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VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM—Pictured above are members of the CHS Wildcat varsity boys basketball team for this year. Top row, from left, they are Coach Randall Ryan, Melvin Westover,

David Bell, Ricky Coleman, Jack Whitley, Pat Norman and Rocky Glasscock. Bottom row: Marvin Coleman, Tim Christopher, Daniel Field, Steve Stapp, Dee Finley and David Crafton.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



In this, our annual Christmas edition, we have Christmas greetings from local and area businesses, and individuals. This newspaper would also like to send Christmas greetings to everyone.

We appreciate the advertisers and subscribers who make a newspaper possible in Crowell, and we thank those who give us news stories and give us their locals. We also deeply appreciate the words and letters of encouragement and praise that we receive from time to time during the year. It gives us further incentive to produce the best newspaper possible.

Again, we thank you all and wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! There will not be a paper published on January 1, and the next edition will be printed on Thursday, January 8.

Bill and Dorothy Klepper and Sons
Carol Jean Smith

Cage Teams Place High in Holiday Tournament

The Crowell High School boys basketball team won second place and the CHS girls team won consolation honors in the Holiday cage tournament held over the

week end. Crowell lost 65-60 to Seymour in the championship game Saturday night. The Wildcats scored 18 points in each of the first two periods of the game to grab a

36-27 lead at halftime, but the second half was Seymour's. The Panthers cut the margin to 50-47 with a big third period, and surged ahead in the fourth quarter to win the contest. David Bell scored 24 points for Crowell in this one. Melvyn Westover had 16 and Rickey Coleman 10.

The boys defeated Electra in the opener Thursday and then won 46-42 in overtime Friday over Megargel en route to their berth in the finals. In the Megargel game, the score was 39-all at the end of regulation play, and the Cats pulled it out in overtime. Westover had 16 in this one. Coleman added 15 more and Bell 11.

The Crowell girls lost their opener last Thursday to Electra, then on Friday defeated Midway, and finally defeated Holliday on Saturday to cop the consolation trophy. Kim Norman's 25-point effort helped push Crowell past Midway in Friday's contest, and the Crowell girls took their consolation trophy by whipping Holliday 50-27. In this game, Kathy Whitfield had 19 points, Anita Vecera 13 and Norman 12.

This concludes Wildcat cage action until January 2 and 3 when the boys will be playing in a tournament at Hale Center.

Repairs Made on Fire Siren Wiring

Fire Chief L. N. Tole said last week that the fire siren, which on one occasion, blew for an unusually long time had a short in the circuit.

Tole said workmen have apparently found the cause of the trouble and he is hopeful that the siren will not be accidentally set off by that trouble any more. The continued sounding of the siren when there is no fire causes considerable confusion.



RECEIVES AWARD—Senator Ray Farabee was presented the Outstanding Senatorial Legislative Service award by the Texas Farmers Union at their state convention in Fort Worth recently.

16 Highway Mishaps in First 11 Mos.

With the Highway Patrol investigating no accidents in Foard County during November, the rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first 11 months of 1975 shows a total of 16 accidents resulting in no persons killed and 11 persons injured.

The rural traffic accident summary for the 60 counties of the Lubbock Department of Public Safety Region for November 1975 shows a total of 530 accidents resulting in 14 persons killed and 258 persons injured, as compared to November 1974 with 497 accidents resulting in 10 persons killed and 229 persons injured. This was 33 more accidents, four more killed, and 29 more injured in 1975 at the same period of time.

THREE NEW VEHICLES

Three new vehicles were registered here last week: Dec. 15, Cecil D. Carroll, 1976 Buick 4-door; Dec. 18, Ed Lowrance, 1976 Chevrolet pickup; Dec. 18, Jesse Whitfield, 1976 Chevrolet pickup.

Hospital Admissions, Dismissals

Patients In:
Mrs. Gayle Nelson.
L. N. Higginbottom.
Bruno Huizar.
Bill Holloway.
Mrs. Kenneth Carroll.
Mrs. George Sillemom.
James A. Garrett.
Mrs. Irene Gerrold.

Patients Dismissed:
Mrs. Dale Henry.
Mrs. Floyd Fergeson.
Mrs. Chester Hughes.
Mrs. Robert Chastain and infant daughter, Tara Gail.
Mrs. B. E. Henry.
Mrs. Mary A. Borchardt.
Mrs. Jimmie Henry.
Mrs. Hazel Bryson.
Mrs. W. F. Statser.

Ray Shirley Named to Board

Ray Shirley of Crowell has been named as a consumer representative on the 45-member board of the Tri-Region Health Services Agency, Inc., it was announced in Vernon following a meeting of Nortex Regional Planning Commission.

The Tri-Region Agency in years ahead is expected to have almost dictatorial powers over many elements of health services in the area it serves.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN GAS RATE PROBLEM

Mayor Robert Kincaid said Monday morning that there are no further developments to be noted in the proposed

natural gas rate hike which was the subject of a story in last week's issue.

Beef Short Course Scheduled Here Early Next Year



DR. RICHARD C. THOMAS

A beef production short course for adult farmers will be held January 5-8 under the sponsorship of the Crowell High School vocational agriculture department, according to Don Welch, VA teacher, and Supt. Larry Jones.

Dr. Richard C. Thomas, beef production specialist with the vocational agriculture division of the Texas Education Agency and the Department of Animal Science at Texas A&M University, will be the instructor for the course.

The short course will be held at the Crowell school cafeteria and begins at 7 p.m., January 5. During the dates the short course is in progress, Dr. Thomas will be available to assist cattlemen with individual problems and to provide on-the-farm instruction, according to Mr. Welch.

Cattlemen interested in attending should contact either Welch or Jones. An entry fee of \$5 will be charged and beef production

short course certificates will be presented to each cattleman who attends all the training sessions.

Dr. Thomas states that the beef cattle producers of today must take a close look at efficiency of production. Production costs such as land, feed, labor and taxes are rising without a relative increase in market values. Dr. Thomas says that the short course will spend considerable time looking at the potential costs and returns of some of the production systems.

Selection of important characteristics such as fertility, ease of calving, size and growth will be discussed along with topics such as pregnancy diagnosis, range management, supplemental feeding and herd health. The course can be changed to meet the needs of the producers enrolled.

On Thursday night, the concluding night of the short course, a chili supper will be served to the enrollees of the course. Stanton Brown, general

Mercury Falls to 12 Degrees Last Thursday

The winter season's lowest temperature was recorded here last Thursday morning following a blast of winter air which sent the mercury plunging to 12 degrees about daylight Thursday morning. A warming trend set in Friday and Saturday and another cold blast moved through late Saturday. This front dropped the mercury to 24 degrees early Sunday. The sub-freezing temperature was accompanied by a Sunday afternoon was cloudy and cold. Only moisture accompanying either of the fronts was a light sprinkle which fell here early Monday.

manager of the League Ranch in Knox County, will be on hand to give a slide presentation of the entire ranch operation with emphasis on beef cattle records.

All individuals, whether producers or non-producers, are welcome to come and enroll in this very informative short course, Welch added.



SELECTED FOR TRAINING

—Airman Jim D. Gobin, son of Mrs. Ruth G. Gobin of Crowell, has been selected for technical training in the U. S. Air Force munitions and weapons maintenance field at Lowry AFB, Colo. The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, where he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Airman Gobin, a 1973 graduate of Coronado High School, Lubbock, attended Texas Tech University.

Three Hunting Seasons Close December 31

Three hunting seasons close in Foard County on Wednesday, December 31. They are black bear, javalina and squirrel.

Turkey season closed December 15. Quail season will run through January 31 while chachalaca season will end on January 16.

Footing Is Poured for New Ag Pavilion at Crowell School

Work of pouring the footing for the new ag pavilion was completed late last week under the supervision of L. G. Simmons, who has been employed to oversee the construction of the new building to be located on the east edge of the local school campus.

Foundation work is expected to be done as soon as possible.

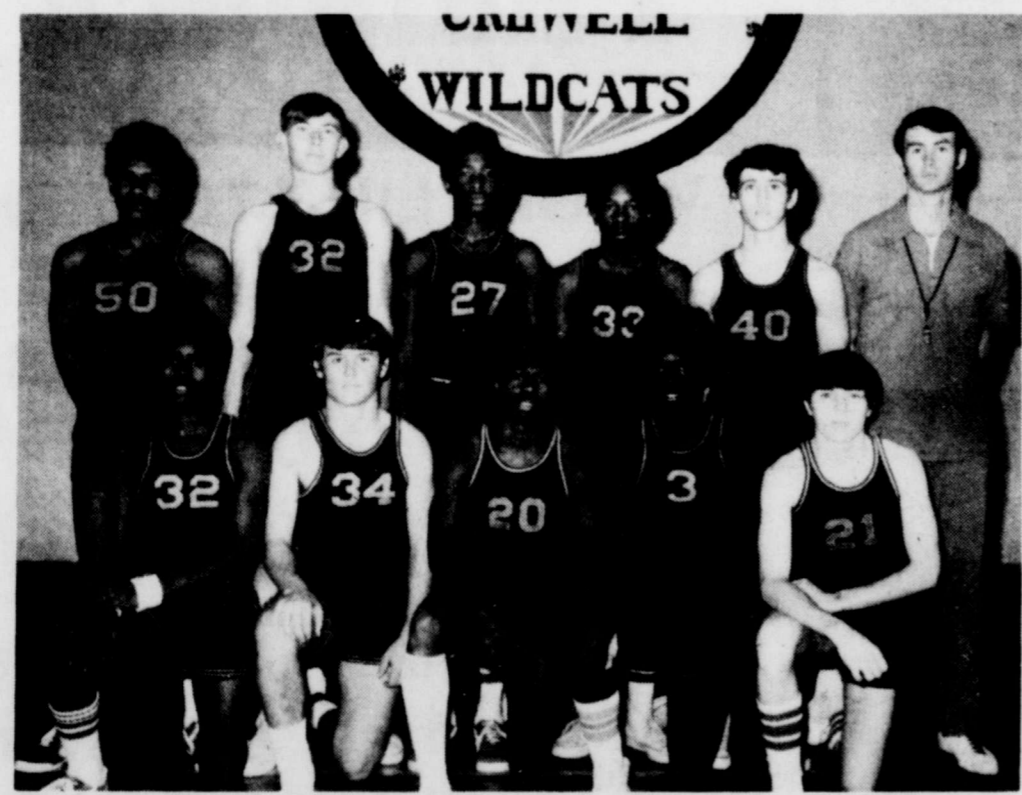
George Brown Finishes Gun Repair School

George Brown of Crowell has been awarded a certificate of graduation from Modern Gun Repair School, Scottsdale, Az., for successfully completing its course of instruction in gun repair. The course covers popular sporting rifles, handguns and shotguns, setting up a gun shop and gun repair business, disassembly safety, gun laws and legislation, bookkeeping, advertising, history, parts and supplies and complete equipment repair and adjustment.

Debbie Scott Named "Most Academic"

Miss Debbie Scott, a sophomore at Clarendon Junior College, has been named "most academic" girl of the current school year at the college.

Miss Scott is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of Crowell.



BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY CAGE TEAM—Pictured above is the boys junior varsity basketball team for this year. Top row, from left, are Steve Criss, Dwayne Dishman, Claudius Coleman, Arthur

Gardner, Mark Christopher, Coach Randall Ryan. Bottom row: Milton Henry, Jay Wall, C. B. Sparkman, Angelo Frater, and David Westover.

Merry Christmas

Silent Night Holy Night

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TODD, BRET AND BRANDI

Heavy Death Toll Forecast for Holidays

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Monday warned that traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year periods may claim almost 100 lives in Texas.

The state's top lawyer said 48 of the deaths are likely during the Christmas period which runs from 6 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, through midnight Sunday, Dec. 28.

An estimated 46 deaths will occur in the New Year period which runs from 6 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, through midnight Sunday, January 4, 1976.

Speir said the DPS will be working with local law enforcement agencies to mount as strong an enforcement effort as possible.

"We will be utilizing all the manpower and resources that we have in the department, and will be concentrating on such hazardous violations as drinking while driving and speeding," he noted.

He said public cooperation is also needed if accidents are to be prevented during the holiday, and pointed out that DPS will be working with local police and the news media in a public education effort called "Operation Motorcade."

"Through this program we attempt to emphasize the problem of hazardous driving and create a driver consciousness that will make our highways and streets safer to use," he said.

Avoid carrying a lot of cash when shopping and try not to display how much you are carrying. Keep a close watch on your wallet or purse in crowds. Remember that many store clerks during holiday rush periods may be inexperienced temporary help—so double check your bills and count the change. Mrs. Lillian Chenoweth, family resource management specialist with the Extension Service, reminds.

30 Years Ago in The News

News items below were taken from the Thursday, December 20, 1945, issue of The Foard County News:

On December 31, the Rotary Club will sponsor an appearance of the TCU Dramatics Club in a three-act comedy, "Pride and Prejudice." The cast is composed of 17 members, one of whom is Roy Cates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cates of Crowell.

The carolers of St. Joseph's Church will sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve as they did last year. Mrs. Grady Magee is director.

Miss Genevieve Ferguson of Slaton, formerly of Crowell, has been honored by being asked by the Texas Historical Association to write the history of Foard County, Crowell, Margaret, Vivian, Rayland and other points of especial significance and interest for content in the Handbook of Texas.

"Incendiary Blonde" starring Betty Hutton is coming to the Rialto Theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

T-Sgt. Ben K. Barker is at home after receiving his discharge from the Army at Camp Fannin. He spent 4 years and 7 months in the Army and spent 26 months in India with the 4280th Quartermaster Depot.

The Magnolia Service Station west of the Borchardt Chevrolet Co., will be opened Friday morning with Robert L. Holmes as manager.

Jim Gafford and Ike Wilson have purchased the Liberty Cafe from Joe Eddy and have already taken over the business which has been closed for several days for repair and re-arrangement.

All schools of Foard County will close today for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Monday, Dec. 31.

At its last meeting, the City Council went on record as disapproving the shooting of fire crackers in the city limits. It is hoped that for the protection and benefit of returned war veterans and hospital patients, persons will refrain from shooting fire works in the city.

Harold Banister, who has recently returned from overseas and received his discharge, is at home visiting relatives at Thalia.

Sgt. Albert Schooley, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, visited in Crowell with friends a short time last week.

Betty Jo Zeibig, Rita Faye and Helen Jo Callaway, Bessie Gamble and Billy Taylor, students in Howard-Payne College in Brownwood, are at home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Douglas Adkins accompanied Mrs. A. B. Wisdom and son, Jake, to Bryan Monday.

A Christmas cantata, under the direction of Miss Cora Carter, will be presented at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joe Johnson and Mrs. L. B. Taylor are directors of a Christmas pageant to be presented at the Methodist Church in Thalia Sunday night, sponsored jointly by the Thalia Baptist and Methodist Churches.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to express my gratitude to the efficient, interested, caring staff of the Foard County Hospital; to express also my appreciation of Dr. Stapp and his dedication to our community. To each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To each of you who inquired, visited, sent cards and flowers, for every prayer and manifestation of concern, thank you.
Faye Statter.
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Ecology Factor Spells End for Yule Bonfires

Twelfth-night, the night before the feast of the Epiphany, marks the end of the Christmas season. In past times, it has been the practice of celebrants to observe the end of the holiday season by burning their Christmas trees in one great bonfire. But the ecology movement has apparently finished off any remnants of this old custom here in this country.

In one midwestern city, where the burning of Christmas trees had been an annual community event for many years, complaints from pollution-conscious citizens has forced the abandonment of the tradition. So much pressure was brought to bear on the local pollution control agency by environment-minded residents that harried officials were forced to reject a request for an open-fire permit from would-be Twelfth Night celebrants.

Mothers Give Children Good Presents

Mothers in North Central Texas have given their children the best Christmas gift of all...a safeguard against disease, their immunization shots.

According to Health Department statistics, Texas Region 5 which consists of 31 counties in the North Central area has had a 240 per cent increase over 1974 in the number of children under one year who have been vaccinated against polio, pertussis, diphtheria, and tetanus. In this under 4 age group, there has been a 12 per cent increase in children vaccinated against measles, rubella and mumps in addition to the diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio vaccinations.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE IN CROWELL FROM ALL THE DEUTSCHES AND GLENN BLACK IN SAVANNAH GA.

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The Spirit of Christ
be with you
And bless you mightily
As you celebrate
this Christmas
And the year
that is to be.

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JONNA, JULIE**

Greetings

Warm wishes full of good cheer that our many friends have a bright Christmas holiday.

From the Officers, Directors and Employees of
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Marie Westover
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David, Susan and
Clay McAmis.**

Wed. 8-12
Thurs. Closed
Fri. 10-5
Sat. 8-12



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa
I've been a nice boy this past year. Thank you for my gifts last year. I would like a gun and a putt putt train. Don't forget my brothers. They have been nice too. Lee Wall, age 3.

Dear Santa,
I want a BB gun and a pair of tennis shoes.
From Robert Wasia.

Dear Santa,
I would like a,
1. rock polisher
2. An Evil Knivel set.
3. Wood burner.
4. Train.
5. A football.
6. A candle maker.
Duane Carroll, Truscott, Texas.

To Santa Clause
I want a walkie talkie and some clothes. And we will have some cookies and milk for you.
From Lee Ann Metcalf.

Dear Santa,
I want a putt putt train and a dump truck for Christmas.
Love,
Joey Santos.

Dear Santa,
I don't want to get you in much trouble so I want a baby alive and a bath tub to go with it, four bottles, and a lot of clothes and dippers. I want one very bad. I have never had one.
Love,
Caroline Santos.
I live in Crowell on East Donnell Street, 719. Phone 684-6521 or 684-3911.

Dear Santa,
My name is Brad Adcock. I am 5 years old. I love you

Santa. Please bring me a watch, a nerf football and a jumping, trick motorcycle and a race car set.
Goodbye Santa,
Bradley.

Dear Santa,
Would you answer my letter quick as you can and that paper stocking I was talking about, don't bother with it, just bother with the real stockings.
From Rickey,
Box No. 94, Crowell.

Dear Santa,
I want a—
Some guns.
A football suit.
A spend welden airplane.
Two trains.
A Evil Knivel stunt cycle.
100 P. C. Cars.
Racing cars.
And some cleats.
A G. I. Joe.
A Six Million Dollar Man.
A Macie Shot Shooter.
Gerry Faske.

Dear Santa,
I been a good good girl. This is my first Christmas. I'm 16 mo. old. I want a rocking chair, dolls and a lot of toys for Christmas.
My name is Miranda Fay Daniels, Aspermont, Texas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Van Coleman. I live in Crowell, Texas. I have been a good boy this year and what I want for Christmas is a six million dollar man, bike cycle, race track.
Sincerely,
From Van
To Santa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a baby alive and her care set and a baby buggy and western suit and boots and jewel magic. Easy Bake oven with mixes, sno-cone maker and watch, 32 inch Annette. I've been good.
Love,
Paulette Glover.

Dear Santa,
I want these things below: a girls 10 speed racer, Lazy Angora cat, a typewriter, blue, a record player, a Mickey Mouse watch, alarm clock, jewel magic, Tiffany Taylor, Derry Daring, Dusty and Action World, Growing Up Skipper, Free moving Barbie, Townhouse, Country Camper, Barbie 10 speed bicycle, High Sierra camping adventure, country living home, pool party, elegant bedroom suit, fashionable inflatable furniture set, pool and patio set, sunshine family, house and van, Jany and hole house, baby That-a-way, and all things and the Waltons house and furniture and all people trucks.
Thank you Please being it.
Sherry Cousette.

Dear Santa,
Have a nice Christmas. I would like a fire truck, a racing car, a mask, a sunshine family, an electric batman toothbrush, a choo choo train, an airplane, a weeble boat, tinker toys, lego building blocks, a horse.
Thank you.
Love,
Royce McGann, c-o Wilson Myers, Route 1, Crowell, Texas 79227. Age 4.

Dear Santa,
I've been a nice girl this past year. Thank you for my gifts last year. Please bring me a stove and refrigerator, and a baby that way. My

little brother has been nice too. He would enjoy some stuffed animals.
See you Christmas. Have a snack for you.
Lynn Kubicek, age 4.
Richie Kubicek, age 3 mos.

Dear Santa
My name is Carl Neil Hopper. I am in kindergarten this year. This year I would like to have a tractor with a shade, a fire truck that has playdough, some blue army men, and some Tonka trucks. Don't forget my little nephews, Robbie Walker and David Lewis. They want some baby toys. Robbie lives in Crowell and David lives in Jacksonville, Florida.
Your friend,
Carl.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 6 million dollar man with a repair station. And also a toboggan. I have tried to be a good boy. I love you.
Taylor Fox,
Box 402
Crowell, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good girl this year. My brother is a good baby but he cries a lot. Bring him a swing, and I want lots of toys and a red wagon. Don't forget my Daddy and Mom.
Yours truly,
Chantilly Rose Quintero.

Dear Santa,
My name is Betty Coleman. I live in Crowell, Texas. I have been a good girl this year and what I want for Christmas is a bike cycle, and a super home maker and the Walton play house.
Sincerely,
From Betty,
To Santa.

Jody to Santa.
Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and walkie talkie, and a bike.
Love,
Jeremy Myers,
c-o Wilson Myers,
Rt. 1, Crowell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hope my little sister wants a doll that looks like a baby. Isaac my little brother wants a BB gun. Frankie is 7 years old, and wants a big Tonka truck. I am Lisa and I want a sewing machine. I hope we're not too late writing these letters. We have a Christmas tree in our window so you can find our house. Don't forget our dog Spot.
Isaac, Hope, Frankie and Lisa Navarro.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby-that-a-way doll, some checkers, a slinky and an operation game. I have been good most of the time. Please remember my baby brother

Heath too.
Love,
Kelli Sabbe.

Dear Santa,
My name is Annetta Coleman. I live in Crowell, Texas, and what I want for Christmas is a bike cycle, organ, roller skates. I have been a good girl this year.
Sincerely,
From Annetta
To Santa.

Crowell, Texas
Box 201
December 15, 1975

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I would like a putt putt race set, a gun set, a drum, a big bicycle and Santa since my birthday is on December 20 could you come and bring me a wagon, please?
Love you Santa,
H. L. Sapp—3 yrs.

Dear Santa,
I haven't been crying now cause Jack's been nice to me. I want Baby that away and Rub-a-dub dolly. Paul's been nice too. Bring him a watch cause his other one is broken. I want him a ring. Bring Jack some new shoes. Momie's been nice, Daddy's been nice too. Bring Daddy a new comb. Bring Momie some new shoes.
Love,
Tiffni Whitley.

Dear Santa,
Bring me a trail bike, a back pack and a Timex watch.
Love,
Hall Parris.

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, and a train, putt putt car, blue ball, jet plane, socks, tooth brush, tree house, costume, a red boat, and a dog black, toys, cows and horses, truck, and trailer, blocks, fire truck, sunshine family, boat.
Thank you,
Love,
Jeremy Myers,
c-o Wilson Myers,
Rt. 1, Crowell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
My sister and I would like to have a Baby That-a-way for Christmas. Also if you have room in your Christmas sack, I'd like a toy.
Shelia and Angie Eavenson.

Crowell, Texas
Box 524
Dec. 15, 1975

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a yellow bicycle, a walking doll, a set of dishes, a stove, and some Play-doh. My big brother, John Henry, wants and needs a hair blower comb—he has been good, too. He wants some more

stuff; but he'll have to write for himself.
Love you always,
Kristi L. McGee—5 yrs.

Box 201
Dec. 15, 1975
Crowell, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I have tried very hard to be a good girl and obey my parents. Sometimes it was hard; but most of the times I did what I was told. Santa, I would like a new bicycle this year. I also want a doll and some dishes.
Santa, Mama and Daddy have been good, too, so will you bring them something for Christmas. Hint: Mama wants a washer.
Tell your reindeer hi for me.
Love,
Sophelia Sapp—6 years.

To Santa,
I want a doll, bike and a doll house. Please bring a gift for my brothers. I have two, and a gift for Mom.
Jeanette Green.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle, gun, some drums and a big truck. And bring my Mom a gift.
Lannie Coleman Jr.

To Santa,
I want a bike and a racer and track, Evil Knivel and a train track and a big wheel a nook, sonkan and a bb gun.
Willie Joe Green.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby-That-a-Way for Christmas. Also, a Barbie Town House, electric football set, a P. M., Growing Up Skipper, play eggs in a carton, a coloring book and some colors, Holly Hobbie Tote'n Doll Bag.
My name is Jonna Lee Black. I have been a good girl. I am in kindergarten. I would like a little slinky.
Love,
Jonna.

Dear Santa,
My name is Pearl Lynn Dishman. I have been a pretty good girl. Please come and see me Christmas and bring me a new doll and an ice bird and some candy. Thank you.
I love you,
Pearl Lynn.
P. S. Please remember my cousins in Germany, Becci and Stanley B.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NEWS
The following subscriptions to The Foard County News have been received since December 13:
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Bill Hazel

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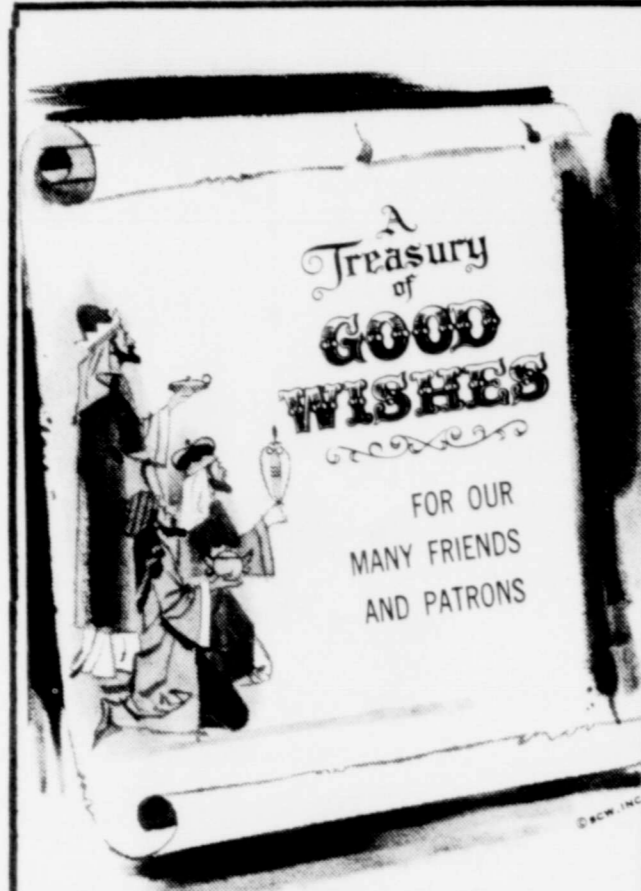
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AUSTIN — Controversy over the federal Voting Rights Act's effect on Texas units of government continues to rage.

Tax assessor-collectors

boiled over a federal court's instruction that they send out with long-delayed voter registration forms the message that voters don't have to return the forms to re-



May your season be joyous
and filled with good things;
May He grant you His Blessing
as He did the Three Kings.

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Peace on Earth

BLESSINGS OF
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main eligible for elections. Harris County had 800,000 registration forms sealed in envelopes awaiting court clearance and couldn't make mailing deadlines with necessary reopening and stuffing of the new message.

Secretary of State Mark White Jr. notified the tax assessor-collectors they did not have to observe the original mid-December deadline if faced with impossible problems.

Meanwhile, top U.S. Justice Department officials received lectures from White and Atty. Gen. John Hill at a House Elections Committee briefing on VRA. Under the act, all changes in election practices and procedures must be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for prior clearance.

Hill said he doubts the act really covers cities and special districts and expressed the view it is confined to state and county activities bearing on elections. Local officials applauded him at the House committee briefing here.

Industries Decline

Texas Industrial Commission reported a continuing steady decline in new industries moving to Texas.

Only eight new industries located in the state during November.

But TIC Executive Director Jim Harwell noted a nationwide study showed Texas has the best business climate in the nation, considering taxes, labor laws, cost of government, welfare cost trends, debt and unemployment.

Harwell said he thinks the decline may be nearing an end and that 40 companies are looking for branch plant sites in the state.

Vets Loans Suspended

The Texas Veterans Land Board temporarily suspended applications for loans under its program effective Dec. 31, 1975.

Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong said the Veterans Land Program is simply too popular and has experienced a whopping increase in applications during the last nine months.

About 12,000 have requested applications for the long-term, low interest real estate loans since June 1—double the usual rate.

Armstrong said the program will be reopened in three to six months, when conditions are more favorable to the veteran and when there will be a minimal delay in loan processing. More than 57,000 Texas veterans already have participated in the program.

Courts Speak

The State Supreme Court unanimously concluded that Gov. Dolph Briscoe did not have authority to veto more than 130 construction projects at Texas colleges last June.

The high court ordered a trial in an Austin court to determine ownership of a rare documents collection known as the Laredo Archives.

A Dallas theater owner won reversal of a conviction for obscenity because a prosecutor claimed sex crimes result from showing of dirty movies. The theater operator had been fined on for showing "Deep Throat."

A retrial was ordered by



Blessings to one
and all this day
**Carroll's
Garage**
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Oran Jr., Wm

the Supreme Court in a suit alleging Frost National Bank of San Antonio was liable for repairs on property damaged in Port Aransas by Hurricane Celia, since it failed to take out windstorm insurance.

AG Opinions

Texas Youth Council may employ house parents on a live-in basis and offer educational services and care, including meals and housing on a voluntary basis to residents of homes for dependent and neglected persons 18-21, Atty. Gen. John Hill held.

In other recent opinions, Hill concluded:

In general, the Texas Department of Public Safety has access to student and faculty campus vehicular registration information.

Importation of coin-operated machines for personal use and resale does not necessarily bring a person under licensing requirements.

Relationship to a county commissioner does not rule out a person's employment by the sheriff as a jailer.

Gas Curb Ordered

Texas Railroad Commission ordered a 10-year program to reduce use of gas as boiler fuel.

At the same time, the agency acknowledged conversion to oil or coal would cost utilities \$18 billion and bring more air pollution.

It directed a 100,000 cubic feet daily ceiling for any gas utility on sale of gas for boiler fuel without a specially-approved exception.

Short Snorts

Palmetto Bend Reservoir opponents urged rejection of a \$400 million state bond issue for water development.

Veteran state employees J.K. Davis Jr. (assistant attorney general in the state and county affairs office for 33 years) and Ethel Weitzel (governor's clemency assistant, who has served 25 years) are retiring.

Governor Briscoe again warned that higher education spending may "break the state."

Paul L. Wehrle and Buddy L. Kenneda, Denison tax official, were named comptroller's office directors of sales tax and ad valorem tax divisions respectively.

Texas cotton production dropped 13 per cent this month.

La Joya Mayor Leo J. Leo has been appointed by the governor to the Advisory Council on Community Affairs.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS MEAN HOMEMADE TREATS—Cranberry Nut Bread, White Fudge and Frosty Winter Bars are just three of the recipes in "Holiday Cooking Ideas," a new 11-page cookbook full of recipes and gift wrap ideas. For free copies write Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

The Veterans Administration provided \$4.1 billion in education and training assistance to 2.6 million Vietnam-era veterans and servicemen and 79,000 dependents in fiscal year 1975. Prompt notification of changes of address resulted in few delays in delivery of monthly checks.



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AT CHRISTMAS

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at Christmas time...

... it's a pleasure to take this opportunity to greet our many patrons... and to wish each and every one the brightest of holiday seasons!

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Christmas

WISHING
ALL MY FRIENDS
AND
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AND A
HAPPY
NEW YEAR.

DEE FINLEY

A big new supply of paper clips has arrived at the News office.

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NEWS FROM...
Truscott Gilliland
JIM CUMLEY

Farm-facts
 A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News
 Compiled From Sources
 Of The Texas Department of Agriculture
 John C. White, Commissioner

AROUND TOWN
 Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cash visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Erwin in Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cash in Grandfield, Ok. Saturday.

Guests in the Arnold Navratil home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Hardin and children of Vera, Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Matthews and children of Anson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Wilson and daughter of Rising Star.

Barbara and Marilyn Nibling of San Angelo visited the Paul Bullion family this weekend. They will take Mrs. Pearl Summers and Mrs. Hattie McEwen back with them for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Murry Bullion of Houston also visited the Bullions.

Nancy Looney and Jackie Brown returned home this week from college for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Welch and children of Canyon visited Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Welch this weekend.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caram this week were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Caram and boys from Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Caram and girls from Munday, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Caram Jr. and children of Wichita Falls.

Visitors in the Elmer Horne home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Myers and children of Red Springs.

Visiting Mrs. J. C. Black for the weekend were Mrs. Blanche Hutton and Mrs. Zon Hankins, both of Lubbock.

Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Casey visited friends in Carey. Tuesday night, Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Idoma Chowning attended the Retired Teachers Association Christmas party in Knox City. Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Chowning went to the Study Club Christmas dinner in Knox City.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Myers visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Myers and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Myers and son in Amarillo this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Welch of Munday visited Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Welch here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cook have a new grandbaby. Clinton Terry Sanner was born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sanner in Lewisville last week.

Gwen Looney of Lubbock visited Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Looney last week.

Mrs. H. P. Gillespie and Mrs. Jack Brown attended the Veterans Auxiliary Christmas party in Munday Thursday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bullion over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Green and daughters of Abilene.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton this week were Mr. and Mrs. Alen Robinson and children of Matador and Johnny Burton of Paducah.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winstead and children of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Davis of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Corder are spending the weekend in Abilene.

Linda Oustad and children of Earth visited Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Welch this week.

Guests in the L. M. Davis home for the holidays are Deek and Judy Davis of Fort Worth.

Hopefully... Wheat Pastures So, So... Farm Labor Force Declines.

By year's end, Texas farmers are hoping the current dry spell will come to an end. Rainfall over many parts of the state since the Fall season has been far below normal.

Because of this, the cow-calf producer and all livestock men are facing what could be a tough winter. Even though better days ahead are predicted for the livestock industry next year, cattlemen are facing up to the present possibility of a long, tough winter.

WHEAT PASTURES in the Panhandle and Low Plains are having growing problems. Slightly more than a third of the wheat acreage in those areas has sufficient growth to pasture. A year ago, about three-fourths of the wheat pastures were being grazed.

The forage supply in the northern High Plains is poor and very little grazing has occurred. The Low Plains' forage supply is rated fair to good.

If it's any consolation, Texas is not any worse off than other states. Only about a fourth of the fall-seeded wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas had sufficient growth to support grazing, emphasizing again the dry spell is rather widespread.

The yearling winter-grazing program in Central Texas is reported to be holding its own, but there, too, rainfall is needed to give small grain fields an opportunity to produce.

THE AGRICULTURAL LABOR FORCE on Texas farms and ranches shows a decrease of 13 per cent from a year earlier, according to a survey from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

Wages paid all hired and farm and ranch workers in the state during the survey period were up 11 cents an hour from a year ago to average \$2.26 per hour.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED in Texas as of Dec. 1 is 21 per cent above a month ago but 16 per cent below a year ago in November. The number of lambs on feed is 87,000.

Intentions to market are: 43,000 during December; 38,000 during January, 1976; and 6,000 in February.

January and February intentions are incomplete since additional lambs could still be placed on feed.

COTTON HARVEST CONTINUES to make good progress. More than two-thirds of the crop has now been harvested, which is ahead of the three-year average. Meanwhile, land preparation is underway for the 1976 crop in the southern areas of the state.

YOU MAY YET RECEIVE A QUESTIONNAIRE from the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service before the year is over.

Several thousand Texas farmers have already received theirs, but some are yet to be mailed.

If you receive it, you are requested to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly.

They will be used in making projections and estimates for Texas agriculture production.

Registered Boats Nearing Half Million

The number of boats registered in Texas is rapidly approaching the half-million mark.

Boat registrations at the Parks and Wildlife Department as of Oct. 31 totaled 486,154.

According to P&WD official John Ebell, most of those registered are less than 16 feet in length -- 324,461. In the 16 to 26 foot classification, Ebell's records show 156,427 boats registered. There are 5,557 boats from 26 to 40 feet long and only 689 from 40 to 66 feet in length.

The Texas Water Safety Act requires that each boat powered by an engine be registered with the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Safekeeping of Legal Documents

The importance of safekeeping for personal documents such as military discharge papers, marriage licenses, divorce decrees or child custody evidence is emphasized by the Veterans Administration in daily counseling sessions with former military members.

Other information that should be filed with family documents are government and commercial life insurance policies, VA correspondence with identifying claim number, social security numbers and, where applicable, naturalization papers.

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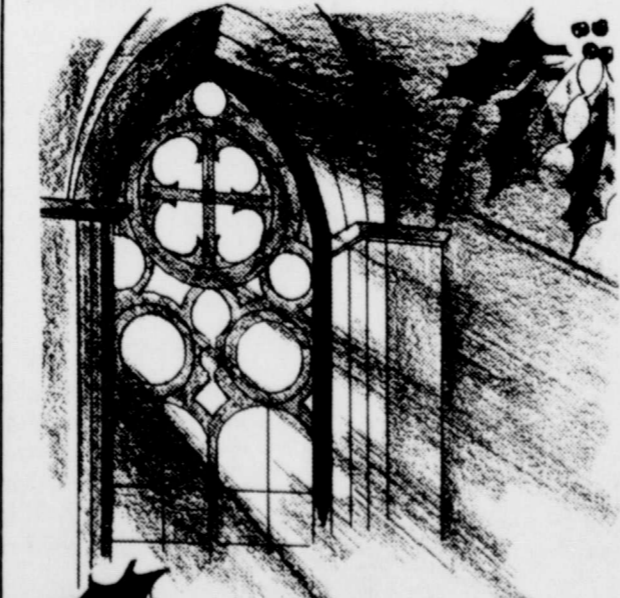
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PEACE and JOY

... May they be yours this Christmastide

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District Agent Issues Weekly Crop Report

District extension agent Ed Garnett has issued the following weekly crop report for this area:

Continued increase in supplemental feeding and market price rally encouraged increased activity in culling cows on native ranges during the past week.

Dry weather and increased greenbug activity has slowed wheat growth and dampened producer enthusiasm.

Cotton harvest is on the down side of completion, with field rickling increasing to alleviate gin congestion. The turnout is low at gins on most cotton, but the yield is still holding above average and above 1973 levels in some western counties in the district. Cotton lint and seed prices strengthened during the week, with solid activity among buyers in local areas.



Salisbury steak, which is bunless hamburger, comes from a Dr. J. H. Salisbury, who about 75 years ago recommended ground steak three times a day for a whole list of ailments.

Storing potatoes and onions in a cool, dark place with plenty of air circulation prevents sprouting, according to Texas Department of Agriculture home economists.



HAPPY HOLIDAY

TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US!

Frances and Rex and Employees
 Dorothy, Ruth, Mary Ruth and Elise



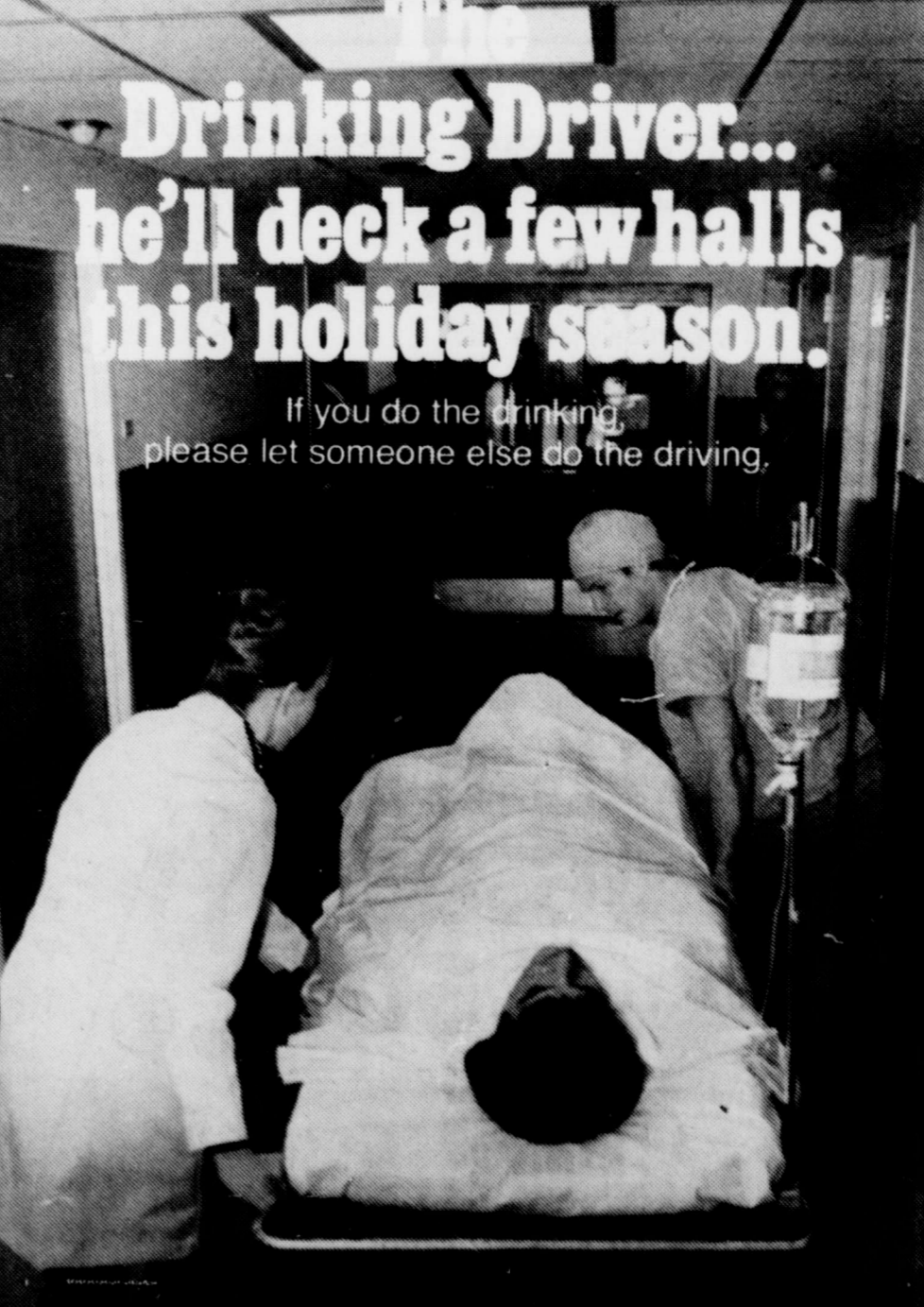
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If you do the drinking, please let someone else do the driving.



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COLUMBIAN CLUB

For their Christmas meeting, members of the Columbian Club met at the home of Mrs. Robert Hammonds on December 17. Mrs. Homer Black, president, presided for a brief business meeting before the program.

Mrs. Grady Halbert was leader for the program and roll call was answered by recalling the most memorable Christmas of my life. Mrs. H. P. Gillespie read Luke 2:1-20 for the devotion.

Mrs. Jack Brown read a very interesting article on Early Christmases in Texas, beginning with the celebration on a hill near Presidio where Spanish missionaries erected a cross in the late 1500s, then LaSalle's Christmas, then Jean LaFitte's Christmas, then through the early settlement as the foreigners moved to Texas. The article concluded with the way Christmas was celebrated on the Matador ranch in 1884.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, after opening the gifts, there followed the serving of a delightful refreshment plate. There were ten members and one guest present.

Next meeting will be January 7 with Mrs. Black.

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H. D. Agent Says...

Loretta Hardin
Asst. H. D. Agent

Christmas on the Plains

If there is any "typical" American Christmas it is perhaps celebrated in the heartland of our country—the Midwest. Here customs of other lands and cultures are woven into a big, joyful tapestry entitled "Christmas". The festivities of a midwestern Christmas are echoed elsewhere, but it is in the breadbasket of the nation that the bounteous harvest of the holiday season is epitomized in sumptuous good food and celebration.

German, Norwegian, Swedish, Polish, Czech, Irish, Russian, and other heritages have blended together into a totally American experience: Christmas trees, pine wreaths, midnight or early morning church services, giftgiving, and a lavish Christmas Day feast for relatives and friends.

A midwestern house at Christmas, whether a clapboard farm in the Grant Wood fields of Iowa or a 1920's stucco bungalow in Milwaukee, is filled with greenery—there's a huge decorated tree and very likely a wreath on the front door.

Christmas Day usually begins with church, whether at midnight or early morning. The fr-scented warmth inside the church contrasts sharply with the brisk outside—most likely snow-covered.

Gifts are a big part of the holiday, but giftgiving and opening time is optional, depending on family tradition. In some homes presents are inspected Christmas Eve or after midnight mass. Others rise just after dawn. The children with unexpressible excitement about what Santa has brought, and open gifts before breakfast.

Mid-afternoon Christmas Day, relatives arrive to visit and enjoy the bounty. Some of the finest foreign cooking is found throughout the Midwest, but Christmas has become a truly American meal with a huge turkey, cranberry relish, Waldorf salad, and mince or pumpkin pie.

After dinner, all help clear the table, wash up, and put away the good silver and fancy plates. Children retreat to quiet nooks to try new games or begin reading new Christmas books. Grandpa dozes in front of the TV.

Later there is usually a gathering in the kitchen for a late snack of turkey sandwiches and maybe one more piece of pie. "I'll get back on my diet tomorrow," somebody murmurs. Every-

one declares definitely that "this is the best Christmas ever—and it usually is.

Apples and nuts are age-old symbols of prosperity and fertility, long associated with gift-giving at Christmas-time. It is no wonder, then, that Waldorf Salad has become so much a part of a Midwestern Christmas feast.

WALDORF SALAD

3 cups diced apples
2 cups chopped celery
1/2 cup red grapes, halved and seeded
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tablespoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 cup whipping cream
Combine apples, celery, grapes, and walnuts. Combine mayonnaise, sugar, and lemon juice. Whip cream till soft peaks form; fold into mayonnaise mixture. Fold all into fruit mixture. Chill. Makes 6 servings.

PUMPKIN PIE

Combine 1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 to 1 1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 to 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg, and 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves. Blend in 3 eggs, 1 1/4 cups milk, and one 5 1/2 ounce can evaporated milk. Pour into an unbaked 9-inch pastry shell (have edges crimped high). Bake at 400 till knife inserted just off center comes out clean, about 50 minutes. Cool.

CRANBERRY RELISH

1/2 cup raisins
1 16 ounce package cranberries
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 oranges
1 grapefruit
In saucepan cover raisins with water; bring to boil. Remove from heat, let stand 5 minutes. Drain. Put cranberries through food grinder using coarse blade; stir in sugar. Peel, section, and dice oranges and grapefruit. Stir oranges, grapefruit, and raisins into cranberries. Chill overnight, stir occasionally till sugar dissolves. Makes 3 cups.

NEW COURSE

The Vernon Regional Junior College has announced another new class set to begin January 5. It is called Family Life Development. It has 6 hours of instruction, runs four nights and costs \$5.

Babies born to poor parents are often smaller and more likely to have birth defects than infants of the more affluent, reports the March of Dimes. Poor nutrition during pregnancy is a contributing factor, according to a recent study.

NEWS FROM... Margaret Riverside VIRGINIA SMITH



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Bring a Fun Toy form and bring me a Barbie play house and baby That-a-way.
Love,
Mitzi Welch.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a doll and a jewelry box. I have been very good.
Love,
Lori Barrera.
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I am Earlynn Dishman. I have been good, but don't ask my mother. I would like a doll, dishes, and some candy. Please bring me some snow. Don't forget Linda. She has both wrists broke. So bring her something real good.
I love you,
Earlynn.

Dear Santa,
I want a gun set and what you want to bring me. Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Dave Seitz.

The Tree

Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Icy and chill.
Little care we;
Little we fear
Weather without,
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— William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)

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CARD OF THANKS
A special thanks to all who sent Christmas cards, your visits, flowers and gifts of food, candy and cookies. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Mrs. Grace McLaughlin
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May the Good Lord impart His blessings to you at Christmas.

**LARRY, SHERRY
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MAY GOOD WILL AMONG ALL MEN REIGN IN THE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS—AND FOREVER!

Mark H. Harris
STAFF SGT. USAF

Merry Christmas

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MERRY CHRISTMAS to EVERYONE
We hope your holiday is grand.

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Lots of Auction at Stock
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Lots of Auctions Set at Stock Show

The 1976 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth will host a record number of livestock auction sales during its 10-day run Jan. 30 through Feb. 8, reports W. R. Watt, general manager.

"We anticipate that a large number of quality animals will pass through the sales rings at this year's show," Watt said. "Last year's auction series grossed

more than \$1.8 million with seven cattle sales, the quarter horse sale and sales for champion steers, barrows and lambs."

Nine breeding cattle auctions are planned this year along with three registered horse sales and the champion steers, barrows and lambs auctions.

Texas Department of Agriculture home economists remind grocery shoppers that even though a boneless roast is more expensive per pound than a bone-in roast, it has no excess fat and no bones, thus yielding more servings.

Warning Is Issued to Municipalities

John Bell, general counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Texas stated last week that cities, river authorities and water districts in the state which fail to file territorial maps and applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity with PUC could jeopardize their constitutional rights to serve their present areas or expand into new areas.

According to the Public Utility Regulatory Act, which established the PUC, all political subdivisions, including municipalities, river authorities and water districts engaged in water or sewer operations—either within or outside of their city limits or boundaries—are required to file maps showing the territory they are presently serving. These territorial maps are to be filed with the Commission on or before Dec. 31, 1975.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NEED SPECIAL CARE

Poinsettias can provide attractive colors for your Christmas decor throughout the holiday season if cared for properly, points out a landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Keep them in a sunny location away from sudden temperature changes caused by drafts, heat vents and opening doors. Proper watering is important because poinsettias have a high water requirement. Of course, overwatering should also be avoided as this will cause feeder roots to die and the plants will lose their foliage.

Three weeks after receiving the plants and at three-week intervals, apply a liquid fertilizer until their color fades.

A Virginia Commodity "Cotton wool" was said to be abundant in the colony of Virginia in 1620, and its price was quoted at eight pence a pound.

It Started With Cotton Cotton weaving introduced the Machine Age to America.

from the TAP kitchen

Texas Department of Agriculture—John C. White, Commissioner

CRANBERRY NUT BREAD

2 cups flour
1-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. soda
1 cup sugar
Juice and rind of one orange, plus enough boiling water to make 1/2 cup liquid

2 Tbsp. shortening
1 egg, beaten
1 cup pecans, chopped
1 cup whole, fresh cranberries

Sift dry ingredients together. Add liquid and shortening. Stir to mix well. Add egg, pecans and cranberries. Pour batter into greased 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour.

WHITE FUDGE

3 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
2 cups heavy cream
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup flour
2 cups chopped pecans

Blend sugar, corn syrup and heavy cream in 3-quart saucepan. Bring to a boil and stir until sugar is dissolved. Cook to soft ball stage (235 degrees). Remove from heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Blend in butter. Beat until mixture begins to thicken (approximately 5 minutes). Blend in flour. Stir until creamy and thick (approximately 15 minutes). Stir in pecans. Pour into buttered pan. Allow to cool completely before cutting.

FROSTY WINTER BARS

Whole graham crackers
1 cup butter, melted
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
1 (3-1/2 oz.) can coconut
1 cup pecans, chopped
1 cup graham cracker crumbs

Line bottom of 13x9-inch pan with whole graham crackers. Combine butter, sugar, milk and egg in saucepan and cook over low heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add coconut, pecans and graham cracker crumbs. Spread this mixture over whole graham crackers. Top with more whole graham crackers. Top with Frosting. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup chopped pecans. Refrigerate 24 hours. Cut into squares. Can be frozen. Yield: approximately 2 dozen squares.

FROSTING

1/2 cup butter, softened
6 Tbsp. evaporated milk, undiluted
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups powdered sugar

Combine all ingredients and beat until fluffy.

For additional holiday recipes, write Agriculture Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia



There was a king who worried his court by disappearing and walking incognito among his people.

"You must not do this," they cautioned. But he insisted, "I cannot rule my people unless I know how they live."

Isn't it wonderful that we have a God who knows how we live. On that first Christmas morning God became a man, and Jesus went through everything that we must go through. He lived as we live. He hurt as few of us ever hurt. He was tempted far beyond what we are.

He was born in poverty and reared in obscurity. He was forsaken by His very best

friends, tried unjustly, indicted falsely, condemned mercilessly to the most brutal of deaths. He knows our problems because He has been through them.

The best person to help you on a journey is one who has safely traveled the road before you. The best person to help you through a trial is one who has come successfully through it. The best person to help you win a struggle is a victor over that struggle.

This victorious Jesus can help you live triumphantly because He knows and cares. You will let Him, won't you?

Christmas 1975

Hosiery departments are featuring large selections of hard sole slippers and casual shoes such as espadrilles, wedges and sandals. Popular casual styles look similar to selections in regular shoe departments—but are generally about half the price. Mrs. Becky Culp, area clothing specialist with the Extension Service, says.



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May the spirit of peace be with you!

Moody and
Jim Lois
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Cotton Is Termed Miracle Fiber

Ask someone what's the most comfortable fiber in the world, and chances are his answer would be, "cotton."

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Or a fiber that makes the best towel—yet also makes an excellent raincoat.

In every case the answer is cotton—a fiber with comfort and versatility, a fiber seemingly blessed with magical properties.

"If there is one fiber that can truly be described as a 'miracle' fiber, it is cotton," says Brian Jones, associate director of textile chemistry research for Cotton Incorporated, the fiber company of U. S. cotton producers.

Cotton's secret is not really magic, though. It is its tremendous chemical reactivity, explains Jones. This reactivity, a result of the fiber's ability to absorb great amounts of water, means it can be treated in a variety of ways to meet an array of needs.

PLANS FOR SUNFLOWERS

An agronomist for the extension service advises farmers interested in growing sunflowers in 1976 to begin planning now. Careful consideration must be given to the planting area since problems arise when attempting to desiccate the crop. The crop should not be planted on the same land year after year. And only high quality seed should be planted. Although the potential for sunflowers is great in Texas, there are still many unanswered questions about proper management practices.

New Brucellosis Ruling Explained to Cattlemen

AUSTIN—Texas Animal Health Commission has been officially notified that as of January 1 Federal indemnity payments will no longer be paid to raisers whose cattle are condemned as brucellosis reactors, according to Dr. H. Q. Sibley, executive director.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) took the action after Commission Board members voted this fall not to adopt a more stringent program which would have brought the state into compliance with Federal regulations.

"Indemnity payments have amounted to around \$2 million annually in Texas," Dr. Sibley said. In addition, the Commission also will lose funds for 54 state brucellosis testers on a \$662,200 annual contract with APHIS.


There is some confusion on indemnity payments, Dr. Erston Cox, area APHIS veterinarian said. "All animals identified as reactors that are branded and tagged through December 31 will still be covered under the present program," he explained.

Under proposed Federal regulations, Texas cattle could be quarantined. "These quarantine regulations have not been placed against Texas yet, and there is a possibility they will not be," Dr. Sibley said. "But the consequences are serious."

Cattle groups opposing the Federal program have proposed more extensive research for an improved vaccine and less stringent rules that do not increase costs of production.

Most of a young child's attitudes about Santa Clause and Christmas are influenced by the feelings and actions of his family, Mrs. Ilene Miller, family life education specialist with the Extension Service, points out.

Homesevers can make their own rainwear with the variety of water repellent fabrics such as treated poplins, denims, vinyls and coated nylons available now, Beverly Rhodes, clothing specialist with the Extension Service, says.



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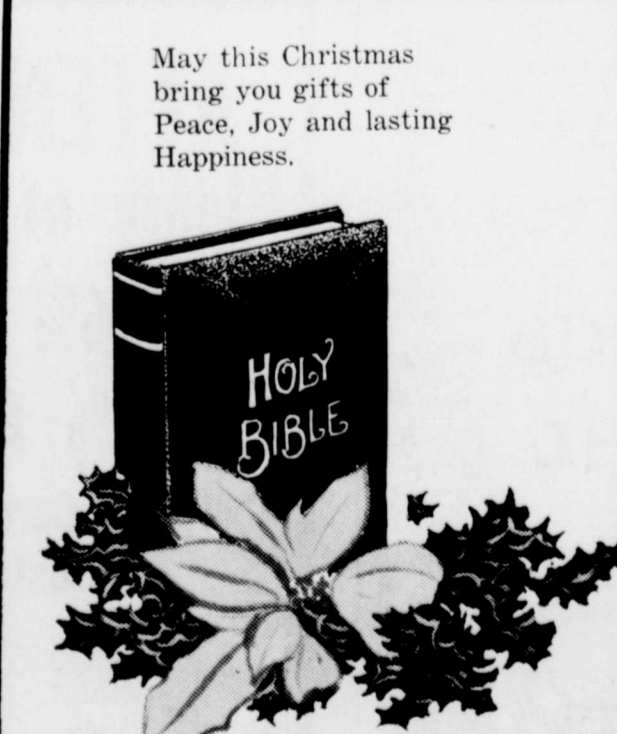


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News from the Nursing Center

Foard County can be very proud of its citizens. Everyone has been so thoughtful of our senior citizens in the Nursing Center—gifts, carolers and visitors arrive daily and all are so enjoyed by the residents.

The Homemakers Circle of the Methodist Church brought gifts and the T. E. L. Circle and Acteens of the Baptist Church brought fruit baskets.

The staff members had their Christmas party Friday night, exchanged gifts and enjoyed a salad supper.

The Assembly of God Church children brought clay Christmas favors to grace the residents' Sunday lunch trays.

The First Christian Church held services Sunday, Dec. 21, with Minister Bill Posey officiating.

The East Side Church of Christ will have services this coming Sunday.

INSULATION REDUCES HEATING COSTS

Protect yourself from high heating costs this winter by putting insulation in the right places in your home, says an agricultural engineer with the extension service. A home that is completely insulated can cost 20 to 50 per cent less to heat than an uninsulated one. The most important area to insulate in the home is the attic floor since warm air rises. Insulating the home can be a do-it-yourself job, using batt type insulation at least six inches thick or having an "R" value of 22. Weatherstripping around windows and doors also prevents heat loss.

Now's the Time to Apply for Fish

Need largemouth bass, channel catfish or hybrid sunfish for your farm pond?

These fish are provided free of charge to private pondowners who meet the following qualifications: The pond must either have never been stocked with the requested species, or have been completely dried-up and refilled since the last request, or have had all fish chemically removed since the last request.

You have until Jan. 1, 1976, to get your application to the Parks and Wildlife Department for delivery of all three species of fish this coming year. Application cards are available from all game wardens and Parks and Wildlife Department offices.

LOANS UP IN FARM CREDIT SYSTEM

Farmers in the United States are borrowing more money than ever from their own banking system, says an economist with the extension service. Loans made through the Farm Credit System, which is made up entirely of farmers and farmer cooperatives, were up almost 20 per cent for the year ending June 30 than a year ago. These loans totaled \$30.4 billion. The Farm Credit System is made up of Federal Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and Banks for Cooperatives. Texas boasts a total of 450 agricultural cooperatives which did a combined business of more than \$750 million last year.

Grade School Cage Teams Win 2, Lose 2

Crowell junior high basketball teams split games with Vernon last Thursday night, with the two girls teams winning and the boys losing.

In the first game, the seventh grade girls from Crowell won 26-19. Pat Gerhardt with 11 points led the local attack. Inetta Tucker scored 9 and Annette Dorsey had 6.

The seventh grade boys from Crowell lost a thriller 21-22 in overtime. John McGee scored 8 points for Crowell, Howard Sparkman had 7, Dan Klepper 4 and Robert Newman 2.

The eighth grade girls won 26-14. Jody Graves with 10 was high pointer for Crowell, Simona Field and Janie Gerhardt had 6 each and Mary Coleman scored 4.

The eighth grade boys lost their game 22-39. Sammy Neal scored 9 points for the losers, Mike Brown and Jesse Henry had 4 each, Bobby Tucker scored 3 and Eugene Johnson 2.

These teams will not be back in action until January 5 when they host Munday in district action.



"O CHRISTMAS TREE, HOW LOVELY ARE YOUR BRANCHES"—This year for the first time, Christmas trees grown in East Texas will be on the market. This year's crop of nearly 3,000 trees was planted five years ago and carefully pruned and shaped to make attractive Christmas trees, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

First Texas Trees Harvested For 1975 Christmas Season

AUSTIN—Selecting the "perfect" Christmas tree is one of the most important steps in decorating homes for the holidays, and this season, for the first time, nearly 3,000 Texas-grown trees are on the market.

This year's crop, planted five years ago and carefully groomed to the appropriate shape, was started on an experimental basis to see if Christmas trees could be grown in East Texas, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Red cedar, Arizona cypress and Virginia pine, which closely resembles the popular Scotch pine, were the three types chosen

because of their ability to withstand the wiles of Texas weather.

To have an attractive, fragrant tree throughout the holidays, be sure the tree is fresh when you buy it, Commissioner White said.

Needles should not be brittle nor should a substantial number fall off when the tree is shaken. The bottom of the stump should be sticky with sap.

Before placing the tree in a stand, make a fresh diagonal cut across the bottom of the stump. Keep the tree well-supplied with water and place it away from the television, heaters and other heat sources.

Turkey Is in Spotlight in December

"Tom Turkey" held the meat buying spotlight in Texas grocery stores last month, and he may be asked to do a repeat performance for the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cyatt, home economist, says.

Of fruit buys, Mrs. Cyatt described December as the "peak month" for tangerines and tangelos—while orange and grapefruit supplies are making seasonal gains and reflecting lower prices. Other fruit economy focuses on apples, bananas, pears and cranberries.

Vegetable counter bargains include rutabagas—with good supplies expected to last into spring, along with sweet potatoes, cabbage, carrots, broccoli, cooking greens, hard shell squash and potatoes.

Agricultural Statistics Show Labor Force Down, Wages Up

AUSTIN—According to statistics released recently, the Texas agricultural labor force during the survey week of October 12-18 declined 13 percent from the same period last year while wages increased 11 cents per hour, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White reported.

The agricultural labor force numbered 239,000 during the survey week.

Farm and ranch operators and unpaid family workers totaled 166,000, down 6 percent, and the number of hired laborers decreased 26 percent, from 99,000 in 1974 to 73,000 this year. Field and livestock employees made up 55 percent of all the hired classification.

A big supply of "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs on sale at the News office. Only 50 cents each plus tax.

Wages paid all hired farm and ranch workers during the same survey period increased from \$2.15 per hour in 1974 to \$2.26 per hour in 1975. This was 37 cents below the national average of \$2.63 per hour.

Agricultural workers receiving cash wages only (no benefits other than cash wages) averaged \$2.20 per hour, 20 cents more than during the same period a year earlier.

In 1974, Texas was the leading state in the nation in the total number of cattle and calves.

Texas was the leading state in the number of cattle on feed.

Texas was first in the number of sheep and lambs. In crops, Texas was first in production of grain sorghum.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Happy New Year" is a phrase soon to be spoken to those we meet. This is our wish for you, our friends.

Without a doubt the best way to have such a year is in worship and service to God.

Some people consider happiness as being with friends and loved ones. Some say happiness is having a new car, dress or suit. All of these things bring happiness, but the greatest joy does not come from them.

Let me quote from the Bible some truths that will give happiness. Jesus spoke the words of Matthew 5:3-11, which are often called the Beatitudes. Each of them start with "blessed." The word means "happy" and is thus translated in some versions of the Bible. Please read these verses and you will see what the Lord is saying.

Other passages which show the happiness of which I write are found in Job 5:17-18, where God said, "happy is the man whom God correcteth...for he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole." Here Job means God shows his favor on us when he corrects us as a father. The happiness is that God favors us by calling us from our sins.

Also, in Proverbs 3:13, the wise man writes, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." The same writer penned these words in chapter 16:20, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." The Apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:14, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye..."

With the coming of the new year, you will find it made happier in proper worship and service to God.

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Grain Sorghum Production Expected High

AUSTIN—If forecasts hold true, the 1975 Texas grain sorghum harvest will be the second largest on record, exceeded only by the 1973 crop, according to Agriculture Commissioner John C. White.

Sorghum production is forecast at 387.6 million bushels. This compares with 312 million bushels in 1974 and 417 million bushels in 1973.

Harvest, aided by cool, fair weather, was 67 percent complete by the end of September, Commissioner White said.

Yield per acre is expected average 57 bushels per acre. This is an increase over the 52 bushels per acre harvested last year but falls short of the record 60 bushel yield of 1973.

HOW DRY I AM

Prairie dogs can go longer without drinking than camels. They obtain moisture by eating grass and other plant food.

Leftover cooked potatoes are delicious in meat or potato patties, meat-pie topping, potatoes in cheese sauce, salads, and soups, stews or chowders.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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night.

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Midland is here visiting her
parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Gerald Knox.
Mr. and Mrs. Don Ingle
and children Kristi, Keith, J.
T. and Lou Ann of Grand
Prairie are visiting this week
with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. E. Ingle. Sunday
visitors in the Ingle home
were Mr. and Mrs. Ray
Gibson, Sheree, Randy and
Bryan of Iowa Park.



The Consumer Alert
by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—The Christmas gift-giving and post Christmas gift-enjoying season is a very special time of year for many Texas children. As recipients of what usually is a variety of toys, clothing, and other items from parents, relatives, and friends, they have plenty to keep them busy during the holidays.

And most parents have been extra-careful to shop for and purchase only those items that are safe and suitable for youngsters. Occasionally, though, a gift from a relative or friend who doesn't shop for children very often may be unsuitable, or even in some cases unsafe, in the hands of a child who is too young for it.

Our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division recommends that each gift received by youngsters be checked over by parents to determine if it is potentially hazardous in any way.

Many manufacturers of toys and children's sleepwear and clothing have taken special steps to ensure that no hazardous products reach the market. Most comply willingly and cooperate fully with federal agencies responsible for administering the Child Protection and Toy Safety Act and Children's Sleepwear Standards to see that no articles intended for children present electrical, mechanical, or thermal hazards.

Children's clothing manufacturers now producing sleepwear garments from sizes 0 to 14 must see that they meet certain flammability standards to assure that they will not ignite easily. Manufacturers must also attach care labels to instruct purchasers in proper cleaning of flame retardant garments.

The Texas Hazardous Substances Act, in effect since 1971, requires additionally that children's outerwear up to

Lots of World War II Veterans Still Alive

Thirty years after the end of World War II—and despite two wars since that time—men and women of that granddaddy of all armed conflicts still comprise 46 per cent of America's veteran population of 29.5 million.

World War II came to an end September 2, 1945, when the formal surrender was signed aboard the USS Missouri, 2½ weeks after hostilities had ceased.

Veterans Administration records show 13,586,000 veterans are still alive out of the 16,535,000 who saw service at some time between September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947, the period on which eligibility for most World War II benefits is based. More than 406,000 died while still in uniform.

More than 3,230,000 World War II veterans receive help from VA for disabilities, 58 per cent of all veterans to whom VA makes disability payments. Of this number, 1,306,000 have disabilities resulting from military service.

The massive manpower needs of World War II resulted in more than twice as many men being in uniform at one time than had served during the previous 170 years of American

PEST MANAGEMENT BECOMING COMPUTERIZED

The computer is going to play an increasingly important role in pest management programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The Extension Service has appointed Jerry L. Henson as a data manager in pest management.

Henson will be developing a computer network for collecting and summarizing pest management program data, providing an economic evaluation of pest management programs, and developing computer simulation models for forecasting insect populations.

NOTICE!

Dr. Harris J. Melsher, M. D. Pediatrician, will offer his services through an out-patient clinic to be based at Wilbarger General Hospital each Saturday morning at 9 A. M.

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Seasons Greetings

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Christmas Greetings

to the People of the 1st Legislative District
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W. S. (Bill) Heatly

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Amonett and Randy and Robin of Lubbock are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, and other relatives.


Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Sanders of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols of Pampa visited here Saturday with their mother, Mrs. A. R. Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Jackson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones and daughters, Carolyn and Angie, of Hale Center, Mrs. Truman Quillin and Nancy and Shawn of Vernon, and Mrs. Bill Ford of Kincheloe AFB, Mich., spent Sunday here visiting Mrs. J. C. Jones and Jo.

NURSERY INDUSTRY BOOMING

The Texas nursery grower industry is booming across Texas, reports an economist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. Nursery sales in the state are estimated at more than \$55 million for 1973. The 1972 Texas Floral and Nursery Directory listed 455 nursery growers, 73 per cent of which were individual proprietors. There are also about 5,000 licensed nursery dealers in Texas. The average individual proprietor does about \$81,000 worth of business per year while the corporation's yearly business volume is about \$470,000 on the average.

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Heavy Fines Levied on Louisiana Men

Four Clinton, Louisiana, hunters paid \$2,224 in fines before a Llano County justice of the peace after pleading guilty to exceeding the bag limit on white-tailed deer and turkeys.

When arrested the men had 11 illegally killed deer and nine turkeys taken illegally, along with some 22 ducks and 57 quail which were legally taken.

One of the hunters paid a \$1,102 fine for exceeding the bag limit on deer, the largest individual fine paid in Llano County during the past 20 years.

PRODUCERS SHOULD CHECK TAX CHANGES

Farmers and ranchers should pay particular attention to tax changes for 1975, says an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. One change involves investment credit, which was increased to 10 per cent for 1975 and 1976. Several permanent changes have also been made regarding investment credit. Also, individuals with an annual income between \$4,000 and \$8,000 are eligible for a refundable tax credit on all earned income. In addition, the standard deduction has been increased to 16 per cent for 1975, and taxpayers can claim an additional \$30 tax credit for each exemption. Changes have also been made in child care expense deductions and in the amount of income needed before filing a tax return.

About one million hospitalized patients and more than 12 million outpatients were treated at Veterans Administration facilities last year.

Era Coming to An End in Texas

An era is coming to an end.

Texas motorists this week will begin receiving their new auto registration applications in the mail.

But in 1976, instead of new metal license plates, Texas vehicles will sport small strips of reflective material. The bicentennial red, white and blue validation stickers are to be affixed to the area outlined by an embossed rectangle in the upper left hand corner of the 5-year plates issued a year ago.

So, for the first time since World War II, Texans will use license plates issued in an earlier year. And plans call for annual reissue of the same plate numbers for the foreseeable future for periods of at least five years at a time.

The Lone Star State issued license plates for the first time in 1917. The first plates were round and were colored white on red. Later, size and style of plates varied somewhat, but assumed a shape basically similar to the familiar rectangular plates issued today.

Beginning in 1978, Texas will go to a "year-round" registration system. The validation sticker will indicate the month of issue for each car, with the month to be determined by the department.

Vehicle registration will occur during every month of the year, similar to the present procedures for vehicle safety inspection.

The month-of-issue sticker will remain the same for the life of the vehicle and will be affixed in the upper left-hand corner of the license plate.


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Bill Heatly Asking for Re-election

W. S. "Bill" Heatly of Paducah has authorized this newspaper to announce that he will seek re-election as Representative from the 101st Legislative District. He will make the race as a Democrat and his candidacy is subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary to be held the first Saturday in May, 1976.

Mr. Heatly ranks second among 150 members of the House in continuous service. This is a matter of great importance, since committee assignments are based primarily on seniority, which means members with longest records of service have first choices. This assures Mr. Heatly of continuing membership on such committees as Appropriations and Judicial Affairs. He is now a member of the Legislative Budget Board, a position he has held for the entire period of his 20 years of service in the House of Representatives.

As vice chairman of the Committee on Judicial Affairs, Mr. Heatly is in charge of writing appropriations for support of the Texas Court system. The Legislative Budget Board prepares the bill appropriating funds for operation of all state agencies for the next two years.

These are important assignments because they deal with the key question of how much money the state will spend for all purposes during the ensuing two years.

Mr. Heatly is well known throughout the state for his knowledge of all phases of state government. This reputation has been earned through years of hard work and diligent study of the problems of government.

His special interest throughout his service in the Legislature has been in service rendered by state hospitals and correctional and educational institutions. He has been particularly concerned about maintaining schools and an adequate court system in less densely populated sections of Texas. He believes that these services, in counties of small population, should be on a par with similar services provided in major cities. He is determined that sections of Texas, like the 15 counties of the 101st Legislative District shall not become the forgotten areas of our great state.

On the basis of service rendered and a promise to continue policies he has followed in the past, Mr. Heatly solicits support of voters in the 101st District. His election means that no section of Texas will have a

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TRESPASS NOTICES

NO HUNTING, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on T. R. Cates Estate land. pd. 5-76

NO TRESPASSING of any kind allowed on any land owned by the B. A. Whitman Estate or Eldon Whitman. pd. 9-1-76

NO TRESPASSING of any kind or trash dumping on John S. Ray land.—Mrs. John S. Ray. pd. 1-76

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NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on the Minnick Ranch.—Mrs. J. H. Minnick Estate. pd. 1-76

NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on my land in Foard and Knox Counties.—Mrs. Maggie Barker. pd. 1-76

NO hunting, fishing, trespassing, or trash dumping on any land owned or leased by us.—Mrs. W. A. Dunn and Bobby Bond. pd. 5-76

TRESPASS NOTICE—No hunting or fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on any land owned or leased by us.—Johnson & Ekern. pd. 1-76

NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on our land.—Glenn Halsell Cattle Co. pd. 1-76

NO TRESPASSING—Positively no hunting or fishing on any of our land. Trespassers will be prosecuted.—Otis Gafford. pd. 1-76

NO TRESPASSING—Positively no hunting on land owned, leased or rented by us. Trespassers will be prosecuted.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCoy. pd. 9-76

TRESPASS NOTICE—No hunting or fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on any Merl Kincaid land. pd. 1-76

NO DUMPING of any kind on any right-of-way of any county road in Foard County allowed. Violators will be prosecuted.—Commissioners Court of Foard County, Texas. tfc

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TRESPASS NOTICES

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That in accordance with Section 30.05 of the Penal Code of Texas—CRIMINAL TRESPASS, notice is hereby given that all lands of J. I. (Jim) Malone, being 738 acres, more or less, in the Mark B. Lewis Survey in Foard and Hardeman County, Texas, together with lands leased by J. I. (Jim) Malone contiguous thereto, are POSTED.

ROSS MALONE, Guardian of the Person and Estate of J. I. Malone. tfc

That in accordance with Article 1377c of the Penal Code—CRIMINAL TRESPASS (Senate Bill 111 passed by the 62nd Legislature), notice is hereby given that all lands of the W. T. Waggoner Estate are POSTED—save and except where written permission is given to come upon the same.—Killen M. Moore, Trustee. tfc

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Attorney: GENE HEATLY.

For State Representative, District 101: W. S. (BILL) HEATLY.

Insect Report Given by Area Entomologist

Area entomologist Emory Boring of Vernon says greenbug populations can be found in most fields throughout the Rolling Plains area. These populations continue to increase and in some fields heavy populations of greenbugs are causing excessive plant damage. Heaviest greenbug populations present are in older wheat. Cold temperatures such as those experienced on the night of December 17 will reduce greenbug activity. However, as temperatures begin to warm up, producers should inspect fields to determine if economic threshold levels of greenbugs are present in their fields. Moisture is limited throughout much of the rolling Plains area and as moisture supplies dwindle, greenbug populations can be expected to cause heavier damage.

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