

Merry Christmas



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Jayton Teams Win Two Games From Spur Tuesday Night

The Jayton Jaybirds evened the score Tuesday night, when they won two games from the Spur teams. In the boys game, Gary Sumner and Gene Cleveland both got hot, and rolled the Bulldogs 49-48 in a crowd thriller. Sumner dumped in 41 points, while Cleveland was right in behind him with 20. In the girls side of the contest, the Lady Jays won a more one-sided victory, 68-44. Brigitte Hamilton scored 20 points for the winners.

Residents of Nursing Home Honored With Party

The residents of the Kent County Nursing Home enjoyed the annual Christmas tree party Sunday night after church services. This was the largest one held since the opening of the Home in 1962. Music was furnished by Bernice Goodall, Ollie Miller, Joe Meador, guitarists with Virgil Kilpatrick on the fiddle. Barney Murdoch played the piano and Imaire Meador led the singing of Christmas Carols. Santa Claus arrived on time with bags of fruit and candy for everybody. Then the many gifts were distributed from the loaded tree.

Santa was given help in this tremendous task by the young people present and members of the staff. Outstanding among the gifts were individually named packages presented each resident by members of the Jayton-Girard Independent School District Staff and Employees. These beautiful packages each contained a generous assortment of the ever-useful and needed toilet articles, grooming supplies, kleenex and candy.

In addition to this, the F.H.A. girls of Jayton High School had drawn names of residents and they had lovely gifts for each person.

With Mrs. Elbert Walker presiding at the refreshment table, punch, coffee, and cookies were served to approximately 150 to 200 people. She was assisted by Grace Fincher and Sallie Hilton.

Attending this gala affair were relatives and friends from Jayton, Girard, Lubbock, Aspermont, Peacock, Spur, Sweetwater, Longworth, White River and Rotan.

Butchering Workshop Set

A home butchering workshop will be held in Jayton Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Community Building. Ideas on home butchering, wholesale cuts and retail cuts will be presented by Woodrow Bailey, according to Mark Geeslin, county Extension agent.

Bread Projects Meeting Planned

There will be a meeting of 4-H leaders for training on 4-H bread projects Saturday Jan. 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center at Jayton, according to Roberta Stanaland, county Extension agent.

Microwave Cooking Meeting Jan. 12th

All interested persons are urged to attend a program on microwave cooking Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Jayton, according to Roberta Stanaland, county Extension agent.

The R. L. Harrisons Honored on Anniversary

A reception honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Harrison was held Sunday afternoon in the Community center in Jayton.

The Harrisons were married 50 years ago on Dec. 25. It was felt that an early celebration should be held. Guests were registered and greeted by their daughters Mrs. Beth Mays of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Juanelle Reeves of Jayton and daughter-in-law Bobbie Harrison of Knox City.

Members of the Gleaners Sunday School Class of the Jayton Baptist Church took turns in presiding at the serving table.

The table was laid with a white linen cutwork cloth over yellow. The three tiered wedding cake was frosted in white with yellow confection roses. A golden cake server was used, tied with gold and white ribbons containing gold and white rose buds. Fruit punch was served from a crystal container. Assorted nuts were served. The centerpiece was gold roses and baby's breath. White napkins were used.

The honored couple was greeted by a large number of friends and relatives, who came to help them observe the happy occasion. They received many nice gifts.

A Program on Home Orchards

A program on care and maintenance of home orchards will be presented Thursday, Jan. 6 at the Community Center in Jayton. Topics to be discussed include pruning, budding and grafting, insect control and disease control. For more information contact County Extension Agent Mark Geeslin.

Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State: "He (Cyrus Vance) is exceptionally well qualified for his new responsibilities. I wish him well."



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary Here Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long of Jayton were honored Saturday, Dec. 18 with a reception in the Kent County Community Center in Jayton in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The occasion was hosted by their children Hansford and Letha Long of Nocona; Bob and Dorothy Pruitt of Silver City, New Mexico and Alex and Gayle Long of Lubbock.

Greeting the guests besides the honored couple were their children.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Irma Black of Rotan at the guest register and Mrs. LaDell McAteer and Mrs. Hortense North at the main refreshment table.

The refreshment table was laid with a white lace cloth over yellow. It was centered with a beautiful floral arrangement featuring a yellow and gold floral arrangement. On one end was pink fruit punch in a crystal punch bowl and a three tiered anniversary cake frosted in white with yellow confection roses and green confection leaves, topped with a solid gold colored 50. Multi colored mints and assorted nuts were served. White napkins lettered in gold with Clyde and Junie and their wedding date of December 18, 1926 completed the table decorations.

There was a second table containing a solid gold cloth, using the Christmas theme with Christmas centerpiece. Coffee was served at this table.

The honored couple were the recipients of a large number of useful gifts from many friends and relatives.

Clyde Hansford Long and Junie Taylor were united in marriage on Dec. 18, 1926 in Clairemont. They have lived all but five years of their married life in Kent County. He is a farmer and they live on the family farm between Jayton and Girard.

The Longs are the parents of three children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A New Manager Is Appointed For Fm H A To Serve Kent County

Farmers Home Administration State Director J. Lynn Futch has announced the appointment of Charles Taylor to become County Supervisor for Kent and Curry Counties effective December 5th. Taylor has been working for Farmers Home Administration since June, 1971, and comes to Snyder from Gainesville where he was the Assistant County Supervisor.

Taylor is a graduate of West Texas State University, at Canyon. Taylor and his wife, Wanda, are in the process of moving to Snyder. They have one daughter, Leslie, age, one year.

No Paper Next Week

Readers of the Jayton Chronicle are reminded this will be the last paper this year. There will be no paper next week. See you again Jan. 3rd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Honored at Ralls Classic

Miss Donna Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright of Girard, is a star player on the Jayton Lady Birds basketball team. She was honored on the All-tournament team recently at the Ralls Basketball Classics.

All Community Youth Choir Christmas Program Is Given Here Sunday

A choir composed of youth from four Jayton churches presented a program of Christmas music at the Jayton Baptist Church, Sunday night, Dec. 19, at 6:45. The choir was under the direction of Bob Hamilton. All the choral members were accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Fowler at the piano.

The program opened with the choir singing the song "Jingle Bells". A duet composed of Bobette and Brigitte Hamilton sang "Away in a Manger". The Choir sang the following numbers: "Joy To The World", "Ring Those Christmas Bells", "Sing We Now of Christmas", "Sing Ye, Sweetly", "Up on The Housetop"; a tape recording accompaniment was used on the song "On Night."

The Rev. Truett Kuentler, church pastor, read the Christmas story from the Bible found in Luke 2:1-14. The choir then sang "O Holy Night" and the program closed with the singing of "One Little Candle". Prayers were also offered during the program.

Yes --- There is A Santa Claus



The most famous editorial that has ever been written is the one entitled, "Is there a Santa Claus?"

It has been reproduced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe, since it first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897.

The question was raised in a letter to The Sun by 8-year old Virginia O'Hanlon of New York City, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon. The classic answer was written by Francis Pharcellus Church, an editorial writer at The Sun.

Church undertook the assignment with reluctance, the story goes, but his fine craftsmanship produced an article that has endured and will continue to endure as long as children ask: "Is there a Santa Claus?"

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor:
"I am 8 years old. "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
"Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
"Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would they prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and so binding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



Some people go to any lengths to keep from getting a job so they can collect unemployment benefits...and it's costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars a year.

Labor and employment department officials across the U.S. are tracking down the freeloaders who work their hardest not to work at all...and collect an average tax-free weekly payment of \$72.23.

"Out of the \$1.4 billion New York will pay out in benefits this year, we know that as much as 2 percent is going to chiselers," said Harold Kasper, New York State's director of unemployment insurance. "And we are after them every day."

How do these people keep from getting jobs? One trick is to go to the required interviews, filthy, smelling foul, and wearing dirty clothes.

The most flagrant case Kasper ever saw was the woman who went to a job interview wearing a bath suit top. "She obviously didn't want a job. We got her checks stopped," he said.

In Washington State, "We have had people report for office work in filthy jeans and an old sweatshirt," said Richard Hayashi, chief of the benefits section for unemployment insurance. "We have had women apply for jobs and take several small children along on the interview!"

"Only a small percentage of people try these tricks, but in our state and throughout the country, it costs the honest people millions and millions of dollars every year!"

Georgia had to pass a law to keep people from quitting their jobs to collect unemployment, Labor Department spokesman Bill Robinson complained:

"We had thousands of housewives who did not need to work getting short-term jobs and then quitting short-term jobs and then quitting and collecting 52 weeks of unemployment."

California Labor Dept. spokesman Bill Lawson told the Enquirer: "One of the most common tricks they pull here is to tell the employer that once they're hired, they'll leave soon. Another trick is saying the salary isn't enough - no matter how good it is. Some of them don't pay attention at the interview or they make themselves unattractive as they can."

Others have refused jobs because they said they objected to joining a union - or because there was no union, he said. But not everybody is getting away with these tactics.

Out of a total of 750,000 "mostly honest" claimants last year, "our department caught between 600 and 700 chiselers," said New York's Kasper. "Some went to jail. Others were fined. And they all had to pay back every cent they had collected in benefits."

California officials kicked 21,224 people off unemployment in 1975 because "they just refused to even look for a job," said Lawson. "We disqualified 7,022 people for refusing work when it was offered them. And we prosecuted 5,570 people for working and drawing unemployment at the same time."

The federal government is squandering an unbelievable \$221,034 of taxpayers' hard-earned money each year to make sure VIP parking spaces are kept available solely for the use of bigwigs at two airports serving the nation's capital.

Last year alone, American taxpayers picked up a \$46,496 tab just to pay the 24-hour a day guards hired by the bureaucrats to prevent plain citizens from parking in VIP spaces at National Airport in Washington, D.C.

This outrageous "parking for the privileged" policy costs even more when you consider how much revenue is lost by keeping the 101 reserved spaces free for VIPs at National Airport - an incredible \$128,674 a year.

That figure is based on an average income of \$3.50 a day from each of the parking spaces.

Short-time parking costs \$1 an hour at National Airport.

And that's not all. At nearby Dulles Airport, another 36 spaces are reserved for Washington big shots, costing the public an additional \$45,864 in lost revenue.

Taxpayers can take scant consolation in the fact that there are no guards at Dulles Airport to shoos ordinary citizens away.

VIP parking at National Airport is not only free, it's located so that the Washington brass - Congressmen, Supreme Court justices and diplomats - won't have to walk more than a few yards from their cars to the terminals.

In contrast, ordinary travelers who can't find empty spaces in the main parking areas at National Airport are forced to use so-called "satellite parking" areas as much as a mile away from the terminals.

Unauthorized vehicles that park in the VIP spots are supposed to be towed away at owner expense, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, which operates National Airport.

But airport personnel revealed to The Enquirer that the reserved parking is often used by members of Congressmen's families, and the guard allow it.

Incredibly, this giveaway of airport revenue, just to keep parking spaces reserved for big shots, has been going on since National Airport first opened in 1941.

That's 35 years of privileged parking that has cost taxpayers untold hundreds of thousands of dollars!

Many common beliefs about babies - newborn or older - are just myths, two leading pediatricians agree.

Dr. Sydney Gellis, chairman of the department of pediatrics at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, and Dr. Stanley Harrison, former associate director of the American Academy of Pediatrics, provided paper readers with facts to correct these

erroneous beliefs:

Myth: Newborn babies see only blurry shadows and shapes.

Fact: "Newborn babies recognize the human face," declared Dr. Gellis. He added that this has been proved in tests with masks which represent the human face or distort it (such as having the mouth at the top of the mask). The newborn's eyes follow the "normal" masks but won't respond to the misrepresentations, Dr. Gellis explained.

Myth: When newborns smile, they're only experiencing gas pains.

Fact: "Not true," said Dr. Harrison. "It's a real smile, the first evidence that the baby is getting involved in interpersonal relationships - his first reaction to other people."

Myth: Let your baby cry; it will help to develop his lungs.

Fact: "The lungs will develop nicely whether he cries or not," assured Dr. Gellis.

Myth: All babies need supplemental vitamins.

Fact: "Babies getting commercial formulas with vitamins added to them don't need additional vitamins," said Dr. Harrison. "Breast-fed infants and those receiving evaporated milk formulas should get supplemental vitamins."

Myth: Night air is bad for a baby.

Fact: "Night air is no worse than day air - it depends on the temperature," said Dr. Gellis. "There's nothing mysterious about night air. This is just an old wives' tale."

Children should be taught not to hold books too close when they read because this can harm their eyes. Right? Wrong!

"Like many other commonly held beliefs, this is just not so," leading ophthalmologist Dr. Peter Oberhoff of McLean, Va., told newsmen.

"Anyone can hold his reading material any distance he feels like without it having any bad effect on his eyes."

Here are some other commonly held misbeliefs about your eyes - along with Dr. Oberhoff's comments on each:

• People should use an eyewash regularly to clean their eyes.

False. "The less you put in your eyes, the better. The only people who benefit from regular use of eyewash are those who make it or sell it."

• Watery eyes are usually a sign of a serious problem.

False. "The vast majority of cases of watery eyes are not serious, since a blocked tear duct is usually found to be the cause."

• Wearing glasses that are too strong can cause permanent damage.

False. "Glasses which are either too strong or too weak can cause blurred vision, headaches, or visual discomfort, but cannot damage the eyes."

• Contact lenses are good for correcting nearsightedness so eventually, neither lenses nor glasses will be needed.

False. "Contact lenses, either hard or soft, do nothing to change the shape of the eyes, and thus do not correct nearsightedness. There is a new type of contact lens specifically designed to change the curvature of the cornea and eliminate the need for glasses or contact lenses. In my opinion, this technique is dangerous. It might permanently damage the eyes."

• Cataracts have to be "ripe" before surgery can be performed.

False. "This used to be true, but now newly developed techniques have made it possible to operate on cataracts whenever the patient is ready."

• Cataracts sometimes grow back after surgery.

False. "Standard cataract surgery consists of removing the lens of the eye because it has become opaque. Once the lens is removed, there is no material left to grow back."

• Nearsighted people may outgrow their need for glasses since they will become farsighted as they grow older.

False. "Basic nearsightedness never changes. The vision problem commonly experienced by those past middle age is due to impaired elasticity of the lens to that the individual has difficulties in focusing on near objects and in reading fine print. This is not farsightedness."

• A sign of healthy eyes in older people is the ability to read without glasses.

False. "Nearsightedness individuals can always read without glasses."

The number of women medical students in the 1975-76 school year was 140 percent greater than in the 1971-72 school year, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Today, almost 26 percent - 11,417 - of medical school enrollment is female. In 1971-72, only 12 percent - 4,755 - were women. No medical school has fewer than 10 percent women enrolled. And in six medical schools, more than one-third of first-year students are women.

Last fall, nearly one-fourth of the 15,364 students entering the 114 U. S. medical schools were women. Five years ago, 11.3 percent of the 11,500 first-year students were women.

Here's a joyous Christmas quiz - and even one right answer will entitle you to linger at the punch bowl of holiday spirit.

1. An energy source important in "Jingle Bells" (A) a pair of sled dogs, (B) a horse, (C) a reindeer.
2. In "Silent Night" the first person mentioned is (A) the virgin mother, (B) shepherds in the field, (C) the innkeeper.
3. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was made famous by (A) Bing Crosby, (B) Gene Autry, (C) Roy Rogers.
4. Of the following manger scene animals, the only one mentioned in the Gospel story of Jesus' birth is (A) a sheep, (B) a camel, (C) a goat.
5. In "Away in a Manger" the little Lord Jesus is (A) asleep on the hay, (B) crying softly, (C) sucking his fingers.
6. In "We Three Kings the star (A) leads westward, (B) hovers over Bethlehem, (C) twinkles.
7. On the first of the 12 days of Christmas "my true love gave to me (A) partridge in a pear tree, (B) five golden rings, (C) three French horns.
8. Shepherds to whom the angels appeared were (A) making a fire, (B) shearing their sheep, (C) watching their flocks.
9. Names of the three wise men came from (A) the Gospel of Matthew, (B) the gospel of Luke, (C) ancient lore.
10. In "The Night Before Christmas" the stockings

were (A) laid beside beds, (B) hung by the chimney, (C) put outside the door.

ANSWERS: 1-B, 2-A, 3-B, 4-A, 5-A, 6-A, 7-A, 8-C, 9-C, 10-B.



"HUBBY AND I NEVER QUARREL! I ALWAYS LET HIM HAVE MY WAY!"

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Sen. Birch Bayh said there would be a major push in the Congress next year for a constitutional amendment to do away with the electoral college method of electing the president and vice president.

Gaullist Party voted itself out of existence.

ON AIR BAGS

Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr., has announced he will try to get automakers to install air bags and other passive restraint devices on selected 1979 and 1980 model cars but will not at this time require the devices on all new cars.

AROUND TOWN



MAY I SUGGEST HASH? P.S. JUS LIKE HOME COOKING--LEFTOVERS.

Christmas, 1976

The major religious feast of the year and principal holiday of the western world, commemorating the birth of Jesus, is celebrated on December 25th, though not really certain this is the date on which Jesus was born. Various scholars have fixed the date in May, January, and in other months.

Christmas was first observed in the second and centuries and our name for the day dates from the eighth century in England and "Cristes Maesse," giving of presents, which is a solidly entrenched custom in the United States, was taken from the Roman custom of exchanging gifts on January 1st.

German Christmas carols are traced back to the eighth century and British and French songs to the tenth. The custom of decorating the house in greenery stems from an early English belief that certain flowers blossomed at Christmas. The use of mistletoe stems from the Druids, who long revered the plant.

The Christmas tree was first used in Germany, scholars believe the first occasion was in Strasbourg in 1605, though legend has it that Martin Luther created a green branch in his home in the preceding century. The tree was not used in England until 1840 appeared in the United States at about the same time. The belief in Santa Claus, as a jolly man who brings gifts, also comes to us from the Germans, derived from the legend of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicolaas).

Fireworks are sometimes used in the South at Christmas, and this stems from Italy, Spain and France, where the custom is the same. It is thought the practice introduced by French settlers in the Louisiana Christmas was, interestingly, observed earlier in the South than in the North.

Its greatest meaning across the world, and in churches and among Americans, is to spread the word of one's fellow man and peace on earth. And in attention to these great ideals and goals Christmas serves the Christian purpose and is helpful to all kinds.

The trouble with moralists is that they want to reform someone according to their ideals.

You have to take people like you find them; you expect people to be like you are.

Ice Age Mystery Solved

A distinguished British-American scientific team has probably solved the centuries-old mystery of ice ages—of which there have been eight in the 700,000 years.

The team suspected ice ages were caused by change in the pattern of the earth's rotation as the sun—a theory first advanced by a Yugoslav researcher in the 1920's (Milutin Milankovich).

But until recently there was no way to positively check out the theory because the earth's climatic history could not be reliably traced. This is now possible and using the latest confirmed data, the team found that the earth's orbital changes corresponded exactly to the ice ages.

The finding is of enormous significance. The team believes we are now in one of the warmer orbital cycles but that we are headed into a cooler age, the first of which will require another 20,000 years.

This historic discovery lays to rest half a dozen sensational theories and predictions about the possibility of another ice age. It's difficult to believe, but it's true: about an ice age 20,000 years ago.



Greetings

To you and your family, our wish is for all the merriment and excitement of this festive season...all the joy and warmth of a Yuletide celebration. And may we thank you for your much appreciated patronage.

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Favorite Recipes of Opal Richards



Christmas Salad

1 lb. ground cranberries
1 cup sugar
1 lb. marshmallows cut small
1 small can crushed pineapple
1/2 cup chopped pecans
Mix all and let stand overnight. Next day mix with 1/2 pint whipped cream. Let stand two hours.

Cherry Salad

1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 can cherry pie filling
1 can coconut
1 large can pineapple (drained)
2 cups miniature marshmallows
2 cups pecans
Large carton Cool Whip
Mix all together.

Easy Avocado Dip

2 lg. ripe avocados
1 lg. package cream cheese (softened)
2 tbsp. lemon juice
Dash of Worcestershire sauce
Dash of garlic powder or salt
Dash of onion powder or salt
1 tomato, chopped
Mash avocados; blend in cream cheese until smooth. Stir in remaining ingredients; mix well. Serve with chips, if desired.

Tuna Dip

1 can tuna, flaked
1 t. Worcestershire sauce
1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 T. lemon juice

Combine all ingredients. Thin with milk if needed.

NATO's Readiness

U.S. State Department officials, who immediately contradicted a high British military source who warned earlier this month that the Soviet Union was gaining a dangerous and increasing lead over NATO forces in the field of conventional weapons, were unconvincing. Unofficial experts in the field of hardware statistics agree with the British officer's warning almost to a man. They believe that Russia has now reached nuclear weapons parity and that, therefore, the growing edge Warsaw Pact forces are gaining in conventional weapons is highly threatening to NATO security. What's more disturbing is the outlook for the immediate future. The United States doesn't begin acquiring its new tank for at least a year or more, and then the delivery schedule will be limited. The U.S. Army has meanwhile steadily refused to buy a good German tank. Communist air forces are gaining on NATO forces numerically every year. There are great claims from the U.S. Air Force that American aircraft are vastly superior, that we lead in quality, etc. All that is theory, and past experience shows clearly our military leaders and defense industry salesmen have usually overrated our weapons vis-a-vis the enemy's. President-elect Carter must begin to address this worsening situation at once, though correction action in this area takes time. Ironically, one of Carter's major defense advisers, James Schlesinger, was the top defense official in the nation in quite a few of the critical years when this dangerous gap developed.

Story of Christmas: A Gift to the Young

One of the most beautiful of stories to be related to little ones at their mothers' knees, has been the legend of the babe in the manger, born of Mary . . . and of the angels, the star, the shepherds, and what it has meant to mankind. A simple story, of how the weary travelers, Joseph and Mary, found shelter in a stable because there was no room for them at the inn. And in that humble place where domestic animals were kept, Mary "brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger". Best loved of all the many accounts of that beautiful, star-lit night is St. Luke's recalling of the "Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." To every child comes the vision of that sky full of angels singing a promise of peace on earth; the wonder and reverence of those shepherds filled with joy; and the blazing Christmas star, beacon to guide all and a symbol of hope and gladness which is forever to be seen atop every child's Christmas tree. So natural, so lovable, this story of a baby laid on the doorstep of the world, who was God and King and Savior, must be told again this Christmas season to the children of the world.

Pot Plants Popular At Christmas Season

COLLEGE STATION--Pot plants are popular gifts during the holiday season. And with a little care, these living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time. Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources. "Since Christmas plants usually come from a greenhouse where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day," advises Welch. "Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage." "All new plants need a good light source," says the horticulturist. "The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be damaged by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window. Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch. Chrysanthemums are among the best plants for surviving the greenhouse-to-garden shock.



Mickey Alexander and Bert Wesley Bratton Marry

Mickey Darlin Alexander and Bert Wesley Bratton exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony at the First United Methodist Church of Jayton. Reverend Lloyd B. Hearn of Matador, performed the ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 4. The vows were exchanged before an altar decorated with plumose fern and two, seven branched candelabras holding frosted blue and white cathedral tapers. White wedding-bells with blue ribbons graced an archway on the altar. The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Alexander of Jayton is a graduate of Jayton High School; she attended Angelo State University and is a graduate of Texas State Technical Institute of Sweetwater. The bride-groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Bratton of Rochelle, graduated from Brady High School and attended Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

Mrs. Charles M. Bryant accompanied by Mrs. Barney Murdoch at the organ, sang "Almost There." Mrs. Murdoch played the traditional Wedding March as the bride walked down the candle-lit aisle. The bride, escorted by her uncle, Dr. Bob Alexander of Spur, was attired in a formal length gown of white organza accented with Chantilly Lace and seed pearls. The fitted bodice overlaid with lace featured a high Victorian neck with a sheer yoke accented with seed pearls. The full choir-boy sleeves were sheer organza with elbow length overlaid lace showing the handcut design of the lace on the edges. The long flowing organza skirt flared from an empire waist and was accented at the bottom with a wide lace ruffle and seed pearls. A chapel length chiffon train extended from a back waist bow and was accented at the bottom with a lace inset. The chapel length veil of tulle was edged all around with hand cut lace flowing from a gathered lace crown. The brides bouquet was circles of blue and white carnations and babys breath. The bouquet was centered with a corsage of white gardenia.

Mrs. Pat Hutcheson of Holbrook, New York was Matron of Honor and Miss Vicki Axe of San Angelo served as Brides Maid. The attendants dresses were a light blue satin featuring a scooped neckline with a Cinderella collar. The floor length skirt flaired from a fitted bodice featuring short puffed sleeves. The attendants carried blue and white carnation nosegays with small candles in the center. Flower girl was Michelle Hutcheson of Holbrook, New York. She wore a formal length blue floral gown with puffed sleeves. She carried a white wicker basket with blue carnations and blue and white streamers. Rings were carried on a white heart shaped satin pillow by Timmy Shafer of Fluvanna.

Best Man was Nelson Solsbery of Lohn. Neal Guttery of San Angelo served as groomsmen. Ushering guests were Eddy Carlile of Sweetwater, Bob Hayes of San Angelo, Jim McCann and Jack Ragsdale of Brady. The candles were lighted by Parker Kidd of Hawley. In keeping with tradition, as something old, the bride carried a handkerchief of over one-hundred years old; also carried by the bridegrooms mother and sister-in-law in their weddings. Something new was a small diamond choker given by the bridegroom as a wedding gift. Something borrowed was an ankle bracelet of the bride's mother, and something blue was her garter. She also carried a birthdate penny in her shoe.

Guests were registered by Miss Pamela Wade of Sweetwater. Some out of town guests were Dr. and Mrs. Joe Alexander of Abilene, Bernice Cochran and Max Alexander of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bratton of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Walker of Lohn, Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hampton of Sweetwater, Jim Price, Doris Harley, Mr. and Mrs. David Guttery of San Angelo, Shirley Versyp of Abilene, Mrs. Bob Bratton of San Angelo, Mrs. Parker Kidd of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Zane Carroll, Kim Carroll, Dennis Hodges of Lohn, Mrs. Francis Hamilton, of Roscoe, Joe Gayle and Tracy Hicks of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hayes of San Angelo, Mrs. Nelson Solsbery of Lohn, Mrs. Joe Dee Blair, Dana Axe, and Mrs. Roy Craft of Sweetwater. Following the ceremony a reception honoring the couple was held in Jayton's Community Center.

The brides table was covered with a blue tablecloth with an overlay of white lace. Blue carnations edged the table with an arrangement of carnations and babys breath. The four tiered cake was trimmed with blue roses with tiers separated by Roman Columns; between the tiers were bells, the traditional Bride and Bridegroom, and topped with a beautiful Cherub. The cake was cut and served with an engraved cake knife and server. Punch was served from a silver punch bowl service. Served at the bridegrooms table was coffee from a silver coffee service. The bridegrooms table was highlighted with a blue carnation bud-vase. Champagne was served by Dr. Joe Alexander, Jim McCann, Eddy Carlile and Jack Ragsdale. A toast to the bride and bridegroom was

made by Bob Hayes of San Angelo. Serving at the brides table were Phyllis and Ginger Hamilton of Roscoe, and Mrs. Rita Hayes of San Angelo. Serving at the bridegrooms table was Mrs. Jeanne Waggoner of Jayton. The rice-bags were passed among the guests by Wendell Hicks of Snyder, Leona Kidd and Pat Kelly of Jayton. Other members of the house-party were Mmes. W.C. Dibrell, W.H. Parks and Betty Williams. After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home, Box 254, Lohn.

A Christmas Blessing

This poem, by the famed James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), of Indiana, starts with the conclusion of "The Christmas Dinner of the Cratchits."

"God bless us every one!" prayed Tiny Tim, Crippled and dwarfed of body, yet so tall Of soul, we tiptoe earth to look on him, High towering over all.

He loved the loveless world, nor dreamed, indeed, That it at best could give him, the while, But pitying glances, when his only need Was but a cheery smile.

And thus he prayed, "God bless us every one!" Enfolded all the creeds within the span Of his child heart; and so, despising none, Was never saint than man.

I like to see, God, in Paradise, Lifting a finger over the rhythmic swing Of chiming harp and song, with eager eyes Turned earthward, listening —

The Anthem stilled — the angels leaning there Above the golden walls — the morning sun Of Christmas bursting flower-like with the prayer, "God bless us every one!"

Interesting Facts About the Navy

Here's an article we ran across in the recent issue of Readers Digest which we felt would be interesting. It might be a little insight as to where some of our early soldiers got their courage for many of those heroic battles:

"A reminder on our Coast Guard vessel's bulletin board that fresh water is at a premium aboard ships on extended cruises was footnoted:

The USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides") as a combat vessel carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations; she carried no evaporators.

However (Historical Note): On July 22, 1798, the USS Constitution set sail from Boston. She left with 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder, and 79,400 gallons of rum. Her mission—to destroy and harass English shipping.

Making Mameica on October 6, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving on November 12. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On November 18 she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war, and captured and scuttled 12 English merchantmen, salvaging only the rum. By January 27, her powder and shot were exhausted.

Unarmed, she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The USS Constitution arrived in Boston on February 20 1799 with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, and 48,600 gallons of stagnant water."

BANKERS SCHOOL TO DEAL WITH AG LOANS

One of the highlights of the 25th Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers, Feb. 7-9, at Texas A&M University will be a session on making agricultural loans. Loans will be discussed for six major areas—field crops, cow-calf operations, feedlots, dairies, rice and grain storage and warehousing. The school will also feature sessions on recent developments in agriculture, obtaining capital, and the outlook for crops, livestock and the money market, says an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Income Tax Problems?

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Wassail

1 quart hot tea
1 quart cranberry juice
1 quart apple juice
3 sticks cinnamon
12 whole cloves
1 cup sugar
2 cups orange juice
3/4 cup lemon juice
1 orange, sliced
1 lemon, sliced

Combine all ingredients except orange and lemon slices. Bring to a boil. Pour into a bowl and float fruit slices. Serves 16 to 20.

Orange Sherbert Party Punch

2 pkg. strawberry gelatin
2 c. boiling water
1 1/2 c. sugar
2 c. cold water
1 can pineapple juice
1 c. lemon juice
1 can orange juice
2 qt. Orange sherbert
1 bottle ginger ale

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add cold water; pour into punch bowl. Combine juices and add to gelatin mixture. Chill. Spoon sherbert into punch. Add ginger ale just before serving. Yield: 40 servings.

Cheese Roll

Garlic Salt
1 lb. Cheddar Cheese
8 oz. Cream Cheese
1 cup chopped pecans

Grate cheddar cheese real fine, let stand until cream cheese is soft, mix thoroughly. Mix pecans in along with garlic salt until taste desired. Roll in paprika and roll in wax paper and let stand in refrigerator until firm.

Beautiful Ham Rolls

12 thin slices boiled ham
1 8-oz package cream cheese
1 c. finely chopped nuts
1 clove of garlic, chopped and mashed
Mayonnaise

Have butcher slice boiled ham paper thin. Combine cream cheese, nuts and garlic; add a small amount of mayonnaise. Do not get mixture too thin. Spread each slice of ham with mixture; roll as for jelly roll. Chill thoroughly; cut into slices. Serve each slice on round cracker, if desired.

Sweet Potato Biscuits

2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
1/4 cup milk
2/3 cup sugar

2 cups baked sweet potatoes, mashed
Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Cut in shortening until mixture is fine as cornmeal. Mix in sweet potatoes; add milk gradually to form soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead lightly.

Roll or pat to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into large biscuits or if desired, cut tiny biscuits for tea serving. Bake at 475 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Tidbits

3/4 lb. margarine, melted
2 T. Worcestershire sauce
1 t. savory salt or spiced salt
3 t. garlic salt
1 sm. box Cheerios
1 sm. box Wheat Chex
1 5 1/2 oz. box pretzel sticks
1 lb. mixed salted nuts
1/2 lb. pecans

Combine butter, Worcestershire sauce, savory salt and garlic salt. Add dry ingredients; mix well. Bake at 200 degrees, stirring every 15 minutes for 2 hours. Cool; store in tins. Will keep indefinitely.

Contentment is a matter of reducing your wants and desires. Do your duty, and leave the rest to the gods. -Pierre Corneille.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



On the first day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
A partridge in a pear tree
On the second day of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Two turtle doves and a
partridge in a pear tree
Third day: three French hens
Fourth day: four mockingbirds
Fifth day: five golden rings
Sixth day: six geese a-laying
Seventh day: seven swans
a-swimming
Eighth day: eight maids
a-milking
Ninth day: nine ladies waiting
Tenth day: ten lords a-leaping
Eleventh day: eleven pipers
piping
On the twelfth day
of Christmas
My true love gave to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords
a-leaping, Nine ladies waiting,
Eight maids a-milking, Seven
swans a-swimming, Six geese
a-laying, Five golden rings, -
Four mockingbirds, Three
French hens, Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!



EXPERIMENT STATION CONFAB

The annual conference of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station will attract some 500 agricultural scientists to Texas A&M University, Jan. 5-7. The state agricultural research agency is headed by Dr. Jarvis E. Miller. Leadoff speakers will include Dr. R. J. Aldrich, administrator of the Cooperative Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and Dr. Daniel C. Pfannstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Sessions on special skills and interests are scheduled.

Economics and Weeds Are Severe Problems Facing Farmers

Taxation, undesirable brush and weeds and economics of conservation were the top three major problems affecting soil and water conservation practices on private farms and ranches over the state according to a recently published report by the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The report titled, "Conservation Problems in Texas," lists 29 conservation problem areas. Information within the report is based upon appraisals of current or potential conservation related problems made by 980 farmers or ranchers who serve as district directors on local soil and water conservation districts. Texas has 196 SWCD's.

Taxation was cited as the number one problem and the economics of conservation listed as third.

"By combining the two and adding in normal agricultural production costs, many conservation practices' initial cost is so great that landowners cannot afford the investment even though it would be sound on a long term basis. We are selling cattle for less than what they bought 30 years ago, but pickups, tractors, and other expenses cost 3-10 times more than what they did in 1947," said Kenneth Kuykendall, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

"This situation makes it hard for landowners to apply conservation practices which would temporarily reduce their income even though it would be best for the land in the long run. Today the taxation on farm and ranch is out of balance with the land's productive ability which in many cases have forced agricultural lands out of production," he added.

Undesirable brush and weeds were ranked as the second major problem because of their suppressing the growth of a productive grass cover which protects the soil, efficiently used available water and stabilizes livestock operation.

"Most Texans don't realize that scientists estimate about one hundred thirty-eight million acre feet of water—almost 38 percent of the state's average annual rainfall—is used up by undesirable weeds and brush," said Kuykendall.

Examples of other identified conservation problems included in the report are difficulty of grass establishment, overgrazing, water erosion, loss of soil moisture, and absentee ownership.

The report also emphasizes that continuing research, education and provisions for economic incentives are necessary to correct soil and water conservation problems.

In gathering data for the survey, districts responded to four major conservation problem areas. These included water-related problems, soil management problems, plant management problems and other problems, issues and policies.

"It is interesting to note that in the areas of agricultural and silvicultural non-point source pollution the soil and water conservation districts rated such a problem over the state as slight to none," said Kuykendall.

Kuykendall identified non-point source pollution as pollutants conveyed by water and uncontrolled by any person. He added that such pollutants are not traceable to a discrete identifiable source.

Advisory groups who participated in the formulation of the survey included the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University; Blackland Conservation Research Center, Temple; United States Department of Agricultural Research Service and the USDA's Soil Conservation Service. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board provided staff assistance in coordinating and compiling the results of the survey.

Members of the Research Committee of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts included F.F. "Flip" Calhoun, Plainview; Kenneth Kuykendall, Cherokee and Bill Goldsberry, Edinburg.

The Research Committee is charged with determining the severity of conservation problems and recommending Association action to address the problem. The committee has previously conducted three appraisals of this nature.

Cotton Burr Mulch Put Back On The Land Overcome Depletion



The above picture shows cotton burr mulch applied to the blank rows in cotton. This is a very good conservation practice to follow where land is planted to cotton each year.

Since cotton is a soil depleting crop cotton burr mulch helps put organic matter back into the soil. There are several other methods than can also be followed to accomplish this purpose.

See your Soil Conservation Service personnel, assisting the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District, for more information on soil building practices.

Farm-facts

A Weekly Report Of Agri-Business News

Compiled From Sources Of The TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
John C. White, Commissioner

Good News And Bad... Cotton Production Shows Increase... Sheep, Lambs On Feed Down Again.

There's good news and bad news for people who like pecans and citrus. The Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service notes that pecan production in the state is down more than earlier forecast. Citrus production, however, shows an increase.

A slim crop of 18 million pounds of pecans is now forecast for Texas. This is 74 per cent below the 68 million pounds produced in 1975.

Improved varieties are expected to total seven million pounds while natives should total 11 million pounds.

Nationwide, pecan production is also down; the crop for this year is expected to be the smallest since 1962. It is set at slightly more than 100 million pounds, which is down 59 per cent from last year.

CITRUS PRODUCTION IN TEXAS is now set at 18,100,000 boxes; this is seven per cent more than last year.

Grapefruit production is expected to total 11,500,000 boxes. Production of all oranges is projected at 6,600,000 boxes.

Nationwide, the grapefruit crop is expected to show an increase of 12 per cent from last year. Orange production is expected to be up 13 per cent from last year.

COTTON HARVEST FOR THE STATE is now more than 50 per cent finished, and the crop is expected to total three million bales.

The Dec. 1 projection shows an increase of 150,000 bales over the previous month. Harvested acres are estimated at 4,500,000, which is an increase of 15 per cent from last year. Yield is expected to average 320 pounds per acre, up slightly from last month and well ahead of last year's poor crop.

Nationwide, cotton production is set at 10,264,000 bales; this about a fourth more than last year. This total includes 51,000 bales of American-Pima cotton.

Texas' American-Pima crop estimate is 7,500 bales, which is 33 per cent below a year ago.

Wheat seeding is now complete throughout the state. Limited grazing is available in some areas.

Range and pasture conditions declined over most of the northern and eastern sections of the state. Moisture is generally adequate to above normal in most sections of the state.

Cattle conditions remain good in most areas; clear, warm weather is needed to stimulate growth of pastures and ranges.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED in Texas as of Dec. 1 total 55,000. This is 37 per cent below a year ago and is 21 per cent below last month. Current intentions to market include 16,000 in January and 14,000 in February.

BANKER, CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS TO BE PART OF SCHOOL

One of the highlights of the 25th Texas Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers, Feb. 7-9, at Texas A&M University will be a special session on relationships between bankers and their customers. The school will also feature sessions on farm financing, outlook information on various agricultural commodities, loan documentation, correspondent banking and recent developments in agriculture. A two-day Agricultural Credit Analysis Workshop and a Commodity Hedging Session are also slated following the school, notes an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

SPOTLIGHT ON SNACK FACTS

Holiday Hints

Stocking stuffing ranks with turkey stuffing for excitement at Christmas.

In fact, many stocking stuffers are food items, too. And these surprises can be nutritious as well as delicious, an important consideration at a time when candy and holiday sweets abound!

Fruit is enjoyed by all ages. Oranges, tangerines and nuts of all kinds hold up well. Remember to be careful with apples, they bruise easily. Some prepared foods are stocking favorites, too. Boxes of raisins, Crunchola peanut butter and granola snack bars, dried meat or cheese-flavored sticks, all are individually wrapped and easy to keep.

When stuffing the stocking, pack light but non-breakable items in the foot. Heavy non-breakables should be placed in the heel and the stocking leg filled with lighter, more fragile gifts. Following these directions, no item will be crushed; and, with the heaviest items at the heel, the stocking will hang straight, putting less strain on the hook.

Hearst trial delayed until April.

Scientists discover fresh water under sea.

NEWS VIEWS

Thomas C. Reed, Air Force Secretary: "It would be irresponsible not to initiate B1 production at this time."

Robert Dole, former GOP vice-presidential candidate: "I think the Republicans may suggest a tax cut come January."

Schedule Of Bowl Games

Monday, December 20
LIBERTY BOWL
UCLA (9-1) vs. Alabama (8-3)
10 p.m., ABC

Friday, December 24
BLUE-GRAY CLASSIC
1 p.m., CBS

Saturday, December 25
FIESTA BOWL
Oklahoma (9-2) vs. Wyoming (8-3)
2 p.m., CBS

Monday, December 27
GATOR BOWL
Notre Dame (8-3) vs. Penn State (7-4)
8 p.m., ABC

Friday, December 31
PEACH BOWL
Kentucky (7-4) vs. North Carolina (9-2)
1:30 p.m., CBS

ASTRO-BLUEBONNET BOWL
Texas Tech (10-1) vs. Nebraska (8-3-1)
7 p.m., KLBK-TV

Saturday, January 1
SUGAR BOWL
Georgia (10-1) vs. Pittsburgh (11-0)
(11:30 a.m., ABC)

COTTON BOWL
Maryland (11-0) vs. Houston (9-2)
1 p.m., CBS

ROSE BOWL
Michigan (10-1) vs. Southern California (10-1)
(3:30 p.m., NBC)

ORANGE BOWL
Ohio State (9-2-1) vs. Colorado (8-3)
(6:45 p.m., NBC)

Sunday, January 2
SUN BOWL
Texas A & M (9-2) vs. Florida (8-3)
(11:30 a.m., CBS)

EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME
(2:30 p.m., CBS)

Saturday, January 3
HULA BOWL
(3 p.m., ABC)

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Silence
Percy--Did the noise we made worry your folks when I brought you home last night?
Mary--Oh, no! It was the silence.

Hopeless
In an essay on "Parents," a little schoolgirl wrote: "We get our parents when they are so old that it is impossible to change their habits."

Scotch Triumph
Polly--When Jim and Elizabeth came back from their bridal trip he still had \$2.50 in his pocket.
Peggy--The stingy thing.

In Other Words
By Don Richards

"That's a Fact!"
That oft-used phrase is becoming as obsolete as the Edsel. We're finding that what used to be regarded as fact, in many cases, is not necessarily so.

Truths that we once regarded as facts are proving under the scrutiny of new knowledge, new technology, and new discoveries to be a little fickle.

Remember when you burnt a finger and the first inclination was to pop the digit into your mouth or under cold water? But you were warned that anything cold would drive the heat inward and prolong the agony.

Nowadays the reverse is true. Doctors and first aid bulletins urge victims to apply cold water and even ice to burned areas of the body...and another "fact" went astray.

We can remember studying with awe and fascination that the whole world was composed of matter, the smallest of which was the atom. And then they proved at Hiroshima and Nagasaki that the atom was only the beginning of smaller components.

You believe the old "fact" that medicine gets weaker with age?

Some medicines do lose their curative powers with age, but some don't. Some medicines like tincture of iodine get stronger as time passes.

Now comes the latest destruction of still another "fact." Newspapers for years have published stories outlining precautions people should take in case of a tornado. The stories were well researched by the Texas Safety Association and others. One of the precautions to occupants of a house in the path of a tornado was to go to the corner of the house closest to the tornado--usually the southwest corner.

Now comes a report from the University of Kansas geography and meteorology professor Joe Eagleman who has investigated actual tornadoes and conducted extensive wind tunnel tests. He concluded that the southwest corner of the house was the first part of the house to be damaged. Debris from the ruined walls and roof is apt to drop straight down.

The corner of the house farthest from the approaching tornado appears to suffer the least amount of damage and is likely to be the safest part of the home...and another so-called "fact" vanishes. It appears the education nowadays is often an "unlearning" process rather than a learning process.

A reader passed this information on to us about eye injuries caused by exploding car batteries. The next cold morning the car won't start you might be ahead to remember the following highlights of the article.

Last year 8,000 people received eye injuries from batteries. The most common injuries were chemical burns of the surfaces and corneal window of the eye, either from exploding batteries, acid spilled or splashed, or crusts from terminal posts chipped off and sent flying into the eye.

The acid can get into the eye in different ways, but two-third of the reviewed were caused by explosions. Motorists should never light a match in order to look into the car battery when it doesn't work, because it could explode.

A spark or flame can ignite gas escaping from the battery and result in a bomb-type explosion.

There was a lot of yesterday we don't need today, but some of it was worth hanging on to.

Take for instance the respect of laws and the officers who enforce them. In the past few weeks, two Texas law officers have been gunned down in cold blood, apparently without reason or logic. It makes you wonder if the criminals were not too concerned, because they knew they had "civil rights".

It used to be that when a criminal killed a law enforcement officer, all steps were pulled out to give him prompt and severe punishment. This was because it was felt that if criminals destroy our first line of defense--the policeman, then the rest of us would be in grave danger of our lives and property.

But in recent years, the courts have become so preoccupied with guaranteeing criminals their civil rights that the entire system of law enforcement, prosecution and punishment has gone out the window.

And, some "do-gooders" of influence are using the civil rights "blanket" to cover a multitude of sins. It has become increasingly difficult to fire people from government jobs, even if they are lazy, inefficient and have a bad attitude toward their work and their superiors.

There was a lot yesterday we don't need today, but some of it was worth hanging on to.

A frustrated publisher up in Oregon made a survey, and came up with these answers when he asked readers what they wanted most to see in their home town newspaper. It went like this:

1. My name.
2. A front page article showing how crooked the city government is most of the time.
3. My wife's name.
4. A feature article showing 25 ways to cheat on income tax forms.
5. My kids' names.
6. A local news item about the affair my neighbor is having.
7. A classified ad offering a new home for sale for \$4,000.
8. More news about lawbreakers.
9. Less news about lawbreakers. I was picked up last night and I should not have to pay a fine.
10. An editorial condemning high school teachers for being too liberal with Fs.
11. A wedding picture of the groom instead of the bride when he is more handsome than she is pretty.
12. A sports picture of me when I bowled 183.
13. More advertisements on things that merchants are giving away.
14. A front page picture of my neighbor being hauled out of the bar by his wife.
15. A front page spread about the deadbeat who lives across the street from me who just had his car repossessed.
16. Forget the last one. I just got word from the finance company and they're coming after my car.
17. More letters to the editor naming crooks we have in town.
18. A full page of local news, a page of national news, several pages of sports and comics, one page on

divorces and three pages on all the domestic troubles we are having in town.

19. Less stuff about how cute everybody else's kids are. My kids are better looking than those you rave about.

20. A complete biographical sketch about the "most important citizen in town" and be sure you spell my name right.

Has A Point
Professor: Can you tell me something about the word "statistics?"
Sophomore: Well, they're something like a Bikini--what they reveal is interesting, but what they conceal is vital.



May the feeling of peace be with you throughout this holiday season and for all of the years to come. We give you our thanks and the best wishes for a great holiday!

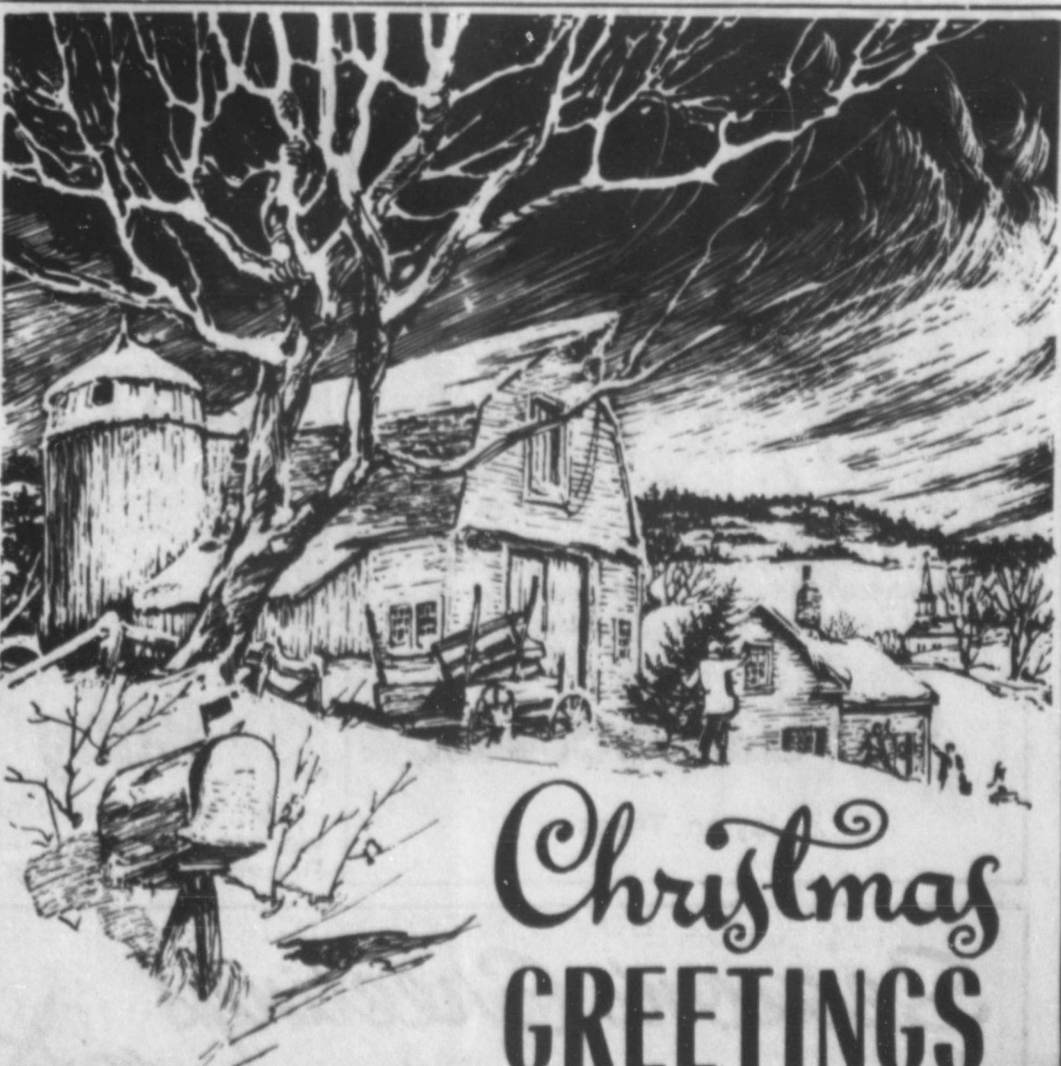
Barney Murdoch



How wonderful to be able to wish all of our friends a happy holiday season. We have enjoyed serving you and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Farmers Co-op Gin

Jayton, Texas



At this crisp and exciting time of year, we are hopeful that your holiday will be filled with joyous warmth, richly shared with those you hold dear. And to you, our customers, we express our thanks and appreciation for your continued patronage. Merry Christmas!

Dickens Rural Electric Co-op

Spur, Texas



Joy to The World... It is time to rejoice and honor the birth of our Savior and to reflect and to remember His teachings. A holy Christmas greeting to all of our fine patrons and friends.

Ralph Riddel Insurance Agency

Aspermont, Texas



We are singing with joy this holiday season as we extend our best wishes to all of our friends for a happy Christmas.

Dan's Pharmacy

Spur, Texas



Best wishes for a season filled with good health, good cheer for you and your family. We wish to extend our thanks to all our fine friends and neighbors for their loyalty and confidence.

Kent County Rest Home

Jayton, Texas

Dark-colored stems mean cherries have been around too long. Look for bright, plump fruit with arcan stems.



How nice it is to be able to thank all of our wonderful customers and wish them a happy holiday season!

Mark A. Geeslin
and Family



Good cheer to our wonderful friends and customers
Star Seed & Feed
Spur, Texas

Noche Buena

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the casa,
Not a creature was stirring. *Caramba! Que pasa?*
Los ninos were all tucked away in their camas,
Some in vestidos, and some in pajamas.
While Mama worked late in her little cocina,
El Viejo was down at the corner cantina.
The stockings were hanging con mucho cuidado,
In hopes that St. Nicholas would feel obligado
To bring all the children, both buenos and malos,
A nice batch of dulces and other regalos.
Outside in the yard there arose such a grito
That I jumped to my feet like a frightened cabrito.
I ran to the window and looked out afuera,
And who in the world do you think that it era?
St. Nick in a sleigh and big red sombrero
Came dashing along like a crazy bombero!
And pulling his sleigh, instead of venados,
Were eight little burros, approaching volados.
I watch as they came, and this quaint little hombre
Was shouting and whistling and calling by nombre:
"Ay, Pancho! Ay, Pepe! Ay, Cuca! Ay Beto!
Ay, Chato! Ay, Chopo! Maruca y Nieto!"
Then standing erect with his hand on his pecho,
He flew to the top of our very own techo.
With his round little belly like a bowl of jalea,
He struggled to squeeze down our old chimenea.
Then, huffing and puffing, at last in our sala,
With soot smeared all over his red suit de gala,
He filled all the stockings with lovely regalos,
For none of the ninos had been very malos.
Then, chuckling aloud, seeming very contento
He turned like a flash and was gone like viento
And I heard him exclaim --and this is verdad--
"Merry Christmas to all! Feliz Navidad!"

TO QUIET PLANES

The nation's airlines have urged that a two per cent surcharge be added to the price of airline tickets to provide funds to help quiet airplanes.

Not New

Still, the idea of getting something for nothing isn't new. That's what discovered and settled our country.

-News, Buffalo.

DEEP-SEA MICROBES

The instrument, called a noncontaminating deep ocean sampler, already has recovered previously unknown bacteria and other organisms from the deepest part of the Atlantic Ocean, Dr. Rita R. Colwell, a University of Maryland microbiologist, said.

The beauty about youth is its faith and confidence—two worthwhile possessions of the human race.

Drive carefully and avoid the sorrow that will come to you if you cripple a child for life.

Come, Winter, with thine angry howl.

And raging bend the naked tree:

Thy gloom will soothe my cheerless soul,
When nature all is sad like me.

-Robert Burns.

Winter lingering chills the lap of May.

-Oliver Goldsmith.

Every mile is two in winter.

-George Herbert.

Joy & Tears In Mistletoe Myth

From Scandinavian mythology comes a sad tale of a god's envy of the beloved son of the goddess of love. Although seeking the promises of earth, air, fire and water to protect her son, he was slain by the jealous god from a dart of mistletoe, a parasitic plant which attaches itself to trees and does not grow from any of the four elements. The tears of sorrow from the god's mother became the white berries of the plant and she decreed that mistletoe would never again be used as a weapon, but as a symbol of love, and that she would place a kiss on anyone who passed under it!

The legend of kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season came from an ancient custom which deemed that the girl who received no kisses under the mistletoe by the end of the year would not marry in the new year!

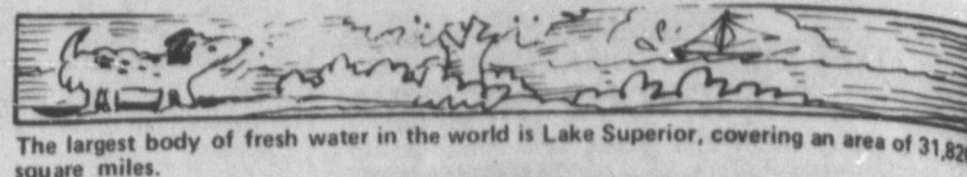


WARNS GOP

Former vice presidential nominee Bob Dole has warned Republican governors that the party should begin its comeback before it is too late and suggested that a first step might be for Republican Congressmen to sponsor a tax cut bill in January.

If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?
-P.B. Shelley.

Winter either bites with its teeth or lashes with its tail.
-Montenegrin Proverb.



The largest body of fresh water in the world is Lake Superior, covering an area of 31,820 square miles.



Christmas Cheer!

Hope you've got lots of good things for our friends and patrons. And please deliver this wish—Happy Holiday for Everyone!

H & M Dept. Store

Floyd Hall - Barney Murdoch
Jayton, Texas



May your Christmas holidays be bright with the love and laughter of children and friends. We look forward to seeing you next year.

L-P Gas Service

Jayton, Texas



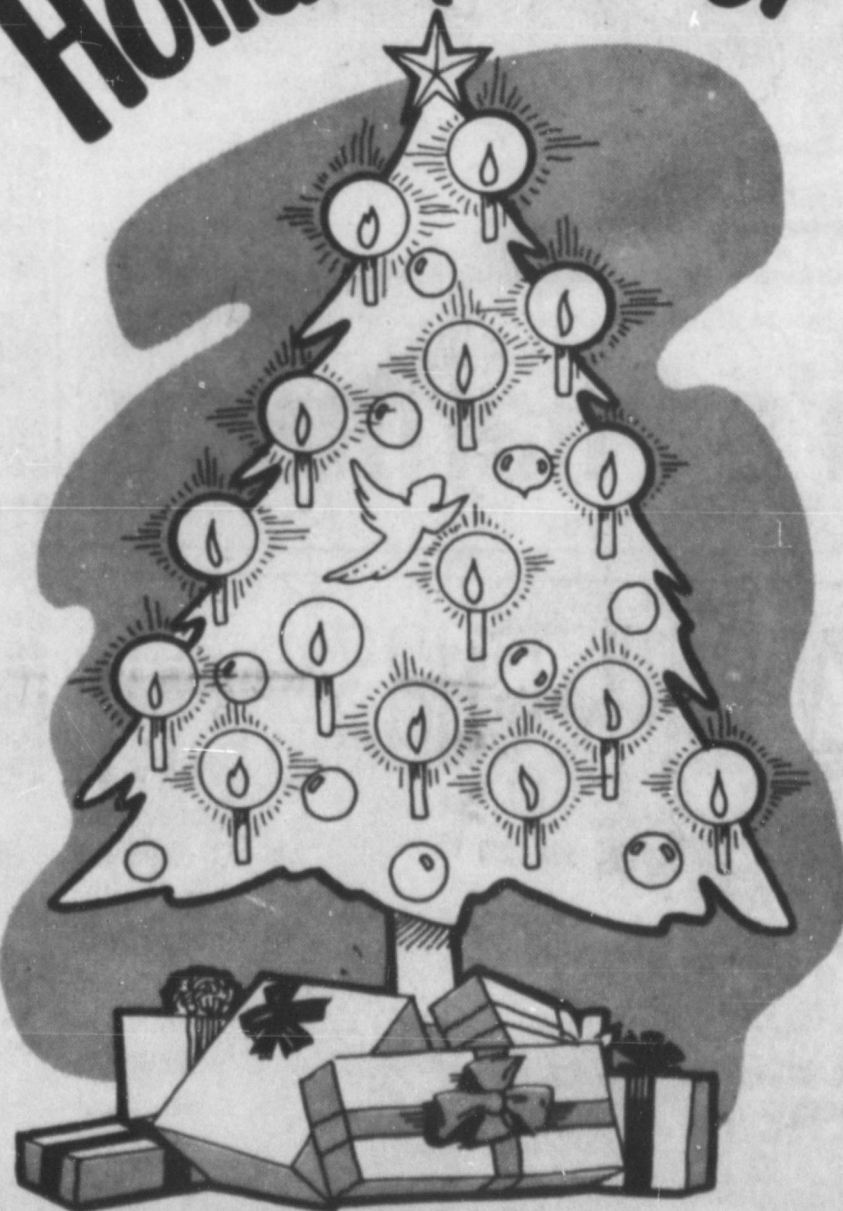
GREETINGS

An old-fashioned Christmas greeting to all of our wonderful customers. We enjoy working with you and we hope that we can serve you sometime in the future.

Ruby York

In Lieu of Christmas Cards to our friends we are making a donation to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Holiday Cheer



Let happiness and goodwill abound during this most joyous of holidays. We want to wish the best to all of our wonderful friends and patrons.

Spur Security Bank

Spur, Texas

Season's Greetings

The best of the holiday wishes to you and yours from all of us. We hope that you will enjoy your holidays. We look forward to visiting with you again soon.



Pioneer Abstract & Title Co.

Jayton, Texas

ATO & FLYING RADAR
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM--The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has agreed in principle to buy a \$2.4 billion flying radar system that delayed the actual purchase until financial details could be worked out.

ROBE CLOSED
WASHINGTON--The Justice Department has closed its investigation of the Capitol Hill sex scandal and decided not to prosecute former Rep. Wayne L. ... or anyone else involved, officials said.

ON HEALTH INSURANCE
PHILADELPHIA -- The American Medical Association's House of Delegates, voting after long debate and deep disagreement, endorsed a national health insurance program.

NEW HOTLINE
FT. HUACHUCA, ARIZ. -- A new "hotline" between Washington and Moscow is ready to go, using space-age technology that eliminates wires between the two capitals.

Santa Claus

While some in this country choose not to observe the Santa Claus tradition at Christmas, which is their privilege and not to be criticized, for most American children Christmas Eve is a magic night unmatched for the rest of the year.

How many have tried to stay awake Christmas Eve night, to hear Santa land on the roof? How many have left food by the fireplace? How many have thrilled to the marrow at a glimpse of him, in red and white? How many millions of letters have gone out to him, of childish hopes for wonderful toys and fun?

If it can't last, and it can't; if it isn't real life, and it isn't, it is nevertheless a magic time of joy and excitement and wonderful anticipation for youngsters, and even more reward for parents. For young and old the sweet memories never die -- and help keep the home a nostalgic, loved centerpiece in our long agos and memories.

Moravian Star Harks Back to Old Tradition

Amidst the many lovely Christmas decorations that might be seen this season, perhaps the most unusual is a many-pointed star, shining either on the porch of a home or within a church.

This is the Moravian star, unusual in that it can have as many as 24 or 26 points. The star is a tradition of the Moravian church, founded here in America by settlers from Germany in 1741.

It is not known who invented the Moravian star but it is believed that the first many-pointed star originated in Germany during the 1800s.

The stars, preserved year after year by Moravians, are rich in symbolism. Beside being a reminder of the star followed by the three wise men, it recalls the scripture passage, "A star shall come out of Jacob," and the words of Jesus, "I am the root and offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

The beautiful stars are often placed in homes on the first Sunday of Advent and usually remain there until the feast of the Epiphany in January.

Most people will do anything for money, except work.

Honoring Actors

One of the horrors of the era is the showbiz entertainers' racket of honoring fellow entertainers. Movie and television "stars" are the most overpaid members of our society. Quite often they are the most unknown and uninformed about the real world, in which most people live.

What are they being honored for? For making millions acting, living like kings and queens--while the average American works all year for a fraction of what they're paid for one picture or television show? Are they being honored as this country's royalty? Are they being honored because they set such a fine example in moral conduct, family life, etc.?

Irony of all ironies, these shows honoring "stars" in the entertainment racket are paid for by sponsors. Those taking part in the publicity stunt, which is valuable public relations for all in on the goodie, often get paid handsomely.

And we, the "peepul," are to sit before the TV box and feel joy that these overpaid, spoiled and favored citizens are being publicly and theatrically honored!

Mail Order Buying

The latest statistics show mail order buying booming. Americans will probably spend a record \$60 billion buying goods through the mail this year. Why the boom?

First, getting to and from stores in growing congestion has become more time-consuming and less pleasant. Second, more women are working. Third, the cost of transportation is up. Fourth, mail-order shopping is becoming more accepted. Catalogues are better and more numerous.

A long generation ago, mail order shopping was the only way for some in rural areas. The "wishbook," the wonders described therein, excited many a family member on cold, lonely, winter nights.

The automobile changed all that for most buyers. But the trend has reversed again in the last few years as congestion and other considerations have changed habits. Today more people are looking through "wishbooks" than ever before. A letter is an easy way to buy and avoids the telephone or automobile, and saves time. Consumers have thus come full circle--for good reasons.

Jimmy Carter, President-elect:
"I'm very happy with the response I've had from the people I've asked to advise me on the possible appointees."

Ian Smith, Rhodesian Prime Minister, returning home from Geneva:
"I heard a few new ideas and I like them no more than the others I heard from the British."

SOVIET BLAST
WASHINGTON--Seismic signals apparently from a Soviet underground nuclear explosion were recorded by the United States recently, the Energy Research and Development Administration reported.

The tolerance of variety is the mark of intelligence.

BIDS FAREWELLS
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM--Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has made his final farewells to Western European colleagues, looking back over his years as molder of U.S. foreign policy "with some satisfaction."

Silent night, holy night.
-Joseph Mohr.

God rest ye, little children; let nothing you affright,
For Jesus, Christ, your Saviour, was born this happy night.
-Miana Mulock Craik.

Compliments cost little and yet produce excellent returns.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!
Zana Sherer
County and District Clerk



Judge Norman Hahn



MERRY Christmas

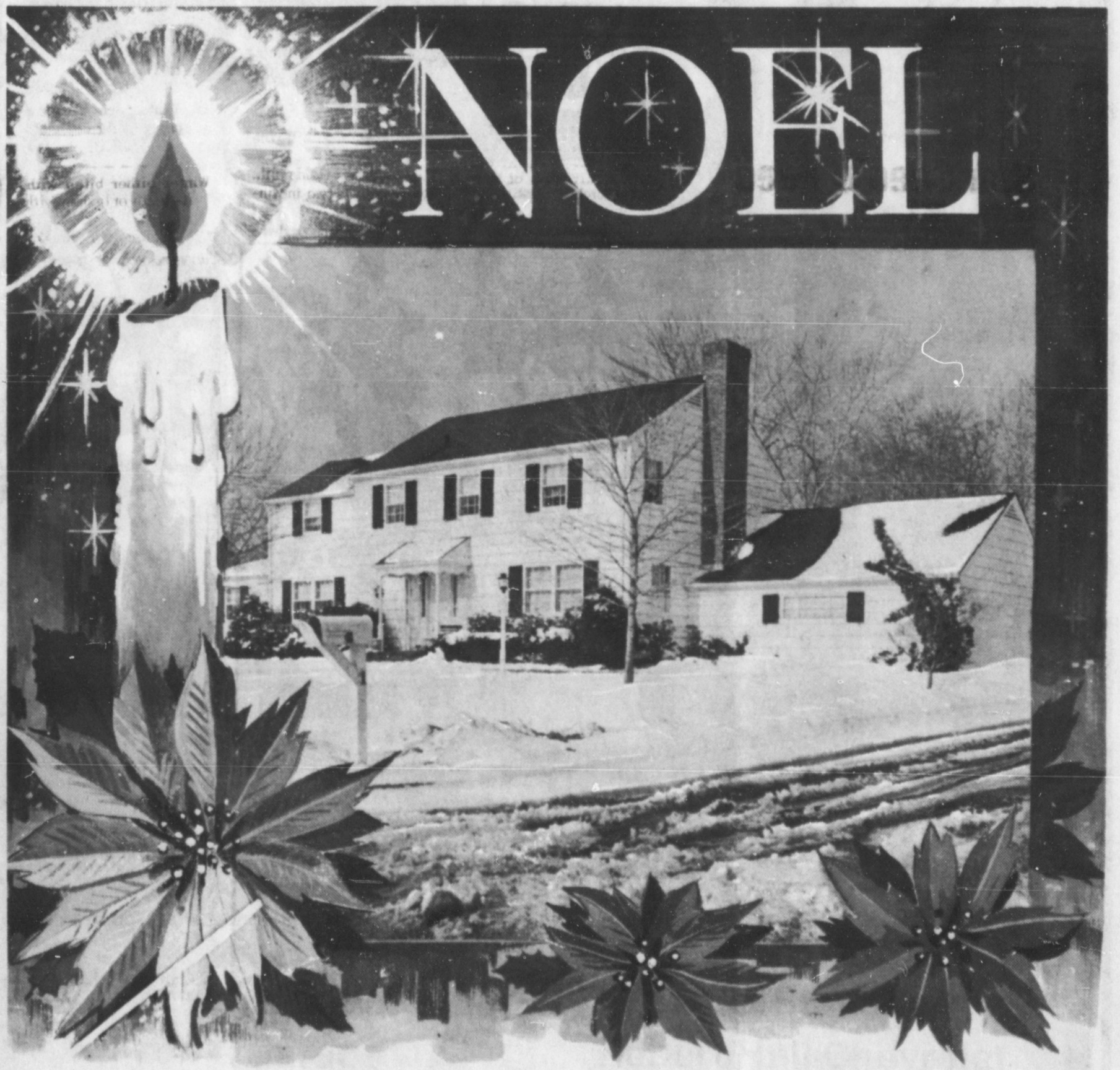
Home is where hearts are ... especially during Christmas. Our hope is that every home is filled with the warmth of the true Christmas spirit. Many thanks to everyone.

Odell - Laverna and Roy Harrison

BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Santa's got a bagful of happy wishes for all of you. And we'd like to join in with our thanks!

Jayton Food



May the joys and blessings of Christmas be with you and yours through this season and the coming year. And with this may we add our sincere thanks for your kind patronage this past year.

Robert Hall Chevrolet

Jayton, Texas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Gather round the festive tree, sing the songs of joy and cheer be glad of heart
 and spirit, too...it's Christmas! In the fine tradition of the season, we extend greetings, simple and sincere,
 to our friends and customers. Happy holidays, best wishes, and many, many thanks.

The Jayton Chronicle and Staff

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NOTE OF THANKS:

I want to express sincere appreciation for the many kind and generous acts of thoughtfulness shown during this holiday season to the residents and to the nursing staff of the Kent County Nursing Home. In addition to those we have already thanked in the weekly "Nursing Home News," we especially want to thank the individuals and groups who added so much to the happiness of the Christmas Tree party; the musicians, Santa Claus (Mike Owen) and his helpers; the ladies who served, the members of the Church of Christ, Jayton, for their individual gifts; the members of the First Baptist Church, Jayton, for the bags of fruit and candy; the staff and employees of the Jayton Schools, the F.H.A. girls, and the Cub Scouts, who all brought individual gifts. Each gift, card, or visit should bring a blessing to each person who participated because they brought real Christmas cheer and happiness to those who are unable to take part in the usual Christmas festivities.

Pike C. Nichols, Administrator
Kent County Nursing Home
Push to end electoral Carter sends Soviets college seen. message of reassurance.

Rest Home News

The Christmas spirit was shown in the large group who attended the Thursday morning Sing-Song, with Laverna Harrison, leading, and Mrs. Fowler accompanied at the piano. Those singing were: Earl and Eva Hahn, Amos and Grace Fincher, Myrtle Healer, Mary Louder, Minnie Lee Walker, Ruby Matthews, Leona Harvey, Delores Gaston, Sharlene Owens.

To add to the joy of the morning, LaVerna Harrison and Mrs. Fowler brought homemade candies and cookies. Fran Murdoch brought her granddaughter, Angela, who sang two songs, accompanied by her mother, on the piano, Mrs. J.T. Murdoch, Jr. They also brought young John Christopher. The Murdoch family lives in Lubbock, where he is pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church.

Ocie Stinnett of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Goza of Winters visited Clint Edwards Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery of Cisco visited Jewel Miller Thursday.

Lou Boldaz of Aspermont visited the Home Thursday.

The F.H.A. girls, accompanied by Mrs. Kathy Owen, visited the Home, brought gifts and sang Christmas carols. Those attending were: Katy Capps, Donna Dillashaw, Lisa Ballard, LaDonna Stanalund, Rhonda Williams, Kathy Smith and Anya Hilton.

A group of Sunday School children from the First Baptist Church came to the Home Sunday morning. They sang Christmas Carols and gave greetings to the residents. The adults who accompanied them were: Zana Sherer, Opal McCurry, Cornelia Cheyne, Barbara Capps, Joe Favor and Mrs. Cockburn, who played the piano. We thank these children and adults who helped to add to the Christmas cheer.

Penny, Gary, David, Sally, Debbie and Andrew Sumner brought a sack of fruit for the residents. Thanks, kids!

Thanks to Junie and Clyde Long for letting us share in their 50th Wedding Anniversary by bringing some of the beautiful cake to the Nursing Home.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks and Mrs. Ruby York for the bushel fruit basket. Everyone will enjoy this.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Tubbs of Post sent two beautiful potted Poinsettias to brighten the lobby. Dr. Tubbs is the medical consultant for the Nursing Home. He checks the patients monthly as per state requirements.

Rev. Gene B. Louder visited Friday.

Mrs. Nolia Burton and Otha Smith of Paducah visited in the home this week.

Mrs. Billy Gene Harrison and Kyle of Brownfield visited Mrs. Cecilia Johnson, Sunday.

The Assembly of God Church held their regular Sunday services at 3:00 p.m. Those attending were: Miss Deborah Smith, pianist, Rev. and Mrs. Jim Owens, Mrs. Delores Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Stanley and Mrs. Joe Meador. We appreciate everyone very much.

Thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Gene Louder for the big tray of candy and cookies for the nurses.

The Cub Scouts visited the Home this past week, bringing door stops, they had made from bricks. There was one for each room. These are most attractive and very useful. Those attending were: Trey Richey, Monte Louder, Randy Waggoner, Ricky Martinez, Jeanne Waggoner, leader and Bessie Trammel, also a leader.

the spirit of Christmas

The spirit of Christmas has many manifestations . . . it can be the giving of a beautiful diamond, or the gift of a hand-made pot-holder.

It can be the glow of a fireside, welcoming guests to a home for the holidays.

It can be the delight on a child's face as the newly-decorated tree is lighted for the first time.

The Christmas spirit can be the long hours spent by choir members, rehearsing for that special holiday service.

It can be a wreath upon the door, greeting passers-by and visitors.

It can be the careful counting out of pennies at the dime store by a youngster for that special gift.

It can be a mother's loving preparation of fruit cake and cookies for the coming holidays.

Christmas spirit can be shown by a club, organizing baskets of food to give to the poor of the community.

It can be taking a box of cookies to that elderly person down the street.

It can be the act of stopping at a chapel to offer prayers for family or friends.

It can be hours spent addressing greeting cards.

It can be the caroling of young people at a convalescent home or hospital.

It can be a busy father's taking time to read the Christmas story to his children.

News Briefs

KEPONE DISPOSAL
Efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop plans for a special incinerator to destroy stocks of the pesticide ingredient Kepone have been slowed because of engineering difficulties encountered by a private firm.

POSEIDON SUB SITE
The Kings Bay Army Terminal in Camden County, Ga., has been designated the preferred location for construction of a facility to refit Poseidon submarines with Trident Missiles, a Georgia congressman and senator report.

FARMERS' PRICES
Prices farmers get for raw products dropped three per cent from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, the fourth consecutive monthly decline, the Agriculture Department said.

POLAND GIVEN CREDIT
Poland has been granted \$57 million of new credit to buy U.S. farm commodities, the Agriculture Department said.

DESEGREGATION STUDY
The General Accounting Office said it will begin a study on the effects of school desegregation and decide later whether to make a more comprehensive, nationwide study.

It's time to look for new calendars.

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Tax cut not certain for 1977

PUBLIC NOTICES
BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Kent County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m., January 10, 1977, at the usual meeting place in the Court House at Jayton, Texas, for the purchase of one new diesel powered front end hydraulic wheel loader to meet the following specifications:

Wheel loader shall be powered by diesel engine of not less than 80 F.W.H.P. with all accessories; engine to be equipped with fuel priming pump, hour meter, dry-type air cleaner, blower fan. Loader to be articulated frame with power steering. Transmission to be power shift with torque converter, four wheel drive with planetary reduction in each wheel. Loader to be equipped with 1 1/2 cu. yard bucket with teeth, automatic bucket positioner. Loader to be equipped with ROPS cab with heater and defroster, windshield wiper and washer, fenders front and rear, 15.5 x 25, 12 ply tires.

Kent County will offer in trade one used Hough Loader.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Commissioners' Court of Kent County, Texas.

Norman Hahn, County Judge, Kent County 44-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: Section 83, Blk. 1, H. & G.N., prior to 10:00 a.m., January 10, 1977. Norman Hahn, County Judge, Kent County, Texas 43-3tc
Kissinger bids farewell to European colleagues.

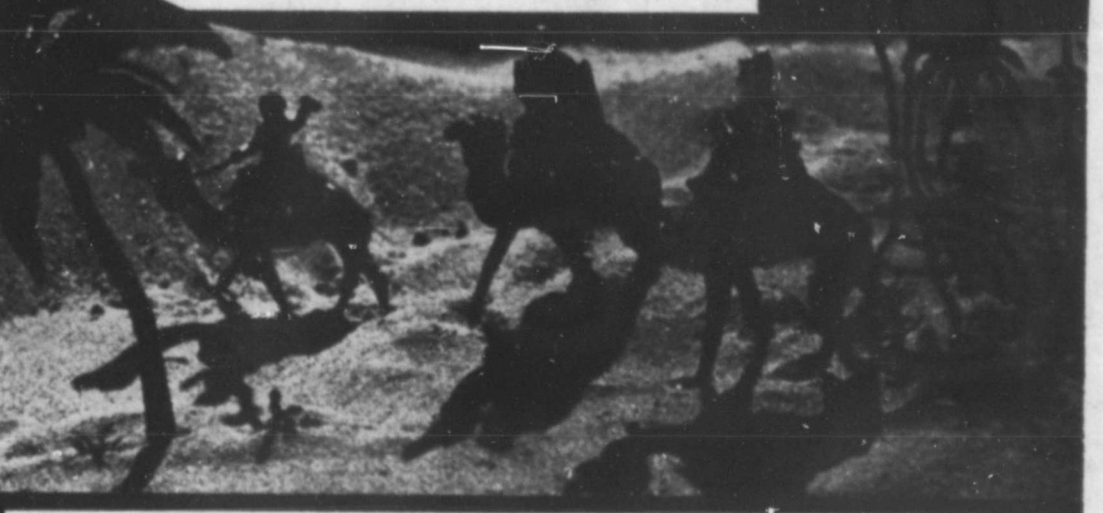
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ATTEND CHURCH



They had a STAR

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Yes, they had a star . . . Today we have churches to guide us to our Saviour. Come worship the Lord in his house.



The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny, the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



- Guy Arney Welding
- Jackson's Garage
- The Teen Scene
- Bill Williams Service and Supply
- Thos. Fowler Agency
- Jayton Co-op Gin
- Goodall Ford Sales
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Seeking a tax shelter?



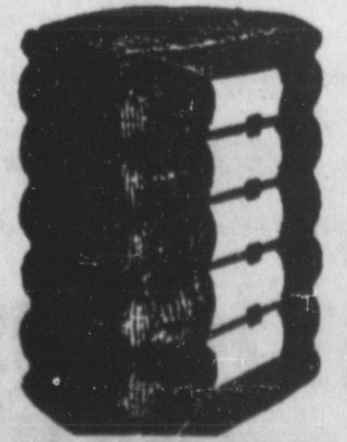
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Farmers Co-op Gin

Q: What are the facts on holiday driving hazards?

A: Read what the pros have to say.

QWhat about those icy bridges in Texas?

AAvoid sudden braking or steering movements, as either can trigger a skid. Let up on the gas and keep the steering wheel as steady as possible to maintain maximum traction.

QWhat if a car does begin skidding?

ADon't slam on the brakes, that only makes a skid worse. Let up on the gas and steer into the skid until you regain control. Don't panic or over-correct, skids can be controlled.

QDoesn't this technique conflict with our automatic responses?

AWe do have a tendency to hit the brakes in an emergency. This is often the worst thing to do, especially in winter driving situations. Anticipating dangers and skillful steering will get you out of most hazards. It's a good idea to build confidence through practice. Find an empty parking lot on an icy day, and explore how steering into a skid feels and works.

QWhat is "hydroplaning"?

AYou are driving at 50-55 mph on a rainy day when suddenly your car feels like it is floating. This happens because even with tire tread good enough to pass state inspection, at the right speed on a wet roadway your tires can release the road surface and begin running on the thin skin of water coating the highway.

QWhat can be done about it?

ALet up on the gas and slow down. Hydroplaning is a combination of speed and a wet surface. By diminishing speed, your tires will regain contact with the road.

QWhat can I do to improve bad weather visibility?

AFreezing conditions can make windshield wiper blades hard and brittle. Check them regularly, especially in the winter.

QWhat about my lights?

AUse them, even if it is daytime, in bad weather. Make sure other drivers can see you. For the same reason, be generous in signaling. Texas law requires you to signal even when changing lanes.

QHow do I avoid being blinded by my own headlights in bad weather?

ARely on your low beams in fog, snow and rain. High beams reflect off precipitation to actually reduce visibility. And be careful not to overdrive your headlights.

QAny other winter driving pointers?

ARemember that carbon monoxide, a deadly gas, can build up inside a closed vehicle. Open a window occasionally to ventilate the car.

QWhat is the importance of "speed differential"?

AMinimizing the difference in speed between cars helps reduce potential conflicts. In highway driving, the safest technique is to keep a proper interval and "go with the flow."

QJust what is the right interval between cars?

AThe easiest rule of thumb is to allow at least two seconds between you and the car ahead. Count it off as the vehicle passes a fixed object. Of course, in bad weather you should lengthen the interval.

QWhat about safety belts? Do they really make a difference?

ASafety belts are especially important when confronting the hazards of winter driving. In an accident they keep you from being thrown from the car, thus increasing your chances of survival five-fold.

QHow much drinking does it take to affect driving?

AUnder Texas law, you are presumed to be a drunken driver if your blood alcohol level is above .10. A 120-pound woman enjoying two mixed drinks in an hour probably has a blood alcohol concentration of .11.

QHow often should I take a break while driving?

AEvery two hours. Texas has an excellent system of rest stops. Don't become glued to the steering wheel in a battle with the clock. Relaxing for 15 minutes, even trading drivers if possible, makes the trip safer and more pleasant.

QHow else can I fight "highway hypnosis"?

AAvoid staring at a fixed point, such as at the road just in front of you. Keep your eyes moving. Glance at your mirrors. Check what is going on down the highway in the distance. You can often see trouble developing a long way off.

QWhat is a major cause of accidents on holiday trips?

ALack of preparation. Holiday drivers frequently start off on trips of 500 miles or more under the worst conditions possible.

QCould you explain?

AHere is a typical example. The family stays up late the night before packing. Then one or both parents rush home after working all day to gulp down a meal, load the car and take off into the night. What professional driver would want to risk his life on the highway under those conditions?

QWhat is a safer alternative?

ADon't take the trip for granted, plan adequately. Calculate how long it will take to get there and back, and then add in extra time for bad weather or other delays.

QAny other special advice for families traveling during the holidays?

AMake sure your children have something to occupy their time so they do not distract the driver. A good technique is to keep aside special toys, games and books for the kids to use only in the car.

QHow about "backseat driving"?

ATake advantage of it on your next trip. Even if your companion does not drive, think of him or her as copilot and navigator. Two pairs of eyes can see more driving hazards than one, especially at night. Adequate maps and a guidebook to sights along the way can breathe life into what otherwise might be a humdrum holiday trip.

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Hard Winter?

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, which has been at it for almost two hundred years, those who live east of the Mississippi are in for a long hard winter.

Those north of the Mason-Dixon line will be hardest hit and the worst months will be February and March. It will be cold, but not as cold, in the Southeast. In the West the winter will be mild.

In the western and central Great Plains the forecast is for droughts and storms, perhaps damaged crops.

All this, of course, can be taken with salt. But Abe Weather-wise, as the almanac's forecaster is called, has been at it since 1792 and - it's claimed - past predictions have proven remarkably accurate.

Forecasting is of wide interest for the weather affects everyone. Long-range forecasts, however, are still a guessing game. Few of us check back, afterwards, to recall whether this or that forecast was right or wrong.

Your Animal's Health

By George Burch, D.V.M.

Despite the "nine lives myth" cats sneeze, cough, develop pneumonia and distemper, and often die from viral ailments. But thanks to a newly developed combination vaccine—FVR-C-P—cats may now be protected against the three main viral diseases that affect them.

Two of these diseases, feline viral rhinotracheitis and feline calicivirus, account for eighty percent of all feline respiratory problems, such as sneezing, coughing and pneumonia. The third, panleukopenia, is commonly called feline distemper and kills many unvaccinated cats.

William Lilley, III, acting director of the Wage and Price Stability council:

"What determines whether the increase (steel) is justified or unjustified is whether the market will absorb it."

The Spirit of Christmas

As the church bells chime on Christmas Morn, stop to think of their message ... "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men." We stop now to thank you for your patronage during the year.

Federal Land Bank Association of Spur

Federal Land Bank Is Making Plans to Reduce Interest Rates

E. H. Flournoy, Jr., Manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Spur, announced today that the Federal Land Bank of Houston will reduce the interest billing rate on Variable rate loans to 8 percent. This reduction will be effective on January 1, 1977, and will affect \$980 million in variable rate loans to 17,100 Texas farmers and ranchers. This billing rate change will be effective on both farm loans and rural residence loans.

The variable rate loan was introduced by the Houston Bank in July, 1969 and allows the rate to fluctuate with variations in the money market. Improvements in the money market have made this billing reduction possible. Flournoy stated, "This action is in keeping with the Land Bank's policy to provide farmers and ranchers credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The Federal Land Bank of Houston makes long-term real estate loans on farm and ranch land and rural residences throughout Texas and now has \$1.2 billion in loans outstanding. The local Association makes and services loans in Dickens, Crosby, Kent, Stonewall and a portion of King Counties. Officers and directors of the Association are: R.H. Farris, Jr. President, Crosbyton, M.L. Bilberry, Vice President, Aspermont, Arvil Campbell, Ralls, Donald Wooden, Crosbyton, Coy Morris, Afton and Dallas Kenady, Jayton.

Old-Time Christmas

Most of us long for an "old-time" Christmas. And just what do we mean by an "old-time" Christmas? Let's dig back into the past, to remember how it was, for some of the answers.

The nation was not as wealthy in the past as today. In fact, if we go back a few decades, many families were hard pressed to earn enough to pay the rent and buy sufficient food and clothes to keep going.

We didn't have as many automobiles. We didn't have as many work-saving appliances and gadgets. We were often at war—in 1941-45, 1950-53 and 1963-74. We didn't have the variety of foods, toys and amusements we have today, nor television.

But the "old-time" Christmas was more fulfilling and enjoyable. Why? Perhaps it was because we thought more of a time for family reunion, quiet days and evenings of family life together, meals together, games together, etc.

The age of the automobile and television in some ways splits and separates families, even though modern transportation theoretically brings families together. The super-abundance of amusements, automobiles, television, etc., seems to mean fewer family undertakings, less time in full family pursuits, and less time for family discussions, meditation and thanksgiving.

And much of the spirit of "old-time" Christmases was to be found in full family gatherings and serious appreciation of the day for what it represented in the Christian world.

Coming Events

CLOSED SUNDAY—The Jayton United Methodist Church will have a closed Sunday this Sunday, Dec. 26. During the morning worship services at the church last Sunday it was voted to dismiss services that day because the majority of the membership would be unable to attend. Please note that on Jan. 2 there will be both morning and evening services as well as Sunday school at the church.

4-H DANCE—The Jayton 4-H Clubs will have a New Year dance on the night of Dec. 28 in the Community Center in Jayton.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—Jayton High School. A basketball tournament will be held from Thursday Dec. 30 through Saturday, Jan. 1 in the school gymnasium.

CUB SCOUTS—The Jayton Cub Scouts will meet on Monday afternoon, Jan 3 in the Community Center in Jayton, immediately following school Mrs. Don Trammel and Mrs. Tommy Waggoner are the Den mothers.

NOTICE—The Kent County Courthouse will be closed Thursday, Dec. 23 and again Friday, Dec. 24 in observance of Christmas and again on Friday Dec. 31 in observance of New Year.

FISH FARMER CONFAB

Fish farmers from throughout Texas and the nation are invited to a National Water Quality Workshop Feb. 2 at the Braniff Place Hotel in New Orleans. The workshop is a part of the annual convention and trade show of the Catfish Farmers of America and the Commercial Fish Farmers' Showcase which will continue through Feb. 5., announces James T. Davis, fisheries specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Another highlight will be the National Farm-Raised Catfish Cooking Contest. Written recipes must be in by Jan. 1, 1977.

Happy Holidays

Singing out with greetings for all of our fine patrons. Have a happy Christmas.

Jayton Cafe Teen Scene

Open house.

What we needed was a place for the First Continental Congress. A place that would be open to all the people. A place to call our own Without any vestige of the British Empire. So Carpenter's Hall of Philadelphia was chosen. An American building built by American craftsmen. And the doors were opened. Bringing Americans together at last to build the constitutional foundations of a new country. Today, Americans are still building together. Head of state, or head of household, they buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

Bonds give everyone a chance to take stock in their country. And a chance to build safe, dependable savings of their own, too. When you join the Payroll Savings Plan, a little is set aside from each paycheck to buy Bonds. Automatically, easily. So buy U.S. Savings Bonds. They can open your door to a bright future.

Take stock in America.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Wishing you a star-bright, love-warm holiday season. We hope that you will continue to honor us with your patronage.

Bill and Charlie Nell Parks
In Lieu of Christmas Card to our friends we are making a donation to West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Texans Eat Blackeyed Peas On New Year Day For Good Luck

COLLEGE STATION—Texans traditionally eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to insure prosperity and good luck for the coming year. This tradition will be observed once again in 1977 when we get the kettle or new crock pot to cook the blackeyed peas, Marilyn Haggard, a foods and nutrition specialist, says.

She is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"The peas should be soaked before cooking to reduce required cooking time. This can be accomplished quickly by boiling them in water for two minutes, removing from the heat and soaking for one hour. They are then ready to cook. If you prefer to soak the peas overnight, it is still a good idea to start with the two minute boil, because you will have fewer hard skins and the brief boil will keep them from souring," she explained.

Season with one teaspoon salt for each cup of dry peas. Salt pork and bacon are old standbys for seasoning, but shopped ham or smoked turkey left over from the Christmas celebration are great also. Pepper, garlic and oregano can be added in small amounts, one-fourth teaspoon per pound of dry peas, to enhance the flavor.

In the slow cooker, soak the peas overnight, then cook them in water on high for two to two and one-half hours. Reduce control setting to low, add seasonings and meat and cook on low for eight to ten hours. If you prefer less watery peas, use less water.

Serve your peas with hot cornbread, butter and lots of fresh, crisp onions, the specialist suggested.

WHO KNOWS?

1. What is the origin of the name for Kansas?
2. Is a whale a fish?
3. Identify a lexicographer.
4. Where is the Post Office, Santa Claus?
5. Name the longest river.
6. Which state has the largest number of Indians?
7. What do you call a collection of cats?
8. What is the speed of a cheetah?
9. Name the Hawkeye state.

Answers To Who Knows

1. Sioux words for "south wind people."
2. No. It's a mammal.
3. Compiler of dictionaries.
4. Indiana.
5. The Nile.
6. Arizona.
7. A clutter of cats.
8. 70 m.p.h.
9. Iowa.

Jim Wright won the post of majority leader.

Pocahontas Did

Back in 1607, when hunger was grabbing the innards of the Jamestown settlers, the first Europeans to "make it" in America, as the moderns say, a romantic legend was born.

The Pocahontas story soon became part of our history. Then, after the Civil War, when northern writers were rewriting the history of the nation, the Pocahontas story was dismissed as fiction and imaginative story telling.

Was it? It seems it was more truth than fiction, Pocahontas, so the story goes, saved Captain John Smith as he was about to be executed by the Indians, flinging herself on him in a desperate protest.

Since Pocahontas was the chief's daughter, the dramatic protest carried clout. It was the loyal love of a female and Captain Smith accepted her as his wife. But after a time he sailed away to England—leaving her in Virginia.

Pocahontas was a remarkable Indian princess, however, and she married another settler, John Rolfe, who took her to England to live, where she died at the tender age of about 25 in 1617. She was well received there, dignified yet merry.

Frances Mossiker, who has done a well researched book ("Pocahontas"), says the legend is basically true. The Indian princess was, indeed, the heroine of folk tales, as the story was told for centuries, though every detail of the legend isn't necessarily accurate—and though Captain Smith sometimes added something in the telling of the tale.

Sugar Coated
Darling, this cake is delicious. Did you buy it yourself?
—Gosport.

And Desire
Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.
—Grit.

Most people who are in a hurry have nothing else to say.



Why is it that, in most areas of the country, winter brings with it so many long, rainy spells? Winter produces more rainy spells of several days' duration than summer for several reasons. One of the main reasons is that winter's colder earth and ever-present cold air creates more of the cloud-forming or cooling action

that makes for cloud and rain. Warm air moving into cold winter air (a warm front) can set up a rainy area for hundreds of miles. Since a warm front moves forward more slowly than a cold front, this mass of cloud and rain takes several days to pass overhead. Occasionally a warm front or an occluded front will become stationary over an area, and in winter this usually means several days of bad, rainy weather. These frontal systems are of long duration but rarely produce lightning and thunder.

Cash Receipts Statistics Published

AUSTIN—The 1975 Cash Receipts statistics book has been published, Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has announced.

Information listed includes cash receipts by commodities, gross and net income from farming, government payments in 1975, and timber income. Entitled 1975 Cash Receipts from the Sale of Texas Farm Commodities, the book is available free by writing Commissioner John C. White, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.



Have a happy holiday season filled with music, laughter, and gaiety. Our sincere best wishes to all of our friends.

Parker Butane
Jayton, Texas



Merry Christmas

To the Christmas season, we say, "Welcome!" To our good friends and patrons, we say, "Thanks and the best of everything always!"

Cloud Carpet Center
Hamlin, Texas



Santa is on his way to fill your home with the joys of the Christmas season. May this be a special time for you to remember and enjoy as we have enjoyed your patronage.

Farmers Co-op Gin of Spur

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

WE'RE WRAPPING UP BEST WISHES FOR ALL OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AT CHRISTMASTIME

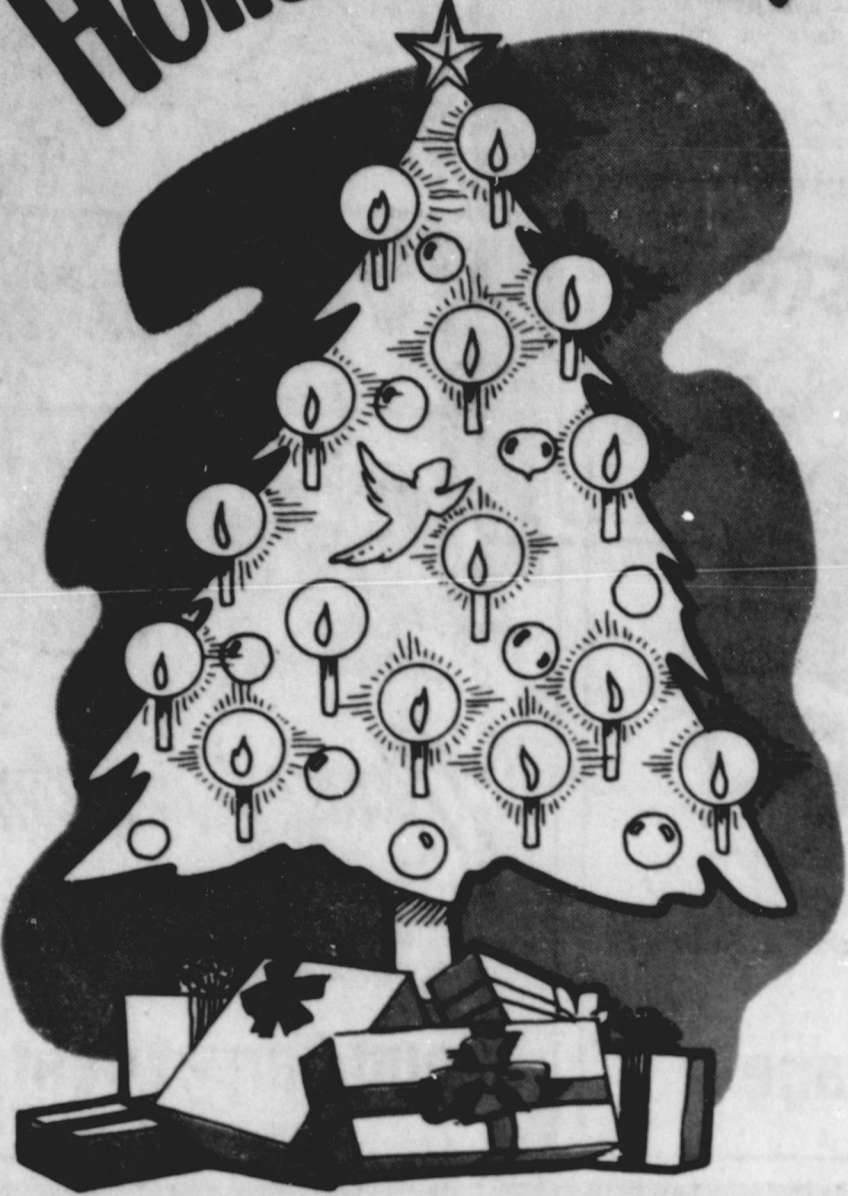
Thos Fowler Agency

Kent County Lumber & Supply

Jayton, Texas

Here's how to weigh your dog or cat. Step on the scale with the animal in your arms. Then weigh yourself alone. The difference is the pet's weight.

Holiday Cheer



Let happiness and goodwill abound during this most joyous of holidays. We want to wish the best to all of our wonderful friends

Stonewall County Feed, Seed & Supply

Check with us on Grass Seed and Fertilizing Needs
Aspermont, Texas

DO IT NOW!



December 31 is the last day to deduct \$1500 tax-free from your income!

If you are NOT enrolled in a retirement plan (other than Social Security), you have until December 31 to start your own Individual Retirement Account (IRA) at Sweetwater Savings . . . AND DEDUCT \$1500 TAX-FREE FROM YOUR INCOME!

With a Sweetwater Savings IRA account, you can deposit up to \$1500 a year tax-free toward your retirement. A husband and wife, both working, can deposit up to \$3000 a year into a tax-free IRA account. At Sweetwater Savings your IRA account will earn up to 7.75% annually. So, why take less? Come in . . . we'll help you tailor a Sweetwater Savings IRA plan to fit your income.

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SWEETWATER SAVINGS ASSOCIATION



SWEETWATER BOTAN ROSCOE HAMLIN

Togetherness Is The Theme At Christmas

COLLEGE STATION—Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a unique opportunity for families to be together—sharing and participating in the fun and excitement of the season. Christmas is also an excellent time to strengthen family unity, Mrs. Ilene Miller, a family life education specialist, says.

"Family unity develops and grows through open, honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It includes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a cooperative, responsible family member help to form the 'ties that bind.'"

Mrs. Miller is with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity.

"Make family experiences out of as many holiday activities as you can, such as decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities.

"Making gifts or shopping with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes, pies or helping decorate the house and Christmas tree with parents teaches children the meaning of cooperation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged."

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family probably enjoy certain customs which make the holiday season meaningful for you. Hanging stockings, exchanging and opening gifts, eating certain holiday foods, and many more activities provide opportunities to be together and share the happiness and excitement of the season.

"It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or in which activities you and your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.

BIBLE VERSE

"And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel."

1. To what child does the above statement refer?
2. Who was his mother and father?
3. What was his mission in life?
4. Where may this statement be found?

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Name the new coach of the Tennessee football team.
2. Who was named Driver of the Year?
3. What was the score of the recent Colts-Cardinals game?
4. For whom does Andy Atuegbu play soccer?
5. Ken Stabler quarterback for what team?

TRAVEL WITH TASTE

A surprising number of travelers miss out on the pleasant surprise of tasting foreign food. These hints should help you enjoy this sensuous travel pleasure—in clean and pleasant surroundings where you won't get any unpleasant surprises.



1. If you don't understand the menu, have the waiter explain it. This can save you from expecting a steak and having to wriggle out of eating fried eels instead!

2. Remember that dining hours and customs can change from place to place. The English, for instance, have early morning tea before breakfast and afternoon tea before dinner. When in Rome you'll have to do as the Romans do—lunch between one and five and dine at nine!

3. Experiment with new foods. Every place has a specialty. In Paris, take a flyer with pressed duck. In Greece, you needn't be chicken about the taste of chicken-lemon soup. In 48 countries around the world you can dine well at Holiday Inn properties where appetizing meals, clean surroundings and prompt service are standard procedure.

Fortified with these tips for eating away from home, you should be able to really get your teeth into traveling with taste!

The Only Way It takes hard work to make easy living.
—Globe, Boston.

LAYOFF INCREASES

The layoff rate of the nation's factories increased in October for the third consecutive month, the Labor Department reported, indicating a worsening employment problem.

Never base your opinion on a one-sided presentation of any subject—unless you want to be wrong.

How's Your Head For Tradition?

A favorite sweetener of colonial days, molasses is once again becoming a popular, natural substitute for sugar. This quiz can test your knowledge of this early American tradition.



1. The molasses trade contributed to the economy of (a) colonial New England (b) the 49'ers (c) the pilgrims?

2. The sweetest molasses, and the most popular with early Americans is (a) blackstrap (b) unsulphured (c) sulphured?

3. Molasses is an important ingredient in one of the colonists' favorite drinks: (a) tea (b) cider (c) rum?

ANSWERS: 1. (a) Importing molasses was one leg of the "triangle trade" that supported early New England. 2. (b) Unsulphured molasses, such as Grandma's Molasses, is the sweetest type and the most natural. 3. (c) Molasses imported from the West Indies was distilled into Yankee rum.

Hopeless

No matter how much you nurse a grudge, it won't get better.
—Journal, Petersburg.

Answers To Bible Verse

1. John, later known as John the Baptist.
2. Elizabeth and Zacharias.
3. To prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah.
4. Luke 1:80.

Answers To Sports Quiz

1. Johnny Majors.
2. David Pearson.
3. 24-17, Cardinals.
4. Indiana.
5. Oakland Raiders.

About Cutting Taxes

John Galbraith, a noted economist, argues against a tax cut as a means of stimulating the economy. He says, a tax cut won't relieve the quarter of the adult citizens in this country who have no income—who need help the most, who would be quickest to spend what help they get, boosting demand.

Galbraith says there are 35,000,000 adult citizens who would not be helped at all by a tax cut. Instead of the tax cutting being proposed, Galbraith would reduce interest rates (stimulating housing construction) and take other selective measures to aid citizens who have no taxable income.

The average citizen finds it difficult to follow the divergent certainties of economists. They never say anything and the problem is choosing which, or group, to listen to. President Carter now has the responsibility, and Galbraith's arguments at least refreshing and sensible, in this case.

Similar

The biggest trouble with success these days is that the recipe is just about the same as that for a nervous breakdown.
—Pilot, Norfolk.

Answers To Sports

1. Tony Dorsett.
2. Mark Fidrych, Detroit.
3. Montreal Canadiens.
4. Chris Evert, tennis.
5. New York Knicks.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

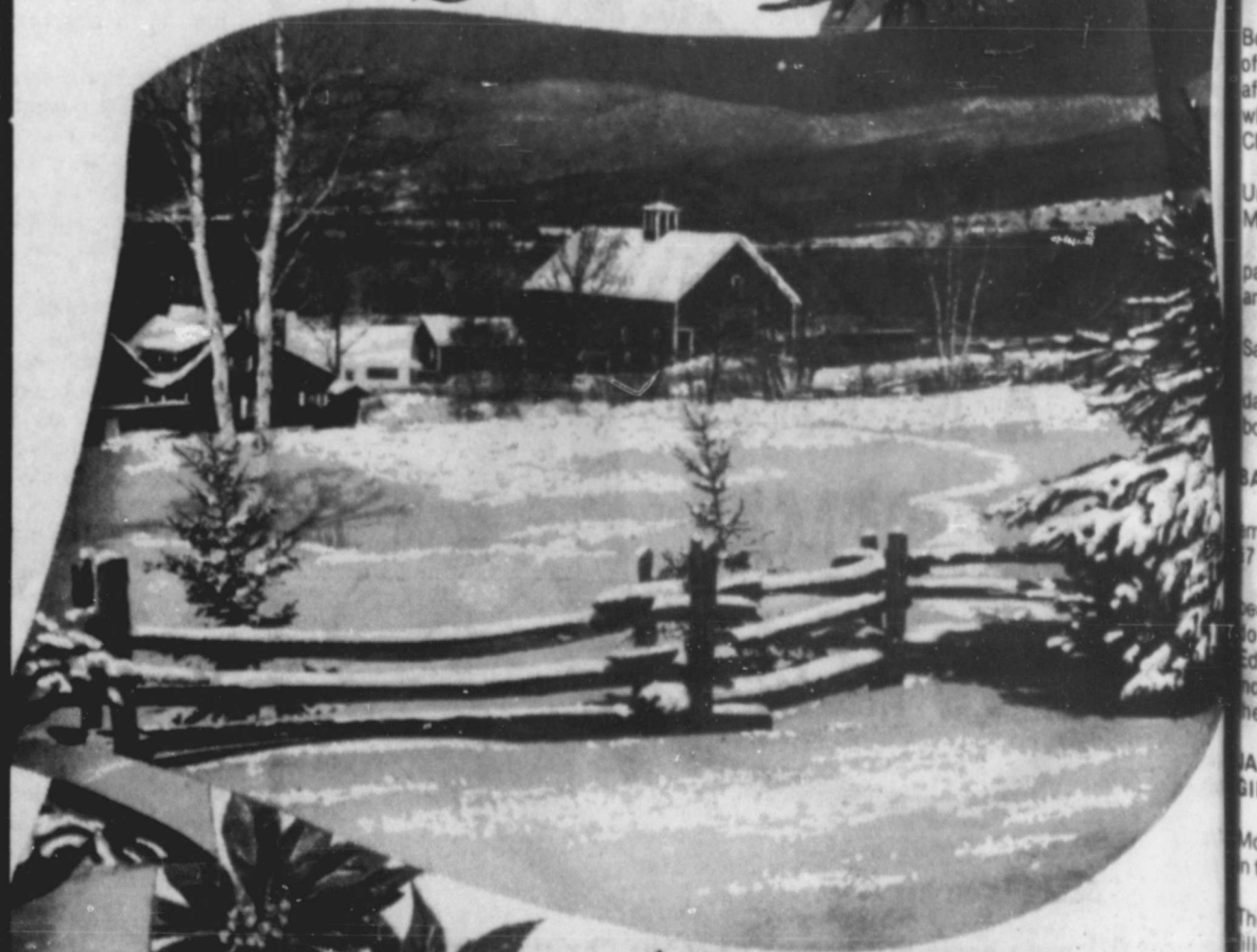
Have a beautiful Christmas holiday. We hope that you will come back and see us again next year. We enjoyed doing business with you.

Jeanne's Beauty Shop

Jayton, Texas

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry



Christmas

Hope your Day is a happy one, filled with all the special joys of the holiday season.

Smugglers Cove

Spur, Texas

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ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Minette Geeslin was the maid of honor in the wedding of Miss Dianne Sudduth, a college friend at Western Texas College in Snyder, and Don Higginbotham in the First United Methodist Church in Crosbyton, Tuesday night, Dec. 21. Also attending the wedding from Jayton were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Geeslin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker visited over the weekend with his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker in Crosbyton, also with his nephew Wayne Parker of Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bush and son, Joe of Brownwood visited her mother Mrs. J.H. Yocham and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Schafer over the weekend. Also visiting in the Schafer home was their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Smith of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Mayer and son W.L. were business visitors in Lubbock, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Check Thomas were Lubbock visitors, Friday.

Mrs. Joe McDaniel of Spur visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson East Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Kidd celebrated their anniversary, Sunday, Dec. 19.

Amos Fincher visited his aunt, Mrs. Lena Havens in Spur, Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Bobby Adcock and Mrs. Nadine Case of Anson visited Clint Edwards in the Kent County Nursing Home Monday. They also had dinner with Mrs. Edwards in the Edwards home in Jayton, that day.

Mrs. Bill Vencil and Mrs. Ben Boland attended the Christmas party given by Mrs. Marie Phillips in Rotan at the Art Studio last Tuesday. It was given for her art students.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith and children visited her mother Mrs. Alma Cannon in Comanche over the weekend.

Nylene Sherer, daughter of Zana Sherer and Kathy Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Ballard, students at San Angelo State are visiting for the holidays.

Mrs. Grace Hutchinson was a Haskell visitor Saturday.

Dennis Hunt and his daughter Karen of Charleston, visited their mother, father-in-law and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrison, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Ruby Branch visited in Stratford with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Branter and their daughters and their families recently for an early Christmas celebration. Also there were Mrs. Branch's other daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Matthews of Texline and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oliver of Beaver, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and twin daughters, Kim and Sherril and son Troy, of Santa Rosa, Calif. are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Healer and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrison.

Mrs. Pete Benavides was a patient in the Aspermont hospital the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Burrows and children of Houston arrived December 21 for a holiday visit with his cousin and family Mr. and Mrs. Doug Smith.

Roy John Harrison was taken to the Aspermont hospital Monday where he was admitted as a patient. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrison.

Arthur Dyer fell last week and was taken by ambulance to the Stamford hospital. He is suffering from a broken rib and pneumonia. He is the father of Clifford Dyer and a brother to Mrs. Clara Daniels.

Mrs. Emma Jean Owens returned Monday, after visiting her sisters, Mrs. Boshel Ewing and Mrs. Joyce Brattan in Lubbock.

Mrs. Jimmie T. Brewer was able to return to her home in Jayton following a stay of a few weeks in the Fisher County Hospital.

Rena Bural, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bural is home for the holidays. She is a freshman student at Tarleton University in Stephenville.

Rev. and Mrs. Harmon Meixner of Hawley visited in the Lee Parker home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Letsinger visited their daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shields and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirby and children in Grand Prairie, returning Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farris were Snyder visitors Saturday.

Thelma Pursley and Eunice Hulls visited Mrs. Bessie Sheusler, Mrs. Lottie Taylor and Mrs. Fay Smith in Spur Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boland and their niece Andrea Boland of Guthrie attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Ewing in Shallowater Sunday afternoon. The Ewing family lived in Jayton several years when he was the pastor of the Jayton United Methodist Church.

Bobette Hamilton, a student at Hardin Simmons University is home for the holidays, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Kidd of Hawley visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Kidd and sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Bryant and children recently.

Mrs. Ruby Matthews was a visitor in Haskell, Saturday.

Mrs. Barney Murdoch visited in Snyder with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Toby Morton and boys, Sunday.

BARBEQUE AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Kent County courthouse workers and county employees held their annual barbeque Friday night, Dec. 17 at the Community center in Jayton beginning at 6:30.

A menu composed of barbeque beef, potato salad, beans and various salads and desserts was served. Those going the barbequing were Chuck McCurry, Doc Edwards and Robert Bybee. There were 59 in attendance including courthouse workers and county employees and their families.

JAYTON CUB SCOUTS GIVE GIFTS TO NURSING HOME

The Jayton Cub Scouts met following school Monday, Dec. 20, at the community center. They were led in the Scout pledge by Randy Waggoner.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served. They were each presented with a small red and white filled stocking by the Scout Den mothers, Mrs. Tommy Waggoner and Mrs. Don Trammel.

The next meeting will be at the Community Center Jan. 3.

ROY JOHN HARRISON HONORED BY GOODWILL

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Odell Harrison that their son Roy John Harrison has been selected by the Goodwill Industries of Lubbock as the "Worker of the Year." He has been employed there for about a year. He has done a majority of his work for goodwill at their Lubbock warehouse and at the present time he is employed at the Goodwill store in downtown Lubbock. There will be a banquet in January when Roy John will be formally recognized for this high honor.

William T. Coleman Jr., Transportation Secretary:

"I will try to get auto-makers to install air bags and other restraint devices on selected 1979 and 1980 model cars."

NEW TRANSLATION

NEW YORK--A new, widely awaited version of the Bible in conversational English has been published after 10 years' work. It's called the "Good News Bible."

EARLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN ROBERT HARRISON HOME

An early Christmas celebration and dinner was held in the Robert Harrison home Saturday, Dec. 18. Those in attendance at the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton, Mrs. Ronnie Trusty and children, Jarrett and Bonnie of Hurst; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrison of Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Harrison of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mays of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Ruth Rankin of LaFayette, La, Mrs. Ruby Fitzgerald of Garland, Mrs. Nina Barbee of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Reeves and Stacy of Jayton.

ENTERTAIN WITH OPEN HOUSE

Rev. and Mrs. Gene B. Louder and Monte Gene entertained members and friends of the Jayton United Methodist Church with Christmas open house at the church parsonage, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14 from 3:00 until 4:30.

The refreshment table in the den-dining area was laid with a green net cloth over solid green. The cloth was edged in green felt and contained a felt and sequined Christmas poinsettia and white candle with yellow flames on the front. Completing the design was a red felt Merry Christmas. Centering the table was an artificial Christmas arrangement featuring red poinsettia. Red candles burned in silver holders on either side. Silver and crystal and cranberry glass appointments were used on the table. Pineapple punch was served from a crystal and cranberry glass punch bowl and coffee from a silver service. Assorted cake, candies, cheese balls and nuts were served. Appropriate Christmas napkins were used. Leella Hall served coffee and Lori Murdoch served the punch.

There was a lighted Christmas tree in the livingroom.

The Louder family was the recipient of gifts from several church members.

Beginner

Hold-up Man: "Stick'em up . . . or else!"

Victim: "Or else what?"

Hold-up Man: "Don't confuse me . . . this is my first job."

The Best

Coed--What do you think of men?

Roommate--The best opposite sex we've got.

Maybe So

"I'll have you know that I'm nobody's fool."

"Cheer up, boy. Maybe someone will adopt you."

Answers To Bible Verse

1. Luke.

2. Isaiah 9:6.

3. The angel of the Lord to the shepherds in the field.

4. Luke 2:11.

True!!

"What does your husband like for dinner?" asked the young bride, who was looking for advice.

"The experienced housewife answered, "Most anything I haven't got in the pantry."

Balky

Mother: Billy's just like a furnace when it comes to practicing the piano.

Dad: You mean he's all steamed up about it?

Mother: No. If you don't watch him, he's liable to go out.

Of wedded maid and virgin mother born.

Our great redemption from above did bring.

—John Milton.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

—C.C. Moore.

Kurt Waldheim, starting 2nd term as U.N. Secretary-General:

"I think there are excellent chances . . . in the first months of next year to make a new effort to reconvene the Geneva conference."

PAINLESS DENTISTRY

BOSTON -- Doctors at Tufts Dental School say they have successfully tested a chemical spray that removes decayed tooth material with little drilling and almost no pain.

GOLDWATER COMPETES

Barry Goldwater has entered the competition for Senate Republican leader in the belief that support for front-runner Robert Griffin is soft, an aide said.

PREPARING PARDON

President-elect Jimmy Carter has asked one of his most trusted advisers, Atlanta attorney Charles Kirbo, to help prepare the pardon Carter has promised Vietnam war draft evaders.

A Christmas gambol oft could cheer

The poor man's heart through half the year.

—Walter Scott.

William Lilley, III, acting director of the Wage and Price Stability council:

"What determines whether the increase (steel) is justified or unjustified is whether the market will absorb it."

BIBLE VERSE

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

1. Who is the author of the above verse?

2. Where may a similar verse be found in the Old Testament?

3. Who made this proclamation?

4. Where may this verse be found?



By Mrs. Dan Gerber

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Never pay attention to those who say mean things about you; the probability is that the speakers reflect themselves.

'GOLDEN RULE' CHARACTERIZES VARIOUS FAITHS

The holiday season with its message of love and hope, recalls to Christians more than ever the teachings of Jesus: "Whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them." (Matthew 7:12)

These inspiring words, generally known as the Golden Rule, have given Christians a code to live by throughout the ensuing centuries and at Christmas-time they resound with truth all the more greatly.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

This age-old greeting retains its youthful zest and continues to express the best wishes of friends.

We make no apology for using the ancient phrase in extending holiday greetings to our subscribers, advertisers, workers and friends—enemies, if any.

If you are MERRY, as we wish you to be, you will enjoy the holiday season as friends and loved ones surprise you with the evidence of their affection and as you experience the purring content of a well-satisfied inner-man.

If you are HAPPY, as we hope you will be, you will have shared the Christmas spirit in the giving of yourself and your substance to others.

To be both MERRY and HAPPY in this world of ours, one must enjoy the material and experience the spiritual. One must be well in body, satisfied in mind and aglow in spirit. The way is clear: accept with genuine gratitude, enjoy with moderation and give with generosity. Never forget that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and that "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

So, now you understand why we say to you, simply and sincerely:

Merry Christmas



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W.S. "Bill" Healy

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Christ is Born

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Christmastime

It starts in your own home—with little children's faces lighting up in joyous wonderment. The glittering tree. The beautiful and mysterious packages to be unwrapped. It's the time for families and friends to be together—sharing warmth and pleasure. It's the time to give thanks for all these good things. And, finally, it's the time for prayer. May joy and love and peace be everywhere. Soon. That's Christmastime.



*... a Time for Joy,
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