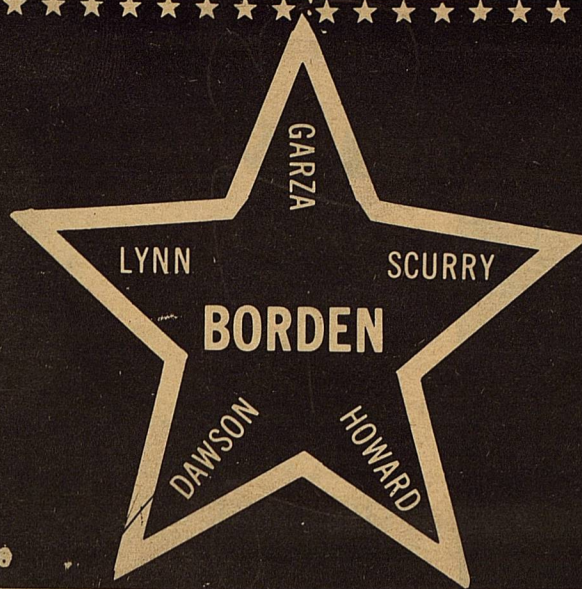


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THE GAIL GOOF OFFS ENTERTAIN GUESTS AT THE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE. L TO R, VIVIAN CLARK, JOE GILMORE, PAULINE CLARK, AND WILLIE CORNETT.

ATTENTION PLEASE

Everyone should be very careful with their fireworks this year, because the grass is very dry and hazardous. Let's all heed this warning and have a merry Christmas, not one marred by a tragedy.

Letter To

Editor

Dear Editor,
We enjoy the article and enjoyed the article about the Blimp very much.
Mrs. Bob Goodwin
Finton, Texas



K. T. REDDELL, OPERATOR OF THE TEXACO STATION IN GAIL, COMPLETED 10 YEARS AS A COOPERATIVE WEATHER OBSERVER AND RECEIVED THE PEN HE IS WEARING FOR THIS PUBLIC SERVICE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SOUTHERN REGION, FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Museum Open House

This week the Borden County Museum held open house and featured a Christmas tree reminiscent of the 1900's. All the decorations for the tree were made by Borden County students. They consisted of red and green paper chains, paper angels, white doves, cornucopias, old Christmas cards tied with red yarn, large candy canes, pop corn ropes and over a hundred cookies, made by the Home Economics class and Mrs. Bert Dennis. Mrs. Dennis and her sister, Clara Austin, of San Angelo, collected the items from the children and assembled the tree. Mrs. Dennis hoped to construct a tree whereby youth could visualize the simple beauty that could be obtained by using ingenuity, coupled with love and effort. It was hoped that each person viewing the tree would be reminded in some way of a Christmas past. Early day toys and a bowl of fruit and nuts surrounded the base of the tree. A simple crech was displayed on a table nearby. Two red stockings, stuffed with fruit nuts and candy, lay on a chair. Mannequins-one of an 8 year old girl, wearing a flannel nightgown, and a 3 year old boy, wearing long underwear, stood around the tree.

Those of you who did not attend open house at the museum on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, missed out on a lot of things. Cokes, coffee and cookies were served to the public and entertainment throughout

the afternoon on Sunday was presented by the Gail Goof Offs. Old time fiddling, guitar and mandolin picking by Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Clark, Joe Gilmore, and Willie Cornett.

Students and their teachers were guests of the Museum on the 14th and 19th. Mrs. Frank Miller told them about early day Christmas customs in Borden County. People seldom had Christmas trees in their homes, but all came from miles around on Christmas Eve to the Union Church at Gail. The huge cedar tree, which had been hauled in by wagon, was decorated by young people. Families brought one gift for each child. The star for the top of the tree was cut out of cardboard and covered with dozens of small pieces of tinfoil, saved from chewing gum wrappers and insides of tobacco cans. Small red candles were placed on tips of the tree branches and lit just before the program began. On one occasion, it is said that Santa's beard caught fire but he was unhurt.

The program consisted of everyone-both young and old-participating. There were readings, songs, piano solos and sometimes plays were performed. Scriptures were read, Christmas songs and carols sung--then Santa made his appearance, passing out a gift to each child. The women of the community had a custom whereby they exchanged secret pal gifts, usually lovely pieces of china.

Everyone reluctantly de-

parted for the long trek home-shouting "Merry Christmas". The excited children looked forward to hanging up their stockings at home that night. Christmas morning the stockings revealed apples, oranges--sometimes a treasured banana--a few nuts and a bit of homemade candy. After a Christmas dinner with the family, and maybe some neighbors and friends, the men entertained the children with fireworks-sparklers and roman candles. It was an exciting way to finish off the holiday.

It was the custom for the ranches to have dances around Christmas and July 4th. All cowboys came to town for the Christmas celebration-some as far away as New Mexico, and many from surrounding counties. The courthouse was the sight of many a dance and there was always a group to play the music. If the dance were held in a home, all furniture was moved from the living room and planks, balanced on apple crates, lined the area. This afforded children a place to watch the dancers.

The community Christmas tree is a 70 year old tradition in Borden County and this year the tree and program will be held at the Baptist Church in Gail. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. It is a good time to reflect on those early days, when people had more time for one another and truly meant it when they said, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"



Everyone Invited

Christmas Eve Community Service will be held at the Baptist Church in Gail at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

A program and visit from Santa Claus is planned. This has been a tradition in Gail for more than 70 years. Everyone is welcome.

Permian-Basin Museum Institute Organized

The Permian Basin Museum Institute was formed recently by 26 of the Permian Basin museums in an effort to work together and promote all the museums jointly. It is the desire of the Institute to increase visitation to the Permian Basin museums and to call to the attention of the people all the opportunities for educational and cultural entertainment available in the Permian Basin museums. The Institute is headquartered at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Dr. Roger Olien, associate professor of history at the University, serves as executive director of the Institute. Further information about the museums can be obtained by contacting each museum locally or by contacting the Institute at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

From 22 museums over West Texas, an Executive Board was organized including: Leon G. Byerley, Jr., Museum of the Southwest Midland; Ann M. Clark, Rankin Museum, Rankin; Mrs. Pauline Clark, Borden County Museum, Gail; John Dunagan, Historical Society, Monahans; Mrs. Edith Grissom, Sandhills Park Museum, Monahans; Gene Haley, Comanche Trails Museum, Kermit; Douglas McChristian, Ft. Davis; Dr. Roger Olien, Permian Basin Museums Institute, Odessa, and John Ben Shepherd, Chairman; Permian Basin Museums Institute, Odessa.

At the meeting in January, there will be speakers on "Fund Raising and Memberships," "Volunteers," "Publicity," "Community Relations", and "Questions and Answers".

Borden County School News



JUST PRACTICING MOM. L TO R: D.M. PARKS, FRANK FARMER, RANDY OGDEN, JO ANN MARTIN, MAX JONES AUDRY BRUMMETT, AND JANICE DAVIS.

The Home and Family Living students of Borden High School had an interesting class last Thursday. They staged a mock wedding complete with flowers, reception and the traditional rice throwing.

The Auditorium of Borden High School was the setting for the ceremony uniting Janice Carol Davis to Audry Wayne Brummett in marriage at 9:30 A.M. on December 13, 1973. The double ring ceremony was performed by Frank Farmer. The bride was attired in a floor-length dress of pastel yellow. Her yellow shoulder-length veil was attached to a bow of matching material. Janice was given in marriage by her father (Rex Cox) The maid of honor was Miss Diana McHenry Bridesmaids were Melisa Taylor and Rhonda Patterson. Flowergirl was Jo Ann Martin. They were attired in floor length gowns of rainbow colors and carried bouquets of yellow and white flowers. Candle-lighters for the wedding were Joe Hancock and Doug Issacs. The best man was Max Jones. Groomsmen were Clay Copeland and Henry Oliveraz and ringbearer was Randy Ogden. Guests were ushered by Juan Baeza.

Wedding music was provided by Mrs. Shirley Kountz. She played selections on the piano before the ceremony and also accompanied soloist D. M. Parks as he sang "Whither Thou Goest" and "Bless This

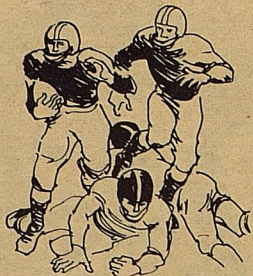
House."

A reception was held in the Homemaking Department immediately following the ceremony. The bride's table was accented with a gold and white cloth, cake and punch were served by Rhonda Patterson and Melisa Taylor. The three-tiered wedding cake was made by Miss Melisa Taylor.

A wedding may seem to be a strange class activity to many but Mrs. Kountz and her class feel they have benefited from the experience. In planning the wedding, the class collected information on wedding traditions and the expenses of all the various details of a wedding. This included information on rings, marriage ceremonies of different faiths, flowers, invitations, pictures, dress and reception cost. Many students were surprised to learn just how much a wedding can cost. This study on weddings has provided the class with valuable information and experience. Hopefully, this will help them in planning their own weddings sometime in the future. As for the ceremony itself, the students tried to make it as real as possible and except for a few giggles here and there, it was very impressive.

An experience such as this wedding is just one of the many things that can be done to make learning more enjoyable.

The class would like to thank Mrs. Jarrett for acting as photographer for the wedding.



Brummett & Hancock Make All-Star

The following were selected to play in the Coaches All Star football game the last week of July in Brownwood. Audrey Brummett and Joe Hancock, Gail Craig Ancinec, Loop; Mark Stroope, Smyer; Randy Golson, Smyer; Gary Hamm, Wellman, Jerry Reiff, Cotton Center; Ted Phipps, Dawson County; Bud Reding, Whitharrell; Jesse Liyan, Sterling; Randy Hord, Sterling; Ken Peel, Sterling. Alternates for the all Star game are: Tony Hord, Loop; Darrell Barrett, Cotton Center; Randy Lambright, Klondike; Dwayne Davis, Sterling.

Sid Long Delegate

Atlanta, Nearly 800 agricultural educators joined over 9,000 vocational educators in Atlanta for their annual convention, December 1-5. The 25th National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA) convention ran concurrently with that of the American Vocational Association (AVA). Sid Long, vocational agriculture teacher in the Borden County School at Gail was an official delegate for the Texas Association.

The five days were exceptionally busy for those attending. Many NVATA sessions emphasized activities to commemorate the Silver Anniversary. The NVATA was organized at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December, 1948. The NVATA and AVA program included general sessions, departmental, sectional and regional meetings, business meetings, awards, receptions and luncheons. The week long convention brought vocational educators in agriculture---- classroom teachers, teacher educators, and state supervisors--together from all sections of the United States for the purpose of discussing mutual problems, studying transitional innovations, and becoming more knowledgeable about the total program of career education in agriculture. The theme for the Agriculture Division program was "Agricultural Education in the Total Education System."

The NVATA includes over 10,000 vocational educators in agriculture as members. Francis N. Murphy the vocational agriculture teacher at Leedy, Oklahoma, is the NVATA Vice President for Region II which includes the Texas Association. The National Office is located in Lincoln, Nebraska. James W. H. is employed as the full-time NVATA Executive Secretary.



THE FRESHMAN CLASS ADMIRE OLD FASHIONED TREE.

Students from Borden County Schools visited the Gail Museum during open house this past week. There they saw the old fashioned Christmas tree, decorated with cookies, chains, cranberries, and other unusual ornaments. The Homemaking department of Borden County High School baked the cookies for the decorations and also for refreshments. The smaller children made the chains for the tree.

Mrs. Edna Miller explained to the students what Christmas was like in Borden County years ago. There was a Christmas tree in the Union Church each year where everyone came to have their Christmas. The first tree was in 1891 and is still a custom held in Gail. There were no trees in the homes in the early days. Everyone brought their gifts to church and their was one big tree for everyone.

Everyone had secret pal gifts and the women gave China to each other. Each child received only one toy for Christmas and this was given at the Union Christmas Party. Toys were whistles made from willow trees, rag dolls, doll furniture, or bows and arrows made from huckleberry trees. Some children were lucky enough to get a "whizzer", a button on a string. The tree was decorated with the cookies, chains, horns, and a star made from foil wrappings from gum and tobacco packages.

When the children returned home from the Christmas party, they hung their stockings and many children got an orange, apple, or banana. This was all of their Christmas at home.

The last entertainment for the children was on Christmas night. They all met in town and watched fireworks.



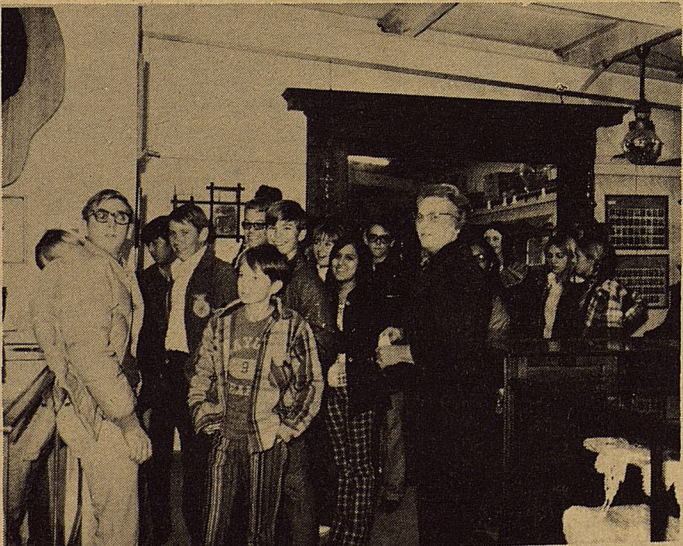
CATHERINE JACKSON, JANICE DAVIS, AND JO ANN MARTIN GIVE SPEECHES.

Students from Mrs. Jan Parker's Speech class spoke to an audience of teachers and students in the school auditorium, Wednesday, December 12.

Those students delivering speeches were Janice Davis, Catherine Jackson, and Jo Ann Martin. They chose their own topic and did their own research.

Janice's speech was "The Energy Crisis--A Personal Problem". It dealt with how each of us can help in the present energy crisis by driving slower, turning down thermostats, caulking windows and doors, insulating our homes, etc. Catherine's speech was about comets. She explained what a comet is and how they

are formed. She spoke of the comet Kohoutek that will come closer to earth than any other planet has before. Kohoutek will be traveling at 100,000 mph and will not come again for 50,000 years. Catherine said that this comet was discovered by a Czechoslovakian, Lubos Kohoutek. Kohoutek will be easiest to see January 10 through 15 of 1974. Jo Ann's subject was "Winterize for better health". She stated several ways to stay warm this winter with less fuel: bathe in oils, wear more clothing in layers which may be removed when desired, bathe less and warm your coat before going outside. These speeches were both informative and well presented.



FROM THE BORDEN STAR STAFF MEMBERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOUR MUSEUM ON DAY OF OPEN HOUSE.



Christmas Dinner For Mothers

For one of their lab experiences, the Home Economics II class prepared a Christmas dinner for their mothers. The menu consisted of ham, green bean casserole, holiday salad, corn casserole, green vegetable salad, fresh sweet potatoes, hot rolls, and homemade candy. Students and their guests were:

Mary Ledbetter and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter, Donelle Jones and Mrs. Don Jones, Debbie Herring and Mrs. Ray Herring, Wanda Joanson and Mrs. Vance Davis, Debbie Little and Mrs. Gerry Buchannon, Bica Baeza and Mrs. Guadalupe Baeza, and Mrs. Van Kozitz. This was a joyous occasion and valuable learning experience.

Summer Jobs

Washington, --Congressman Omar Burleson said today that the Civil Service Commission is now receiving applications for the 1974 competitive examination for summer employment with the United States Government. The examination leads to eligibility for appointment to most temporary summer jobs in the clerical field and as aides in engineering and science occupations.

Those who are interested in the summer jobs covered may apply to take the written test on or before two filing dates--December 28, 1973 and January 25, 1974. Representative Burleson stressed that applications for the written test postmarked after January 25, 1974, will not be accepted. If you miss the last test, you can not be considered for jobs filled by this application and for maximum consideration, you should apply as soon as possible.

Unlike its practice in past years, the Commission will not automatically send forms to those who qualified in 1973, but who may wish to remain on the lists for consideration in 1974. Those who qualified for summer employment in 1973 must update their applications by submitting a form enclosed in Announcement No. 414. They are not required to repeat the written test.

The U.S. Postal Service is not participating in the summer employment examination for 1974. Inquiries regarding summer employment with the Postal Service should be directed to the post office where employment is desired.

Any application forms needed to apply for jobs described in Civil Service Announcement No. 414 may be obtained from most college placement offices and U.S. Civil Service Commission Area Offices.

Copies of Announcement No. 414, entitled "Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies," which pro-

vides complete information about summer job opportunities in Federal Agencies, are currently available on request through Congressman Burleson's Washington office, located in Room 2369 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

WTC COURSES

Snyder--Because of the energy crisis and the possibility of gasoline rationing, the history department at Western Texas College is planning some "commuters' special" courses during the spring semester.

The courses will be structured in a manner that will require the student to make only three trips to the campus, once for registration on Jan. 14 or 15, and twice later in the semester for discussions with the instructor. Beginning course materials and instructions will be given at the time of registration.

For each unit of study, the student will receive an overview of the unit, a reading assignment, questions to be answered during the reading of the material, and a self-test. The student will mail the completed questions and self-test back to the instructor for grading, and will receive material for the next unit when his completed questions and test are returned.

Cost to the student will be the regular tuition fees plus \$4.95 for a textbook and a \$2 fee for postage, the self-test answer sheets, and other materials.

Texas History, United States History, and History of Western Civilization are among the courses to be offered. All these courses carry three hours of college credit, and the United States History does satisfy the Texas requirement for American history.

Persons interested in the courses may contact the history Department at Western Texas College in Snyder for further information.

FHA Meeting

The December meeting of the Future Homemakers of America, Gail Chapter, was held on the 11th of this December. First Vice-President, Jo Ann Martin, presided over the meeting in the absence of President Janice Davis. Lisa Lulache read the minutes and old and new business was transacted.

Donelle Jones encouraged members to save the following items for her and Debbie Herring's project for UATCEF. The empty packages needed are Kool Aid, Dentyne, Trident, Royal Gelatine, Blue Bonnet Margarine, and Welch's Jelly Labels. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact an F.H.A. member.

The F.H.A. Beau for 1973-74 was elected. The two nominees were Joe Hancock and Max Jones. Max Jones was elected as the Beau.

After the formal closing, one of the projects, Big and Little Sisters, was completed. Each big sister took her gift to her little sister, thus revealing her identity. This project is designed to help the new members become better acquainted with other chapter members and to add enjoyment for all members.

The money-making project of the year, the sale of Christmas wrapping paper, was completed. The girls selling the most paper were awarded with a small gift. The winners were: 1st Mary Ledbetter, 2nd Debbie Herring, 3rd Elizabeth Ledbetter, 4th Deidre Tucker, 5th Wanda Johnson and 6th Donelle Jones.

Refreshments were served by Jo Ann Martin, Deidre Tucker, Bica Baeza, and Rita Cornett.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board of Trustees met on December 17, 1973 at 7:00 p.m. in a regular session.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at which time the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The December bills were considered for payment. The motion carried to pay the bills.

Superintendent McLeroy read a letter from the Texas Education Agency to all school districts to observe fuel conservation measures. Superintendent McLeroy reported the following measures taken by the Borden County Schools:

1. Building thermostats set at 68-70 degrees.
2. Boys and girls basketball to utilize one school bus for basketball games.
3. The previous order by the Governor to shorten the school day was rescinded.

Superintendent McLeroy reported on the accreditation visit. The letter from the Texas Education Agency in regard to the accreditation visit was published in the Borden Star.

The board voted to move the school day up one hour when Daylight Saving Time goes into effect on January 6, 1974 (9:20 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

President Anderson called for a report from Superintendent McLeroy. A year-to-date financial report was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



DORIS STEADMAN'S FIRST GRADE CLASS PROUDLY SHOWING GIFTS MADE FOR CHRISTMAS. BACK ROW: WILLIAM HOGAN, KIRBY WILLIAMS, OSCAR GONZALES, AND SHAWNA VAUGHN. FRONT ROW: BECKY MASSINGILL, SHANA BRADSHAW, AND CHRISTY CREIGHTON.

"Letters To Santa"

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a trampoline. I want a play stove and a typewriter.
Love,
Shawna

Dear, Santa,
I want a New-born Baby Tenderlove, some Snoopy games and Barbie Friendship.
Love,
Shana

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and a bike I want a playhouse and a cooking set.
Love,
Becky

Dear Santa,
I want two guns and a bike.
Love,
William

Dear Santa,
I want a typewriter and a Lite Brite.
Love,
Cristy

Dear Santa,
I want two guns, a hat, and a vest.
Love,
Oscar

Dear Santa,
I want a gun that shoots fire. I want a bike, a trampoline, and a typewriter.
Love,
Kirby

BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 1973-74

Dec. 21	Teacher Work Day (Close First Semester)
Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
Jan. 2	Teacher Work Day
Jan. 3-Feb. 15	Fourth Six Weeks
Feb. 22	Teacher Work Day
Feb. 18 April 5	Fifth Six Weeks
April 8-12	Spring Vacation
April 15-May 23	Sixth Six Weeks
May 19	Baccalaureate
May 21-23	Final Exams
May 23	High School Graduation
May 24	Junior High Graduation
May 24	Teacher Work Day (Close Second Semester)



FROM THE BORDEN STAR STAFF MEMBERS.

Jerre's Gottings

I'll tell you one thing, rebellion on the part of the truckers ain't gonna solve the energy crisis. And who do they think they are to clog the highways and refuse to transport goods? Taken to an extreme, what if we all drove out on the roads on Sunday forming massive jams so that not even ambulances could get through? What if the farmer rebelled and refused to produce his crops just because of a fuel outback and higher prices?

The farmer is really going to be harder hit than the truckers. His fuel has been drastically cut and he has no price break either. The trucker really has a larger profit margin than the farmer anyway, so logically, it should be the farmer rebelling. But the country folk always have been more self sacrificing and unselfish.

This whole situation could easily get out of hand and quickly lead to anarchy—a dog eat dog civilization. Energy effects us all; one reason for the shortage has been the suppressed price. So now things get tough and the truckers stop. What industry will be next, and next, and next? The first reasonable action taken has been a rise in price of all fuels—assuming the producer gets his fair share. But it's funny, no one wants a price rise unless it is all for himself. It's a pity that unions have management so hamstringed that they can't fire the whole lot of rebellious strikers for higher wages. Management can't even stop production—they just have to acquiesce—but let them ask for higher prices to meet higher costs and shortages—no sir, that's dirty pool.

We all feel sorry for the truckers having to drive at a snail's pace and pay higher prices. But they aren't the only ones who are hard hit. It drives me crazy to slow down now that Interstates are here and I'm old enough to drive a fine car, but I guess I'll have to before it's all over.

We all worry about a lot of industries who will be hit hard—the pleasure boat industry for example. They are made of plastic and run by fuel lately. Those people are liable to go completely out of business. That's ironic too—they were just getting ready to abandon the Delta Queen—the last wooden

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paddle wheel boat on the Mississippi. I guess her passage is booked solid now from New Orleans to St. Louis.

Back to the truckers—they threw their tantrum the first weekend of self imposed sacrifices. Just what have they in mind as this crisis grows—as it is bound to until prices can rise without government control. Civil disobedience was started long ago—promulgated by the communists. It's sad when a basically conservative group as truckers succumb to the idea that civil disobedience will accomplish anything constructive.

From 's Kitchen

I hope you have a nice Christmas and a very nice New Year coming up soon. If you are like most of us you have leftover turkey or chicken. Lets get away from the holiday foods for one meal at least. Put on a big pot of pinto beans to go with this casserole made with that leftover fowl.

TURKEY or CHICKEN SOPA
2 tbs. shortening
1 tbs. finely minced onion
1 can 4 oz. size toco sauce
1 can 4 oz. size green chili peppers
1 lb. pimento cheese
1 cup (or more) milk or meat stock
1 pkg. large corn chips
2 or 3 lbs sliced turkey or chicken

Melt fat in large pan, brown onions, pour in taco sauce and green chilis chopped fine. Let simmer 15 minutes. Add cheese cut in small pieces. Cook slowly till cheese melts, add milk or meat stock, then, sauce should be thin. Arrange chips in large pan, fill with slices of meat and pour the taco sauce mixture over the top. Put in 400 degree oven till brown.

This cake will serve 30 people, or you might like to wrap in foil (keep it moist) send to students at school away from home.

Cowboy Cake
2 cups sugar
2 cups hot water
2/3 cups shortening
2 cups raisins
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cloves
2 teaspoons cinamon

Put above ingredients, mixed together on the stove, stirring slowly. Let come to boil; three minutes. Then add two teaspoons soda dissolved in a little warm water. Let mixture cool to lukewarm. Then add four cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder and 2 cups nut meats (pecans are better). Pour into baking dish or pan preferably not too deep. Bake in 375 degree oven. Test with toothpick.

Hospitalized

Mr. W. O. Cox of Vealmoor was admitted to Hogan-Malone Hospital Wednesday December 12. W. O. suffered a cerebral thrombosis and after a series of tests, was transferred to Lubbock Methodist Hospital December 13.

Christmas Stories

Washington—More than a thousand years ago in England in the year 878, the celebration of Christmas commenced on December 16 and would have ended according to custom on the 12th night, January 6. At about that time King Alfred the Great was so occupied with Christmas revelry that the invading Danes took him and his army by surprise and he became a fugitive. History goes on to indicate a happy ending. Alfred came back to win. During his successful reign, he united most of England and in the process, brought Christianity to the invaders.

Another very old story goes like this: One night in ancient days three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed a dry riverbed a voice out of the darkness called "Halt and they obeyed. The voice then directed them to dismount, pick up a handful of pebbles, put the pebbles in their pocket and remount. The voice said, "You have done as I commanded. Tomorrow at sunup you will be both glad and sorry." Contemplating the mystery and not understanding, the horsemen rode on. As the sun came up, they reached their pockets to find that a miracle had happened. The pebbles had turned into diamonds, rubies and other precious stones. Then they remembered the warning words. Sure enough they were both glad and sorry—they were glad they had taken the pebbles but sorry they had not taken more.

This illustrates the greed and selfishness in men. To be sorry not to have grasped more can cause us to forget the blessings which have come our way.

The world is still torn with dissension and numerous troubles. Everyone yearns for peace, harmony and tranquility in our individual and national lives. When we don't have these things, we are inclined to forget such words as the old English carol, "God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day." With faith in an all powerful creator, we can joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is our hope for "peace on earth, goodwill to men." This is our Christmas message from our house to yours.

Several years ago, by reason of sheer volume, we simply had to abandon the practice of sending Christmas cards to friends we love. We hope you will take this as our personal wish for you and yours for a joyous and pleasant Season.

The Chaplain of the House of Representatives gave this to us and we pass it on to you with warm friendship and appreciation.

"May God Send you for Christmas and the New Year
Enough joy

To keep your heart singing,
Enough Sympathy

To make you understanding,
Enough hope

To enrich your life,
Enough strength

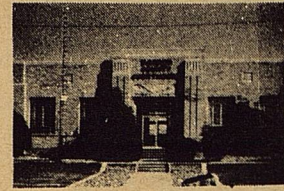
To steady your spirit,
Enough love

To share yourself with others.

DAINGEROUS FUMES

When plastics and other fibers burn, they release colorless, odorless fumes that rapidly increase the air's carbon monoxide content, which can quickly make a person unconscious.

Court House Happenings



Borden County

SANTA INDICTED!!!

No 12964
The State of Texas
Vs. Santa Claus Alias Kris Kringle
Indictment: Burglary-Priv. Res. at Night & Disturbing Peace
Bond: \$1,000.00
In the 359th Judicial District Court of Travis County, Tex.
IN THE NAME AND BY
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the County of Travis, State of Texas duly selected, empaneled sworn, charged and organized as such at the Dec. Term A.D. 1973 of the 359th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths presented in and to said court at said term that Santa Claus, alias Kris Kringle on or about the 24th day of December A.D. 1972 and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County of Travis, and State of Texas, did then and there at night, by force, threats, and fraud, break and enter through an unusual place of entry, to wit, the chimney, the private residence of Ebenezer Scrooge, there situate, the same then and there being a house occupied and actually used as a place of residence by the said Ebenezer Scrooge, with the intent then and there to fraudulently take therefrom corporeal personal property, to wit, milk and cookies there situate on the hearth, then and there belonging to the said Ebenezer Scrooge, from the possession of the said Ebenezer Scrooge without his consent and with the intent then and there to deprive the said Ebenezer Scrooge of the value thereof and to appropriate the same to the use and benefit of him, the said Santa Claus.

AND THE GRAND JURY aforesaid, at said Term, do further present that Santa Clause, alias Kris Kringle, on or about the 24th day of December A.D. 1972, and before the presentment of this indictment, in said county and state while then and there in or near the private residence of Ebenezer Scrooge, there situate, did then and there unlawfully and wilfully use unreasonably loud and boisterous language, to wit, "HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas!" or words to that effect, in a manner calculated to provoke a disturbance of the inhabitants of said private residence, to wit, the minor children of said Ebenezer Scrooge, against the peace and dignity of the State.

(S) Noel Contendere-Foreman of Grand Jury

NO. 12964
STATE OF TEXAS VS
SANTA CLAUS
IN THE 359th District
Court of Travis County,
Texas

MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT

Comes now the defendant by and through his attorneys of record, the 850 members of the TEXAS CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, and moves to have the indictment, a copy of which is attached, dismissed on the following grounds:

I The indictment violates Defendant's rights as guaranteed to him by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States which provide that the Defendant shall enjoy the right to freedom of speech and specifically to wish all persons a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year;

II The indictment fails to allege facts which constitute a criminal offense, it being no offense against the laws of the State of Texas to dispense joy, goodwill, and happiness.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Defendant moves this Court to quash the indictment on or before December 25, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
Texas Criminal Defense
Lawyers Association
P. O. Box 12964

Austin, Texas 78711
BY: Phil Burleson, Pres.
Attorneys for Defendant

Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation to my dear friends while I was recently hospitalized. Your cards, gifts, flowers, and visits brightened up each day.

Friends are very valuable and I thank each of you for being so kind and thoughtful during this busy season.

May each of you have a lovely Christmas.

Pat Dyess

Mr. and Mrs. McMeans went Christmas shopping in Lubbock Saturday. They also visited with their oldest son, Steve, who is a Freshman at Tech.

GAIL HOME MAKING CLUB

The Gail Homemakers Club's annual Christmas party was held in the Posse' Building Dec. 12th.

Excitement was high when Santa came by and delivered gifts to all the children and took their request for Christmas.

Mr. Sid Long read the Christmas Story and Mrs. Long and her music class furnished the music and songs.

Secret pal gifts were exchanged and after a short business meeting, refreshments were served by all members of the club.

PEOPLE

When interviewed on the birth of his 38th child, Raimundo Carnauba said, "I don't know why people make such a fuss". They have given us a lot of work and worry but they are worth it," added Mrs. Carnauba, 54. Carl, 58, and his wife live in Belem, Brazil. They were mentioned in the new Guinness Book of Records as the current most prolific parents in the world. Mrs. Carnauba was married at 15 and so far has had 14 sons and 14 daughters.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with action taken by the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in a regular session on October 18, 1973, the fees for recreation permits contained in the present Ordinances for E. V. Spence Reservoir and Lake J. B. Thomas were adjusted, to be effective January 1st, 1974, at the rates listed below:

Individual Daily Permit valid for 24 hours from time of issue \$1.00

Individual Annual Permits valid from the date of issue until December 31st of the year of issue \$10.00

Annual Guest Permit valid from the date of issue until December 31st of the year of issue \$40.00

All valid permits are honored at both Lake J. B. Thomas and E. V. Spence Reservoir.

All persons who have reached their 17th birthday and have not yet reached their 65th birthday, are required to have in their possession a valid recreation permit to ride in a boat fish, ski, surfboard in, from or upon the water of Lake J. B. Thomas or E. V. Spence Reservoir.

Revenue derived from the sale of these permits is used to build and maintain the recreational facilities at the Lakes and to defray a part of the expense of patrolling, assist in the stocking of fish, removing trash from picnic areas and the general maintenance of the public areas and buildings.

Botulism Outbreak

Austin--A Warton County pond which was the scene of a duck cholera outbreak in October has now been affected by botulism.

The site, where 1,000 waterbirds were killed by cholera, has now accounted for the death of another 3,000 birds as of Friday evening, Nov. 30.

Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife chief Al Springs says that the recent botulism occurrence is probably a result of the October cholera incident.

"The decaying carcasses of the birds killed by cholera could have produced circumstances--

which favored the outbreak of botulism," said Springs.

The pond was drained after the cholera outbreak and an attempt was made by the landowner and department biologists to collect and burn all affected birds.

All species of waterfowl with the exception of geese are involved in this recent epidemic with teal being the hardest hit.

"Once again," says Springs, "The landowner has drained the pond and is cooperating with the department to gather carcasses and destroy them."

"Scare devices will be used to keep further birds from landing in the area and possibly contacting the disease."

Springs feels that if healthy birds can be kept from the area the disease should be under control by the opening of the second half of duck and goose season December 8.

So far, no mammals in the area have been affected by botulism.

Fishing News

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Taylor, San Angelo, who must be the unofficial striped bass fishermen at Lake Spence, came in with some more handsome specimen last week.

One was 13 lb. 11 oz., not far off their record (and the lake's) of 14 lb. and 3 oz. They also had another at 13 1/2, and 8 1/2 lb. Perry Smith, Robert Lee, landed a 12 1/2 lb. striper. Hank Baker and Jerry and C.E. Colder, Robert Lee, caught a 9 6 lb. striper.

Other fishing reports from the lake included:

Y.J.'s, Marina--Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Taylor, 14 channel cat to 6 1/4 lb. two yellow cat to 9 1/2 lb., and a pair of black bass at 6 lb. and 4 1/4 lb.; Luke Pence, Sweetwater, 6 black bass to 4 lb. and a total weight of 19 1/2 lb.; Herman Mason, Midland, 4 lb. and 10 oz. channel cat and a 2 lb. black bass.

Hillside Grocery--Hank Baker and party from Robert Lee, five channel cat to 5 lb.; C.D. Jones, Odessa, 27 lb. yellow cat (probably the biggest so far caught in Lake Spence).

Counts Grocery and Bail--Randy and Glenn Young, Midland, 13 crappie to 2 lb.; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Solomon, Odessa, four blacks to 1 lb. and pair of 2 lb. channel cat.

Henry's Cafe--O.H. Gibbs and Mr. Sykes, Hobbs, New Mexico,

20 crappie to 1 lb.; Howard Henry, Robert Lee, six blacks to 3 lb.

The Odessa Bass Club held its tournament at the lake. On the first day, Wallace Langley had the biggest fish, a 4 lb. 9 oz. beauty. Total weight winners were L.H. Lance 4 for 9 lb. Wallace Langley 2 for 7 lb 5 oz., and Robert Docworth one for 3 lb 10 oz. The second day saw Jess Anthony land a 4 lb. 7 oz. bass. Other winners were Jim Crownover three for 1 lb. 1 oz., L.H. Lance two for 5 lb.; Anthony one.

DE RITINS
of
D. Pudd

Poor ol' Santa--I know he is so worried--since the price of fuel has sky rocketed, his reindeer probably wont have the strength to make the long trip this Christmas Eve, and with the energy crisis, Rudolph probably want be able to guide his sleigh, cause he will have to turn off his shiny nose. He probably can't get fuel for any gas using vehicle to make the trip. And at 50 miles per hour!! My goodness he's gon' be late. Then when he comes dragnin' in to the north pole in the middle of the afternoon on Christmas day--can't you just hear Mrs. Santa Claus say--"You are late for dinner. The turkey is cold, the elves have gone to sleep. You've ruined our Christmas---Where have you been? And don't give me that old excuse about getting stuck in the chimney! You've been messin' around." Santa just smiles and says "HO--HO HO!!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!

Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Geter (former Sally Anderson) of Stillwater, Okla. are the proud parents of a baby boy. John Edward arrived Dec. 10, 1973. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz., and was 22 inches long.

Shampoo Regularly- Stops Oiliness

Oily hair needs frequent shampooing to look its loveliest. Since no one has come up with a better solution, shampoo as often as necessary with gentle baby shampoo.

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Getting a style that needs only a blow drier for manageability can help make daily or frequent shampooings less-time-consuming. The "cut" is the thing, and it works just as well for long hair as for short. But, let a professional do it.

With a little common sense and a helping hand from baby shampoo, you can end your oily hair problem. Of course, you feel as beautiful as you look, and with lovely shining hair, you will feel great.

Obituary

MRS. LEONA MASSINGILL

Mrs. Leona Massingill of Vealmoor passed away at 6:18 p.m. on December 16. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Massingill was born in Polar Texas on January 13, 1907. She is survived by her husband, Bert of the home, two sons, Billie D. of Brownfield and James of Vealmoor. She also had three daughters; Mrs. Leola Green, Vealmoor; and Mrs. Glen Hunt, Odessa; and Mrs. Jamie Crittenden of Midland. Mrs. Massingill is also survived by nine sisters, two brothers thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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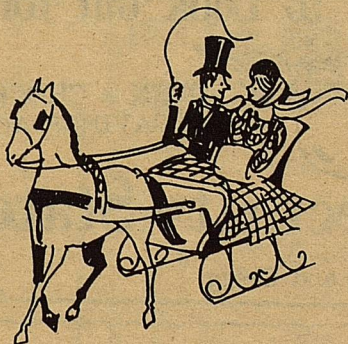
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BRISCOE CHALLENGES LEADERS OF AGRICULTURE

Governor Dolph Briscoe has issued a challenge to Texas Agricultural leaders to become No. 1 in total agricultural income in the nation. Texas currently ranks third. However, officials of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimate that with the continued growth in Texas' agricultural industry, the state could be on top of the heap by 1980, says County Extension Agent Haegelin.

A look at a few factors shows that the No. 1 spot is within reach. In the past five years Texas' total agricultural income has increased 48 per cent, one of the highest in the nation. By comparison, Texas' total agricultural income increased only 18 per cent during the period 1960-68. So the state's agricultural industry has tremendous momentum.

The state's agricultural income totaled \$4.057 billion in 1972 and is projected at \$6.519 billion by 1976, far surpassing the goal of \$3.76 billion by 1976 set by the Extension Service in 1969. By 1980 the total agricultural income of Texas from the sale of crops and livestock can be \$9.1 billion if the trend established during the period 1968-1973 can be maintained.

"The potential for Texas to be No. 1 in the nation in agricultural income is there," said Extension Director Dr. John E. Hutchison, in announcing the new goal. "The key to reaching this goal depends on the profitability of agricultural production--whether or not farmers and ranchers will be able to get a reasonable return on their investments.

Hutchison noted that Texas has available land resources plus emerging technology from agricultural research by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand crop and livestock production and processing industries. Increasing domestic and foreign markets for food and fiber products should make it profitable to further increase production.

Total cooperation and mutual support of all agencies and groups--public and private--will be required to help make Texas the top agricultural state in the nation, industry representatives agree.

Among the leading agricultural commodities as far as growth potential through 1980 is concerned are meat animals, forage and hay, poultry and eggs, food grains, feed crops, cotton, oil crops (especially soybeans) and vegetables.

Income from meat animals should increase from \$2.1 billion last year to \$3.5 billion. Income from poultry and eggs should total \$473 million, up from \$211 million in 1972. Food grains such as wheat and rice

are expected to make dramatic increases, from \$196 million in 1972 to \$538 million by 1980.

Growth in feed crops, mainly grain sorghum and corn, is expected to more than double in the next eight years to \$984 million. Increased demands are expected to cause exceptional increases in cotton income, from \$417 million to \$1.591 billion, and income from oil crops, from \$79 million to \$271 million. Vegetables should generate an income of about \$231 million by 1980, up from \$156 million in 1972.

In addition to these, other agricultural related commodities are also expected to make significant contributions in the state's goal.

"I encourage everyone in Borden County to take a good

look at the potential for agriculture in this country. The goal of becoming No. 1 in gross and net agricultural income is one that we can each have a part in and can be proud of at the same time. The goal would provide great economic and humanitarian benefits," says Haegelin.

Outstanding Supervisor

Felix C. Clemens, county supervisor with the Farmers Home Administration at Lamesa, has been named outstanding supervisor in the State by the Texas Assn. of County Supervisors. He was cited for an outstanding program in Dawson and Borden counties.

Weather

WEATHER AT THE COUNTY SEAT

By K. T. REDDELL

Weather conditions for the week of Dec. 10-16, 1973

		MAX.	MIN.	RAINFALL
MONDAY	10	61	27	0
TUESDAY	11	77	34	0
WEDNESDAY	12	78	43	0
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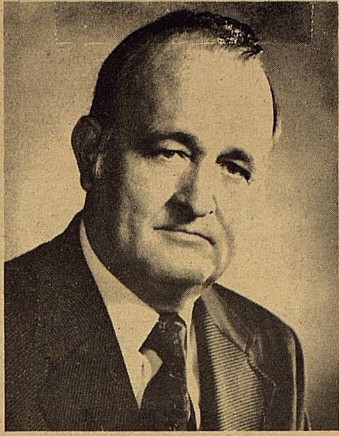
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DR. JAMES C. TAYLOR

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Dr. Taylor, who is also Dean of the Conrad Hilton School of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the U of H, was named to the post at the annual conference organization held at the Joe Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas campus.

He will head up an organization representing 72 colleges and universities from all sections of the state. TACSCE membership covers the entire field of post-secondary institutions, including junior and community colleges, four-year degree and graduate schools, both public and private.

The Association, organized in 1971, provides a unified voice for community service and continuing education in Texas. Objectives include the identification of these needs through research and experimentation; encouragement of the development improvement and expansion of community service and continuing education programs; a means of coordination and exchange of information in the rapidly growing field, and the representation of community service and continuing education interests to appropriate decision-makers at the state and national level.

Dr. Taylor, who joined the University of Houston in 1947 has been closely identified with the CE concept of lifelong learning for more than two decades.

With the rapid growth of the continuing education factor at colleges and universities all accepted the newly-created post of Continuing Education Dean in 1966 and, with the initiation of the new, four-year degree course in Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University

in 1968, he was charged with the additional responsibility as Dean of HRM. Taylor's national recognition in these fields was responsible, in great part, for the establishment of the \$7 million Continuing Education Center, now under construction on the UH campus. Occupancy is scheduled shortly after the beginning of the new year.

Other officers and directors elected at the Austin conference include Dr. Rudy H. Ortiz, Director, Community Service, El Paso Community College, El

Paso, Vice-President; Dr. Herbert E. Overfield, Jr., Coordinator, Thompson Conference Center, UT Austin, Secretary-Treasurer.

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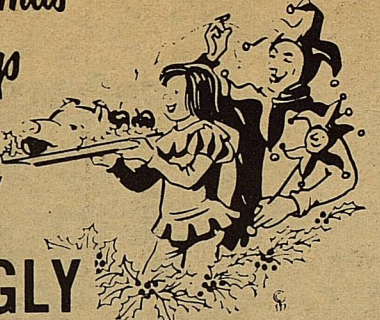
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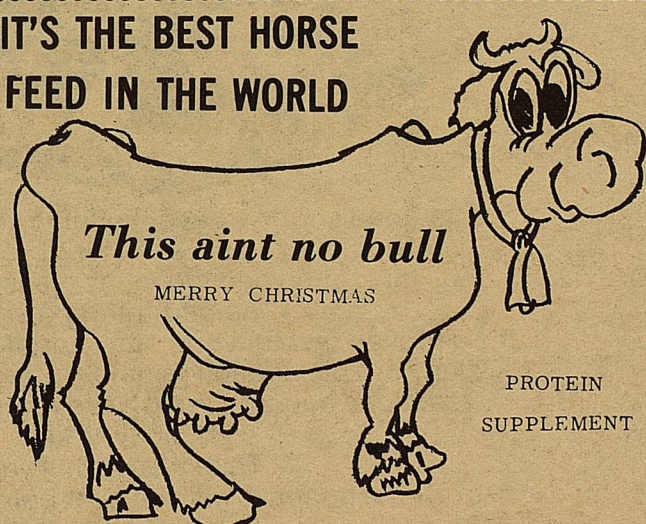
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Temple stated that some medical experts are convinced that the single largest cause of injuries and death to children between the time of birth and age 3 was repeated injuries intentionally administered in the home by one or both parents.

Temple's proposal would call for a centrally located, state-wide reporting system of suspected child abuse cases.

The Diboll legislator said

such a system would allow early discovery of mistreated children.

Temple said that presently medical doctors who have only a slight suspicion of mistreatment were reluctant to report

such cases to the Welfare Department or police authorities. And if the cases were reported, the authorities would have very little on which to make a case.

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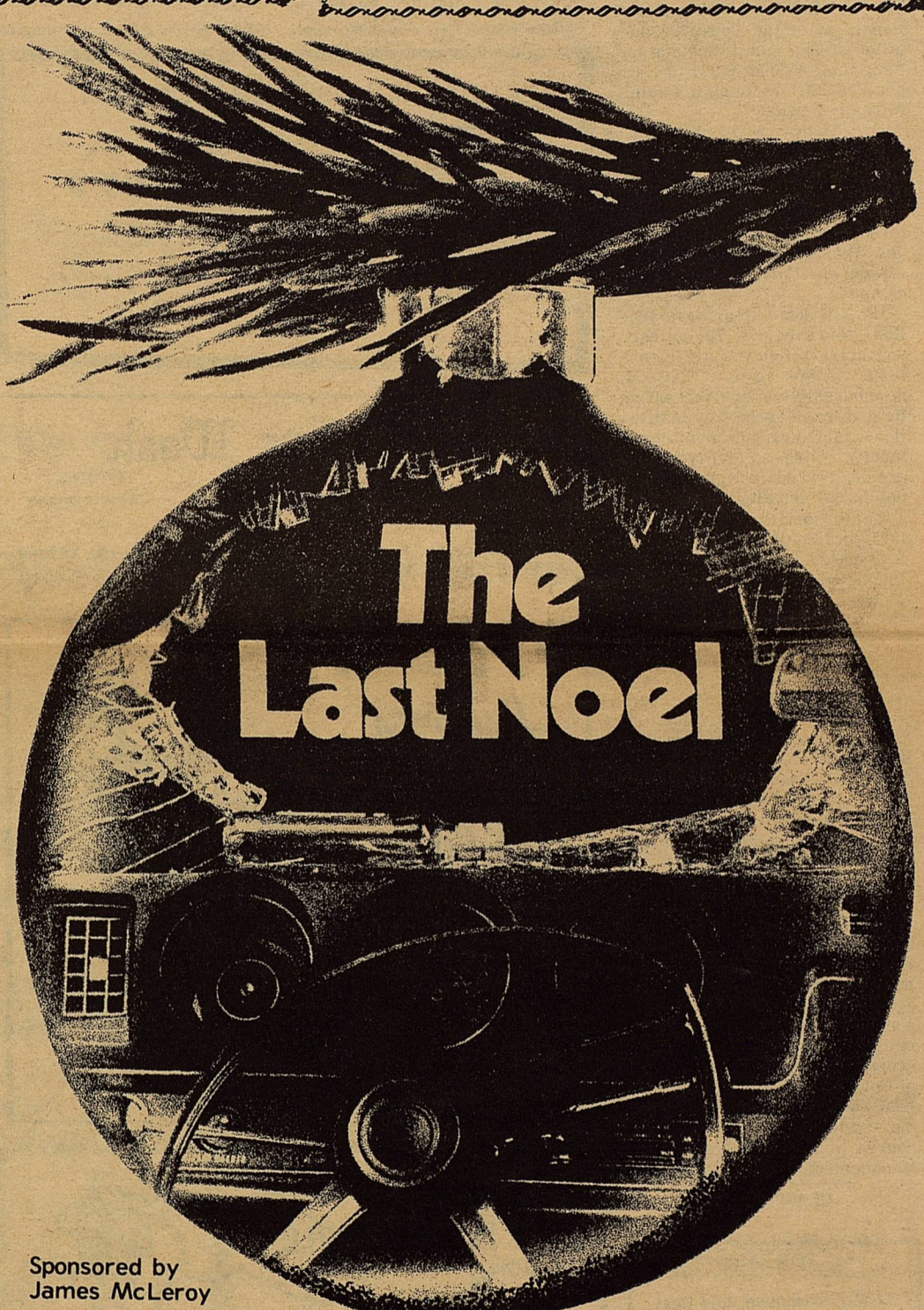
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