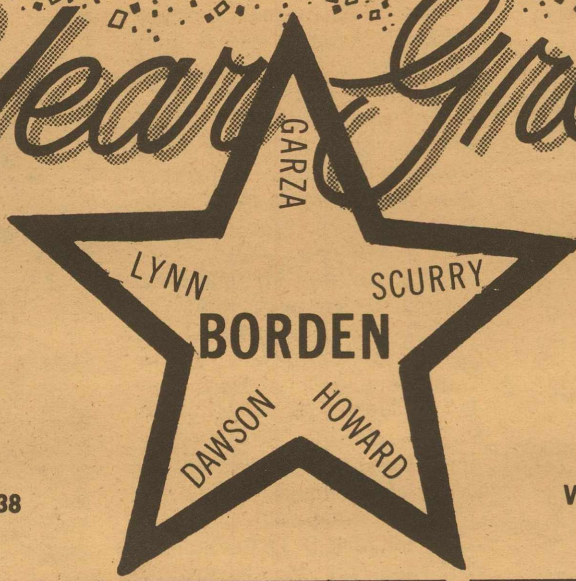


New Year Greetings

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READY AND WAITING—All dressed up with no game to go to is Texas Tech coed and new referee Charlotte Toombs.

Charlotte Toombs

New Referee

Charlotte Toombs has recently gained national fame from her new and unusual pastime... refereeing. About mid-November, Charlotte qualified as an official in the SBOA (Southwest Basketball Official's Association). After playing basketball for seven years, spectating just wasn't enough for this 5'4" Texas Tech coed. She became seriously interested in officiating and went to Gerald Myers, Texas Tech's head basketball coach, with some questions about joining the SBOA. Myers at first thought that Miss Toombs was doing a research paper and only wanted general information. She explained her desire and Myers, who could think of no reason why not, sent her to Gib Weaver who heads the Lubbock SBOA.

Weaver explained to Miss Toombs that she was breaking new ground and that she would encounter some controversy. When he couldn't shake her determination, he gave her the rule books to study and the necessary tests.

She passed with flying colors. She then brought herself a striped shirt and a whistle. Unlike most officials she went to the sewing machine and made her own black pants. She was ready and waiting.

Several SBOA meetings went by and Weaver told Charlotte

that no one seemed to want to hire a "woman" as an official. This didn't stop the determined young woman. The "Lubbock Avalanche Journal" caught wind of her story and printed a feature article about it. The story also went to the United Press International and was picked up in news papers all over the country. Miss Toombs received a flood of letters, telegrams, and phone calls after that publicity. She began scheduling games for the season. Her first actual game was at Reese Air Force Base, Dec. 15. The "Avalanche Journal" covered her game and the story again went to the UPI and to the Associated Press.

The following day KSEL's Bill McCalister and Paul Archanol called Miss Toombs and talked with her on their program, "This, That, and the Other." They asked her if she would call some games for KSEL's "Pink Raiders." Of course she said she'd love to. She had two games at Ralls Thursday night, Dec. 16, and this time KCBT television, channel 11, came out to interview the liberated woman. On Friday, Charlotte's story made national radio. Paul Harvey discussed this all time first on his commentary.

Miss Toombs is very excited about all the favorable response she's gotten. When quizzed

about her feelings she said, "I read the paper and I can't believe it's really me! It seems like I'm reading about someone else. I've gotten so much mail from all over the country—I've heard from Houston, San Angelo, Abilene, Brownwood, Snyder, Lamesa, Lufkin, Waxahachie, A and M, not to mention many from Lubbock, plus Wichita, Kansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Los Angeles, California, and even a little boy in Baltimore, Maryland, wrote and ask me if I could referee his ping pong tournament! No one knows how much I appreciate all the encouragement I've gotten."

Miss Toombs is a '69 graduate of Borden County High School and the daughter of Borden County Judge and Mrs. Glenn Toombs. She is a Junior, English major at Texas Tech and plans to become a school teacher. She has a tournament scheduled Jan. 21-23 at Slaton and Reese AFB wants to use her two nights a week.

We, of the "Borden Star," want to wish Charlotte much success in her new endeavor and offer our congratulations to her for her determination and effort.

Christmas Eve Services

The annual Christmas Eve Services were held this year at the Baptist Church in Gail. Christmas carols were sung. A Christmas dialogue was given by Billie and Bobbie Briggs, scriptures were read by Bro. Lopes of the Methodist church and Bro. Crawford of the Baptist church delivered a brief message. Ol' Santa Clause made his annual visit which was enjoyed by young and old.

Out of town visitors for the Christmas Eve service were Bro. & Mrs. Lopes and granddaughter of Fluvanna; Ricky and Sandra Cunningham of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. David Talmage and sons of Alpine and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sneed and son of San Antonio.

This annual Christmas Eve service has been a tradition in Gail for many years — longer than anyone now attending can remember.

We wish to express our thanks to each one who had a part in this service.

Election Year

By Sybil Gilmore

Once again Christmas has come and gone. The new year will soon come rolling in, bringing with it candidates thicker than flies. They will be making promises they know they can't keep and smearing the good name of their opponents. This is the life of a politician. It doesn't have to be that way. This election year let's make it different. Try running on your own merits and don't downgrade your neighbor who chooses to run against you. We have had some clean friendly races in the past. Let's keep it that way in Borden County.

Those of you who go to the polls to vote, don't make it hard on the election Judges. If you register in a precinct vote in that precinct. Don't try to vote where

you are not supposed to. This throws a hardship on all concerned. Learn the rules and abide by them. Be ye Republican or Democrat go to the polls and vote for the candidate you think can take care of the office he is running for. Those of you who are running for office please, realize your responsibilities to your County, State or Nation. There is a lot more to winning an election than a pay check. You go into office to serve the people. Serve them well. And may 1972 prove to be your best year yet.

Barn Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dennis, who reside on their ranch North of Gail suffered the loss of their barn, saddles, bridles and some equipment from fire caused by a faulty wiring. The Fluvanna Fire Dept. came to the rescue and put out the fire.

Anderson Appointed

by Governor

J. R. (Rich) Anderson has been appointed by Governor Preston Smith to serve on a Planning Committee which is to study the water quality management for the entire Colorado River Basin.

Through the efforts of Congressman Jake Pickle and several associated Congressmen, a federal appropriation of some \$320,000 has been secured to support the Colorado River Basin Water Quality Management Study. This broad-based basin water quality study will be conducted with the assistance of the Fort Worth District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

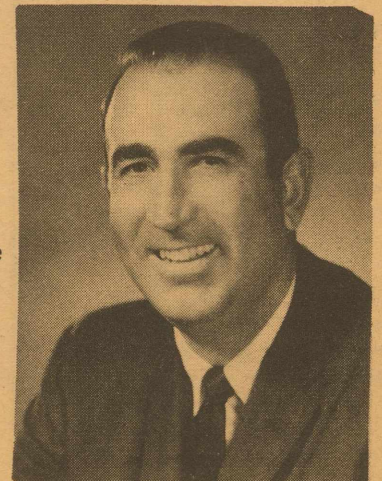
The study will be in addition to studies recently completed under the sponsorship of the Texas Water Quality Board and has that agency's full support.

The purpose of the committee is to provide overall planning direction and to assure that the study reflects the views of a broad cross section of the general public.

In being selected to serve on this committee, Anderson will

serve as a local representative of the general public. Membership includes leaders from several state agencies, river authorities and water districts in the basin, regional councils of governments, and selected local entities, organizations and individuals.

Anderson has long been interested in the Colorado Basin River quality and is a pioneer in Borden County water and soil conservation.



J.R. ANDERSON



By the time this piece is printed and read the Christmas stockings will have been filled and emptied. Some trees will still be up, a few wreaths and bows will be around, but most folks will be sweeping out. We around here prefer to leave all evidences of Christmas around until at least after the New Year - otherwise that Big Day would seem nothing more than one more Saturday of football.

It will be time to renew old Resolutions, make new ones and evaluate our year. Looking forward to one more year can be exciting or even fearsome. The year 1972 will be one of great change I think. It will be a big political year. It will be a year of economic trial and (hopefully) success. Scientifically it will be a year of great advancement - in the fields of space and medicine. I'm no Jean Dixon but the groundwork has been laid for all these changes. It doesn't take much effort to keep up with these major interests. It's the subtle changes in values and morals that have me in a turmoil. These are harder to recognize - by the time they are recognizable to the unastute like me, the fallout from them has become terrific.

It is a time of great anxiety - for the old - the middle aged - and the young. The old are anxious over being able to spend their last years in comfort without being a burden to anyone. Their income is static which makes it much more vulnerable to devaluation and inflation. They have lived a lifetime in a world that is now alien. They are bewildered.

The middle aged are anxious over their future years too. Will they be able to save enough to carry them through retirement? They are anxious about their children. Will these kids be able to withstand the buffeting of an overstimulated, hypertensive world? And they wonder whether their kids will come out of this as strong citizens - to take their places in their communities to raise happy families under the protection of a strong church.

The young people are truly anxious about the world they are about to enter. They are fledglings whose wings aren't strong yet. They wonder will they be able to find a good job when they finish school. They wonder whether those years of education will pay off. They are bewildered over the draft. They don't want to shirk their duty but no one has really defined "duty" in this war. They are confused about a government asking them to fight while their leaders court the enemy. They wonder about a moral system that

espouses situation ethics but never tells them that someone is always affected - adversely.

I think one good Resolution for each of us to make would be to try to make each age group less anxious this coming year. There is one simple way to make me less anxious on New Year's Day - just don't holler so loud and knock the furniture over.

How To Get to Heaven

A man knocked at the heavenly gate

His face was scarred and old; He stood before the man of fate For admission to the fold.

What have you done? St. Peter asked,

To gain admission here? I've served as county judge, sir On earth for many a year.

The pearly gates swung open wide

St. Peter touched the bell - Come in and choose your harp, he said

You've had your share of hell.

Dorothy and Janice Browne spent Christmas in Seagraves with her sister and brother-in-law, Brit and Virginia Hassell. All the family was together as Jean Barnes and family came from Willcox, Arizona, and J.B. Cotten and family from Lubbock, Alton Hassell and Pat from College Station & Jerry & Joyce Kincheloe from Midland.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rich Anderson were Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Talbot, Mrs. M. W. Talbot Sr., and their children Anne, Martha, Paul and Emie all of Austin. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubbard and children Clayton and Craig of Midland.

"He is the greatest patriot who stops the most gullies." - Patrick Henry

The high plains of Texas and Oklahoma panhandle, Kansas and Nebraska, has the economic balance to feed approximately two-thirds of the nations cattle, according to a two-year study of the industry made by Texas A&M University's R.H. Dietrich.

LOCALS

Mrs. Fran Bennett and her mother Mrs. Covey had as their guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bennett and family and Sue Short and girls from Fort Worth, Debby and Terry remained in Gail to spend a few days.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sneed were home for Christmas. They were as follows, Mr. and Mrs. David Talmage and sons, Doug and Jeff of Alpine, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sneed and Billy Wayne of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Evans of Fluvanna.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Jackson of Gail and all the Jackson children and grandchildren spent Christmas in the Murray Jackson home in Snyder. About 19 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Kimbell Reddell had as their guests over Christmas their children Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reddell and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reddell and family Kemma and Gary Sturdivent and daughter and a sister of Winonah, Maxine and Eddy Yoccham from Rankin, Texas.

Mrs. Katie Lewis of Forsan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gilmore of Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer of Plains and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nickels and family of Lubbock enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner in the home of the Chuck Lewis family.

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Toombs and family spent Christmas Eve evening with Mr. & Mrs. Cullen Toombs of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Conner of Lamesa had Christmas dinner with the Toombs. Charlotte is home from Tech for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and a brother and sister of Mrs. Wilson, Jack Wyche of Anaheim, Calif. and Jo Davidson spent Christmas in Commanche, Texas with their mother, Mrs. Winnie Wvche.

Joe Rogers, Spring, Texas, visited in Gail with his brother, Aubrey and Netty Rogers and friends over the holidays.



Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Webb

50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Webb were honored with an open house in the O'Donnell Community Center from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple's daughter and sons and their families were hosts. They are Mrs. Bobbie Simco of Lamesa, Reginald Webb of Seagraves and Jack Webb.

The former Miss Ada Holland and Webb were married Dec. 20th, 1921, in Loraine. They moved from Scurry County to the New Moore community in Lynn County in 1940, where Webb was engaged in farming until 1970.

The couple has 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their son, Oarie Lee Webb, is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and family ate lunch Christmas Day with Mrs. Elma Smith.

Mrs. Wayne Killough and Maggie also Marvin Collier spent Christmas in Dallas with their son and brother Dean Killough and family.

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Vows Repeated

Miss Marilyn Kay Allen and John O. Bayer exchanged double ring wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the O'Donnell Church of Christ. Roy Long, minister, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fern Allen. Bayer is the son of Mrs. Curtis Webb of Portales, N.M. and Col. Oscar Bayer of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown designed with a round neckline and long lace sleeves gathered to wide buttoned cuffs. The bodice, overlaid with lace, was accented by seed pearls.

Miss Pamela Sue Allen attended her sister as maid of honor. Mrs. Randle F. Allen of Seagraves and Mrs. Randell Graham of Lubbock were bridesmatrons. They wore formal gowns of dark red velvet with empire waistlines, low round necklines and short sleeves.

Col. Bayer served his son as best man. Groomsmen were Tim Bayer of Broomfield, Colo., and Randle F. Allen of Seagraves.

Guests were seated by Lonnie Webb of Portales, George Livingston of Albuquerque, N.M., and David Conrad.

Miss Carol Burkett and Miss Glynda Burkett served as candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored at a reception in the O'Donnell Community Center. After a wedding trip to Colorado, they will reside at Rt. 8, Lubbock. Mrs. Bayer is a senior elementary education major at Lubbock Christian College and is a 1968 graduate of O'Donnell High School.

Bayer is a 1967 graduate of Torrance High School in Torrance, Calif.; and served a tour of duty with the U.S. Army as a warrant officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Cunningham and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Smith, Kristy and Perry ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Norval Cunningham.

Holiday visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Allen Sephens were Rube, Sue and Richard Smith, Eddie Stephens of Ft. Worth and Mike Stephens of Alpine.

Knapp News

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Sorrells attended the Rotary Club meeting at Snyder to hear Dr. D.L. Kay of Lubbock, speak and show slides of his receny tour of the NATO countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin and children Sinton, Texas were in Gail Sunday, on their way to visit Mr. and Mrs. Eddie James. Bob was assistant coach in Gail and Paca was deputy County Clerk in 1959.

The farewell party honoring Patrolman and Mrs. Mike Ross and family of Lake J.B. Thomas was well attended. The Ross family is soon to move to Lake J.V. Spence at Robert Lee, where Mike will assume Patrolman's duties. Chas. Brown is the replacement at Lake Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gary and Mrs. Ben Weathers visited Monday in the Claud Warren home at Merkel.

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Services For Locals

O'Donnell Woman

Services for Mrs. Ethel Hester Owens, 66, were held in the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Ray Cunningham officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park directed by Branon Funeral Home.

A native of Dawson County and a resident of O'Donnell since 1905, Mrs. Owens was killed in an auto mishap at Anson.

Survivors, include a son Douglas of Fort Worth; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Fletcher of Anza, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Juanita White of Lubbock and Mrs. Jim Stockton of San Diego, Calif., a brother, W. L. Hester of El Paso; and three grandchildren.

Bill and May Stephens, Rt. 1, O'Donnell spend Christmas in Houston with May's neice and family, The J.D. Rickaways, Mrs. Rickaway is the former Elmer Ruth Hollar of Gail. Mrs. Ruth Calcote, Abilene, accompanied the Stephens to Houston for the holidays. There were 29 relatives there from Arizona, Oklahoma and various places in Texas, including Mrs. Bill Duvall, a sister of May and Ruth, and mother of Mrs. Rickaway, the former Tama Pratt Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Vaughn had most of their children and part of their grandchildren home for Christmas. They reported 36 there for lunch Christmas Day and Sunday.

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Doris Rudd spent Christmas in Hico, Texas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor, also present were Darlene Holley and children and Ernest Turner and family. Doris brought two granddaughters home with her to spend a few days. Jetta and Tonja Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and children of Plainview were week-end visitors of his sister and family the Bro. Gary O'Days.

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