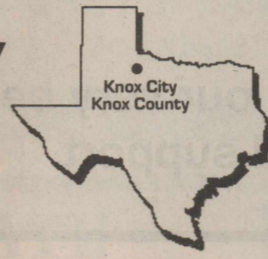


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Local business owners eye 1997 while keeping their fingers crossed

By Dave Thompson

The economy of Knox City during 1996 proved to be far less than most expected, and business owners seem to be apprehensive when looking ahead to the new year of 1997. With most retail oriented businesses in town fighting discount stores and big city competition, Knox City could very well be on the verge of losing even more businesses if local economic conditions do not improve.

While not wanting to be quoted in the paper, some business owners who have been here for many years express the feeling that things couldn't be any worse. Others are more optimistic and are investing more into their businesses in an effort to catch the eye of customers.

Several new businesses have opened in the past few years, and several others have remodeled, moved to better locations, or expanded their stock to remain competitive.

While discount stores in the larger cities have taken some of the local business, shoppers are quick to point out that they will go where they get the best deal for their money. Shoppers are more mobile than ever before and are willing to travel longer distances to stretch their shopping dollar. Shoppers seem to be smarter than ever before, taking advantage of lower prices wherever they find them and avoiding businesses that have a reputation for excessive markup on merchandise.

Those stores in Knox City that take less of a markup in order to keep their customer base are reporting success and seem optimistic, while others are moaning the blues and making grim forecasts about 1997.

Local business owners are indeed going through a transition period as the new year arrives. While there is some doubt, one thing is certain: business can no longer be conducted as it has always been in the past. New ideas are needed to keep the shoppers

Business owner Sterling Lewis hopeful about 1997, remembers times when "it's been a lot worse"



SPORTING A NEW PAINT JOB, Lewis Paint and Body Shop is ready to serve customers during 1997.

Lewis Paint and Body Shop has been a mainstay of the Knox City economy for the past 45 years. Owner Sterling Lewis has seen a lot of tough times during those years and can easily remember when the economy was a lot worse than in 1996. In past years, Sterling has employed his sons Danny, Troy, Todd, Shane and Clint, and his daughter Patricia. He currently employs his son in law, David Johnson.

When asked about the

economy and the new year, Sterling responded "I think it's slow right now, I hope it's good in 1997."

Offering this one piece of advice, Sterling said "We need to be patient, and give things time to turn around."

It hasn't been easy to survive in business for 45 years in a small community, but Sterling Lewis has built a reputation for the quality of his work and his honesty towards both friends and customers.

coming back, and new ways must be tried.

As always, those of us here at the NEWS are always willing to help local business owners with whatever advertising they feel will best suit their needs and reach potential customers. While advertising is not a 'sure cure' for everything, it can be a big help if one golden rule is followed: you have to advertise what the customer wants, not just what you as a business owner wants to get rid of. As stated before, customers are a lot smarter than ever before as they too are trying to get by on an income that doesn't go nearly as far as it would have just a few years ago.

1997 should see a lot of changes

in our community. We have a new City Manager who is determined to do the very best job he can do. Robert Patrick is a very people oriented person and is looking towards the future for Knox City and its residents.

Another big plus is the accumulation of sales tax funds in the EDC program. 1997 should be the year when residents see the results of EDC projects.

One point to remember about the future of our community is that Knox City is more than just a name and a place on the map. Knox City is people, and in order for the community to survive, people need to work together and strive for a common goal: a stronger economy in the years to come.

Knox City Florist now open in downtown business district

The Knox City Florist is officially open for business in their new downtown location at 106 North Central.

Barbara and Joe Barnard moved their business to the former The Phoenix location during Christmas week and are now ready to serve their customer's needs.

The Barnards purchased the florist from Spurgeon Neely and his late wife Helen in April 1981 and have remained at the 204 Avenue F location since this time.

The Barnards were assisted in their move by their daughter Melissa and son Brackston. Melissa was responsible for arranging a large portion of the display area of the new store.

In addition to offering green and silk plants or cut or silk flowers, the florist also specializes in custom arrangements, swags and wreaths.

Other items available are customized gift baskets, gourmet foods, Pangburn's candy, candles, potpourri, balloon bouquets, gift bags, stuffed animals, afghans and wall hangings. Additional gift items will continue to be added to their already popular selections.

A gift registry is also available for bridal and baby showers and a complete line of Oneida Silver is also offered.

Free delivery is available in Knox City.

Assisting Barbara are Beverly Munsell and Diane Roberts.

As noted by their ad in this week's News, the Barnards invite



READY FOR CUSTOMERS and exhausted after moving from their old location, Melissa and Barbara Barnard are shown here at the new location of Knox City Florist in the downtown business area of Knox City. Barbara's husband Joe, and Melissa's brother Brackston were also instrumental in this move, as well as other employees and friends. (NEWS Photo)

all of their customers to come by and visit them in their new location at 106 North Central in Knox

City and to also take advantage of their 1/2 price Christmas merchandise on sale.

DPS urges '97 caution

FACT: Drunk driving continues to be one of the Nations most serious health and safety problems. However, Trooper Joe Clement, Safety Education Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety says that federal, state, local and private efforts to reduce the incidents of drinking and driving are having an impact.

Trooper Clement says with the approach of New Year's Eve that this trend can continue if each of us will do our part in pre-planning our New Year's Eve celebration. It is recommended that if you are going to host a party, that soft drinks be available for your guest, so they will have a choice. Introduce people to one another, a good host is not just a bartender. Don't rush refills, don't double up because it's not generous, it's rude. Attempt to have a meal or snacks available throughout the evening and, above all, if someone has too much at your home, you are responsible. Provide lodging or get them a safe ride home.

If your plans include traveling this New Year's Eve, then make plans that only allow a totally sober driver to be behind the wheel.

It's a good idea to check with your local media outlets to see if any organizations will be providing ride home programs. For those that think it will never happen to

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KC basketball teams engaged in tough district competition

The following schedule covers all levels of basketball action in the Knox City - O'Brien CISD for the remainder of the basketball season. The NEWS staff is reprinting the remainder of the 1997 schedule and encourages everyone in the community to show their support for all the youth involved in school basketball action.

January 2-4	Jayton Tourn.	There	TBA	VG, VB
January 7	Roby	Here	6:00 p.m.	JVG, VG
January 10	Munday	Here	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 14	Rotan	There	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 17	Aspermont	Here	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 21	Spur	There	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 24	Roby	There	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 28	Munday	There	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
January 31	Rotan	Here	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
February 4	Aspermont	There	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
February 7	Spur	Here	4:00 p.m.	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
February 11	Roby	Here	4:00 p.m.	JVB, VB



HONORED WITH A RETIREMENT RECEPTION Monday at Citizens Bank was 37 year employee Evelyn Shelton, left, shown with longtime co-worker Bertha Driver. Evelyn said she began work at the Bank when the late bank president Bruce Campbell Sr. called and asked if she would be interested in working as his secretary. After replying to his offer and stating that she would be "right down" to discuss employment, he hired her on the spot and she completed the day without ever going back home! Friends and longtime customers called throughout the day long reception. Evelyn and her husband, Carl, are the parents of two daughters, Carla Merton of Arlington and Shari Shelton of Dallas; and a granddaughter, Carley Merton of Arlington. Evelyn commented that she had "no plans" on her retirement. (NEWS Photo)

Happy New Year, 1997

From our business to each of you, our very best wishes for the new year.
We really appreciate your trust and support.

KC NEWS Staff



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**Theme: Wilt thou not revive us again, that
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Consecrated Prayer

Jan. 1 to Jan. 3 ~ Time: 6:00 p.m.

January 6, **Crusade Services**, Time: 8:00 p.m.
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City
Jim Teeter, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City
Steve Pepper, Minister
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH ~ Knox City
Dan Limitone, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City
Father Kevin Fagan
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland
Father Kevin Fagan
Monday Through Friday Mornings, 8:00 a.m. Mass
Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Benjamin
John Gillispie, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

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Jim Teeter, Pastor
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GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie
Ross Anderson, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship at 7:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Benjamin
Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

THE BELIEVERS' CHAPEL ~ Highway 222
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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
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FAITH CHAPEL ~ 8 Miles South Of Knox City
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Sunday Evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.
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Pending Name Of New Pastor
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Commissioners Court Minutes

BE IT REMEMBERED on the 09 day of December, 1996, there was conducted a REGULAR Public Meeting of the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Benjamin, Texas, for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may lawfully be brought before the same. The Court met at: 9:30 a.m.

Also in attendance were Treasurer Judie Whitten, Deputy Sheriff Johnny Andrade, Jack Whitten, Jimmy Urbanczyk and County Attorney Bobby D. Burnett.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge David Perdue with all members present.

Court considered the following matters as posted and filed for Record in the Office of the County Clerk on December 05, 1996, at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioner Birkenfeld moved that the minutes of November 11, 1996 be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skiles moved that the minutes of August 1, 8, 9, 12, 16, 26, 27, 28 and September 3, 10, 23 and 30, 1996, be approved. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried unanimously.

Judge Perdue informed the Court of a letter from Attorney Suzan R. Sanders to Sheriff Carlson pertaining to November 5, 1996, Sheriff's sale. Bobby D. Burnett is to respond to the letter. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Upon motion by Commissioner

Skiles, seconded by Commissioner Homer and carried unanimously the Sheriff's request for North Texas Drug Task Agreement and Texas Department of Correction's Justice Hearing payment agreement was TABLED.

Commissioner Skiles moved that the Court appoint J.E. Hunter as Election Judge for Precinct 8 following the resignation of Charles Smith. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Homer, carried unanimously.

Judge Perdue informed the Court that he would talk to the District Judge concerning advertising for bids for the 1995-1996 Fiscal Year audit. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Judge Perdue informed the Court that he had received word that the MH-MR had decided to relocate to Graham. FOR INFORMATION ONLY, NO ACTION NEEDED.

Commissioner Skiles moved that Judge Perdue and Commissioner Birkenfeld meet with Donald King at 9-1-1 to set price for county maps for sale to the public. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld and carried unanimously.

Judge Perdue moved to request the District Judge to dismiss the Writ of Mandamus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Commissioner Parke, seconded by Commissioner Homer and carried unanimously, the attorney fees incurred by the County Treasurer involved in the Writ of Mandamus was tabled.

Upon motion by Commissioner Birkenfeld, seconded by Commissioner Parker and carried unanimously, the County Claims were approved as presented by the County Treasurer Judie Whitten.

Being no further business to come before the Court, motion by Commissioner Homer, seconded by Commissioner Birkenfeld, carried unanimously, the meeting was RECESSED.

DPS urges New Years Caution

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them, the Department of Public Safety, along with other local law enforcement agencies, will have stepped up patrols and DWI enforcement over the New Year's Eve holiday.

Trooper Clement went on to say that one of the best defenses against a drunk driver is to fasten your safety belt, but it's only effective when the driver and all occupants take time to do so.

Let's all work towards making this the safest New Year's holiday ever.

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**Saturday,
January 18
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G & B - Away, TBA

**Monday,
January 20
MUNDAY**
G- Away, B- Home, 5:00

**Monday,
January 27
ROTAN**
G-Home, B-Away, 5:00

**Saturday,
February 1
SEYMOUR TOURNAMENT**
G & B - Away, TBA

**Monday,
February 3
ASPERMONT**
G-Away, B-Home, 5:00

**Monday,
February 10
SPUR**
G-Home, B-Away, 5:00

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O'Brien News

By Audie Johnston, O'Brien Correspondent

"Put Up Shovel - Of course, we never dig up embarrassing sins on ourselves. It is always on the other person. And why uncover his shortcomings? Why dig to show up another when it is sure to become our own pit? If we drag a skeleton out of another closet, it is sure to come alive and struck us just like a sleeping dog when roused will bite us. If only those without sin are to do the digging, we can all put up our shovels. It is smart to let buried evil rest! and rest! and rest!

HERE AND THERE

Those enjoying a late Christmas in the home of Arnold and LaRue Reeves in Munday were Billie and Frank McAuley of Knox City, Jr. and Myra Reeves of Knox City, Opal and Gary Collier of Midland, John A. and LaVerne Burnett of Chillicothe, Dwight, Donna, Stephen and Amanda Reeves of Decatur, Randy, Diana, Dana and Amy of Marietta, Oklahoma, John and Valarie Kinnibrough of Gilliland and Lyndle, Jeanette, Sarah and Shannon Reeves of Munday.

Spending Christmas with Dwight Gothard and enjoying a good Christmas dinner were his son Paul and wife Kay and son Brandy of Blackwell.

Alton and LaUna Hester spent Christmas in Panhandle with their daughter, Brenda Robinson and husband Doyle, Zack and Mande.

Spending Christmas with me were Sammie and Kenneth Roberts of Plainview, John, Nancy Johnston and Kim, Traci and Tayler of Shreveport, Louisiana, Jim and Tenia Johnston and Freddy and Shirley James, all of Lubbock and Don and Marilyn Johnston of Slaton. Christmas Eve night, we all enjoyed the Gutierrez

family Christmas caroling for us. Sue, Scott and Stefani Stephens and Wes Holmes, along with several others, enjoyed snow skiing at Red River over the holidays.

C.H., Linda and Reed Underwood of Rotan spent several days at their home in O'Brien over the holidays and enjoyed a Christmas dinner while here.

Visiting over the holidays with Ranzy and Adelle Herring were Alvin and Panzy Hines, Andy, Tamie, Haleigh and Austin Hines, Julie Keeling and Kevin Urbanczyk Jr. of Lubbock. Also, Aderle and Doris Herring, Ken, Cheryl, Garrett, Trent and Shea Herring, Alan, Lisa, Rebecca and Samuel Herring, all of Junction and Dee Sprayberry of Haskell.

Spending Christmas with Coy and Loretta Hewitt were their daughters, Rhonda Moeller and family of Haskell, Toni Neal and family of Wichita Falls and Vicki Daniel and family of Abilene.

Billie Ruth Walker spent the Christmas holidays in Amarillo with her children, Joe, Judy and Laura and their families.

Gary, Shirley, Jessica and Alyssa Kay Hill of Olney spent Christmas with Rose Marie Johnston and Jimmy, David and Connie Mims of Springlake spent several days last week in the Bryant home, west of O'Brien.

Enjoying early Christmas holidays with Bessie Duncan were Sue Burleson of Oklahoma, Lynn and Billie Duncan of Wichita Falls, James, Sherri and Chris Duncan of Fort Worth and Bill, Nancy and Sean Duncan.

Don, Diane, Trish and Angelia Roberts and Drew DeArmond of Levelland were in San Antonio over the weekend attending a Tech football game.

Visiting Janoma Stephens, Sue, Scott and Stefani over the weekend were Pam, Keenan, Craig and Kendra Williams of Plainview and Misty Whales of Vernon.

Craig, Lori and Chase Brothers and Tammy Brothers and Chris Linly all of Abilene and Don Brothers of O'Brien spent Christmas with J.O. and Charlene Brothers and enjoyed a good Christmas dinner.

Paul and Lila Sanchez made a fast trip to Old Mexico over the weekend.

James and Jan Frost visited their daughter, Erin in Dallas, over the holidays.

On Friday, December 20, Beatrice Ellis' company came to her home for an early Christmas.

Those attending were Grady and Sammie Murry of Plainview, Reed Murry from the Navy in Georgia and twin daughters Rebecca and Sara Murry of Irving, Sandra and Pleas Childress of Ozona, Julia Childress of Texas A&M, Martin and Vicki Childress of McCamey, a friend of Julia's, Matt Harrison of El Paso and David Ellis of Edmonson. On Friday, December 27, Beatrice and David were in Dallas to attend the funeral for the brother of the late Grady Ellis, J.D. Ellis of Dallas.

Delbert and Norma Hayes were in Munday for Christmas with Pam and Mark Reed and daughter, Charles Styles and family, Brooke Hayes and Felda Wilson. Norma's children enjoyed Thanksgiving with them on Thanksgiving.

Bernice Rowan enjoyed an early Christmas with her children. Lowell, Sue and Paul of Denton, Jerry, Margaret, Julia and Angelia of Henrietta and Trey, Debbie and IV of Haskell.

Engagement Announced

Randall Ted Felts and Melissa Jones announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The wedding date has been set for January 12, 1997, in the Central Baptist Church in Pampa.



TED FELTS ~ MELISSA JONES

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sandy Jones of Pampa and Alvin Jones of Amarillo. She is a graduate of Pampa High School and a district manager of Combined Insurance.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carol Felts of Knox City. He is a graduate of Knox City High School and basic peace officer academy. Felts is currently employed by the Knox County Sheriff Department as dispatcher - jailer.

- Paid Announcement -

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Local TAAS/TEAMS exit testing to be administered in February, 1997

The spring TAAS/TEAMS Exit Test will be given February 25 writing, February 26-Math, and February 27-reading. During each regular exit level test administration, individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS/TEAMS test may pick up a registration packet at the high school principal's office in the Munday High School, Goree School, Benjamin School

or Knox City High School. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than 5:00 P.M., January 24, 1997.

The Texas Education Agency and National Computer Systems will not be responsible for registration forms that are delayed or lost in the mail. To insure that individuals are registered, forms should be sent either by registered mail or certified mail. Questions concerning the spring exit test should be directed to the Texas Education Agency, Student Assessment Decision, (512) 463-936.

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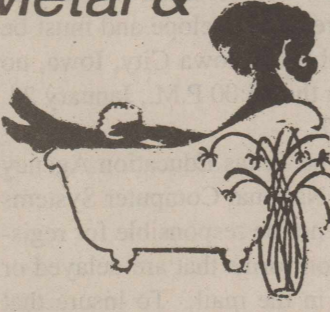
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Juanell Leek rites are held in KC cemetery

Graveside services for Juanell Leek were held Sunday, December 22, in the Knox City Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Leek, 70, died Friday, December 20, in a Haskell hospital.

Born October 11, 1926, to John and Annie Bell Roberts in Hamlin, she married Weldon Leek in Knox City on December 8, 1951.

Survivors include her husband, Weldon Leek of Haskell; a son, Johnnie Paul Leek of Alvarado; a sister, Alma Leek of Abilene; and a brother, V.R. Roberts of Rochester.

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Benjamin News

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

Well, the Christmas week is now past and if we can get through the New Year's holiday, we can settle down to 1997. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and that ole' Santa brought you everything your heart desired. He was much better to me than I deserve.

Varied reports on the ill of the community tonight.

Don Ervin underwent surgery in Fort Worth on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, for the removal of a malignant kidney. He was dismissed from the hospital on Saturday and is recuperating at the home of his mother in Azle a few days before returning to his home here. According to reports, he is doing well and hopefully, no further treatment will be necessary.

No late word on Bud Clower. Mid-week he was feeling pretty well.

Leroy West is "hanging in there" since his kidney transplant. He was tested on Friday and reports showed that his body was trying to accept his new kidney but so far, there are some problems that haven't been worked out. His blood pressure is staying pretty high but doctors say that is normal as the rejection medicine causes it. It is hoped that he will be able to be dismissed from the hospital in a few days.

Philomae Roberson spent a few days in the Knox Co. Hospital last week, just a bad case of strep throat. Said she sure was sick a few days. **OPEN HOUSE ENJOYED**

On Saturday night, December 21, Dennis, Pam, Rachel and Zeke Duke hosted open house and a Christmas party. Their home was decorated throughout and all present enjoyed a variety of finger foods, hot soups, hot and cold punch and coffee. It was a lovely get-together and gave everyone a chance to wish each other happy holidays. The Dukes' hospitality was appreciated by all. **HERE 'N THERE**

Christmas guests of Bill and Dorothy Spikes were their children, Penny Eaton and girls of Nash, Guy and Donna Spikes and children of Seymour, Tye Spikes of Clayton, New Mexico, and Guy Spikes and

Sandy Tucker of Wichita Falls. Dorothy said it was the first time all her kids had been together in several years.

Alan and Carla Porter, Colton and Kevin spent Christmas with Alan's family at Gilliland.

Nora Duke had Christmas Eve with her Benjamin kids, Dennis and family and spent Christmas Day with her son James and his wife in Throckmorton.

Christmas week guests of Joe and Julia Trepanier were Randy Engbrock and Dylan and Kim Trepanier of Wichita Falls.

Don and Louise Hertel had their sons, Scott of Plano, Craig of Lindsey and Kent of Coppell and Kent's fiancée, Elizabeth Vasquez of Dallas, for the holidays. Louise's brother, Kenneth Isbell, joined them for dinner on Christmas Day.

Christmas guests of Jonnie Williams and Mary Bohannon were Jack (Corky) Barker of Tuscon, Arizona, L.O. Jackson of Munday and Brandi Hacker, Kayla and Courtney of Knox City.

I spent Christmas with my girls, Diane Bell and Debbie Taylor and their families in Childress. Bud Conner joined us for our Christmas dinner on Tuesday night.

Bobby and Philomae Roberson had all their kids, Judy Conner and Kathie, Jack and Justin Waldron, all of Benjamin; the Tres Pierces of Megargel, Jim Bob Conner and Jeff and Stacy Conner of Lubbock.

Christmas guests of Bud Conner, Hazel Stockton and the Steve Conners were Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring, Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and Michele Conner of Lubbock and Kim Moore, Samijo and Shelby of Spur. Also visiting Bud were Larry Conner of Grand Prairie and Gene Tipton of Forestburg.

Rex Bohannon of Amarillo spent Christmas with Roger and Betty Bohannon and family.

Charles and Joy Jones had their kids, the Ishmael DeLosSantos of Vernon and the David Jones of Runaway Bay, Christmas. Bobby Trainham joined them for dinner and

also visiting during the holidays were Walter and Peggy Hertel of Munday.

Gertrude Brannan had four of her kids home for the holidays. They were Mary and Randy Whitsett and family of Gallup, New Mexico, Ann and Ron Roddy and family of Ruidoso, New Mexico, Johnny Brannan and family of Abilene and Bobby and Stephanie Brannan of Lubbock.

Jane Gideon and Weldon Gideon had their kids, Dave and Sue Terry of Dallas and Lana and Carlos Mendoza and family of Benjamin for the holidays.

Dutch and Imagean Young had their kids, Mike and family of Seymour and Dee Ann Lamb and Anthony of Benjamin, Christmas Day. Brenda Gollaher of Wichita Falls was here for a late Christmas get-together this weekend.

Holiday guests of Dub and Jo Cartwright were their sons, Terry and family of Plano and Tracy and family, who live here; Jo's mom, Ruth Ressel of Benjamin and her brother, Ronnie Ressel and wife of Dickens.

The Moorhouse Christmas Party and dinner was held on Christmas Eve at the League Ranch Bunkhouse. Enjoy the sit down dinner and party were Ed Moorhouse and Brad Walker of Dallas, Gloria Moorhouse White of Graham, Manford and Ann Elliott, John and Carolyn Moorhouse and Reno and Kelly Livingston, all of Seymour; Heather Adams of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Douglas Lindeman of Holiday, Bob, Linda, Kerri and Amy Moorhouse, David Ross and Jenni Burkett, all of Guthrie; and Tom, Becky, Jodi and Gage Moorhouse, Seth Walker, Mabel Moorhouse and hostess Lucille Moorhouse, all of Benjamin.

Saturday, December 28, Lucille Moorhouse attended a 50th wedding anniversary reception honoring Manford and Ann Elliott in the reception room of the First United Methodist Church in Seymour.

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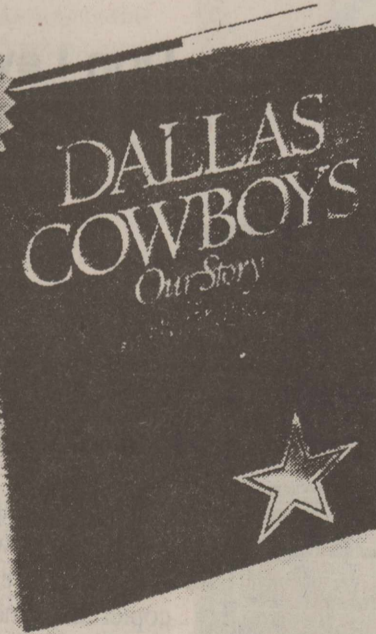
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Smith rites are held Sunday in Rochester

Funeral services for Don (Slewfoot) Smith of Rochester were held Sunday, December 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Rochester. Rev. Ed Berkley and Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiated and burial was in the Rochester Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Smith, 72, died Wednesday, December 25, at 7:00 p.m. in an Abilene hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born October 13, 1924, in Big Spring, his parents were the late William Percy and Gladys L. Smith. He was retired from sales with Bridwell Spraying Company. He married Jay Sarabia on September 9, 1971, in Snyder. Mr. Smith had lived in Rochester the past 25 years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Smith served in the United States Marines during World War II. He was one of the most decorated Marine veterans of World War II having served in Guadalacanal, Tarawa, Tulgie, Saipen and Solomon Islands. He received the American Area Ribbon, the Purple Heart and the Presidential Citation Ribbon with two stars and was awarded the good conduct medal, Pacific rib-

bon with four stars and issued an Honorable Service Lapal button.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post in Rochester. He loved rock hunting and lapidary.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Dale Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Jay of the home; four daughters, Ava Donna Kilough of Colorado, Debra Marie Filban of Magnolia, Rita Ann Whitley of Rochester and Martha Nell Powers of Ohio; a son, William Donald (Bill) Smith of Ohio; a brother, T.A. (Pete) Smith of Hemphill; a sister, Blanche E. Stermer of Houston; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Bud Howeth, Mark McGee, Sammy Gonzales, Brian Holmes, Chris Shelton, Jim Bridwell and Chad Whitley.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Brian, Herman Hearn and Denver Householder.

Lamesa rites are held for Polly Wetzel

Funeral services for Pauline (Polly) Wetzel, 85, of Lamesa were held Tuesday, December 31, at the First United Methodist Church in Lamesa. Rev. David Black officiated and burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Wetzel died Sunday, December 29, at Medical Arts Hospital.

Born November 30, 1911, in Haskell County, she married Jack Wetzel on August 2, 1939, in Knox City. She moved to Lamesa in 1948 from Beaumont. She taught school in Greenville, Beaumont and Lamesa. She attended McMurry for two years and graduated from North Texas State in 1938. She also attended Texas Tech. She taught English at Lamesa High School and fourth grade. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church since 1948. She was also a member of the Dawson County Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Jack of Lamesa; two sisters, Marge Brite of Austin and Helen Ruth Benton of Lamesa; two nephews, Mike Benton of San Antonio and Pat Benton of Gainesville; and two nieces, Kathy Simpson of Hattiesburg, MS; and Maria Elena Ivic of Austin.

Chamber Lighting Contest Winners

Three residential winners were named in the annual Chamber of Commerce lighting contest held during December.

First place was presented to the Ward Rikalas. Second place went to the Leon Burkham and third to the Orval Mannings.

As earlier reported in the *News*, a business category was to be held; however, Chamber manager Doris Crowover stated that in the judge's eyes no businesses warranted being judged.

She also stated that past residential winners were not considered.

IN WALDRIP HOME

Sunday guests in the home of Aleene and Lloyd Waldrip were Dr. and Mrs. A.C. Sharp Jr. of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Don Welch of Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. David Howell and Melani of Archer City, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Chapman of Nacogdoches, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Beam, Lauren and Katy of Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sharp, Kyle and Chance of Southlake and Mr. and Mrs. Trent Cundieff and Alex of Euless.

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Wednesday, January 8 - Fish fillet, tossed green salad, macaroni and cheese, tater tots, sliced bread, cookies.

Thursday, January 9 - Brisket with brown gravy, green beans, baby carrots, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, cake.

Friday, January 10 - Beef and spaghetti, lettuce wedge, blackeyed peas, fried squash, hot rolls, chocolate pudding.

All menus subject to change without notice due to conditions beyond the control of Knox County Center. It is important to notify the site in advance so that your visit will be on record and meals will arrive from the central kitchen. For those planning to join the congregate group at the Knox City Center, call 817-658-3618 before 9:45 a.m.

Child Welfare Donations

Donations have been made to the Knox County Child Welfare Board by Pumpers Supply, Willie McKinney, Charles Auburg, Benjamin First Christian Church, Benjamin United Methodist Church, Knox City First Baptist Church, Jerry's Plumbing, W.V. Lowry, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Chad Wil-

liams and Neil Perdue. Anna Lou Shaver made a donation honoring Maurine Reeder. Sammy and Barbara Pierce made donations in memory of Kate James and Mary Lou Foshee. Many anonymous donations were also received.

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We saw this love expressed in donations of money deposited to the Child Welfare Fund at Citizens Bank by many, many individuals, different groups, clubs, churches, businesses with many wishing to remain anonymous, "just wanting to help".

We heard this love expressed in conversations, such as, "I'm in town to purchase a gif for the toy drive by the Aging Center, or the Lions Club or the schools." How about all those students, who brought box after box of toys, to give away to others!!

This love is "SO" big that is was possible for the Knox County Child Welfare Board to give three (3) nice toys and more to each child on our list, and each child received a voucher of \$20.00, good at Perry's or Pink Ladies.

Eighty-one (81) children were touched by your love this Christmas season. We also saw this love in action, through the Girl Scouts drive, in the heat of summer, for canned goods. The donations of hams, turkeys, bread, eggs and flour from local businesses, enough so, that sixteen (16) baskets of food could be delivered this Christmas season to local Senior Citizens.

But the greatest Gift of all is found in John 3:16.

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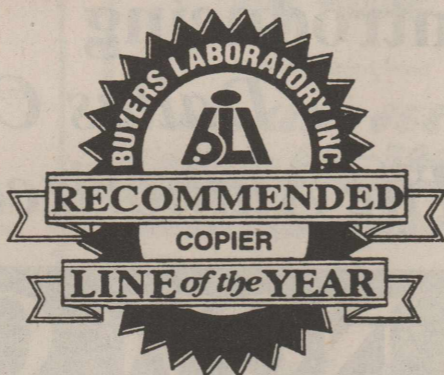
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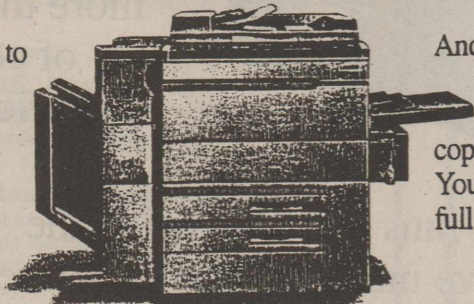
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