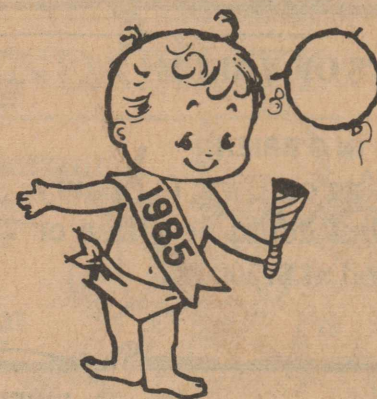


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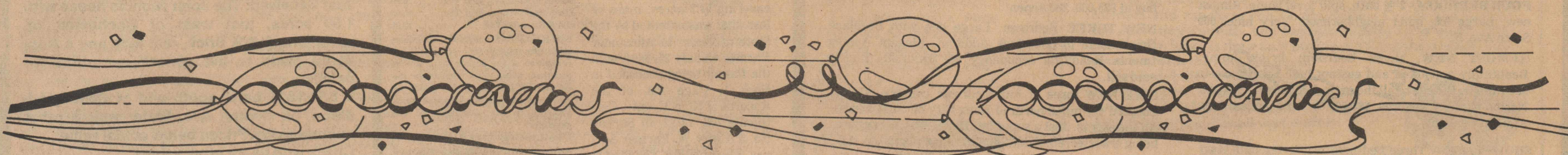


Here's to our acquaintances, old and new, who have made each day a little happier for us. Happy New Year!



The Knox County News

Billye & Buddy-Stacy & Dave-Barbara Vaden



RETIREES HONORED-County Tax Assessor-Collector John A. Smith, left, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector Kathleen Melton, and Judge Homer T. Melton were honored Thursday afternoon with a reception in the court house assembly room by county commissioners and court house employees. All three will retire December 31.

Rebates Reflect New Taxes

State Comptroller Bob Bullock has sent checks totaling \$57.4 million in local tax payments to the 997 cities that levy the one-percent local sales tax.

This month's checks are the first to reflect receipts from taxes on new goods and services collected for the first time beginning October 2, Bullock said.

Knox City's net payment for this period totaled \$5,490.44 as compared to \$4,508.93 for the same period last year. Payments to date in 1984 have been \$76,659.74, reflecting a 6.94% increase above 1983's \$71,685.83.

Munday's net payment for this period was \$2,553.58, which was slightly below \$2,693.82 for the same period last year. The 1984 payments to date totaled \$45,955.14, a minus 14.93% below 1983's \$54,019.60.

Benjamin's payments to date for the year total \$3,127.89, a big 22.08% above 1983's \$2,562.19.

Goree's payments to date for 1984 total \$5,004.24, a 2.40% increase above \$4,887.19 for the year to date 1983 payments.

Neither Benjamin nor Goree had totals for the monthly period.

Area towns and their payments for this period included Aspermont \$2,928.35, Crowell \$1,583.54, Haskell \$8,491.62, Rochester \$648.21, Rule \$894.81, Seymour \$9,967.59, and Stamford \$8,101.84.

O'Brien nor Weinert showed amounts for this period but year to date, O'Brien had a total of \$1,336.81, a 9.73% increase over 1983's \$1,218.30. Weinert to date showed \$1,816.26, an increase of 1.35% over 1983's \$1,792.06.

December checks represent taxes collected on sales made in October and reported to the Comptroller by November 20.

From County Offices

Three Retiring

County commissioners, their wives, and court house employees hosted a Christmas reception Thursday to honor County Judge Homer T. Melton, his wife Kathleen, deputy tax assessor-collector, and Tax Assessor-Collector John A. Smith who are retiring December 31.

Christmas wreaths, candles, and other decorations were evident throughout the assembly room for the special occasion. Refreshments were served including the individual cakes baked and decorated for each retiree.

Judge Melton was appointed by the commissioners' court in November 1976 replacing Sam E. Clonts, who resigned to become executive director for Texas Association of Counties. Prior to his judgeship, Melton served as sheriff of Knox County from 1947 to September 1961 when he became a Texas Ranger. He retired after 13 years on November 30, 1974.

He then was appointed investigator for District Attorney Royce Adkins in March 1975 in the 39th Judicial District which included Haskell, Throckmorton, Stonewall, and Kent counties and served until his appointment as Knox County Judge.

County Tax Assessor-Collector John A. Smith is retiring after 36 years and three months in the tax office with another four years as school tax assessor-collector. Smith worked from January 1, 1935, through December 31, 1942, for the late Earl Sams as deputy tax assessor-collector. In 1952, Smith became school tax assessor-collector for Knox City Schools resigning September 28, 1956, when he was appointed by the commissioners court as Knox County Tax Assessor-Collector to succeed the last Buddy Bumpass. He was elected to the office as the Democratic nominee in November 1956, and began as an elected official January 1,

1957. He continued to be returned to his office where he served 28 years and three months. When asked what he planned to do after retirement, he laughingly remarked, "Nothing!" Then he did go on to explain that he had several projects in mind that he had putting off for a long time. John and his wife, Daisy Dean, have three children, John Edd Smith of Midland, Judy Leaverton of Whiteface, and Jane Schoonmaker of Carrollton, and six grandchildren. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Melton, who is retiring as deputy tax assessor-collector, has worked there since February 1962 when she went to work for Mr. Smith as clerk. She was named deputy in 1976 when Lil Moorhouse retired. Prior to her work in the tax

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Alan Baty Named To 'Who's Who'

Vernon Regional Junior College has announced that Alan Baty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Baty of Truscott has been selected for membership in the 1985 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

Alan, who is a sophomore at VRJC, joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Weather

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| Date | Low | High | Rain |
|-------|-----|------|------|
| 12-11 | 42 | 68 | |
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| 12-13 | 36 | 59 | .62 |
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| 12-17 | 35 | 63 | |

Munday Brings Home State Championship

The Munday Moguls walked away with the Class A State Championship Saturday afternoon at Weatherford upsetting Union Hill, 13-0.

The Moguls ended the season with an enviable record of 16-0.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH award from the Knox City Chamber of Commerce goes to Ramona Helms, third from left. Making the presentation is Supt. W.R. Baker, who remarked that Mrs. Helms, lunchroom supervisor since 1974, has supervised over 1,000,000 meals and the schools have not had to supplement the program locally since she took over. She manages, buys and plans the menus as well as caters banquets and special occasions. Mrs. Helms has worked in the lunchroom since 1971. Others looking on include, from left, Felda Wilson, Mr. Baker, Mrs. Helms, Vallia Magana, Carolyn Rios, and Adelle Rocha.

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DWELLINGS

LYNDOL CYPERT Home - 4 Bedroom Brick with 2½ baths, den, basement. On 5 acres with water well, work shop or playroom, barn, and lots of extras. Nice country living. Super buy at \$80,000.

FOUR BEDROOM - 2-¾ bath, split level home. Almost new. Large lot, quiet neighborhood. Very nice, 609 South Ave. E.

ALMOST NEW, three bedroom brick home. Beautifully appointed and custom built. You have to see this. The house is all the extra features. The Roger Norton home. 1.25 acres. \$87,500.00. An excellent buy. Appointment only.

SHOWPLACE - Three bedroom brick, 1¾ bath, two lots, water well, fence, greenhouse, fruit trees. Corner Aspen and South Seventh. Super buy, \$59,500.00

★ **THREE BEDROOM**, one bath, new kitchen. Corner lot, nice cellar. 411 E. Main. Excellent Buy at \$20,000.

THREE BEDROOM - 2 story house at 411 East Main. New kitchen, one bath. Large corner lot. Priced little more than the lot. Assumable loan. \$19,000.00.

LIKE NEW, Three bedroom brick, 2½ bath, 2 car garage, large lot, 1045 South Aspen. Good buy, \$72,000.

THREE OR FOUR bedroom, living room, kitchen, 1½ bath, utility room. 711 Aspen. Good Buy!

REDUCED TO SELL - Beautiful three bedroom, two bath, two car garage, fireplace, living room, dining area, fenced yard on large lot. 708 South Aspen. Excellent buy.

FARM LAND

HASKELL COUNTY Farm - 160 acres-excellent soil-2 irrigation wells w/o pumps. Approximately 1 mile East of O'Brien, \$850.00 per acre. OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE.

120 ACRES excellent farm land southeast of Knox City. Some water available. Old house.

★ **NICE COUNTRY** Home Site: 16 Acres, 5 miles east of Rochester. Water well, nice trees. Set up for Mobile Home, \$20,000.00.

31 ACRES east of Greyhound Stadium. All cultivated.

14 ACRES south of Knox City, would do for Texas Veterans.

552 ACRES - All cultivated, good land southeast of O'Brien. All in one block. Mostly irrigated. Some loan available for assumption. \$1000. per acre.

FOUR BEDROOM, Den w/fire place, large living room. Two Bath. \$38,000. 901 South 2nd.

TWO STORY - 4 Bedroom house on large corner lot. Separate garage & workshop. Water well, cellar. Good buy at \$25,000. 200 Aspen.

NEW THREE Bedroom. Large den with fireplace. Brick home in Southfork Addition. Elegant Appointments. Ready for occupancy. 601 South 8th. Builder said sell.

LIKE NEW three or four bedroom country estate. Located 4½ miles north of Knox City on 10.44 acres. All the extras. Just a super buy at \$89,900. Owners are being transferred. Additional acreage available. Appointment only.

VERY NICE-Two bedroom-stucco in O'Brien. Small equity and pick up payments. Ricky Gutierrez home. Shown by appointment.

IN MUNDAY

4 BEDROOM, corner lot, central air, good assumable loan at good rate. 261 9th, \$36,000.

BUSINESS

A **BUSINESS** with big potential. K Motel. Assumable loan. Excellent for a couple.

RESIDENTIAL LOTS

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EXCELLENT BUILDING Lots in Southfork Addition.

LEGAL NOTICE

14th day of November A.D. 1984, in this cause, numbered 7079 on the docket of said court, and styles, Gulf Energy Producing Company Plaintiff, vs. Edgar D. Leonard, Rose E. Fitzgerald and Dennis E. Mahoney Defendants.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Gulf Energy Producing Company are Plaintiffs and Edgar D. Leonard, Rose E. Fitzgerald and Dennis E. Mahoney are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows to wit: A suit for the appointment of a receiver with power and authority to execute, under order of the Court, an oil, gas and mineral lease or leases covering unleased, undivided interest in all oil, gas or other minerals owned by, claimed by, or belonging to defendants, one or all of them, upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the court (including pooling provisions), in and under the following described land in Knox County, Texas:

The East 100 acres of Section 55, Block B, A-292, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Knox County, Texas, and that certain tract covering 51.2 acres, more or less, that was patented by the State of Texas to Alexander Farmer on July 25, 1901, with the Patent being recorded in Book 1, Page 208, of the Records of Knox County, Certificate No. 14/82, in Survey No. 5 A-1014, A. Farmer Survey, Knox County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, this the 27th day of

LEGAL NOTICE

November A.D. 1984. Attest: /s/Gloria L. West, Clerk, District Court, Knox County, Texas. 12-6 4tc

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 30.05 OF THE PENAL CODE OF TEXAS - CRIMINAL TRESPASS (SENATE BILL III LEGISLATURE), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL LANDS OF THE W.T. WAGGONER ESTATE ARE POSTED - SAVE AND EXCEPT WHERE WRITTEN PERMISSION IS GIVEN TO COME UPON THE SAME. CHARLES M. PRATHER TRUSTEE

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Just Received: The John Nichols house with 1.50 acres, just west of Rochester, on pavement, 3 B/R Brick, real nice and a wonderful place to live. Check our office for details.

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BUSINESS FOR SALE -- Reduced price. Call 658-3650. The Gift Cottage. 10-11 tfc

FOR RENT - Nice large building, excellent location between Jones Pharmacy and Clonts Hardware. Call Estelle Hawkins, phone (817) 564-3122. 11-15 tfc

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

MUST SELL -- 1983 mobile home, two bedroom, two bath, \$17,000.00 or take up payments. Call (817) 673-4601 or 673-4581. 12-6 4tc

FIREWOOD for sale - Delivered and stacked. Jim Pratt, Benjamin, 454-3661. 10-25 tfc

FOR SALE - Sofa (Makes Bed) and Matching Chair, \$100.00. Birdie Helton, 658-3559, 8 to 5. 12-20 2tc

WHEATLAND - SWEEPS - Duckfoot & Spikes, Planting Busters and Cultivator Sweeps 4" to 36", Bearings for Rolling Cultivator, Sandfighters, one way tandem plows. Also for cars, pickups and trucks - oil, fuel and all filters, Delco batteries, water pump & fuel pumps, brake pads & brake shoes. Gates belts, A.C. & Champion spark plugs, Exchange starter & alternators, U-joints - bolts ¼" to 1", Egenbacher Implement, Inc. 6-16 tfc

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MANDY PIERCE will be at Opal's Beauty Salon every Saturday. Call 658-3723 during the week for appointment. 7-26 tfc

"CECO Rents Farm Equipment. Day - Week - Month. Call 915-773-3656. Cox Equipment Company - Stamford, Texas". 11-22 6tc

CINDY REYNOLDS will be at the Mini Mall Beauty Salon, Saturday, December 29, from 9 to 6. Drop in or call for appointment, 658-3945. 12-27 1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce would like to extend special thanks to these Miss Merry Christmas gift donors: Brothers Automotive, Penman Conoco, KC Jaycees, Perdue Insurance, Citizens State Bank, Jerry's Plumbing, Bob's Super Save, Knox City Florist, P&W Mesquite, The Lady Bug Shoppe, Lowrey's, Counts Insurance, P-B-H Oilfield Supply, Bridges Oil Company and Tanko Welding (Payton and Mandy Tankersley). 12-27 1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Benjamin is receiving sealed bids on a 1980 ½ ton Dodge pickup. Bids to be opened at City Council meeting, January 9, 1985, at Benjamin City Hall. Council reserves right to refuse any bid. Truck may be inspected during business hours.

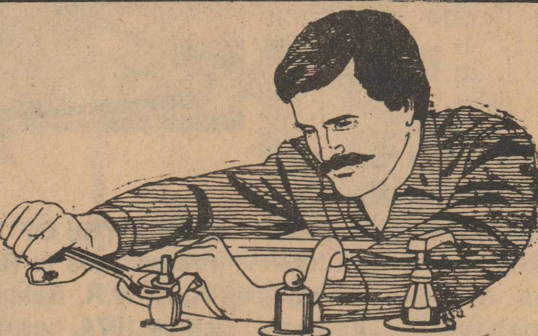
Ernie Eaton
City Manager
12-27 2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: Edgar D. Leonard, Rose E. Fitzgerald and Dennis E. Mahoney, the unknown heirs of any of the foregoing persons who may be deceased; the unknown executors, administrators or personal representatives of any of the foregoing persons who may be deceased; and the unknown spouses, if any, of the foregoing persons, all of the foregoing being hereafter referred to collectively as "Defendants", Greeting:

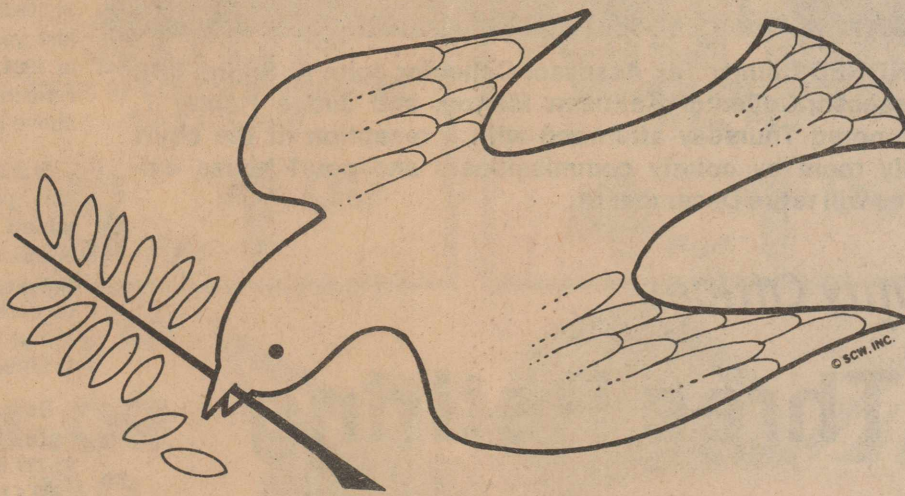
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday the 14th day of January 1985, at or before ten o'clock A.M. before the Honorable District Court of Knox County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in Benjamin, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the



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PEACE

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O'Brien Happenings

By AUDIE JOHNSTON

"History -- We ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience." (George Washington)

ATTEND BALET

Tess Wall, accompanied by Bobbie Harrison, Jennifer and Melissa Harrison were in Abilene recently to attend the ballet, "The Little Match Girl" by Hans Christian Andersen.

The ballet was adapted and choreographed by Nancy Gore, an Abilene teacher of ballet. The Overture was Christmas music by the St. Paul Methodist Handbell Choir.

According to Tess, the dancers, costumes, and the ballet in its entirety were delightful.

HERE AND THERE
Pearce, Cody and Christie Manning were in Hamlin Sunday afternoon to visit her brothers, Butch and John Holland and families.

Visiting Leslie and Mildred Draper Sunday and celebrating an early Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis of Lubbock.

Kenneth and Annette Johnston of Amarillo, Gerald and Becky Johnston and son of Burk Burnett, Joey Johnston of Austin, W.D., Joye and D'Lynn Johnston of Gainesville spent the weekend with Lorata Johnston.

Alton and LaUna Hester spent a few days in Panhandle with their daughter, Brenda and husband Doyle Robinson and family. Their grandson, Zachery Keith Robinson, had visited them for a few days and they returned him to his home.

McNulty Rites Are Held Friday

Funeral services for Knox City resident O.J. (Speck) McNulty were held Friday afternoon, December 14, at three o'clock in the First Baptist Church. Officiating were the Rev. John Gillispie, church pastor, and the Rev. Jack Maddox, First Christian Church minister. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McNulty, 75, died Wednesday, December 12, at approximately 10:15 a.m. at his residence from an apparent heart attack.

Born February 10, 1909, in Nolan County, he married Valta Screws on November 24, 1937, in Seymour. Mr. McNulty was a retired electrician. The couple moved to Knox City one year ago from Haskell. He was a member of the Orient Masonic Lodge in Knox City and was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of the First Primitive Baptist Church in Wichita Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Andrew Glyn McNulty in 1960, an infant granddaughter, Christal McNulty in 1963, a brother, Lee Roy Lightfoot, and a sister, Joyce Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Valta of the home; a son, Orland Dwayne of Arlington; two brothers, W.B. McNulty and H.L. McNulty, both of Knox City; a sister, Martha Dickie of Borger; one grandson, Randy McNulty of Hurst, one step grandson Billy Don Wilmut of Fort Worth, and one step granddaughter Jennifer Way.

Masons served as pallbearers.

Jane's News Notes

By Jane Locknane
County Extension Agent

'Tis the season to be...rushed, preoccupied and frustrated by all the things that must be done. Don't let the holiday demands get you down. Now is a good time to think through what you really want Christmas to be for you and your family. There may be a lot of "traditions" that you can eliminate and still get the feeling you want. However, food safety is not one of them.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR FOOD SAFETY

1. Maintain refrigerator temperature at 35 to 40 degrees F. Check frequently to be sure.
 2. Maintain freezer temperature at 0 degrees F. Check frequently to be sure.
 3. Keep meat and poultry under refrigeration at all times.
 4. For refrigerator storage-wrap loosely.
 5. For freezer storage-wrap tightly.
 6. Thaw frozen meat and poultry in refrigerator. If time is a factor, thaw in a water-tight package under cold water.
 7. Clean cutting boards thoroughly after each use.
 8. Never buy foods in dented or bulging cans.
 9. Always keep hot foods hot until served (above 140 degrees F.) Never leave at room temperature for more than 2 hours.
 10. Always keep cold foods cold until served (below 40 degrees F.).
- I hope you will keep these handy and comply with them during the busy holidays. Your buffet may look, taste and smell tempting, but if it's been left out too long, germs that cause food borne illness can multiply to toxic levels, making family and guests sick.

PERCOLATOR PUNCH
2 cups Cranberry Juice
Cocktail
2½ cups Pineapple Juice
½ cup Brown sugar
½ cup water

Pour into percolator pot. In basket of percolator put:
1 teaspoon whole cloves
1½ teaspoon whole all spice
1-2 sticks cinnamon (break-up)

Let punch run through cycle.

Hobby Club Celebrates Yuletide

Christmas was celebrated at the December 18 meeting of the Rochester Hobby Club. Members enjoyed a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings and all of the extra meats, vegetables, desserts, etc. usually served at our twice a month meetings. Odessa Erwin was hostess with 20 members and 10 visitors.

A devotional of Scriptures on Christ's birth read by Helen Cox, a prayer by Annie Marshall and Christmas carols by all of the group preceded the serving of holiday refreshments accompanied by frosted punch. The club adjourned until 1985 when a new year will begin with the election of officers.

Child Welfare Board

Donations have been made to the Knox County Child Welfare Board in memory of:
B.B. Hendrix
by Marion and Bettye Hord; and
Flora Minnie Myers
by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberts.

Leslie Draper Is Buried December 22

Funeral services for O'Brien resident Leslie J. Draper were held Saturday afternoon, December 22, at two o'clock in the First Baptist Church in O'Brien with the Rev. Bill Trice, church pastor, officiating. Burial was in the O'Brien Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

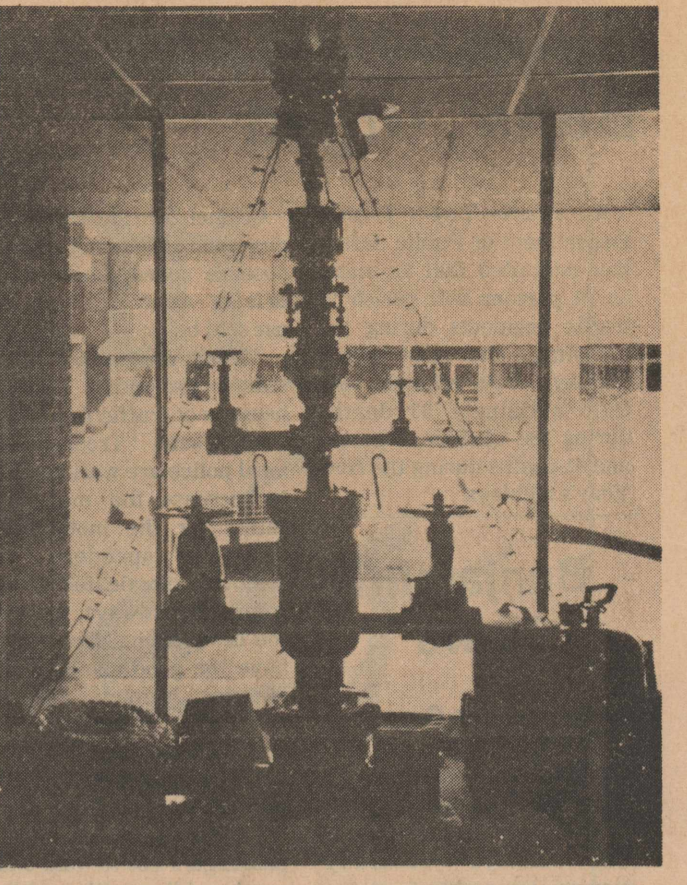
Mr. Draper, 78, died at approximately 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20, at his residence from an apparent heart attack.

Born February 3, 1906, in Jacksboro, he married Mildred Sparks on January 8, 1926, near Munday. They moved to O'Brien in 1971 from Dallas. Mr. Draper was a retired City of Dallas employee and a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Brien.

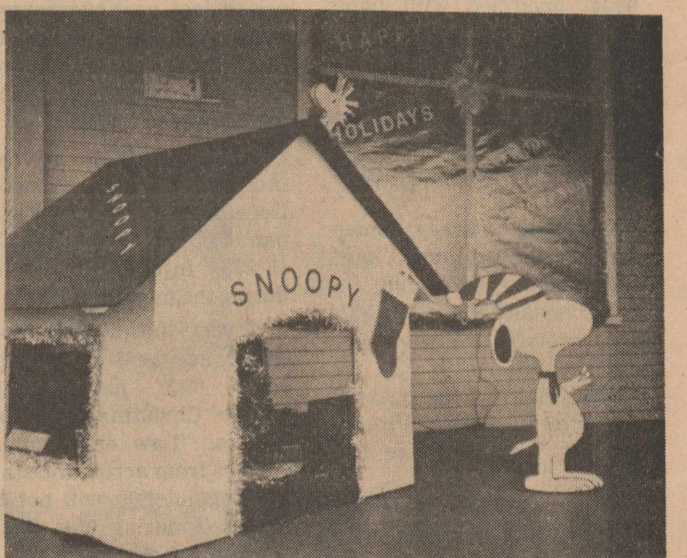
He was preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred of the home; a son, Kenneth of Lubbock; two daughters, Juanita Heimerman and Jeanette Lewis, both of Lubbock; a brother, Glenver Draper of Seymour; five sisters, Ozelle Kilgore of Benjamin, Zela Hayes of Bakersfield, California, Mary Fitzgerald of Munday and Mildred Fitzgerald and Evelyn Roberts, both of Seymour; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Claudale Barnard, Vernon Bridges, Roy Stewart, Jim Wilkinson, L.A. Covey and Junior Reeves.



SILHOUETTED AGAINST a bright afternoon sun, this "Oilfield Christmas Tree" fills up the front display window of P-B-H Oilfield Supply in downtown Knox City. Constructed for entry into the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Display program, the "tree" cost would be in the range of \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 if anyone wants to order one for next Christmas.



ANOTHER ENTRY in the Knox City Christmas Lighting Contest was "Snoopy" as he stands in front of his house. The doghouse is complete with a Christmas tree, lights and presents as it sits on the porch of Stacy and Dave Thompson at 307 South Third.

Stewarts Host Christmas Party

Roy and Kay Stewart were host and hostess to the annual Christmas Party for the descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Stewart. It was held at the Santa Rosa Hall Sunday, December 16, with lots of good food and fellowship.

Those attending from Fort Worth and Hurst were Sue and Virgil Stephens, George and Karen Mountcastle, LuAnn Leighann and Laren Krey, Jimmy, Brady, Sarah Stephens and Kathy, Brett and Cara Rodgers.

Jack and Frances Stewart, David, Beverly, Tonya and Keith McGaughey, Ronnie, Delores and Mindie Stewart, J.N. and Margie Stewart, Tammy, Eric and Kelli Greenwood all of Munday,

Mark and Kim Stewart, Mike and Linda Stewart of Weinert, Danny, Sue, Heather and Justin of Haskell, Gregg and Missie Norman of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Sparks of Cisco, Roy and Kay Stewart, Bill, Diann and B.J., Betty Poe, Muti and Bertie Ivie, all from Knox City, Johnny, Vonnice, Nicki, Holly and Jessica, David, Pat, Jason, Buck and J.J. all from O'Brien.

Forms Required For Foreign AgHoldings

John Rector, County Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is reminding readers of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 which became effective on February 2, 1979. It requires any foreign person who:

a. Acquires or transfers any interest other than a security interest in agricultural land to submit a completed form ASCS-153 to the Secretary of Agriculture not later than 90 days after the date of acquisition or transfer, or;

b. Holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land on February 1, 1979, should have submitted a report, to the Secretary not later than August 1, 1979.

The information required by the Secretary should be reported on form ASCS-153. Copies of this form may be obtained from the county ASCS office. Return the completed form ASCS-153 to the county ASCS office.

Any foreign person, who holds, acquires, or transfers any interest in agricultural land, who the Secretary of

Agriculture determines did not submit a form ASCS-153 or who knowingly submitted a report that was incomplete, misleading or false is subject to civil penalty of not more than 25 percent of the fair market value of land on the date the penalty is assessed.

ASCS-153 forms shall be analyzed by the United States Department of Agriculture agency staff to develop reports for the Secretary of Agriculture for issue to Congress and the agriculture department in each State. Completed ASCS-153 forms and the analysis shall be available for public inspection at the Department of Agriculture located in the District of Columbia.

If readers have any questions concerning the Act, they are asked to contact Mr. Rector at P.O. Box 188, Knox City, Texas 79529, or call (817) 658-3537.

Study Club Enjoys Party December 20

The Knox City Study Club held its Christmas party Thursday, December 20. James and Charlotte Patterson sang "Silver Bells" and "White Christmas", accompanied on the piano by Elizabeth Wilson.

James then led the group in several Christmas carols.

Lena McGee, who had charge of the program passed out small Christmas packages with timely quotations attached. Each one read a quotation aloud.

Hostesses Janoma Stephens and Wretha Fitzgerald served from a table filled with delicious "tidbits".

Guests were James Patterson and David Stone. A generous gift of money for Girls Town was donated.

Cotton Classing Report

Local cotton prices were weak to one cent per pound lower than during the previous week according to B.B. Manly of the USDA Cotton Classing Office in Abilene. Trading was moderate to mostly slow. Most cotton sold at 52 to 55 cents per pound which was at 600 to 800 points over loan values. Cottonseed prices paid producers were weak to 10 dollars per ton lower at 85 to 110 dollars per ton.

About 24,000 cotton samples were classed in Abilene during the week ending December 13, bringing the seasonal total to 99,000 samples classed. Farmers made good progress harvesting cotton during the few days of dry weather that prevailed last week, but the cotton harvest has now been slowed or stopped by rainy weather again.

The quality of Abilene area cotton continued relatively high considering the adverse growing conditions and the amount of inclement weather during the harvest season. Grades have been about 67 percent light-spotted and 29 percent white so far this season. Grade 42 has been predominant at 36 percent. Grade 52 comprised 18 percent, grade 41 comprised 13 percent, grade 32 comprised 12 percent, and grade 51 accounted for 11 percent of the seasons classings. Staple length has averaged 32.3 for the season with 23 percent staple 31, 22 percent staple 32, 20 percent staple 33, and 17 percent staple 34. Mike readings have been 85 percent within the 35 to 49 range with 38.33 being the average mike for the season.

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AUSTIN--The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated that as many as 94 persons will perish in traffic accidents during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. DPS officials said they anticipate 53 deaths during the Christmas period and 41 deaths during the New Year's holidays.

Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, asked motorists to observe speed limits, avoid driving after drinking and use seat belts.

"This joyous season will be ruined for many families because of traffic fatalities," Adams said. "Troopers and local police are working hard to increase the margin of safety for the motorist by ticketing speeders and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways, but even the law abiding driver must have the good sense to look out for himself and his passengers. I firmly believe that the best defense against the intoxicated driver is a buckled seat belt."

Adams warned vehicle passengers not to take chances by riding with a driver thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. "A person's driving abilities can be significantly affected by alcohol long before the legal limit of intoxication is reached," Adams pointed out. "It's best not to drink at all if you plan to drive."

During the Christmas period last year, 34 persons were killed and the final total for the New Year holiday was 39 deaths. Numerous others were injured seriously.

DPS officials advised motorists that during December of last year Texas had 284 traffic deaths and 18,238 injuries reported during the month.

"Twenty people died from traffic accidents on December 23, 1983 -- just two days before Christmas," noted Adams. "Law enforcement officers from across the state are hopeful this will not be repeated during the forthcoming holiday," said Adams.

The DPS reports additional troopers will be assigned where large volumes of traffic or additional accidents are anticipated.

"I have authorized Highway Patrol captains to utilize troopers from other services to augment the regular patrol if additional troopers are needed in a particular area," said Adams.

The DPS will conduct its "Operation Motorcade" starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 21, and continuing through midnight Tuesday, December 25, 1984. The effort will be repeated during the New Year holiday starting at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, 1984, and ending at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1985. Each counting period is 102 hours long.

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RETIRING

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office, she worked at the county jail when her husband was sheriff. Mrs. Melton, the former Kathleen Sams, and her husband have two children, Mary Jane Young of Lubbock and Jim Melton of Buffalo Gap, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Meltons both said they were looking forward to enjoying more time with their grandchildren after retirement.

A number of out-of-town officials, as well as relatives and friends were on hand to honor these three faithful employees.

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SENIOR CLASS NEWS

By Linda Mayes

This is the last week of the semester and everybody is busy studying for test. Thursday is the last day of school for the K.C.H.S. students for a couple of weeks.

The seniors are excited because the next time they go back to school, after the holidays, it will be 1985. The year we have waited on for a very long time.

This will be our last article for a couple of weeks and the class of '85 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

KEY CHAPTER NEWS

By Lawri Tankersley

Everyone in Homemaking is looking forward to the Christmas holidays. We've really worked hard on nine weeks and Semester Tests, and are ready for Christmas.

Last Monday night, the girls in FHA had an annual Christmas Party at Christi Clayton's house. That event really got everyone in the Christmas spirit. I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas holidays, and has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Mayor
Doyce Gillilan
Chief of Police

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

SOROSIS CLUB PARTY

The Benjamin Sorosis Club enjoyed their annual Christmas Party, Saturday evening, December 8, at the Sorosis Club Building, with most of the members and their husbands attending.

The beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the room and the ringing of Christmas Carols added to the spirit of Christmas. Christine Patterson read "Christmas From the Heart", illustrated by a huge heart encircled with lights and Christmas decorations. The traditional singing of "She'll Be Coming Around The Mountain" by the group led by Kenneth Roberts is always a fun song enjoyed by all.

After the "Turkey dinner with all the trimmings," gifts were exchanged among the members and also many gifts were brought to be given to a needy child.

Hostesses for the occasion were Bertha Driver, Virginia Griffith, and Christine Patterson.

It's basketball season and following is a schedule for both High School and Junior High.

HIGH SCHOOL 1984-85
January 8, Knox City, Here, 6:30; Jan. 11, Goree, Here, 6:30; Jan. 15, Munday, Here, 6:30; Jan. 18, Rochester, Here, 6:30; Jan. 22, Weinert, Here, 6:30; Jan. 25, Knox City, Here, 6:30; Jan. 29, Goree, Here, 6:30; February 1, Munday, Here, 6:30; Feb. 5, Rochester, Here, 6:30; Feb. 7, Weinert, Here, 6:30.

JUNIOR HIGH 1984-85
January 10-12, Munday Tourney (Boys); Jan. 14, Rochester, Here, 5:30; Jan. 17-19, Munday Tourney (Girls); Jan. 24, Goree, Here, 5:30.

HERE 'N THERE
Franklin Alexander of El Paso visited his father, Albert Alexander and his mother Nell Alexander at Riverview Manor in Seymour.

Leon and Olga Bivens visited their son and family, the Carson Bivens near Plainview and Leon did some pheasant hunting.

Beverly Tolson, student at VRJC is home for the Christmas holidays.

Scott Hertel of Wichita Falls visited his parents, Don and Louise Hertel a couple of days last week.

Merry Christmas from our house to yours.



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News Notes from the Brazos Valley Care Home By Rena

The Care Home has had several volunteers and visitors the last three weeks. The programs have been enjoyed by all the residents of Brazos Valley Care Home. Many, Many thanks to everyone who has had a part in helping us prepare for Christmas. We are all having fun and enjoying the season.

The Methodist with Bro. Stenberg was in charge of the Church Service December 2. There was a good attendance. A Special was brought by a group of girls, Kim Rhodes played the piano for them.

The First Baptist Church of Knox City with Bro. John Gillispie bringing the message November 18. Everyone enjoyed the service very much.

The First Christian of Knox City with Jack Maddox bringing the message December 9. Everyone enjoyed the service. There was a good attendance.

Sunday School was taught by Ozelle Stephens. Peggy Guinn played for song service and Joe Marion led the singing. Lacy Headrick has helped with the music. Many others have helped, we don't have your names for all of these services. Thanks.

Bro. Phillip Burcham and Jimmy Quintana has taught Bible Class. There has been a good attendance for all the classes. Everyone can hardly wait each week for them to get here for class.

June Tankersley is in charge of Rhythm Band each week. The residents have their instruments all tuned and waiting for June. They love her.

Linda Pierson teaches the Exercise Class and sing-alongs each week. The residents all feel much better after Linda finishes with her class.

Bro. Hodges Group from Haskell comes each Monday afternoon and brightens all the residents day with their singing, preaching and Reality Orientation of their lives.

The residents all have enjoyed having Carmoleta Graham of Dallas, sister of Opal Dennington, resident of the Care Home visit this week. She has entertained with singing, guitar playing, french harp and musical therapy.

The Mid-Week volunteer prayer group has met and it is a time all residents look forward too. They have a time of fellowship and togetherness during this hour. They look forward to this group coming each week.

Bro. Woolley, his wife

Oliver and John Chilcoat have the Sunshine Hour each Monday. Bro. Woolley brings the message, Oliver plays the piano, John Chilcoat, Doyle Graham, Rena Tankersley and Oliver Woolley brings the special music. All the residents joins in the service and it is a enjoyable time for everyone.

The Foursquare Church was in charge of Church Services November 25 with David Stone bringing the message, his wife Nancy playing the piano for song service. There was a good attendance. The residents always enjoy David and Nancy and their children.

Dimples Eddington, Esther Conn, Mother and Daddy, Bessie Duncan, Jimmy Quintana, Mary Beth Smith, Betty Collier, Adina Roberson, Van Robertson, Bessie King, Nancy Stone, Bonnie Deaes and Grace Helton visited Kelton Smith.

Barbara James, Harvey James, L.V. Worley, Phillip Burcham, Kate James, Ruby Pierce, Jimmy and Josie Quintana, Evelyn Boyd, Dorothy Reddel, Sybil Greenwood, Lennis Worley, Tommy Waldrup, Clara Hodges and Linda Large visited Mary Lou Foshee and Dora Followill.

Jimmy Quintana, Evelyn Balis, Bessie King, Nancy and Joanna Stone visited Dicie Singleton and Athleen Owens.

Myrtle White, Lillian Logan, Betty Williams, Wretha Fitzgerald visited Marjorie Baker.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Dollie Feemster of Haskell, Delma Lee Howell, Eldora Gray, Brett Collier, Lorena Burson, Alma Pack, George and Mozelle Hodges, Wretha Fitzgerald and Helen Manning visited Blanche Hodges and Gracie Cyr.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Jimmy Quintana, Evelyn Balis, Doris Jones, Dave and Bessie Davidson, Ann McGuire, Bessie King, Nancy and Joanna Stone, Polly Dabney, Jewel Worley, Edith Golden and Emily Wilson visited Eda Faye Pounds and Florence Burleson.

Ozelle Stephens, Jack Maddox, Pearl Gage, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Rhonda and Jeremy Eaton and Charles S. Gresham visited Leah Couch and Lillie Burleson.

Delma Lee Howell, Eldora Gray, Bessie King and Ruth McElroy visited Ila Wooley and Mary Simmons.

Helen Green, Alicia Petiet, Lloyd Coppedage, Judy Red-

wine, Jimmy Green, Deborah Curd, Mary Coppedge and Jerry Curd visited Arlyn Coppedge.

Paul and Polly Hoge of Seymour, Anne and Libbie Neskorik of Throckmorton, Dan and Claydene Steakley visited Clay Hoge.

Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite visited Allibell Trimmier.

Dewey Darr, Vic Thomas, Bud Hudspeth, Loretta Hudspeth, Vickie Weems and Joyce Cooper visited Frances Hudspeth.

Jack Maddox, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Pearl Gage, Phillip Burcham and L.V. Worley visited Ruth Papworth and Elizabeth Lauderdale.

Joe Marion, Dave Stone, Theodore Poe and O.C. Poe visited Tom Ed Osborn.

Birdie Helton, Jack Maddox, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Bobby Joe, Burney Camp, Pearl Gage, Betty Meinzer and Nora Culp visited Minnie Reeves.

Tick Moorhouse, Jessie Roberts, James Moorhouse and Julia Propps visited Allie Moorhouse and Ocie Clough.

Grace Welch, Pearl Gage, Nina Lee Baty, Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Bill Ryder, Ramona Helms, Ozelle Stephens and Mrs. Fitzgerald visited Hazel Clark and Waynell Clark.

Vivian Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crabb, Clara Hodges, Phillip Burcham, L.V. Worley, Rita Searle, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Wanta Butler, Neva Epley, Johnny Mae Land and Don Poe visited Ella Moseley.

Phillip Burcham, Opal Guffey, Jimmy Quintana, Lucille Abbott, Lorena Burnison, L.V. Worley, Hope Poe, Raymond and Phama Lou Wilhite, Pearl Gage, Evelyn Boyd, Ozelle Stephens and Tommy Waldrup visited Mae Flowers.

Tina Thomas, Kitty Thomas, Jack Thomas, Donna Thomas, Ray Thomas, J.W. LaDuke, Chris Thomas, Jerry Thomas and Jimmy Quintana visited Zollie Thomas.

Lucille Abbott, Kate Wheeler, Sidney Carter, Jack Maddox, Joe Marion, Marvin Jones, Delbert Hayes, Jimmy and Josie Quintana, L.J. Snelson and A.A. Cox visited T.C. Carter.

Tony Land, Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Poe, Bertie Ivie, Betty Poe, Don Poe, Edith Branch, Johnnie Mae Land, Mr. and Mrs. D.T. Poe, Janet Conner, Michelle and Blaine visited Lonzo Poe and Albert Fox.

Curtis Casey, Myrtle White, Joe Marion, and Billye Angle visited Bea Benedict.

Visiting Bea Benedict have been Curtis Casey, Myrtle White, Doris Jones, Stella Ferguson, Peggy McGaughey, Lillian Logan, and Billye Angle.

Senior Citizens Report

By Janie Wilkinson

Hello to all my friends.

Another week has gone by and Christmas is creeping up on us. This is a time we are so busy cooking and hustle and bustle wrapping gifts. I just want to mention, let's take a little time out during the busy Christmas season to call a senior citizen. Your phone call or a visit could be the best possible yuletide cheer for a lonely relative, friend, neighbor or even a casual acquaintance.

I have always heard depression hits worse at Christmas time. We need to contact a senior citizen during our festivities. Invite them to dinner or take their dinner to them. We enjoyed our mayor, city council and wives, all city employes and wives and husbands for our appreciation dinner. We appreciate each of you. We want to thank Tom and Ruth for singing Christmas carols during lunch. We want to thank Elizabeth and Aurora for cooking for all of us. They are the ones that send food to the shutins, the food to Monday, Goree, Benjamin, and Truscott. The senior citizens of Knox County want to thank you, both of you again. Lloyd, Aleene, George that deliver the food to the shutins and different towns. Thank you, without you we couldn't make it. Ruby, all the site managers want to thank you, Virginia, Bulah, Effie, Marie, myself. We appreciate you for correcting all our mistakes, and understanding us. All of us working harder and together we've got it made. Weather was bad on our musical Saturday night. Better next time. Our Little Learners sang for us Monday. Our youngsters bring us a brighter future. Hope to see you all after Christmas. Hope you and yours have a good one, and remember have you done a good deed for someone today?

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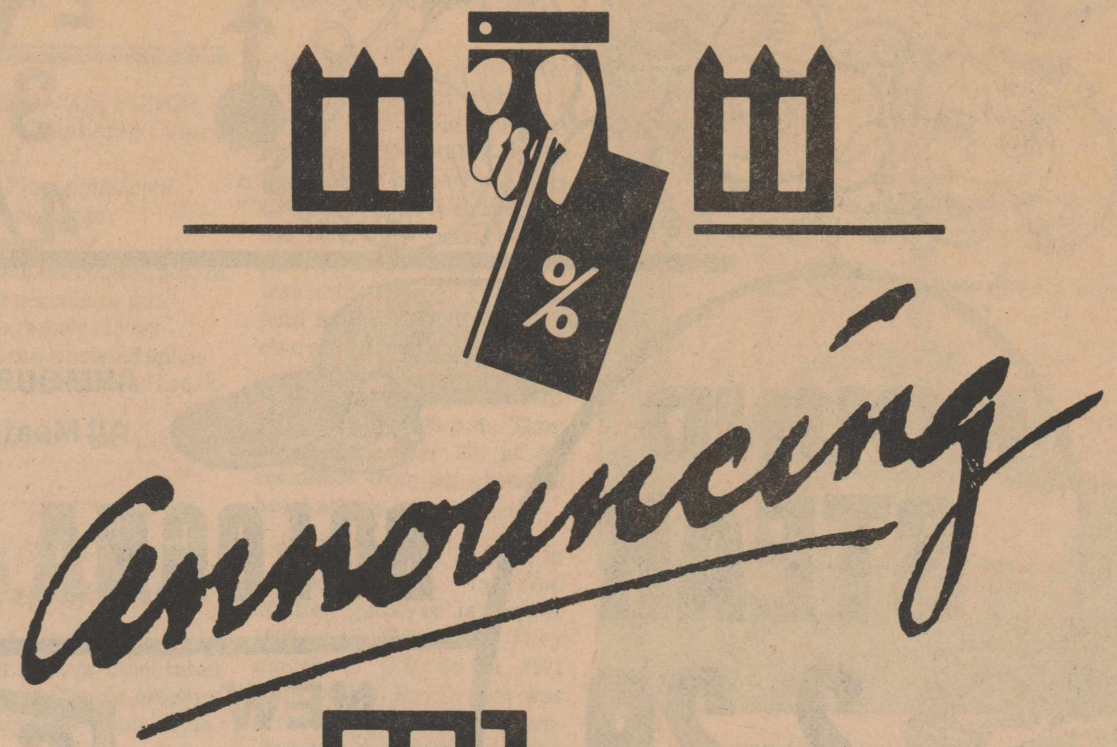
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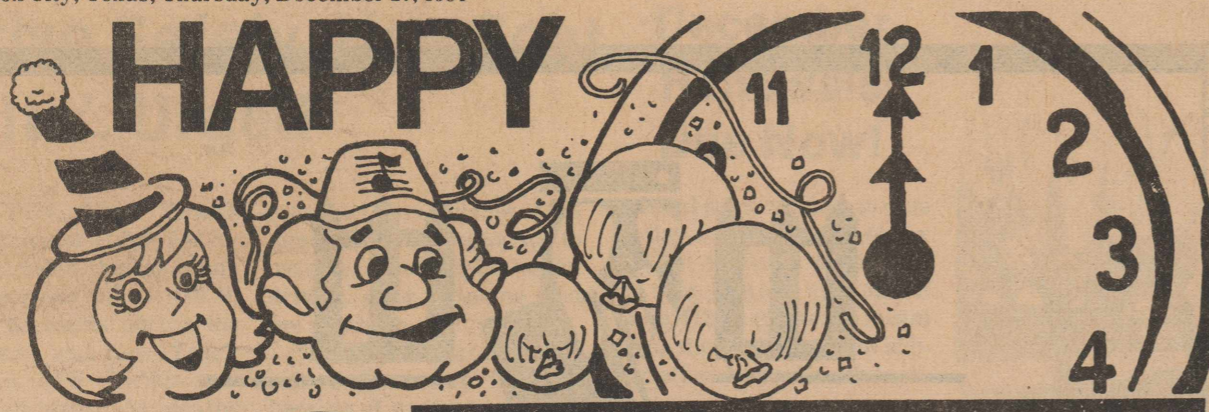
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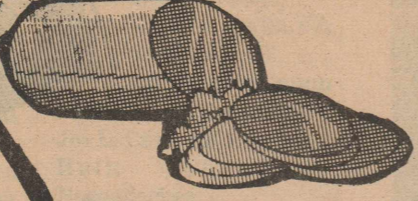
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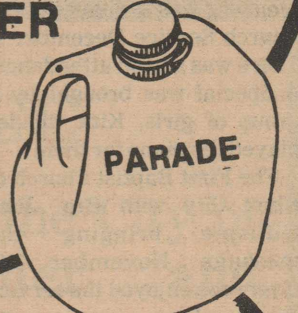
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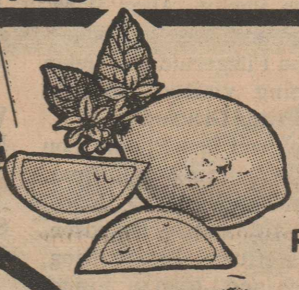


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An Open Letter

(Note: The writer of this letter is a young woman whose 15 yr. old daughter shot & killed herself the night of Dec. 6. She has a teenage son, David who is a high school Sr. She has been an Elementary teacher, for 14 yrs.)

As I opened the paper this morning (Dec. 9) the headline read "Tougher Reforms for Schools".

My heart is breaking today because we lost our baby, Rhonda, 48 hours ago. She was a happy, laughing, 15½ year old who seemed to have everything going for her.

We loved her, she loved us, and I know that she knew we all loved her.

At 15, she was tired. School work was hard for her. She had to study two to four hours every night. She was a cheerleader and she loved it. She was in vocational agriculture and band. She loved to dance and laugh. To everyone she was the life of a party--always ready to do "do it".

Why? God wanted her life to make an impact and it did.

She was laughing and happy four hours before she left us. She and her dad delivered ag fruit. He hotrodded the pickup and she giggled.

We left the house to go to her brother's ballgame and she was a happy little girl. She just had to stay home to get her lessons. It seems that, that is all she had done at home during the last three months...Everynight.

I hadn't had her do house chores because she was just too busy with school. I helped her with some busy work. I would answer questions for her in some classes and she would copy them off.

School work was hard for her and she just didn't have the time or energy to do it all. Cheerleading was a strain on her but she loved it, so I felt that I could do some of her "busy work" assignments for her.

She loved everybody--she just got so tired and I lost her in just a short minute.

Make school reforms tougher?

Are the people in Austin crazy?

Our kids are under more stress at school today than any adult can ever know!

We are not a family that never talked. We talked all the time. We knew that things were tough, but oh, we adults just don't take our kids problems as serious as they do.

Things must change. Don't get me wrong. I'm not blaming anyone, and certainly not Rhonda's teachers. She loved everyone of you. I have never once heard her say that she did not like even one teacher.

It was just too much stress for her to get all that paper work.

Mr. Perot wants to poke through everybody's little minds because as he thinks "every kid is just alike and they all need exactly ever course".

Hogwash!

All kids are not college bound and shouldn't be. Teach them to be carpenters and electricians or other skilled vocations that our society must have.

Let kids that can not excel

in "book learning" learn a trade so they can be ready for adulthood.

Not many kids will need to know the parts of a frog or what theorem answers how this triangle is congruent to that.

Teach kids something that can help them in life! Don't get me wrong. Learning is not fun. It is work! Hard work and that part of school we just must go through.

Even my fifth graders many times ask me "why do we have to learn this?" This year the answer has been that it meets one of Mr. Perot's essential elements (E.E.'s -- Excedrin headaches).

The only things that many kids can excel in is high school sports and even that is trying to end. These new rules are ridiculous! When I was in high school, school was fun! Ask any teenager today if school is fun.

Ask them! We have let men at desks that seem to have nothing better to do, nearly ruin Texas Schools.

We must change. Some kids must prepare for college, but all those others must be taught a vocation.

I talked to my Superintendent a couple of years ago about vocational programs in our high school and he said when he ask about it in Austin, that the red tape and cost were unsurmountable.

Thank goodness for vocational agriculture, which Mr. Perot wants to trim, because kids learn things they can use in this class and it's fun to learn something that you can see a purpose for.

European countries have this kind of system and we must "reform" to it.

I'm sorry for the rambling in this letter but these thoughts have just poured from my head after reading the headlines. Kids must be relieved of all the stress placed upon them. Let's "reform" Texas schools so school will once again be fun.

I attended a meeting earlier this year where Dr. Jeri Phifer spoke. I have never met her personally, but God has given her a mission and the talents she needs to accomplish this mission. She told us to go back to our classrooms and sometime, somehow, everyday, to make our students laugh. Ever since then, I have tried that and you just won't know how hard that has been some days.

What a thought, that we can't find something to laugh at during school.

When my Rhonda became a cheerleader, she turned a cartwheel in the middle of the school hall. Now I bet that was a cute sight.

Another thought about tests.

All this publicity about how our kids don't score as high as kids in other countries. We test every kid! (with IQ's from 40 to 140). Other countries test just the top bunch. The lower bunch goes the vocational route and are not included in these tests. The United States has some of the smartest kids in the world.

Just ask any teacher and they will name some.

SHERRY ADAMS

New Bride Is Shower Honoree

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Billy Chenhall, the former Mona Hedgecoke, was held Thursday, December 13, in the home of Mrs. David (Teri) Anderson. Calling hour was from seven-thirty until eight-thirty in the evening.

Special guests included the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Monnie Hedgecoke.

The refreshment table carried out the Christmas motif with a red textured cloth trimmed in green. A Christmas centerpiece with holly, apples and a hurricane lamp centered the table. Refreshments of assorted cookies, pumpkin bread, muffins, cranberry Christmas punch and coffee were served. Appointments were of crystal.

Christmas poinsettias and holiday decorations were used throughout the house.

Hostesses were Reva Rodriguez, Doris Jones, Jean Kuehler, Rachel Vasquez, Sandra Bateman, Teri Anderson, Eva Flores, Ruth Leach, Billye Angle, Stacy Thompson, Becky Baker, Janie Bradford, Vera Espinosa, Thelma Taylor, Irene Flores and Judy Perdue.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 20 -- Knox City Study Club, 2:30 p.m.; Girl Scout Troop 109, 3:15 p.m.; Girl Scout Troop 111, 5:00 p.m.; Community Christmas Program, First Christian Church, 7:00 p.m.; Semester Tests

Friday, December 21 -- Teacher Workday, Student Holiday Begins; Varsity and Junior Varsity boys basketball, Rotan 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 24 -- Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 -- Christmas Day Thursday through Saturday, December 27 through 29 -- Varsity Girls and Boys, Haskell Tournament

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December Police Report

By Chief Gil Gillilan

December continues as a busy month. On December 8, it was reported to our office that two bicycles were stolen from a residence here in Knox City. The bicycles were setting in the front yard when they were taken.

On December 10, it was reported to our office that a subject had been receiving annoying phone calls. This is still under investigation at this time.

On December 14, it was reported to our office that several of the merchants in town had received some forged checks. The merchants that reported were M System, Bob's Super Save, J.C. Eaton's Fina, and Skiles Brothers Exxon. The checks totaled \$150.00. This incident is currently under investigation at this time.

There was also the report of a theft of approximately \$1700.00 from a residence in Knox City. This also is currently under investigation.

There was an accident reported to our office on December 16, with no injuries and very little damage to either vehicle.

There was a domestic disturbance reported Sunday at a residence here. There were no injuries and no charges have been filed at this time.

Hospital News

Patients In Hospital As Of December 14, 1984
Munday: Rose Kuehler
Snyder: Lucy Fletcher

Patients Dismissed As Of December 7, 1984
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KC Colored News-Events

BY ALESTINE FLYE

St. Paul had a regular attendance for Sunday school and morning service and host the 3rd Sunday musical every choir in there place.

I was talking to a neighbor little girl and I ask her if she was going to school. She said yes she was going to head on right now to get a education. I ask her what was her teacher's name. She said she didn't no but she shore was pretty.

When we first come to the west there were a family stayed about a mile from us their children and us got together and we would fight and play. The man whose farm we stayed on gave us a horse to ride. One day I wanted to ride first and one of the boys wanted to go first so we had a fight and while we were fighting his brother come and rode the horse away.

Well Christmas is at hand, me and the family of the Knox County News wish you and your love ones a very Merry Christmas and all your wishes for the New Year be granted to you, your reporter nd staff of The Knox County News.

Mrs. Martha Crothers is in a Abilene hospital. I hope not for long. We miss her.

I didn't have time to think this time hope to have more after Christmas.

Me, Bea, and Bunkie rode around and look at the light some were beautiful. If I had to judge I couldn't do it but they are a nice way to say Merry Christmas Knox City.

I am looking for a white Christmas, how about you?

I hope I can see and count all my friends next year, please be careful. I love everyone of you.

The One to See
BRIAN BURGESS
703 N. Ave. E
Haskell 864-3250

Farm and Garden News

By David Tunmire

RESULTS OF COTTON VARIETY DEMONSTRATIONS

This year three cotton variety demonstrations were established in Knox County. The demonstrations included a twenty-four variety dryland plot by James Amerson of Munday, a five variety irrigated plot by David Albus of Knox City and an eleven variety irrigated plot by Larry and Edward Smith of Munday.

The purpose of these demonstrations was to evaluate varieties under dryland and irrigated conditions for this area. Continuous testing of varieties is needed before performance reliability can be established.

The top cotton variety in Amerson's dryland demonstration was Lankart 611 with a yield of 515 pounds per acre. Varieties sounding out the top ten and their yields in pounds per acre were: Terra SR 10, 408; Paymaster 145, 396;

Paymaster 175,395; Cascot B-2, 388; Cascot C-13, 386; Western 44, 385; Pioneer PR 68, 375; Bronco 625, 374; and CAMD-E, 366.

The remaining cotton varieties and their yields in Amerson's demonstration are: Cascot BR-1, 348; G&P 3755, 344; Lockett 77, 335; Pioneer PR 75, 333; Lankart 571, 328; G&P 1005, 322; Lankart 7563, 313; Hurd's 900, 311; Hurd's Experimental, 270; Tamcot SP37 H, 258; Terra 980, 257; G&P 3774, 256; Hurd's 700, 241; and G&P 5475, 230.

The leading cotton varieties in the Albus irrigated demonstration and Smith irrigated demonstration in pounds per acre were: CAMD-E, 1127 and Paymaster 145, 1352, respectively. Both varieties graded Low Middling White.

The remaining varieties in the Albus demonstration and their yields in pounds per acre are: Lankart 611, 1070; G&P 3774, 1009; Tamcot SP37 H, 1003; and Pioneer PR 75, 944.

Varieties in Smith's demonstration ranked as follows based on pounds per

acre: Pioneer PR 75, 1159; CAMD-E, 1141; G&P 1005, 1094; Stoneville 302, 1076; G&P 5479, 1039; G&P 3774, 1024; Terra SR 980, 995; Terra SR 10, 961; Paymaster 175, 959; and Terra SR 383, 945.

Retired Teachers Enjoy Holiday Party

Sixteen members of the Knox County Retired Teachers Association met Tuesday, December 11, in the home of Louise Kemletz. Other hostesses were Exa Penman and Ila Boyd.

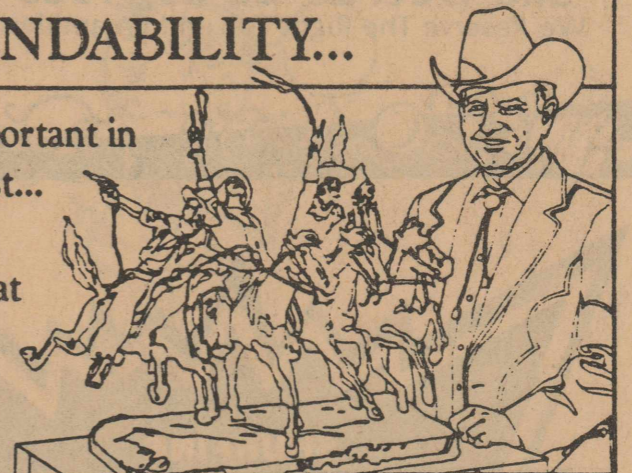
Christmas music was provided by Mrs. Kemletz who also gave a brief history of some favorite Christmas hymns.

Following an exchange of gifts members enjoyed an assortment of refreshments accompanied by hot punch.

The next meeting will be February 26 when Jan Watson will present the program.

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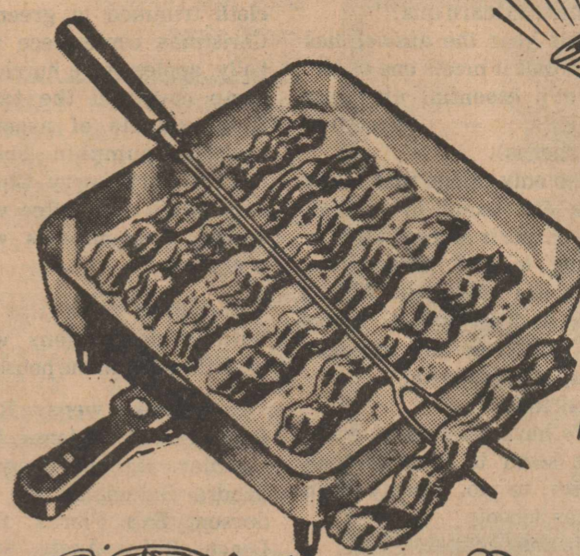
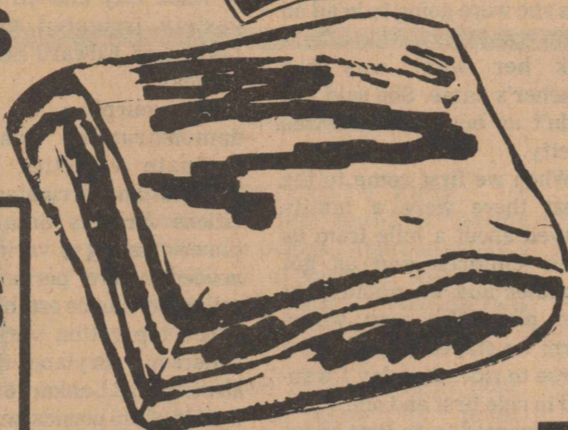
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