I. M. Howell and Mrs. Travis of Slaton, and Mrs. John W. Henry III of Austin. They have 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Friends are invited to the Faulkner home between 12 and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Free State, a girl who has a child, which she has a second doll, which she has a second doll, too, considered sacred.

Candles have long been a part of Christmas. In medieval days, yule candles, like yule logs, were of tremendous size. Holes were chiseled in the stone floors to act as holders, and Christmas dinner lasted as long as the candles burned.

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Hot Rolls tonight!

MRS BAIRD'S HomeBake Rolls

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At this season of joy our Heavenly Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift of eternal life given so freely in the person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.

Amen.

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SOUTHLAND NEWS

—MRS. TOMMY WILKE

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Jingle Bells! Jingle Bells and Holiday Greetings to You! Just think, just a few more days and jolly ole' St. Nick will be here---that is, if you have been a good boy or girl this past year! The one gift that I would like to have this Christmas and during the coming New Year, is good health and happiness for my family.

Southland was defeated by Ropesville in the basketball games last Tuesday. Scores in the game were: Boys -- 79-51 with Douglas Small wood hitting the net for 21 points; Girls -- 44-32 with Sherri Wilke tossing in 13 points.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ellis on Sunday, Dec. 21, were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carnes, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ellis. Turkey with all the trimmings was served. Wilbur Woods came into the

Post Office Thursday and asked me if I was the lady that wrote the Southland News for the Slatonite? When I told him yes, he told me that he always read it every week, and that he enjoyed it a lot, reading about people that he grew up with. Wilbur is a former resident of this community and now makes his home in Oregon. He is the nephew of Mrs. Nellie Mathis, also a former long-time resident of this community, and he said that Mrs. Mathis seems to really like it up in Oregon. Mrs. Mathis's address is 491 Madrena Ave. SE, Salem, Oregon 97302, in case you would like to drop her a card, I know she would be tickled pink to hear from her Texas friends.

Received some news this morning that maybe some of you haven't heard about even though it is late, Tom Craft, a former resident of this com-

munity, passed away Nov. 22 in Dallas from a heart attack, and was buried on Nov. 24 there. He was preparing to go on a deer hunting trip when he had the heart attack and died. He was very well known in this community at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Worthington from Kingsville, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. E. L. Anderson arrived in Southland to spend Christmas with the Andersons.

Dan Eckert, son of Mrs. Norma Eckert, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his family. Dan is in the Air Force and has been working in a hospital in Ft. Worth.

Sherri Wilke will be attending the Southern District Luther League Convention in Houston on the 26, 27, 28th of Dec. She will go to Odessa on Christmas Day and spend the night and then drive down to Houston with friends on the morning of the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Pennell will have all their children, grandchildren and other relatives at their home on Christmas Eve. Their children are: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Callaway, Jay and Stacy and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pennell all from Post, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pennell and Kim from Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Pennell and son from Plainview. Other relatives to be present are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cederholm and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ferguson from Post.

Sister Lydia Becker from Milwaukee, Wisc., Mrs. Ina Becker, Mrs. Thelma Bayless and son and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Becker and family from Taft, Tex., are here visiting friends and relatives and they attended the Becker Reunion

Navy Recruiter, Family Pick Slaton

BY LAVON NIEMAN

Thanks to an efficient Chamber of Commerce secretary who does a fine job encouraging people to move to Slaton, a family moved here last month. The Chamber secretary is Mrs. Cleo Green and the family is Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wright and daughters.

While visiting with the Wrights we learned that he is a recruiter for the U. S. Navy with offices on 13th Street in Lubbock. He had a choice of living in Lubbock or any town near Lubbock. He said they first moved to 50th Street in Lubbock and it took him 30 minutes to drive to work, but now that they have moved to Slaton, it only takes him 20 minutes to drive to the office. The family resides at 930 S. 10th St.

The couple prefers living in a small town since they are originally from a small town in South Carolina. They spent the past eight years in California where he was home - ported,

with him making trips overseas each year.

He said they decided they'd like to live in Slaton or Idalou. Mrs. Green was the reason they chose Slaton. He said she never gave up trying to find them housing here.

Three recruiters work out of the Lubbock office and the towns Wright goes to are Slaton, Post, Spur, Crosbyton, Idalou, Lorenzo, Ralls and Floydada. He is in Slaton each Tuesday with headquarters at the Post Office.

Wright has been a U. S. Navy Recruiter for only six months and says it's quite a switch from his past jobs in the Navy. He is assigned to the office in Lubbock for at least three years. They like Slaton so well, they hope to be here even longer.

The couple has two little girls, Rilla Babette, 5, and Margie Lee, 3. They are expecting a third child in January.

They are Baptists and said they have already been invited to church many times. They plan to get started after arrival of the baby, they said.

which was held at the Club House in Slaton Dec. 21.

L. L. Jackie Dunn and E. L. Dunn will both be in Southland during the Christmas Holidays visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dunn and other friends and relatives.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Flores on birth of their new baby son, Phillip, who was born on Dec. 14 at Mercy Hospital. This young man weighs 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Edmund and Yours Truly attended a Christmas Party on Saturday night in Lubbock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Mueller.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY!



NEWCOMERS TO SLATON---U. S. Navy Recruiter C. V. Wright and his family pictured above with their Christmas tree. Originally from South Carolina, the couple is expecting several relatives here for the holidays. They moved to Slaton in November and plan to make this their home for at least three years. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

Welcome Newcomer

The Slaton Chamber of Commerce released the following list of newcomers for the month of November. Listed is the name of the head of the household, previous address, present address and place of employment.

Pete Abbott, from Brownfield to 240 W. Panhandle, retired; Manuel Cardenas, from rural to 1330 S. 10th, employed by Triangle Mfg. Co.; Lolo Diaz, from rural to 345 Texas Ave., employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Arvin Fell, from Paducah to 400-B S. 7th, self employed; James Holley, from Lubbock to 335 W. Division, employed by Mo. Valley Construction Co.; Bob Nelson, 1600 S. 7th, employed by Supreme Feed Mills; and C. V. Wright, from Lubbock to 930 S. 10th, employed as U. S. Navy Recruiter.

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Season's Greetings

In the happy tradition of this Season we send our heartiest of wishes to everyone for a merry, old-fashioned Christmas.

To all our friends, old and new, we extend our wish for a very merry Christmas. And at this time we'd like to say "Thank you" for being such good customers.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
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Old Beliefs

The Yazidis, a Kirdish religious sect in the Soviet Union, Turkey, Iran and Iraq, regard the peacock as Satan's emblem, revere mulberry trees, and dislike the color yellow.

The Old Timer



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Merry Christmas Everyone

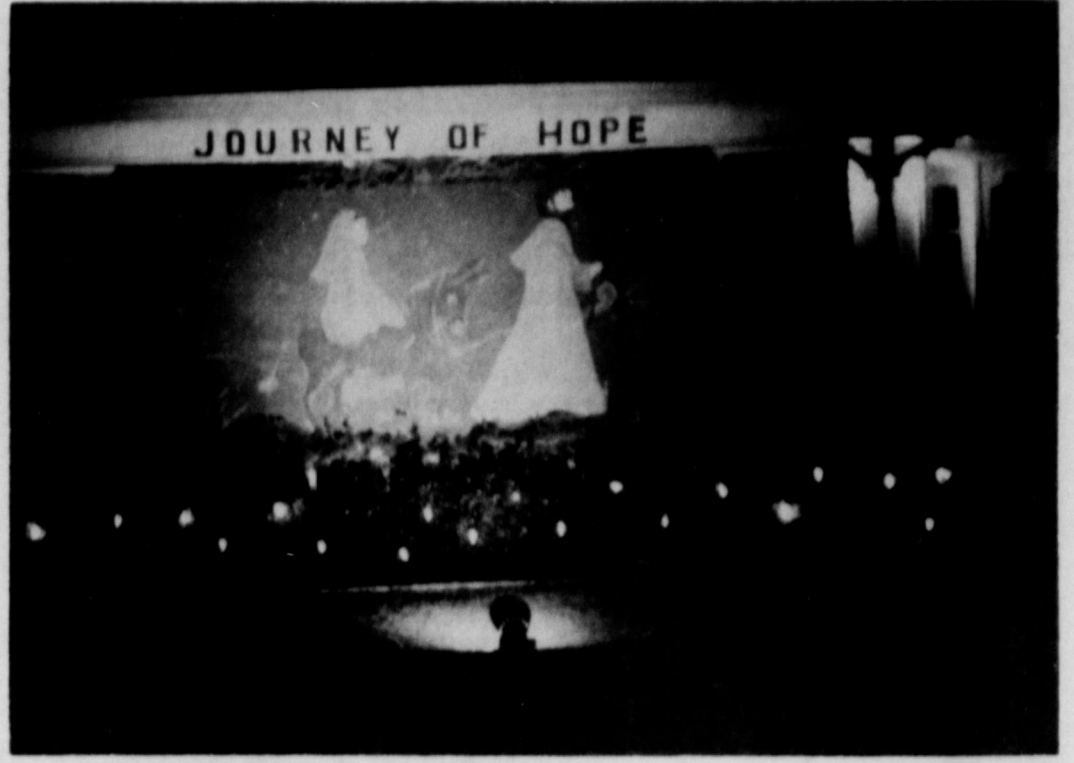


THE "20-Or-BETTER" BUNCH

These six SLATONITE newsboys, who average selling at least 20 papers each week, would like to take advantage of this holiday season to say "Thank you" to their customers and wish everyone a "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Showing the famous Slatonite smile are Don Robinson, 12; C. V. Cox Jr., 13; Marzellia Barnes, 13; Henry Rodgers, 13; Manuel Medrano, 10; and Rafael Medrano, 13.

Henry, Manuel, Rafael and Don are the only four of the original crew of 14. These four have not missed selling a single week since beginning about two and one-half years ago. C. V. is the "star" salesman, selling 70-80 papers weekly in his district.



MORE LIGHTING WINNERS---Here are three more scenes of winners in the Christmas Home Lighting contest. Left is the John Dodson home, 1535 W. Garza, an honorable mention winner. Center is the second-place door winner, the Ansil O'Neal home at 1530 W. Crosby. Right is another honorable mention entry, the Tommy Davis home at 755 S. 22nd. Below is the first-place door winner, the Jim Dulin Home, 1510 W. Garza. (SLATONITE PHOTOS)

COOPER NEWS ————— **By BRENDA, CINDA & LINDA**

Who's Who Named

Students were elected to Who's Who Dec. 15 after nominations were made from each class. Following is a list of those elected: Most Likely To Succeed -- Cookie Hendrix and Steve Louder; Most Popular--Denice Robertson and Emmett Cardenas; Most Athletic--Suzie Kahlich and Emmett Cardenas; Beauty and the Beast -- Margaret Luker and Ricky Smith; Best Dressed -- Sandra Morrison and Don Smith; Most Humorous--Luz Alonzo and Woody Key; Leadership -- Patti Payton and Steve Louder; and Friendliest -- Kathy Burkett and Jimmy Burkett.

CONCERT HELD
The band and choir gave an annual Christmas Concert in the auditorium Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by the choir. Proceeds will be used to purchase choir robes for the choir and to send the band to End, Okla. to the Tri-State Festival.

Rotarians Hear Yule Radio Show of 1946

"Tones of Christmas" was the title for a program presented at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of Slaton Rotary Club Thursday in the Clubhouse. Bill Sewell had charge of the program and was assisted by Dee Bowman. The "push-button" program included dialogue by Sewell and tape recordings of old radio programs. Feature tape was a replay of a 1946 Christmas radio program presented by Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. J. S. Edwards presided at the meeting, and announced that the Rotary Club would not meet the next two weeks--Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Several guests were introduced at the Thursday meeting, including "Junior Rotarian" Jack Webb.

NHS
Members of the National Honor Society ordered their pins during Activity Period. Officers ordered their bars.

ANNUALS
Annuals will be on sale until Dec. 10. This is the deadline for having your name engraved. The cost of the annual is \$5.00 plus 50¢ for your name engraved.

CHS BAND
The CHS Band played for the "Pink Raiders" of KSEL at the Toy Bowl at Lowrey Field in Lubbock Dec. 13. Way to go Pirate Band!

IN ROOSEVELT TOURNAMENT
Our boys and girls both notched first round victories in the Roosevelt Tournament last Thursday night.

Both teams played Friendship and Emmett Cardenas had 14 points to lead the boys to a 53-42 triumph. Judy bombed the nets for 42 points as the girls jumped to an early lead and held it all the way in defeating Friendship 51-47.

On Saturday night Cooper boys played C.T.K. and the girls played Gall. They both were defeated but put up a good fight.

COOPER AT ROPES
The B team girls lost to Ropes 25-14. The starting lineup for the B team was Mincy Neal, Susie Fogerson, and Anita Kahlich, as forwards. The guards were Cinda James, Pam Trimble, and Martha Angerer, and Pam Kubachek helped. Anita Kahlich was high scorer with 9 points, with Susie Fogerson with 3 points, and Mincy Neal with 2 points.

The B boys won 46-44. Junior Martinez was high scorer with 12 points, Bobby Caudel with 8 points, Billy Casey with 8 points, Nathan Griffin and Jessie Bentencourt had 6 points, Ernest Garcia had 4 points, and Jerry Knox had 2 points.

The A team girls won 32-27. The starting team was Judy Dunn, Margaret Luker, Vickie Potts-Forwards, Brenda Jones, Suzie Kahlich, Roxann McCulston, and Cindy Payton - Guards. Judy Dunn was high

scorer with 28 points, Margaret Luker and Vicki Potts had 2 points, Brenda Jones had 7 rebounds, Roxann had 5, Suzie had 4, and Cindy had 2 rebounds.

The A boys lost to Ropes by 58-54. Lannie Marshall was high scorer with 24 points, while Steve Louder and Emmett Cardenas had 9 points, Woody Key had 6 points, and Gilbert Martinez and Doug Grimsley had 2 points.

STUDENT COUNCIL MOVIE
CHS had a movie called "Diamond Head" Friday. The charge was 50¢. We go back to school Jan. 5th.

DRAMA
Friday the Drama Class presented a play to high school. The name of the play was "Twas the Fight Before Christmas." **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

DEAR SANTA

Dear Santa,
I am writing this letter for my sister and cousin. My cousin wants a girls bike, and a doll named Tumblelinal. My sister wants a play little stove and a little refrigerator. She wants a cry baby doll.

P. S. My sisters name is Lisa Renee Dominguez, My cousins name is Letesa Kay Dominguez. My name is Leonard Ray Dominguez.

We Eat Much
By the time the average American reaches the age of 70, he'll have eaten the equivalent of 150 head of cattle, 2,400 chickens, 225 lambs, 26 sheep, 310 swine, 26 acres of grain and 50 acres of fruits and vegetables, according to Dr. Philip L. White, secretary of the American Medical Association's Council on Food and Nutrition.

New Procedure Set For License Renewals

AUSTIN -- Texas drivers will find registering their motor vehicles for 1970 easier than ever before, thanks to a new registration system devised by the Texas Highway Department.

The Department expects more than seven million vehicles to be registered during the year and there will be several new wrinkles.

First, license plates will have a new color scheme -- light blue on a reflective white background.

Second, for the first time, motor vehicle registration renewal applications will be mailed to every vehicle owner in Texas during January. The registration period begins February 1.

The renewal application will arrive in the mail in a slender envelope marked, "Important -- This is Your License Plate Renewal Application."

The application itself has instructions printed on it. It is a three-part form which should not be torn apart. When the registration period begins, the vehicle owner need only take the application -- and the fee -- to the county tax office. Or he can order his plates by mail.

With the application, he will no longer need to present his certificate of title or the last year's registration receipt.

If he decides to go to the county tax office or a sub-station, he will find shorter waiting lines. With the application, the clerk will need only to receive the fee, affix to the application a sticker showing the registration number and other data and hand over the 1970 plates.

Some vehicle owners may find it even more convenient to go through the registration process by mail.

Although owners can register their vehicles in person until April 1, there is a March 1 cutoff date for mail registration. This allows 30 days for delivery before 1970 plates must be displayed on vehicles.

If the vehicle owner wants his plates mailed to him, he should send his registration application to his county tax collector, with the registration fee plus \$1, which is the

COLOR IT FUN
Cans of colorful spray paint make creative fun gifts.

statutory charge for handling and postage.

If the address on the renewal application is incorrect, the vehicle owner should print his correct residence address on all three parts of the application.

The new registration renewal system is the product of an extensive computerization of the

Highway Department's motor vehicle registration records.

Initiation of the new system means Texas now has one of the most efficient systems in the nation for filing and registering motor vehicle registrations. Motorist convenience will be one of the greatest dividends of the new system.

Best Wishes

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Season's Greetings

With thanks to our many friends we say A Happy Holiday.

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Joyous Greetings to all our friends

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish our friends and patrons all the joys of a wonderful holiday season. May every star you reach for be yours... may every hope you have be fulfilled... and may you ever be rich in love and companionship.

HENZLER GROCERY

editorially speaking

WITH WINTER WEATHER coming on, motorists will have to be more watchful.

More fatal traffic accidents occur during darkness—especially during the evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—than during the daylight hours, reports the Texas State Department of Health.

THIS SOBERING FACT should be kept in mind by motorists during winter when the hours of daylight are shorter, streets may be wet or icy, and fog and frost on windows may cloud a motorist's visibility. Better control of the car, reduction of speed and increased alertness are very necessary.

The State Health Department and National Safety Council also advise motorists to drive defensively and to:

- Pull into traffic more cautiously than in daytime.
- Pass with care, making sure you have enough passing room.
- Never trust your judgment in estimating speed of an approaching car by its headlights.
- Stay well behind the car ahead of you and watch for his signals.
- Watch for oncoming drivers who may be out of their lanes.

- Be alert for vehicles stopped on the roadway with poor or NO-lights.

- Alert other drivers with flares or lights if your car becomes disabled, and get it off the road.

- Don't over-drive your headlights. At 60 miles an hour it will take you about 370 feet to stop. Yet, you see only about 200 feet ahead.

- Put on directional signals well in advance of turning.

- Don't use parking lights when in motion.

- Make adjustments for bad weather, which further reduces your vision.

- Keep your windshield and windows clean, inside and out. In night driving the glare of oncoming headlights diffused against the film may blind you or make you fail to see unlighted objects.

- If an approaching driver fails to dim his lights, don't keep your bright lights on also. Slow down, dim your lights and keep your eyes on the shoulder of the road or the lane edge to guide you.

BY OBSERVING THESE RULES of the road, you will have a much better chance of not becoming a traffic statistic, says the State Health Department.

TO BE ENJOYED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



Let Us Support Our Fighting Men

By AL BUCHHOLZ

I came uneasy to my country. My birth was shrouded by the clouds of war.

I was far too young to have had a hand in it—but I was, after all, born in one of the Axis nations. After living a year under Russian occupation, I had a chance of meeting the fighting men of America. And I knew that instead of bringing revenge they brought gun.

And they talked about home. They talked eternally about home.

They were strange men on a strange ground and while we, as children, looked up to them, they still scared us a little. But as the years passed, and the talk became deeds, the fear was replaced by respect. America put away bitterness, not to be forgotten, but so it wouldn't interfere with the main job of helping people.

Because of my experiences, the opportunity of living in the United States gives the words, "Peace on Earth Toward All Men of Good Will", a deeper meaning for me.

Now, as another Christmas approaches, it's my strange fighting men on another strange ground.

Now, as then, it's hard to be away from home at Christmas. Now, as then, there's a reason it has to be done.

Occupation by Chairman Mao is no different from occupation by the Russians. Czechoslovakia wants freedom as much as America but doesn't have the means to pursue and retain it. Whereas freedom is the right, at birth, of all men, we find it our duty to answer the call and come to the assistance of freedom seeking men.

We struggle for this principle in the session halls of the United Nations.

We struggle for this principle in the emerging nations.

We struggle for this principle in our own country.

And we struggle hardest for this principle in the unhappy swamps of Viet Nam.

So it can't be the happy Christmas it should be. Our young men are standing in another part of the world. Their seats at the dinner table are empty. Their graduation suits hang empty in our closets. Their cars sit empty in the sheds. But there's no emptiness in our hearts.

We haven't asked that he stand for liberty, only to take away our support in his struggle. We haven't joined with his enemy to defeat his aim. And we won't let him down by misinforming him about our feelings.

This Christmas it's time for a moratorium. A moratorium against doubt. A moratorium against failure to speak up. A moratorium to reassure our brothers and sons that we know why they can't be with us and that we're sharing the pain of their absence.

It didn't make headlines because it was done thoughtfully and quietly, but just a few weeks ago, in thousands of smaller communities across the nation, Americans stood in chill winds in parks and on court house lawns. They heard amateur speakers give voice on Veteran's Day to the real feelings in the land. Feelings which tend to be smothered by shouting antics in Chicago court rooms. The deeper feelings which must be conveyed to the Americans who stand for us in the defense of freedom.

May I call on you in asking our Commander in Chief, U. S. Forces, Republic of Vietnam to pass on your feelings of support to our fighting men. Send a card to: General Creighton W. Abrams, Headquarters, U. S. Forces, Republic of Vietnam, APO 96601.

The continental shelves hold known reserves of oil, tin and diamonds. To exploit these riches, however, divers must conquer the ocean to a depth of 600 feet.

Coffee Break
Louisiana claims the popular tradition of the American coffee break originated in New Orleans about 40 years ago when a major importer began the Brazilian custom of allowing employees a few minutes off each morning and afternoon to sip a cup of coffee.

U. S. Savings Bonds make the ideal Christmas gift—for young and old alike. They're indestructible, never go out of style, don't require watering or feeding, are easily obtainable at your bank, and increase in value with the years.

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Christmas Blessings
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JOY TO ALL!
Wishing you peace at Christmas, and may this season bring to you and yours many blessings.
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Miles Beard
Mrs. C. E. Hogue
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Mrs. Joe Heinrich
Donald Kitten
Tracy Howell
J. S. Edwards, Jr.
Maria Teresa Melcher
- DECEMBER 26
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Mrs. Junior Becker
Mrs. Jim Sain
C. E. McCoy
Herman Schilling
Deborah Hunter
G. V. Lipps
Ronald Ratliff
Glenna Smith
Raymond Gonzales
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E. J. Kahlich
Mrs. Norbert Kitten
Mrs. E. E. Williams
Mrs. Earl Reasoner
Velma Jenkins
Debra Diane Montgomery
Billie Sherre Pointer
Joe Date McCallister
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Tommy Bickers
Mrs. Leon Kenney
Bernard Kitten
Mrs. Jack Clark
Joe Loke
W. W. Rodgers
Leslie Brown
Mrs. J. S. Hampton
Jo Ann Maynard
Mary Bonds
Scott Beard
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Marian Townsend
Byron Jay Weir
Tyra Biggs
- DECEMBER 30
Leroy Kitten
Mrs. Gordon Tompkins
Mrs. Melvin Wall
Glendon Atlap
Teresa Gentry
Sylvanus Ragland
Jim Gray
Darryl Heinrich
- DECEMBER 31
Mrs. Ted Melugin
A. F. Hinkle
Lucille Martin
Dianna Gamble

We'd like to add our wish to all: a Christmas full of joy and gladness!
8 'til Late Food

Tigers Lose Three Games In D.C. Tourney

Host Denver City downed the Slaton Tigers by 75-50 in the seventh-place game of the annual Denver City Basketball Tournament Saturday.

The potent Lamesa Tornadoes captured the tourney title for the fourth straight year. Lamesa had put Slaton in the consolation bracket by rolling over the Tigers, 69-45, in one of the opening games.

Slaton fell to Morton, 61-60, in a close contest Saturday morning. Denver City had lost to Seminole and Kermit before clashing with Slaton for seventh place.

Lamesa defeated Seminole, 65-54, in the championship game. Levelland downed Brownfield, 55-53, for third place, and Kermit beat Morton, 73-66, for consolation honors.

Slaton's Larry Moore was named to the all-tourney team. Moore scored 14 points against Lamesa and 14 against Morton. Clifford Sumnar tallied 20 in the Morton contest.

The three tourney defeats left Slaton's won-lost record at 8-7 for the season. The Tigers' next game comes Jan. 3 at Floydada. District action starts here Jan. 9 with Brownfield.

COTTON---

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80,000 pounds and higher, compared to 63 per cent the previous week. Pressley is an indication of fiber strength and the most desirable Pressley reading is 80,000 pounds and above.

Trading was brisk on the Lubbock market and prices were steady on Strict Low Middling Light Spots but were about \$1.25 per bale higher on Low Middling Light Spots and the Spots and Tinges. Average prices ranged from \$10.00 per bale over the loan for White grades up to \$30.00 per bale over the loan for Spots and Tinges. The lower grade, lower micronaire cotton continued to bring the most over the loan. Average prices paid for the most predominant qualities in the 3.5 to 4.9 micronaire range were: Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 29/32 - 18.00, Strict Low Middling Light Spotted 15/16 - 18.55, Low Middling Spotted 29/32 - 16.55, Low Middling Spotted 15/16 - 16.95, Low Middling Tinged 29/32 - 15.45, and Low Middling Tinged 15/16 - 15.75. Below Grade cotton was bringing 12 to 14 1/2 cents per pound.

Prices paid farmers for cottonseed were steady and ranged from \$40.00 to \$53.00 per ton. Average price last week was \$46.60 per ton.

GIFTS---

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Wear, Forrest L. Gallery, Guest Dr. Studio, Kuss Electric, Lasater-Hoffman, Nutrilite Products, & Co., Pauline's, Piggly Wiggly, R. Furniture, Slaton Slaton Lumber, The Teague Drug, TGS Super Markets, We Appliance, White's &



COOL WINNER
Rose Marie Kies Aurora, Illinois, won the 10th annual "Miss Teen-Ager" Palisades Amusement N.J. is all prepared try weather in her ural Lyns Fleming coat.

Caprock Holiday Tourney Slated

The 1969 Caprock Holiday Tournament, sponsored by the Caprock American Business Club, is set for Dec. 29-31 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

There will be eight games daily, with three of the contests being in the night session. The upper bracket is composed of AAAA and AAA teams, and the lower bracket of AA, A and B schools.

Each team will play all three days of the tourney and will play for all eight positions in their brackets. The ABC club will use proceeds for sponsorship of the Big Brother organization in Lubbock.

Teams in the upper bracket include Lubbock High, Estacado, Coronado, Dunbar, Monterey, Plainview, Garland and Odessa Ector.

Teams in the lower bracket include Crosbyton, Petersburg, Post, Shallowater, Dimmitt, Lubbock Christian High, Paducah, and Seagraves.

The 1970 Project Neighbor goal of \$1,500,000 is in addition to more than a half million dollars on the church's regular budget for similar work.



Greetings
Silent night
May your Holiday Season be filled with every Happiness
KUSS ELECTRIC

CHRISTMAS TREE
OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, AND OUR HEARTIEST, "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR LOYALTY IN THE PAST. WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN THE DAYS TO COME.
MAX ARRANTS, County Commissioner

FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!
BRYANT FARM SUPPLY

Power Plant Near Slaton Leads New SWPS Projects

\$18,000,000 will be invested in facilities in this 9-county area which includes Slaton.

"When it comes to electric service, people are mainly concerned about two things these days, reliability and cost. We share these concerns with our customers. That's why it has been necessary for us to invest an average of 20-million dollars a year in new equipment every year for the last ten years. New equipment improves reliability, adds to efficiency, and, thus, gives us a chance, at least, to fight galloping inflation," Tolk said in announcing the construction program.

"Reliability of electric service is not a national problem, although it has been made to sound like one in recent years. This fear atmosphere, which has been building since 1965,

has been largely the product of advocates of government control of business, even though the failure which set off the 1965 blackout originated on a government-owned electric system.

"There are a few areas of the country, none of them close to this region, in which some power shortages may develop in the future, if these shortages do come about, one of the reasons will be that some companies have been prohibited from building necessary plants and transmission lines by special interest groups - a handful of people. It sometimes appears to me that we have quite a few people living in this 20th Century who want all the comfort and convenience of the space age, including low cost electric power, but want the landscape to look the way it did at the time of the landing at Plymouth Rock, with no cities, no railroads or airports, no highways and no power lines," Tolk added.

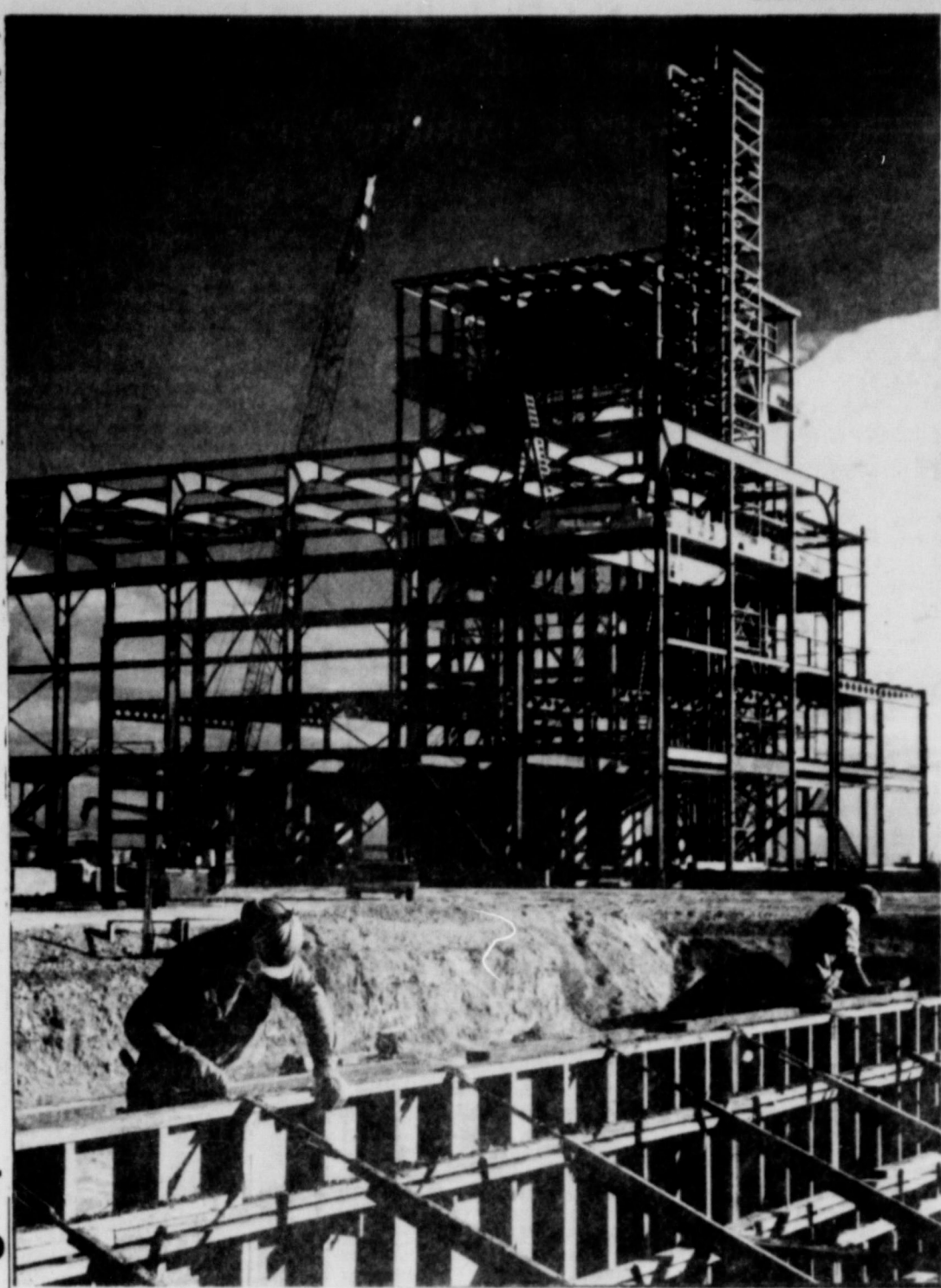
Tolk asked the press to help draw the distinction between a "blackout" and an "outage". He described a "blackout" as a shortage of power and an

"outage" as a service interruption caused by some other reason than a power shortage.

"Let me say, too, that we won't have any blackouts in our service area in 1970, but we will have some service interruptions. We aren't perfect yet, our reliability record is 99.997, and there will be some times when we'll have all the power anybody needs, but there'll be a lightning storm or a squirrel in a substation or an equipment failure or a human failure, and we'll have a service interruption for some of our customers. So, interruptions, yes; insufficient power supply and blackouts, no," Tolk concluded.

Southwestern Public Service Company's 45,000 square mile service area covers parts of four states, beginning in the southwest corner of Kansas, crossing the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, moving down on to the South Plains of Texas and then west to include the Clovis - Portales and Pecos Valley regions of New Mexico.

The company meets the electric service needs of its 220,000 customers with an interconnected generating and transmission system that has a generating capability of 1,820,200 kilowatts, more than twice what it was 10 years ago, and is tied together by a 4400 mile transmission line network.



CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY---A major investment in Southwestern Public Service Company's 1970 construction program is the Clifford B. Jones Generating Station being built on the South Plains between Slaton and Lubbock. The electric company plans to invest more than \$25 million in plant and equipment in 1970.

Savings Bonds Interest Raised To 5 Percent

President Nixon has approved legislation raising the interest rate on U. S. Savings Bonds to 5 per cent, if held to maturity.

When queried about the new Savings Bonds terms, Rex Brack, Texas Chairman for U. S. Savings Bonds, stated—"The new rate of 5 per cent to maturity applies to all outstanding Series E and H Bonds sold on or after June 1, 1969. The higher rate also applies to older Bonds.

"Beginning with the first semi-annual interest period starting on or after June 1, 1969, rates on outstanding E and H Bonds will be increased to yield 5 per cent when held to maturity or extended maturity.

"These outstanding Bonds will also benefit by an improved interim schedule should they be redeemed earlier. Therefore, there would be no advantage in redeeming outstanding Bonds to purchase new Bonds."

Chairman Brack pointed out that the dollar limit on annual purchases of E Bonds by an individual has been reduced to \$5,000 purchase price. Previously, the annual limit was \$20,000, face amount.

The annual limit on H Bonds has also been reduced to \$5,000 from the previous \$30,000. However, in computing this limit, Bonds registered in the names of co-owners may be applied to the holdings of either or apportioned between them.

Further, the nontaxable exchanges of Series E Bonds for current-income H Bonds will not be counted against these new annual limits.

The original maturity of the Series E Bonds has been shortened from 7 years to 5 years, 10 months. H Bonds will continue to mature in 10 years.

AUTOS-EXPENSIVE
Americans spend an estimated \$25 billion a year on automobile repair and maintenance.

Kiser Agency Announces New Office Members

Mrs. D. B. Kiser has announced the association of Wayne Edwards and Dean Rackley to The Kiser Agency in Slaton.

Mrs. Kiser said Edwards will be in charge of insurance matters, and Rackley will handle all tax work. Mrs. Kiser will continue to do the bookkeeping work.

Edwards has been associated with the Osborne Insurance Agency in Lubbock the past six years. He plans to move to Slaton after the first of the year. Edwards is a graduate of Wilson High School, and he is married to the former Beverly Curtis of Lubbock.

Rackley resides in Lubbock and owns Rackley's Record Keeping & Tax Service in Pecosburg. He is a native of New Deal and his wife, the former Helen Robertson, is from the Ralls area. They have four school-age children, a son serving with the U.S. Navy in Japan, and a daughter living in San Angelo. Mrs. Rackley is a nurse in the cardiac unit at Methodist Hospital.

Lemon Home For Visit, Headed To Pearl Harbor

Larry O. Lemon, machinist's mate 3rd class, left Slaton Dec. 15 for Travis Air Force Base, Calif., enroute to Pearl Harbor where he will be stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Larry passed his third class rate and also qualified for the "dolphin" as a full-fledged submariner while serving on the USS James Monroe.

Larry had been stationed in Charleston, S. C., after completing submarine school in New London, Conn., in October 1968. The "blue" crew, of which Larry is a member, will take command of the sub USS James Monroe on Jan. 17, 1970.

The Slaton sailor spent from Nov. 13 to Dec. 15 visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lemon of Slaton.

Also visiting in the Lemon home during the Thanksgiving season were Larry's brothers and sisters--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lemon and Susan of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Scroggins, Lorna, Carlton Wayne and Debra of Topeka, Kan., Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Lemon, Wayne, Sherrill and Brent of Chilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norris, Richard, Raelene, Randy and Renee of Slaton.

Mrs. Lemon's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Eaves, David and Ricky of Amarillo, and her sister Mrs. C. F. Williams of Lubbock.

Any veteran who served at least 180 days any part of which was after January 31, 1955, is eligible to attend school under the new educational act. Only certain service-connected disabled veterans can qualify under the vocational rehabilitation act.

SWSP Expands Services, Names New Consultant

Southwestern Public Service Company is expanding its area development department in an effort to offer additional services to communities and industry-seeking organizations in its service area.

The electric company has named Elvin Schofield of Amarillo to the post of industrial development consultant. In his new assignment, Schofield will develop industrial prospects for the service area on the basis of research data showing what types of industries can best utilize the resources, natural and human, of the region.

In addition, he will work with the various communities served by Southwestern to help them keep up-to-date the statistical data which is of interest to prospective industries.

Schofield joined Southwestern Public Service Company in Amarillo as a sales representative in 1963. For the past few years he has been responsible for the sales of electric commercial cooking equipment in the company's Panhandle Division. He is presently serving as secretary-treasurer of the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association.

Southwestern Public Service Company's area development department includes, in



ELVIN SCHOFIELD

In addition to Schofield, R. K. Owen, area development manager; Larry Milner, industrial development manager; and Sam A. Thomas, Jr., agricultural development manager.

All members of the department are available to work with the communities and industrial development organizations in the company's four state service area.

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IN VIETNAM--Army Private First Class Tommy J. Swann, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Swann, Rt. 1, Wilson, was assigned Nov. 28 to the 1st Logistical Command in Vietnam, as a personnel specialist. (ARMY PHOTO)

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Longtime Slaton Resident Services Held For R. H. Todd

Services for R. H. Todd, 79, longtime Slaton resident, were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bruce Parks, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Englands.

Todd apparently died of a heart attack Saturday morning and his car then collided with two parked vehicles.

He had been an employe of Santa Fe Railroad since 1916. He moved to Slaton in 1917 from Amarillo. Working for Santa Fe for nearly 42 years, he was an engineer when he retired in 1959.

He was born in Randolph, Tex., and then moved to New Mexico and resided there on a farm before going to work for Santa Fe.

He and his wife, Lena, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 22, 1966. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First United Methodist Church. He served as a trustee and a member of the board of stewards at the church for more than 40 years. Survivors include his wife;



R. H. TODD

two sons, Frank Todd of Richardson and R. H. Todd Jr., of Waco; three sisters, Mrs. Hazel Shock, Mrs. W. H. Snow and Mrs. Oma Shafer, all of Portales, N.M.; five grandchildren, Mike and David Todd, all students at Baylor University, and Nancy Todd of Dallas; and one great-grandchild. The Todds lost one son, David, who died on Dec. 28, 1949.

Mrs. Cherry Dies In Lubbock

Mrs. Jim Tom (Mattie) Cherry, 75, of Lubbock, died Friday night at her home of an apparent heart attack. A resident of Lubbock since 1929, she lived in Slaton from 1927 to 1929.

She was born in Rockdale and was married there in 1920. She was married to a cousin of Mrs. Mary Watson of Slaton. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at W. W. Rix Chapel, with Horace Coffman, associate minister of Broadway Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, a brother and a sister.

New Years Services and Party Set

Westview Baptist Church will hold New Years Eve services Dec. 31. Following the services, a church-wide fellowship will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Youth of the church will go bowling and return about 11:30 p.m. to join the other church members for a period of worship and to welcome in the new year. Then the youth will stay at the church as long as they wish.

N.J. Sealy Rites Read In Snyder

Services for N. J. Sealy, 76, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Seale Chapel at Snyder with the Rev. Marvin Rogers and the Rev. Cone Merritt, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Sheriff's posse serving as honorary pallbearers.

Sealy was the brother of Mrs. Decia Wooten of Slaton and a former Slaton resident, Cora Sealy of Albugerque, N.M. He is also survived by his wife, Redie; four sons, two other sisters and 11 grandchildren.

A retired Scurry County farmer, Sealy was killed in a pickup truck - car collision about 1:15 p.m. Thursday 1 mile north of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84. Highway patrolmen said both vehicles were headed toward Snyder, and the rear end crash sent the pickup truck careening off the roadway where it overturned. Sealy was thrown from the pickup truck, officers said.

Wesleyan Yule Meeting Held

A Christmas devotional presented by Mrs. W. P. Layne, and a Yule playlet performed by Mrs. Mary Gilmore and Mrs. Douglas Wilson highlighted a meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First United Methodist Church Thursday.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. R. J. Clark with Mrs. Winnie Vaughn as co-hostess. A salad supper was served to 12 guild members.

Mrs. Layne's two-part devotional included "Three Symbols of Christmas," by Billy Graham, and "Trouble in the End."

The playlet concerned the social world of Christmas, pointing out the many events planned for the holiday season without Christmas as the theme. Members exchanged gifts at the Christmas meeting.

'Project Neighbor Begins

MINNEAPOLIS -- A five-month program to raise \$1,500,000 for national crisis projects will be conducted by The American Lutheran Church early in 1970. The drive will be called "Project Neighbor."

George B. Parks, an ALC layman from Los Angeles, who has long been active in the black community, has been named director of the campaign. Funds will be sought in the nearly 5,000 congregations of the church body from Ash Wednesday (February 11) through June, 1970.

Project Neighbor funds will be used for rural and urban social service projects, scholarships for minority students, economic aid and seed money that will bring in other money for larger projects, particularly in housing. Some money will be used for institutes to develop better understanding of current problems.

A major part of the funds will be allocated to area committees, including members from minority groups, who will evaluate projects and release funds to specific projects.

During 1969 the American Lutheran Church devoted \$511,000 to similar projects. It also allocated more than \$1,000,000 of its investment funds to financial institutions owned by black Americans and to seed money projects enabling black families to purchase homes.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING---Youth church groups from several local churches have gone Christmas caroling the past several nights and have enjoyed parties at their churches. Pictured above is one of the groups which is the Junior High Department from the First Baptist Church.

Youth Group Plans Trip To Ruidoso

"The Pastor's Retreat" for youth from the eighth grade through college of the First United Methodist Church will be held this year in Ruidoso, N.M., according to Rev. Bruce Parks, pastor. They will stay in the Carrizo Lodge.

Rev. Parks said the group will spend two days on the mountain slopes skiing and sledding and the evening hours will be spent in worship and spiritual explorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith are youth leaders for the church.

Laymen will be in charge of the worship services on Sunday, Dec. 28, during the absence of the pastor. Bill Sewell, church lay leader, will preach.

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The American Army went into camp at Valley Forge, December 19, 1777. Hitler assumed direct control of the Nazi Army, December 19, 1941.

The United States took possession of the Hawaiian Islands, December 20, 1898. Electric lights appeared on Broadway for the first time, December 20, 1882.

The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, December 21, 1620. Sherman captured Savannah, December 21, 1864.

The United States Golf Association was formed, December 22, 1894. The U.S. Navy was created December 1775.

Maryland ceded 10 square miles for a national park, December 23, 1788. The Federal Reserve System was organized, December 23, 1913.

The Treaty of Ghent was signed, December 24, 1814. Verdi's opera, "Aida," was presented in Cairo, Egypt, December 24, 1871. December 25 is Christmas Day.

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6. Barton
11. Berth in a sleeping car
12. Custom or costume
13. Compute
14. Entertain
15. Secret agent
17. Strikes down as with a sword
17. Triumph
13. Compute
18. Phi Beta
20. Cattle coop
22. Friar's title
25. Heaters in the laboratory
26. Brother of Moses
28. Suffix with long or short
29. Fetid and foul
31. Winglike part
32. Exclamation of disbelief
33. Counsel
36. Article
37. Nightcap
38. Trip the light fantastic
41. Author of the "Divine Comedy"
42. Fragrant wood

DOWN

1. Vicious fencing thrust
2. Agreements
3. Refrain word in "Dixie"
4. Legal point
5. Bitter
6. French explorer in America
7. Poem (1819) by John Keats
8. Touch on
9. Ascend
10. Sweepsop
16. Health spot
18. Long-tailed ape of India
19. Great blue heron
21. Can. Prov.
22. To and fro
23. Love stories
24. Once more
25. Electrical Engineer
27. King of Judah
30. Sole
31. Historic ship
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34. No-verdict contest
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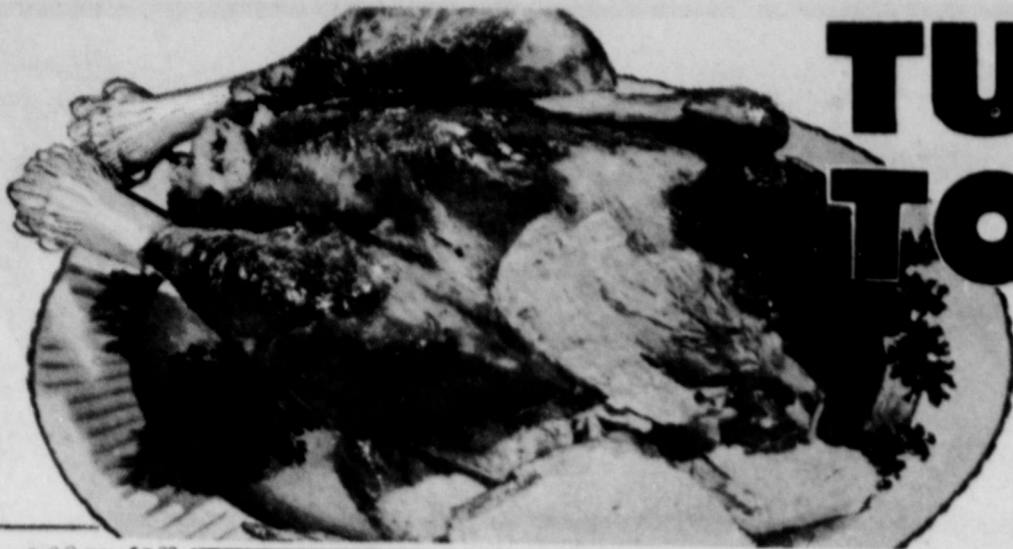


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Slaton Clips Klondike, Will Defend AAU Crown

Tigerettes, trail-
ed 22 at halftime,
to score 36 points
two quarters and
51-51 triumph over
Klondike Cougarettes
last night.
the 13th win of the

season for the Slaton girls and
was their last action before go-
ing to Duncanville Dec. 27 to
defend their championship of
the Southwest AAU Tourney.
The Tigerettes have lost three
games this season.
At Klondike Thursday night,

Marilyn Meeks led Slaton with
23 points while Marilyn Davis
hit for 20 and Janette Gass 15.
Davis, held to 3 points the first
half, sparked the second-half
surge with 17 points.
Davis, Judy Boyd and Jan
Griffith led the club in re-
bounding. Joyce Wilcher took
individual scoring honors in the
game, tallying 37 for Klondike's
points.

Slaton's B-team also chalked
up a triumph over Klondike,
registering a 53-35 decision.
Gorla Gass tossed in 21 points
and Dru Ann Beard added 19.
Klondike is also entered in
the big tourney at Duncanville,
and the teams could clash again
there as both are in the same
bracket.

Slaton won the coveted title
of the tourney last year, with
the top-rated teams from all
over the state competing for
honors. The Tigerettes meet
Jourdanton at 10 a.m. Satur-
day morning, and the winners
play again at 8:15 p.m. Satur-
day against the Slidell-Cedar
Hill winner. The loser plays in
the consolation bracket Monday
at 11:20 a.m.

The big tournament starts
Friday and the finals are set
Wednesday, Dec. 31.

A "Queen's Contest" will be
included in the tournament ac-
tivities, and the Tigerettes
elected Janette Gass and Cyn-
thia Akin as candidates from
Slaton. A Free-Throw Contest
is also scheduled during tourney
action.

Twenty-four teams are en-
tered in the tourney. They in-
clude Springlake, Spearman,
Klondike, Comanche, Robinson,
Petrolia, Grandview, Jacks-
boro, Rivercrest, Slidell, Cedar
Hill, Jourdanton, Boswell, Mid-
lothian, Burleson, Alvarado,
Decatur, Princeton, Mansfield,
Plano, Carroll, Deweyville and
Duncanville.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Slatonite

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Dec. 25, 1969



Shelly Roye visits with Santa



TIGERETTES TO DUNCANVILLE--The Slaton High School girls' basketball team will be competing against top-rated teams from all over the state in the Southwest AAU Girls Tournament slated at Duncanville Dec. 26-31. Members of the team are, left to right: Sue Brake, Rosa Lopez, Janette Gass, Marilyn Meeks, Jan Griffith, Debra Greenfield, Marilyn Davis, Cynthia Akin, Georgia Geer, Joann Jones, Judy Boyd, Patty Neill, Lyn McCormick, Glenda Smith, Juanita Schwertner, Nancy Fisher.



Wishing you a
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Holly, Traditional To Christmas

Holly has long been considered the most sacred of Christmas greens; and the red berries are said to represent the blood of Jesus.
"Of all the trees that are in the wood, only the

holly bears the crown!"
A display of holly was long a sign of Christian worship.

Folklore has it that holly in the window will keep evil spirits away from the house, and holly at a maiden's bedside, on Christmas Eve, will protect her from

goblins!



Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

— Hebrews 13:2

A Message of Hope
for Peace in a
Troubled World...



Merry Christmas from all your friends
at
BOWNS BODY SHOP



UNDEFEATED FRESHMEN--Gay Ivey is pictured with her freshmen team at Slaton High School. The team is undefeated and captured first place in the Tahoka Freshmen Tournament this year. Pictured left to right, front row--Sherry Cline, Regina Cline, Judy Denzer, Brenda Piwonka, Sharla Johnston, Pam Martindale, Vivian Conright, Betty Westbrook and Lana Dickson. Standing--Loretta Dillon, Tyra Biggs, Gretta Stricklin, Joyce Deveroux, Cindy Kenney, Kathy Riney, Debbie Milliken, Petra Gibson, Karla Kitten, Brenda Harrell and Ivey. (SLATONITE PHOTO)



WINNERS OF TOURNNEY--Pictured with their first place trophy won in the Tahoka Freshman Tournament is the SHS freshmen team and their coach, Weldon Mize. The team has a fine 4-2 record for the season. Front row, left to right, are David Brake, manager, James Conright, Teddy Scott, Bruce Scott, Larry Nino, Mike Lewis, Fred Rogers and Dan Butler, manager. Standing--Ronnie Swint, Steve Nieman, Steve Ethridge, T. W. Whitfield, Mize, Vernon Arrant, Will Perry, George Whaley and Donnie Drones. (SLATONITE PHOTO)

A joyous Noel to each and everyone of you!

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Freshmen Split Tilts With Post

Slaton's freshmen basketball teams split with Post here Thursday night as the first-year Tigettes drilled the

visitors by 54-23, and the young Tigers lost a 54-39 decision.

The teams do not see action again until Jan. 8 at Roosevelt. The Slaton girls jumped to a big lead and were never headed in romping over Post. Karla Kitten and Gretta Stricklin pumped in 23 and 22 points, respectively, to pace the Slaton attack.

The first-year Tigers led most of the way over the visitors, but Post rallied with a strong finish to win the game. Slaton led by 25-13 at half-time, but Post closed the gap to 33-31 starting the last quarter.

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The German "Heilige Nacht" signifies "holy night."

poet, scholar has collected data on angels

Noel is the term used for Christmas in France.

If you want to get to know angels better (without resorting to the obvious) you should seek out a "Dictionary of Angels" that deals with the heavenly creatures. As a matter of fact, all are not so heavenly, since the author has catalogued more than 300 demons, seraphim, avatars and others dwelling in the spirit world.

An Italian name for Christmas is "Nativita" from which probably derived the Spanish "Navidad."

According to this expert, a typical angel is winged, male, immortal and speaks Hebrew.

The likeliest derivation of our own "Christmas" is from the Hebrew "mas" which means tribute.

Their main job is to serve

Dole Customs Date Back to Fourth Century

why do children hang up a stocking?

The first St. Nick was a real person. Nicholas, a bishop in Asia Minor in the Fourth Century.

According to legend the bishop heard of a poor man who was about to sell his 3 daughters into slavery because he could not provide a dowry for them; this was not only customary in those days, but obligatory, to avoid disgrace.

St. Nicholas saved them by gifts of gold. Each time, he threw the gift into the house, in order not to be recognized.

One version tells it that he threw the gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung there to dry.

And so to this day children hang up their stockings for gifts from this real Saint.

why are mince pies and plum pudding traditional as desserts?

Mince pie has been traditional for as long as history records. It is usually full of



the Creator, but they have also been known to serve Man by acting as "guardians, counselors, guides, judges, interpreters, dragomen, cooks, matchmakers and gravediggers." Who among us doesn't have an angel of some type he communes with from time to time?

Most of the denizens are not connected with the Bible. There is Gavreel, who keeps people from "going crazy in the night," and Mammon, a fallen angel who serves as a "horrible example" to us weak mortals.

According to George Bernard Shaw, "In heaven, an angel is nobody in particular." Which only supports the premise that there are occasions and situations where you can have too much of a good thing...

spices and fruits, representing the exotic treasures of the East, the home of the Wise Men. Originally it was made in a loaf shape, to simulate the manger.

Plum pudding, to the contrary, signifies the humbler virtues. Legend has it that in the early days of England a king and his men were lost in the forest on Christmas

Eve. Not having prepared for this delay in the cook threw... he had to make on all... thus the pudding! We're just but we are sure had some good part of the name.

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54 ?



P.M. MIDNIGHT
C. 24 DEC. 28

Department of Public Safety estimates that 54 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday period from 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 to midnight December 28. DPS officials are joining with the Governor's highway safety program in "Drive Friendly" during the holidays and stay alive for the seventies.

h Predictions All-Time High

er of the Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that traffic deaths over the New Year holidays may claim as

It also is estimated 33 traffic deaths will occur during the New Year holidays from 6 p.m. New Year's Eve to midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

"We urge each individual driver to accept the challenge of proving our estimates are too high," Speir said. "Many holiday accidents can be prevented if Texans will drive safely and realize that no one is immune to a traffic crash."

Speir also announced that the Department of Public Safety will place all available patrolmen on the highways during the holidays to enforce the law and aid motorists. He said a special "Operation

Motorcicle" would be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention to the added dangers involved in holiday travel.

ITEM: Inflatables, including tables, chairs, lamps and sofas, are popping up everywhere. Shaped out of see-through and fake leather vinyls, this puff up puff down furniture is inexpensive and therefore ideal for dormitory furnishings and furnishings for the temporary home, such as an apartment.

LETTERS to EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am sure that you share my concern about the traffic accident potential of the coming Christmas-New Year holiday season.

As Governor, I deem it my responsibility to do everything within the prerogatives of my office to appeal to all the citizens of Texas to reduce the tragedy and the heartbreak of traffic crashes during this period and throughout the year. It is a responsibility that we are meeting with all our effort, all our energy, and all our dedication.

Because of the severity of the traffic situation, I have declared a state of traffic safety emergency in Texas this holiday season. Although we recognize that media support is essential at all times in order to achieve highway safety, the impact of newspapers, television, and radio will be particularly important between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5.

Our efforts will be of little avail unless the news media of Texas provide all the support and leadership in traffic safety that is possible. The agencies of state government most directly concerned with traffic safety, including the Governor's Office, will be keeping you up to date on the traffic situation during this holiday period.

I know that together we can make an impact on this problem. With strong media support and ingenuity, the needless loss of life of Texas citizens can be reduced to a minimum at this time of the year when the well-being of family and loved ones is so meaningful.

If we in the Governor's Office can help you in any way, you can count on our full support.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,
Preston Smith
/s/ Preston
Governor of Texas

1970 Auto Plates Go Blue And White

Texas automobile license plates, which have traditionally carried the colors of black and white the past 12 years, will undergo a color change in 1970.

The new plates will again be reflectorized and will have high visibility blue letters and numerals on a white background.

Mrs. Vera Drewry, assistant county tax assessor - collector, said a change to blue

resulted because of reflectorization in 1969, and that since a black background would not be very reflective, the new letter and numeral color was chosen by the Texas Highway Department.

The reflectorized material, which the highway department buys from Minnesota Mining and

Manufacturing, does not work in a black background, and has to go in a color that can be reflectorized.

A spokesman for the Texas Highway Department said the blue letters and numerals could be changed to some other color, perhaps red, in 1971, or reverted back to black again.

The highway department does not have any statistics, but believes reflectorized license plates have prevented bad accidents.

Among some of the safety factors involved in avoiding accidents include: abandoned autos on the highways with reflectorized plates can be seen at some distance in the dark when headlights strike the plates, and in cases where one headlight is out on an auto, the reflectorized plate on the approaching vehicle reveals that it is an automobile instead of a motorcycle.

License plates without reflectorized material bonded to them cost 12.4 cents a pair, but reflectorized plates cost 42 cents a pair.

The plates are made by convicts at the state prison in Huntsville and saves the state thousands of dollars on labor costs.

The plates go on sale Feb. 1.

HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS

Although many Hawaiians have never seen ice except in the form of a cube, they paint their Christmas trees white to simulate snow.

Christmas dinner is an elaborate affair — but one reserved for the intimate family group, behind locked doors and drawn blinds.

Hawaiian hospitality is such that were the doors not locked and the blinds not drawn, strangers would wander in, expecting the host and hostess to offer open-house hospitality of food and drinks. However, inexpensive gifts are exchanged by everyone.

MOST FAMOUS CHRISTMAS CRIB IN BASILICA, ROME

What is said to be "the most famous Christmas Crib in the world" is on view in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian, near the Coliseum in Rome. This presepe, truly a work of art and the only one of its kind, was created in Naples over 200 years ago. A certain S. Cataldo-Perricelli and his wife, who had inherited the Crib from ancestors, presented the scene to the Third Order Regular of St. Francis.

This unique display is 45 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 27 feet high, and contains hundreds of wooden, hand-carved figurines. They are the work of several artists of the 17th century, and portray various phases of Neapolitan life of that period.

The blue sky is alight with stars, the moon, a comet, and several angels hover. One is waking a shepherd who has fallen asleep near his flock. In the background are hills, valleys, the river Jordan, and lighted villages. On the balcony of his palace is Herod, pointing out to the Magi the way to the manger in Bethlehem.

The surrounding scenes portray life as it must have been in Naples over two centuries ago.

The most important part of the Crib is, naturally, the Holy Family. The Magi are dressed in colorful Oriental garments, and kneel before the holy Infant, offering Him rich gifts.

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS...

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW, 1807-1882

Rejoice and be merry in song and mirth! O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth! For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!
Anonymous



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Yuletide season to
each and everyone we know.
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Cotton Yield Draws Mixed Reactions

A revised procedure for appealing projected cotton yields, announced last week by USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, has drawn mixed reactions from cotton producers and others in the High Plains cotton industry. Price support payments under the current cotton program are based on projected yields determined for individual farms by County ASCS Com-

mittees. Producers who feel their assigned projected yield is too low may appeal the Committee's action by proving actual yields over a three year period. For 1970 if a producer can prove an average actual yield for 1966, 1967 and 1968 that is higher than the assigned projected yield, ASCS is legally obligated to raise the projected yield. Last week's announcement

made two changes, one good and one bad, in the procedure for proving yields. On the bright side, producers who for one reason or another had a total crop failure in one or more of the three years now have a way to compensate for such a loss in proving a three year actual yield average. Previously the actual yield average under these conditions was figured by dividing three

years' acreage into two or less years' production. The new method of calculating the three year average provides that "if no acreage was harvested in one or two years of the three year base period, the proven yield will be determined by multiplying the allotment or base for the applicable year times the current year (1970) projected yield. The product will then be weighted

with the actual production data for base years in which acres were harvested." With this new provision many producers who did not appeal their projected yield during the initial 15-day period following their yield notice from the County Committee may now be in a position to do so. And County ASCS offices have been instructed to allow a "reasonable" time for the filing of late

appeals after publication of the new procedure in newsletters. Producers generally feel this change will make the proven yield system more equitable. However the rules still make inadequate provision for adjusting proven yields when crops are severely damaged by hail or other weather conditions. According to the announcement "All production for each of the base years where harvesting occurred must be included and weighted to obtain the proven yield." In other

words, if a low-yielding crop was harvested in one of the base years, the production evidence for such a year cannot be omitted. This part of the procedure was not changed. The other procedural change relates to the evidence acceptable to ASCS in proving actual yields. And it is here that many are saying ASCS has "plowed up a snake." Producers in the past have been required to furnish ASCS with a production "summary" showing total bales ginned and total weight. A percentage of

these summaries checked and if they were found to be incorrect, the producer's actual yield would be adjusted. Thousands of the Plains already had that procedure assumed the program was accepted. But the new procedure appears to have a serious flaw. The announcement (Continued)

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Mitchell and Cook Contracts Renewed

The Wilson School Board met in regular session Monday, Dec. 15. Items of business included the appointment of a textbook committee for new textbooks for next year, the approval to purchase three new tables for the elementary reading program, and approval to employ an additional teacher and teacher's aide for the elementary school because of the large number enrolled in three classes.

In other action the board renewed the contracts of Glen Mitchell, superintendent, and Coy Cook, band director. Mitchell, who is serving in his third year as superintendent at Wilson, was given a new two

year contract to run through June of 1972. Cook who has served as band director at Wilson for three years had his contract extended for another year.

New liability insurance re-

When you give U. S. Savings Bonds for Christmas, you give the gift that grows with the years.

quirements and costs on school vehicles were presented to the board. The board also received a financial report on the school lunchroom program during the first three months of school.

U. S. Savings Bonds belong on everyone's Christmas list. They increase in value through the years and are always safe and secure.

Vice President of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., says requiring producers to supply individual bale numbers and weights will place a heavy load of extra work and expense on gin offices. A quick check with a few ginners over the area reveals this observation to be correct.

For each of the three years 1966, 1967 and 1968, aggregate proven yields for Lubbock County come to less than the county's production as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Census, even after taking into consideration the small number of farms not reporting yields.

In answer to a question as to the administrative expense that the change might entail, Lubbock County Office Manager Walter Wells said "All I can do at this point is guess, but we are talking about numbers and weights on almost 500,000 bales, and I wouldn't be surprised if this would necessitate the work of about 10 people over a period of two months." And he added "Unless I'm badly mistaken when all this extra work is done we'll come out with virtually the same proven yields we now have."

Johnson said PCG would commend ASCS Administrator Kenneth Frick on the new provision for adjusting proven yields on farms where total losses have occurred, "but at the same time we will strongly protest the requirement that individual bale numbers and weights be presented as production evidence."

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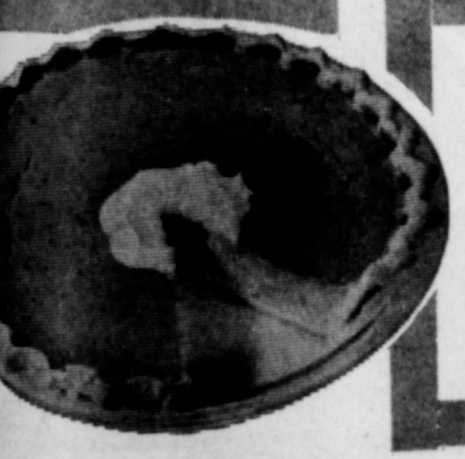
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A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health

Accent on Health

J.E. PEAVY, M.D., Commissioner of Health

Martin Luther generally is credited with first using candles to decorate Christmas trees, and since his time people have been burning down their houses with unsafe Christmas tree practices.

There are right and wrong ways to go about decorating a tree, warns the Texas State Department of Health. The right way is the safe way.

Only freshly cut trees should be used. Saw off the trunk at

an angle about an inch or more above the original cut and erect the tree so it stands in water. Locate the tree away from sources of heat to prevent more rapid drying. Keep it away from exits and remove it as soon as possible after the holiday.

Wax candles should never be used on or near the tree. Use only lighting sets that bear the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label--not just the cords--and use them only for their intended purpose. Discard any lamp wiring that is frayed or badly worn.

Unplug the lights when not in the house or when going to bed,

Tax Man Sam Sez

The good tax folks are concerned over the anxiety expressed by some taxpayers, that the new red, white and blue tax form makes life harder for the little 1040A card form user.

As most of you know, Internal Revenue punched the 1040A card plum out of existence this year and gave taxpayers more space and a better arrangement on an improved form 1040, to claim all of their deductions and credits.

A check by IRS showed that there were just too many cases of little taxpayers cheating themselves by filing a little card form instead of using one page of the form 1040. For more years than we like to remember we have been advising you to read those instructions and save yourself some money. This year you don't have any choice -- you'll have to read the instructions, but you'll still find that it's beneficial, just like we told you it was about 10 years ago.

Avoid overloading circuits. A 15 amp fuse should be the maximum used.

Metallic trees should not be decorated with electric lights. Instead, use off-the-tree spot or flood lighting.

Keep trains, road racing sets and other electrical toys away from the tree. Sparks or short circuits could start a fire.

Use flame retardant flock in order to reduce the fire hazard. Sprayed-on, flame-retardant treatments by homeowners generally are not practical since effective application is difficult.

If you buy a plastic or metallized plastic tree, make certain that the materials burn slowly. If decorated with lights, determine that the branches do not conduct electricity before you make the purchase. Again, select only those that have the UL label.

Trees are the focal point for holiday decorating, but safety should come before -- or go along with--beauty.

COTTON TALKS



BY PLAINS COTTON GROWERS INC.

Hearings on cotton legislation before the Cotton Subcommittee of the House Committee on Agriculture closed last week with a stern admonition and a hinted warning from Subcommittee Chairman Thomas Abernethy (D-Miss.).

Self-Employed Farmers Subject To Added Tax

Texas farmers are subject to self-employment tax for 1969 if their farm income is \$400 or more, Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of the Internal Revenue Service, advised today.

The self-employment tax rate is 6.9 percent with a maximum of \$536.20, and in addition to income tax.

A self-employed farmer is one who operates his own business or farm. A farmer is also considered self-employed if he employs others to operate or work his farm even though he does not live on it himself.

A farmer must file a Federal Income Tax return and pay the self-employment tax due if his net earnings from self-employment are \$400 or more, even if his gross income is less than \$600 and he owes no income tax.

The self-employment tax applies to a maximum of \$7800. But this figure is reduced by any wages from which Social Security taxes were withheld.

A special optional provision in the law enables farmers to acquire Social Security credits even if they have a loss after expenses are deducted.

"Farm" as used in the Federal tax law relating to Social Security and self-employment taxes, includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur-bearing animals, and truck farms, and also plantations, ranches, and nurseries.

"Farmer's Tax Guide," IRS Publication 225, furnishes more detailed information on this subject. The booklet is available without charge by sending a post card to your county agent or IRS District Office.

Last on the rostrum was Kenneth Frick, Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, on whose back the Administration appears to have strapped the major responsibility for development of a cotton program.

Frick's testimony struck closely to USDA's "set aside approach" which, with the exception of Western Cotton Growers, Inc. of California, has gone over like a lead balloon with producer groups from across the Cotton Belt.

Representatives from 14 cotton producer organizations and 9 states, including the six groups represented by the Texas Association of Cotton Producer Organizations (TACPO), had preceded Frick before the Subcommittee. A spokesman for the California group generally supported the USDA proposal, but the rest were unanimously opposed to one or more of its features.

Noting this wide gulf between what producers want and what USDA is proposing, Chairman Abernethy called on producers and the Department to "get together" and come up with a legislative proposal on which they agree. Otherwise, he intimated, there is a strong possibility that cotton will be left out of the farm bill to be passed in 1970.

Should that happen, cotton would revert to the Agriculture Act of 1956, which was passed as permanent legislation. That act provides for a loan level between 65 and 90 percent of parity. There would be no payments to farmers and some type of export sales program would be required to make cotton competitive in foreign markets.

The price of cotton to our domestic mills would jump to somewhere about 31 cents per pound, basis Middling 1 inch, and the effect on cotton's markets would be disastrous. And, if programs for wheat and feed grains were enacted in 1970 it would be difficult indeed to get Congress at a later date to pass an acceptable program for cotton.

To qualify for loans and government payments under USDA's set-aside proposal, producers would be required to idle "a quantity of cropland proportional to the acres on which they receive benefits in

the form of government payments." For cotton, Frick said "we contemplate payments on the production from 100 percent of a domestic allotment. . . and therefore the required set-aside might appropriately be an amount of cropland equivalent to 50-100 percent of this domestic allotment."

And, by doing away with marketing quotas and the national acreage allotment, the proposal would give producers freedom to choose the crop or crops to be planted on the acreage remaining after compliance with the set-aside requirement.

The major fault with this part of the proposal, according to the predominance of producer testimony, is that it would not assure adequate production to meet the demands of domestic and export markets for cotton.

Frick also said in his statement that USDA would like to eliminate the concept of a floor under producer income based on a percentage of parity and let the Secretary set price support payments "at a level he determines is fair and reasonable, taking into consideration farm income, the need to assure that the benefits of the program inure primarily to those producers who participate in the program, and the need to maintain a balance among the acreages devoted to the various commodities for which price support is available."

Producers balk at this idea,

too. They feel, as by TACPO, that price support payments for cotton should be an index closely related to the general level of our economy, such system."

They point out the level of production of the Secretary almost totally to the detriment of the getting the necessary for cotton production a minimum income be spelled out in these are just areas in which cotton and USDA disagree.

But if Abernethy has assessed the situation would argue with him in serious trouble can be a meeting.

Adding to the reaching agreement that producers are not in total agreement kind of cotton program should be passed, unanimous, again as California group, position to one or features in USDA's proposal, but they eye to eye on the

What Subcommittee man Abernethy would seem, is the cooks may not be brother, but may never getting off the



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Greetings



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Kathy Dillard talks to Santa

Behold, a virgin shall conceive,
and bear a son, and shall call
his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and
the government shall be upon
his shoulder and his name
shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

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The magi? They were wise men, as you know, who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt rooted in wisdom; possibly their gifts bore the privilege of exchange.

Tom-toms accompany the carol singing of Philippine students at Christian schools.

Give every youngster on your Christmas list the present with a future—U.S. Savings Bonds or Savings Stamps.

15th Century Xmas Prayer

And go to Mary and make covenant with her, to keep her child, not for her need but for thine. And take to thee the sweet child and sweetly swathe it in his cradle with sweet love bands. Put from thee the cradle of self love and draw to thee the cradle of true love, for that liketh this child to rest him in, and so in thy soul sing lovelike and say:

Lovely little child, fairest of hue, have mercy on me.

sweet Jesu.
And the while thou singest, be sorry and think how oft thou hast received thy God and laid him in a foul common stable to all the seven deadly sins . . . and seldom fully cleansed to God's liking; therefore oft sigh and sorrow and shrive thee to God as thou rockest the cradle, and sing and say:

Lovely little Child.
Anonymous

Ring out with notes of good cheer!

Gift Gallery

MERRY CHRISTMAS

with all the trimmings!



may every joy be yours!

Palace Barber Shop

'miracle' of the pine cone

Legend has it that a pine tree sheltered the Christ Child during the flight of the Holy Family from Herod's soldiers. As the family huddled 'neath the tree, the pine dipped its branches to hide them — until the soldiers passed on.

And, when the danger was over, the baby Jesus blessed the tree . . . If you will cut a pine cone lengthwise at Christmastime, you will see the imprint of the Holy Infant's hand.



Christmas Cheer

At this joyous time of year, we extend our warmest wishes and express our appreciation for your loyal support.

FARMER'S GIN

Peace to you

May the true meaning of Christmas peace abide with you and yours always.

Bland's Furniture

WORDS TO LIVE BY...

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.
Benjamin Franklin

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas time, when its mighty founder was a child, Himself.
Charles Dickens

Heap on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.
Sir Walter Scott

Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these My Brethren, you have done it unto me.
Matthew 25: 40

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what can I give him: Give my heart.
Christina G. Rossetti

Take what is: trust what may be: That's life's true lesson.
Robert Browning

'Xmas' Spelling Is Traced to Greek Symbol of the Cross

"Christmas" sometimes is written "Xmas."

"X" is the Greek letter symbol that is used to represent the name, "Christ."

This symbol has been discovered by many archaeological expeditions on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

Not long ago, a group of scientists discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D., among the inscriptions on eleven early-Christian urns, uncovered in a cave on the Bethlehem to Jerusalem Road.



Obie Garza chats with Santa

BELLS HAVE SPECIAL MAGIC AT CHRISTMAS

Medieval people considered bells almost living beings. They were dedicated before being hung and the

dedication was almost like a baptism. During the ceremony prayers were offered that the sound of the bell might summon the faithful, stimulate devotion, drive away storms and banish evil spirits. One document of days long ago comments: "in those dark chambers, high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the apostles of peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great Winter feasts of Christmas."

DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that the first Christmas stocking was first hung in either France or Belgium!

Did you know that mistletoe was used centuries ago to ward off witches and now it is used to lure a kiss!

Did you know that the first Christmas tree erected in a church in U.S., in 1851 shocked its Cleveland congregation. It was considered too heathenish!

The novelist Victor Hugo calls the ringing of the bells "the opera of the Steeples."

Bells come in all shapes and sizes. Their moods span



the ages... from the of the African church the sweet-toned chime Bells were originally according to legend by Paulinus, in Nola, Campania, in the fifth century. From his town and are derived the name panula, the Latin name for my

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May your holidays be merry and overflowing with good things in life!

PLAINS HELICOPTER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Animals, Bees & Birds Play Important Parts at Christmas

One legend tells us that the barnyard animals show their adoration of the Child by falling on their knees just at midnight on Christmas Eve.

When the American Indians learned of the Baby Jesus, quite naturally they believed that the deer knelt at midnight on Christmas Eve.

The people of Norway honor all animals, even fish, at Yuletide. Cattle, birds, fish are assured of safety during the time which is known as the Peace of Christmas. No snares are set during this period. The farmers feed their cattle salt from a cow-bell in the belief that they would be able to find their way home at night.

In old Italy on Christmas Eve a curious ceremony often took place in the farmer's barn. The farmer and his shepherd would carry lighted candles into every corner of the animals' shelter holding the tapers high so that light was shed into every dark corner.

In Scandinavian literature there is a story of Jesus as a boy helping His playmates to make clay birds. When he had finished modeling his bird, He would clap his hands and the bird would take wing and fly off into the skies.

Even the bee has his niche in Christmas lore. In England long ago it was believed that the bees sang to the Christ Child at midnight on Christmas Eve. Some beekeepers still place a bit of holly on the beehives at Christmas.

Rather than be caught up in the many meaningless chores of Christmas, why not let some of them go undone and concentrate your efforts on the true meaning of Christmas. You'll find you've created a warm feeling of family closeness and love. When Christmas morning comes, you'll be able to meet it with a new joy in having found the way to express the real meaning of the Lord's feast.



SEASON'S BEST TO YOU

Cheers to one and all, may this holiday be the finest ever.

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May the spirit of holiday joy burn brightly in your home and in your heart!

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I am 4 yrs. old, I would like you to bring me some spurs, African pistols, and a dirt loader.

I have a little brother named Wade. He is 15 months old and he would like a set of small pistols and maybe a Raggedy Andy doll and if you have plenty he loves stuffed toys, too. He always plays with them when we go to a toy store.

Wade and I will leave you a snack when you drop by our house on Christmas Eve.

Love,
Patrick and Wade Rallsback

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 6 3/4 yr. old. I am in the 1st gr. at Wilson, Tex. I want a bicycle, silver noble Knight, spiograph, &etch-a-sketch. Together my 2 brothers & I want operation skittle bowl & toss across. Put something in my stocking. I love you.

Ronnie Clary
Route 2
Post, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a boy 9 yr. old. I would like a bicycle, gold noble Knight and a transistor radio. I am in the 4th gr. at Wilson, Tex. I would like some nuts & fruit.

Love,
Donnie Clary
Rt.2
Post, Texas

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 4 3/4 yr. old. I have tried to be pretty good which is very hard for a 4 yr. old to do. I want a bicycle, service station & spitrot. I would like something in my stocking. I love you.

David Clary
Route 2
Post, Texas

Dear Santa, I want a Dallas Cowboys Football uniform, I do want a Red scuba diving outfit, GI Joe. I want a B. B. Gun I also would like some space stuff. I hope the other children have been good. I hope I have been good too. Thank you Santa for giving me all these good toys. I am 6 yrs old.

Love
Troy Reed Moses

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl here lately. I would like for you to bring me a Swingy, a telephone, and a bike that I can ride.

My little brother George Lee will be happy with any toys you bring him.

We will leave cookies and milk on the kitchen table for you.

Thank You,
Michele Harlan

Dear Santa, My name is Sheila Neugebauer and I am 7 years old. I have a brother named Shelby, 5 years old.

Santa, please bring me an easy Bake Oven and bring my brother a Playskool Giraffe. Also, please remember all the other boys & girls. We will leave something for you when you come.

Love,
Sheila & Shelby Neugebauer

Dear Santa, How are You Doing? I want a



HEARTIEST GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Merry Christmas

Happy Holiday to all and to all a very good night.

SLATON BAKERY

GREETINGS

Here's hoping your Christmas Day arrives just filled with all the happiness the season can bring.

Bain Auto Store

Origin of Carols

In 1859, Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., an Episcopal rector, composed the words and music for "We Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was inspired by a trip to the Holy Land. It was composed in 1868 by Phillip Brooks, an Episcopal minister. The music was written by Lewis H. Redner, organist of Brooks' church.

It is curious that one of the best-known carols, Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol", written in 1843, is to be read, not sung.

Fun-Loving King Restores Tree to Yule Status

Ironically it was the "merry monarch," Charles II, that much-maligned king of England, whose licentious adventures were the scandal of 17th century Europe who actually caused the Christmas tree's return into English life.

It is said that the Roundheads, who beheaded his father Charles I, had banished the tree as part of the Devil's work, but on Cromwell's demise and the return of the royalists, the fun-loving monarch restored this picturesque custom, much to the joy of the English-speaking world.

the Medieval ceremony of the 'royal peacock'

An elegant meat dish served in royal houses during Medieval times at Christmas, was the roast peacock. This dish was called "food for lovers and meat for lords."

A royal dish it was, too. The cooks carefully removed the skin with all its brilliant plumage. After it had been baked and partly cooked, the feathers were replaced and the tail spread out. Just before the bearer entered the hall.

This was never a servant; it was the most distinguished or most charming lady present . . . followed by the ladies of the court, and accompanied by players of the lute, viol or cithern.

First Community Tree Illumination

Two Pennsylvania communities, Riverside, California, and Salem, Oregon, were the first towns in the U.S. to sponsor the lighting of outdoor Christmas trees. Though widely separated in their geographic locations, all four of these towns "lit up" in 1913.

Best Wishes

OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON GO TO OUR MANY LOYAL AND FRIENDLY PATRONS. MAY THE COMING YEAR BE ONE OF GREAT JOY FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

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The voices and trumpets of the heavens rang,
On this night of nights that has ever been,
From every corner of the world their voices sang
"Peace on earth, and good will to men."

If you listen closely this Christmas, you'll hear the message still being sung. It's pleading words should encourage us all to renew our efforts for good will among men.

Merry Christmas to you from all of us.

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Customs in Denmark, Sweden and Bulgaria

Small metal trumpets that often trim Christmas trees began with a Danish custom. They used to play four hymns on them at Yule — symbolizing the four corners of the world.

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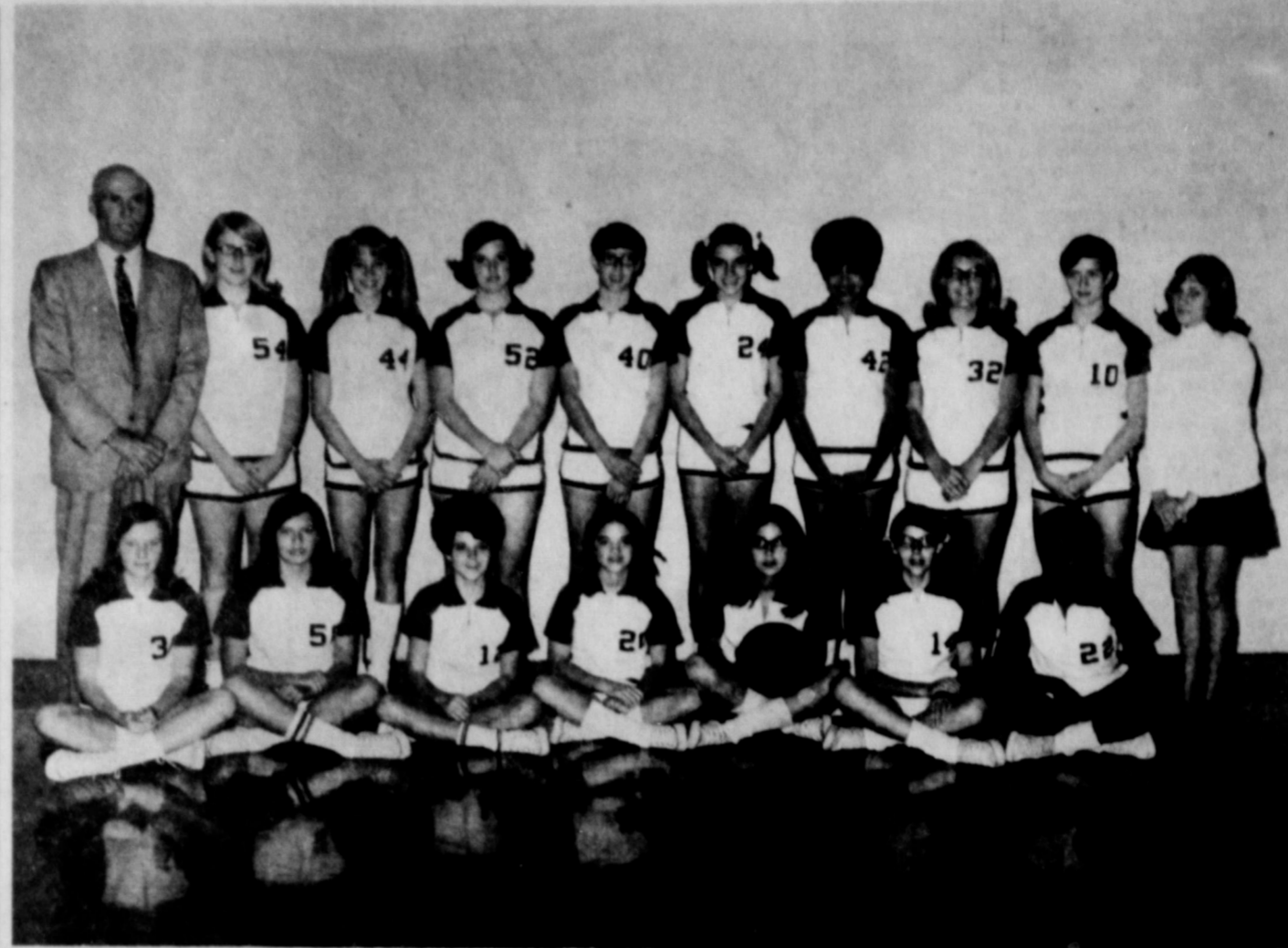
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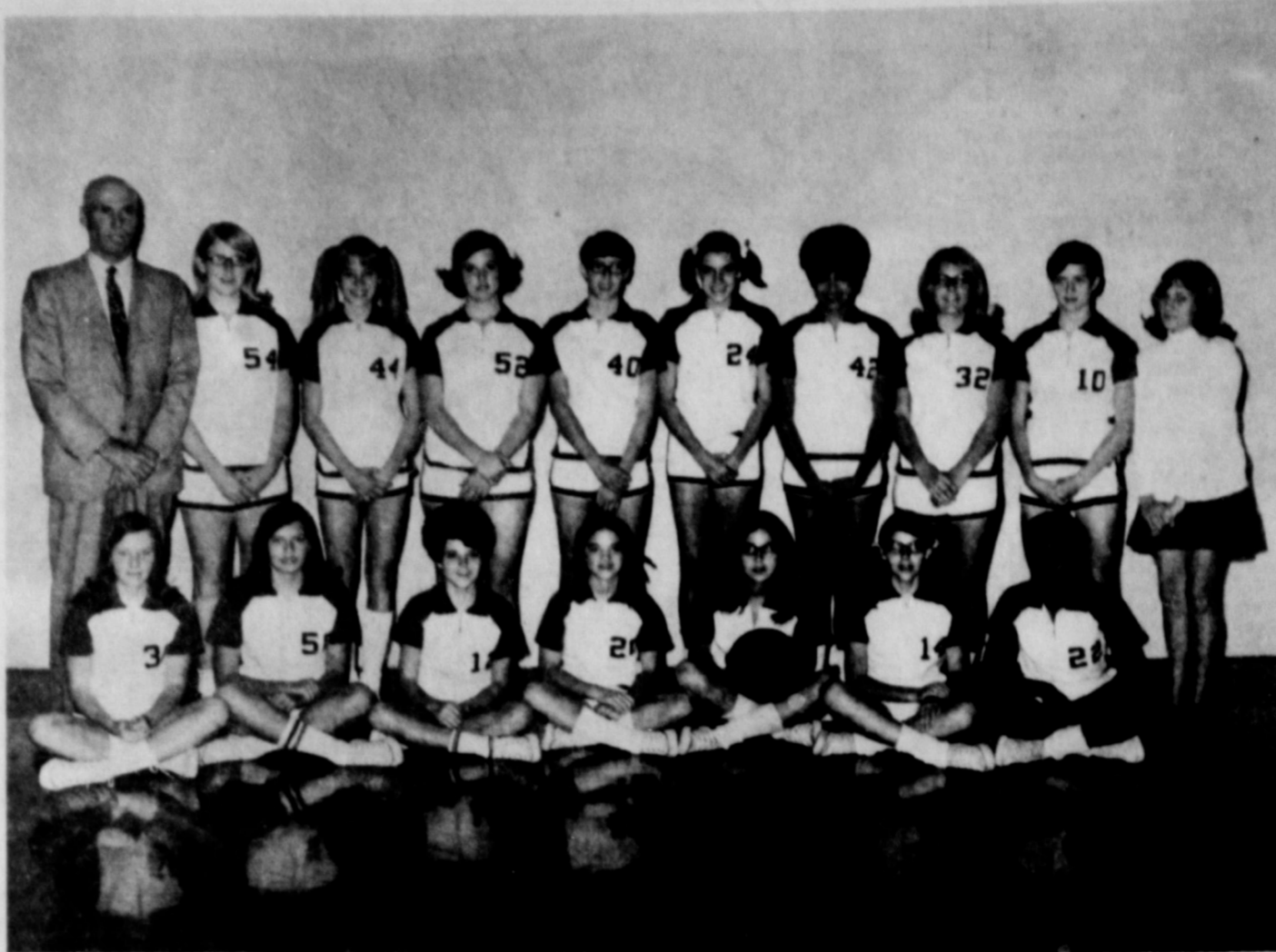
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