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Hansfordites say "NIMBY" to ANR Pipeline Co!

It was a record meeting for Hansford Co. citizens, when they met at the courtroom in Spearman Friday morning, and the crowd was so big the meeting had to be moved to the school house. And, the entire meeting can be summed up in one word! "NIMBY!" which means, Not In My Back Yard! A roused group of citizens from the area, especially from Oslo, Gruver and near the Michigan Wisconsin plant were on hand to verbally fight the PCB proposed for Hansford County.

Citizens asked every conceivable question about the PCB plant, and for the most part the meeting was to let the pipeline officials know that the people of Hansford County do not want the dump. In fact, it was learned that we have had the dump all of these years, here in our own back yard. But, the company proposes to dump another 800 truck loads of waste material in the Hansford yard, in the next 4 years. This is a total of 200 trucks per year. The PCB material will be hauled in by trucks, which are lined and used only for hauling PCB material.

Some of the people who live near the plant in the Northern part of the county were so very upset, they could hardly talk about the "very idea of dumping waste from 16 sites in Hansford County!"

PCB is used in electrical transformers in the U. S. It is an oily substance, also is very waxy in substance. The PCB solution being dumped at the Hansford Plant is drained from the Compressors at the plant when they are slowed down. The drains are located under the compressors, and piped to the 40 acre dump site. Southwest of Northern Hansford plant.

The proposed dump site for the 800 loads of PCB will be in a 2 1/2 acre clay line pit with plastic (2 layers) and perforated pipe in the bottom of the pit to catch any of the PCB that might leak through the plastic, if ever it does.

There were so many questions asked at the meeting, it was almost impossible to get them all. But, here are a few: David Long, of Guymon, stated that the original land was sold to the Pipeline Company to be used as a water disposal system.

Mr. Stedje of the Oslo Community wanted to know who issued the permit in 1951? The permit was not registered with the Rail Road Commission according to Mr. Stedje. The permit is Numbered P002101, according to Stedje.

Also, Stedje wanted to know what had been buried in the N.W. corner of the present 40 acre dump site. Officials stated that this was a part of the test section, where they had dug a trench to test the soil for the site.

Other questions asked officials was will ANR be the only user of the site? And they stated that they would.

Why not put pits at each location of the 16 sites along the pipeline that have PCB?

And, the company replied that it was because of economics that they wanted to put the one pit in Hansford County where they could maintain it. Many at the meeting asked if the animals in the area could be contaminated by the PCB's? And the pipeline officials stated that they were 99.9999 sure that nothing like this could happen.

Mrs. Johnson of Oslo asked what would happen to the PCB in a 70 mile per hour wind, if one of trucks turned over and the toxic material was lost on the highway?

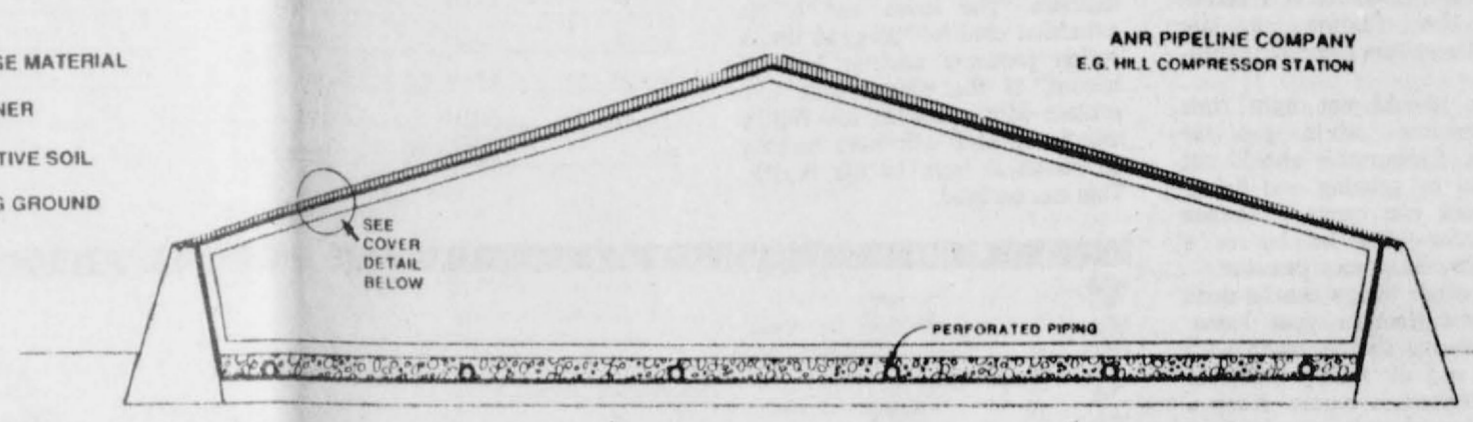
What would an earth quake do to the pit? What effect would this PCB pit have on the land values in the area? Does the PCB in this area cause cancer?

This was the biggest town-hall meeting in the history of Hansford County, and possibly by far the most important. Officials and the public will have much more to say about this important subject in the near future.

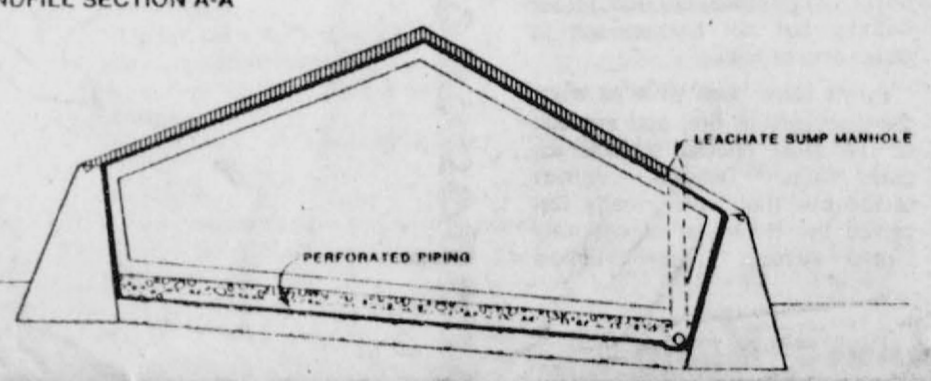
- "NIMBY!"

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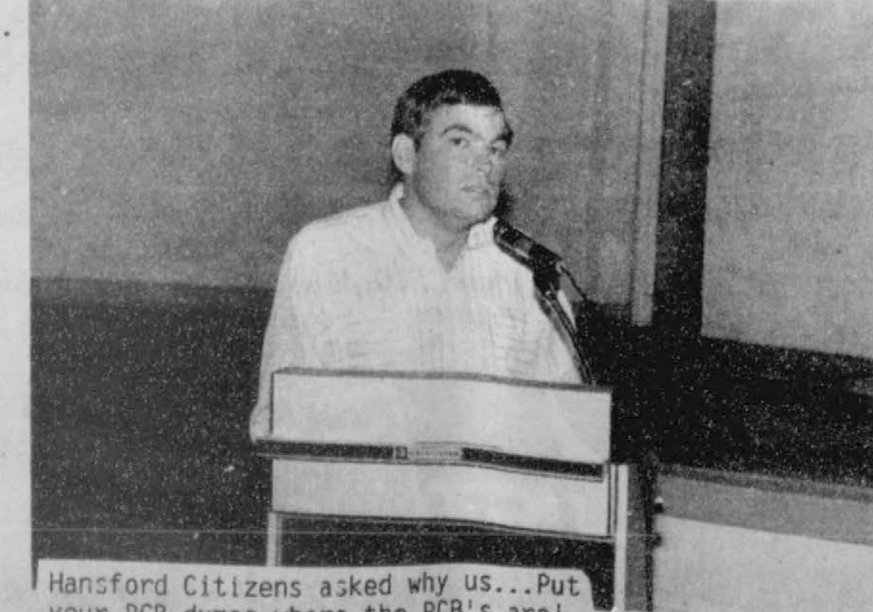
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LANDFILL SECTION B-B



MRS. RASOR ASKS WHY?



Hansford Citizens asked why us...Put your PCB dumps where the PCB's are!

Opening for management

The Small Business Center at West Texas State University has openings for ten to fifteen consultation projects to be conducted during the Spring semester. The majority of the Center's management consultation is funded by the SBA through its Small Business Institute. The Center conducts feasibility studies, marketing studies, and industry analyses; it develops recordkeeping systems and designs or refines office management techniques. The consulting

projects that are generated in the Center also cover many variations of these general topics. SBA consultation projects run the length of a regular semester and are provided at no cost to the business owner or manager requesting the project.

If you are interested in starting a new business or improving your current business operation, contact Bob Worthington or Glenna Martinez at 659-3897 or 659-2431.

Most painful - burns

Young children should be permitted to wear only fire retardant sleepwear which meets the standards of the Consumer Products Safety Commission. All sleepwear up to size 14 purchased in retail stores is fire retardant, but homemade sleepwear may be made from flammable fabrics.

Older children and adolescents may develop a fascination for fire. It is the responsibility of a parent to see that children who are known fire setters receive counseling.

Adults should not light fires with gasoline, white gas, or kerosene. Carburetors should not be started by priming and firing. Flash back can cause a serious injury. Smoking in bed is a particularly dangerous practice.

Many other things can be done to prevent fires in your home. Smoke alarms should be in each hallway and all family members should know exit routes. Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, where many fires begin. Your water heater should be kept at about 120 degrees—hot enough for bathing but not hot enough to cause severe scalds.

Burns have been with us since the discovery of fire, and are one of the most painful injuries we can face. Despite recent techniques that have greatly improved the treatment of seriously burned victims, Texas Medical

Association say prevention is still the best medicine.

Infants should be watched closely during their crawling stages. Tiny children often pull themselves up with table cloths and other items which may permit scalding liquids to fall on them.

Inquisitive toddlers also should be kept away from scalding liquids, hot appliances, and matches. The loose end of an extension cord left plugged into a socket presents another kind of hazard. If the plug comes into contact with saliva in the child's mouth, an arch will form causing an electrical burn to the mouth. This can be fatal.

1985-86 GRUVER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	9TH G B	J.V. C B	VARSITY G B	TIME
Nov. 18	Stinnett	There	X			7:30
Nov. 19	Stinnett	Here		X X	X X	5:00
Nov. 21, 22, 23	Gruver J.V. Tourn.	Here	X	X X		
Nov. 25	Spearman	Here		X X	X X	5:30
Nov. 26	Stratford	There		X X	X X	4:00
Dec. 3	Channing	Here		X X	X X	5:30
Dec. 5, 6, 7	Spearman Tourn.	There			X X	
Dec. 10	Sunray	There		X X	X X	4:00
Dec. 12, 13, 14	Sunray Tourn.	There			X X	
Dec. 17	Sunray	Here		X X	X X	5:30
Dec. 30	Clarendon	Here		X	X	3:30
Jan. 2, 3, 4	Stratford Tourn.	There			X X	
Jan. 2, 3, 4	Perryton Tourn.	There	X	X X		
Jan. 7	Booker	Here		X X	X X	5:30
Jan. 9	Perryton	There		X X		6:00
Jan. 10	Claude	Here		X	X X	5:00
Jan. 14	Higgins	There			X X	7:00
Jan. 16, 18	Booker Tourn.	There	X	X		
Jan. 17	Follett	There		X	X X	5:30
Jan. 21	Darrouzett	Here			X X	7:00
Jan. 23	Perryton	Here		X X		6:00
Jan. 24	Booker	There		X	X X	5:30
Jan. 28	Claude	There		X	X X	5:00
Jan. 31	Higgins	Here			X X	7:00
Feb. 4	Follett	Here		X	X X	5:30
Feb. 7	Darrouzett	There			X X	7:00



Clatter-Blocks

Remember those clatter-blocks you used to grasp at one end and tilt them forward and back to make them do somersaults down the tapes? You could have fun making them for some special kids or grown-up kids.

1. You'll need 7 plywood blocks, sanded smooth, 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/4".
2. Loosely weave two twill outer tapes around blocks. Staple tape at top of each block.
3. Weave a center tape through the blocks in the reverse direction. Staple at bottom of blocks.

by Celeste Koon

There's a word in each of this snowflake's points. The first letters spell a word when placed in the numbered spaces below.

1	2	3	4	5	6
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CLUES

1. A long-tailed animal whose fur turns white to match the snow is a _____.
2. When water freezes faster than it can drip, it makes an _____.
3. In winter the days are short and the _____ are long.
4. Some _____ lose their leaves in fall.
5. When people keep their houses cool in winter and wear sweaters inside, they save _____.
6. The amount of water in six inches of moist fallen snow is the same amount as in one inch of _____.

Answers: 1-worst 2-icicle 3-nights 4-trees 5-energy 6-rain WINTER

Gruver Music Club

The members of Gruver Music Club enjoyed a lovely Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 10. Special guests for the evening were the members husbands. The invocation was by Reverend Harold Sneed of the Church of Christ.

After a delicious meal of turkey, dressing and various dishes prepared by members, they were welcomed by president Mady Derington. A report of the Christmas Bazaar was then given.

The program for the evening was introduced by Faye Gillispie. Jan Vinzant accompanied by Mary Hart sang several beautiful sacred Christmas songs. The evening ended with the audience participating on "Oh Come All Ye Faithful", "Silent Night". The benediction was given by Jim Terry, minister of the Methodist Church.

Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin; Mr. and Mrs. George Odom; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Thoreson; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Derington; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bevil; Mr. and Mrs. Don Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Kermit McKee; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harris; Mr. and Mrs. Del Cluck; Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Murrell; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sneed; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gillispie; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zabel; Rev. and Mrs. Jim Terry; and Mrs. Bill Logsdon; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Resor; Faye Chuck, Jan Vinzant, and Kelly Hart.

Local Pageant

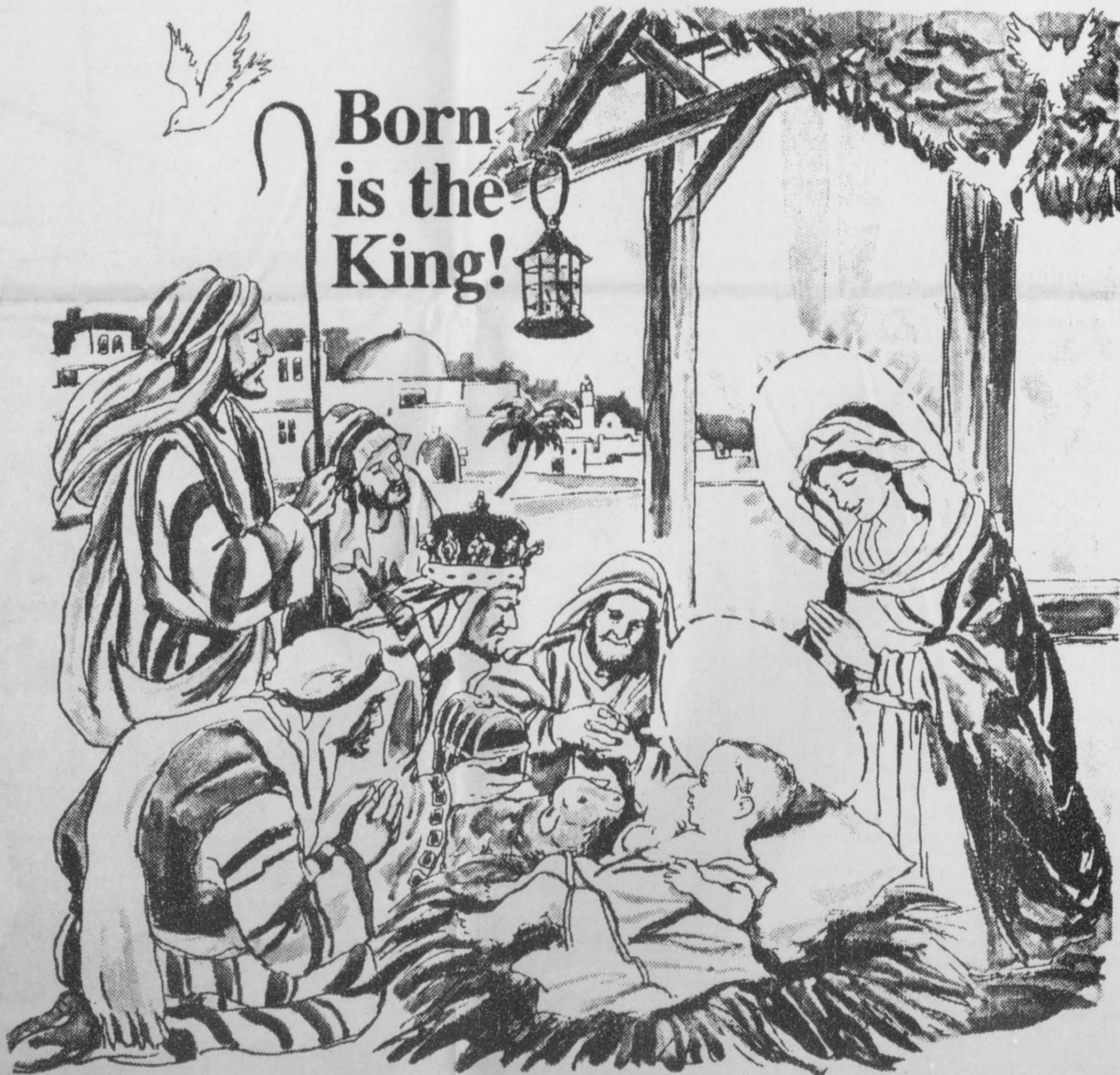
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America's Charisma Girl is a member of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce.

Corrections

The Gruver Statesman would like to make a correction on the FHA Christmas Party. Becky Dillow's name was inadvertently left out as secret Granddaughter for Ina Sospes at the revealing party.

Thank You



We wish you the joys and pleasures of this Holiday celebrating the birth of the Holy Child. Many thanks for your kindness.

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FOR RENT

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MISC. FOR SALE

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For Sale: RCA 19" Color T.V. with Time of Day, Chanal display, 3 years old. Brand new remote control. \$300. call 733-2517 45-rtn

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SELECTING SAFE TOYS - It's a dangerous assumption to think that anything made and sold for children is reasonably safe," says Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service consumer economics specialist Bonnie Piernot. She recommends asking the following questions as you shop for toys: Are there detachable parts that could be swallowed? Is the toy breakable, so that there might be wooden splinters or sharp pieces of plastic? If it's painted, is the paint non-toxic? Are there any points that could be stuck in the eye or nose? Is the toy suitable for the child's age? Does an electrical toy carry the Underwriter's Laboratory Seal of Approval?

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CALL FOR BIDS

The Board of Trustees, Gruver Ind. School District, will receive bids to replace the gym floor in the varsity gym.

Deadline for submitting bids is Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1986, at 1:00 p.m. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive all technicalities.

Board of Trustees
Gruver Ind. School District

Dear Santa,

I want clowse and a coat for winter. And I also want a new barbie doll house. And I want cabbage Patch clowse. And I want get in shape gir. And I want a care bear. And a hung a bunch. And I want a real typewriter. And I want Bady Brite. And what I want most of all is new bicycle tires And new tubes.

Amy Grubbs



Santa Letters



Dear Jesus,

The first thing I would like to have is a babby sister so I can play with a sister. I what to ask you to help us save for apiano so I can learn how to play.

Laura C. Villa

Dear Santa,

I like last years gifts. I want a poand puppy and I wount a now doll. and I want a real puppy I want a bluebird and a canary. I want a cnimank

Emily Lilley

Dear Santa,

I would like a fam-box and a cabbage pach kid. And a typewriter. I want a playpen And I want my own TV I really want a computer the most. Ane I want a kamra too. I want some school paper for home. And I want alot of close. Would you get me some tapes? And I want a dress too. And most of all help my dad get better. Thank you Santa.

Memory Ross

Dear Santa,

I want a turtle and a transformor. I want a hors and a 4 wheeler. I want a mother and a brum. I want a toy sojer and a gotte. Will you come erly. I want a simi-transformer.

Love Nolen Lee Walters

Dear Santa,

I want cabbage patch, boots, belt, twister beads, and cheerleading shoes. I would like to have a stufed horse. In my stoking I want candy a ring and bracelet.

Thank You
Tiffany Braning

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me a cabbage patch and a Stollor. Thank you Santa. I love you.

Jennifer Burnam

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me two win dogs, and a Cabbage patch traveler. Thank you, Santa. I love you.

Amy Gillispief

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me a puppy and a baby lamb. Thank you Sata, I love you. Lexy Spivey.

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me a bike and cabbage patch clothes. Thank you Santa, I love you.

Kilee Ryan

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me a telescope and a radio with a tape player. I Thank you Santa. I love you.

Josh Mayhew

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me weight set & radio -TV. Thank you Santa I love you.

Scott Stedje

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me a play puppy and a truck. Thank you, Santa, I love you.

Pablo Perez

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Ellison's room. She said I've been good. Please bring me go-bot and some cars. Thank you Santa.

I love you,
Whitney Lilley

Dear Santa,

I like what you give us for Christmas. I gave you this litter. I would like a cabbage patch kid and therre more thing bike, tiprider and a can that has a thing to see on the wall. I hope you can bring me that. We are going to put up a stocking I hope you put something in it today and have I good year.

Janet Morales

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Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want some drums, and a G.L Joe Dragonfly and a G.L Joe Skystriker and G.L base. My mother wants a robe. My father wants a pair of boats. My little brother wants a rocking horse. My sister wants a cabbage patch.

Skeeter French

Dear Santa,

I want some skates and one little pony and a cabbage patch kid and a Rainbow Brite and one big care bear and I hope you will have a happy merry Christmas.

Love,
Imelda Arzote

Dear Santa,

I would like a wach. I would like a pldow noptophaer shop. ang I would like a shy walkman. And a merry Christmas.

Jennifer Holland

Dear Santa,

I want omaeg Saprem and minisor and all af the dinobots asept grimlack and merry Christmas.

Corey Rasar

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a real sheep, pig or goat. Stuffed animals. A telescope. A telephone and a tv. for my room. Indian drum, and a big bounce. Stilts too. A Cabbage Patch kid boy. and a play nouse and stickers. and some other things. I will be at Vernon on Christmas Eve. I will be at Friona on Christmas eve. Merry Christmas!!

Love,
Kiki Carthei

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a Cabbage patch kid for Christmas. I want a telescope too. I want a Indian drum. I will be in Lake Tahoe. I want some stickers, too. And other things too. Merry Christmas!!!

Love
Tara Shapley

Dear Santa,

I want a tv. 2. Jet fire, the dinobots. 3. four wheer, Max steel, 4. treew-ner, 22 shot gun, bulldog, a pet rabbit, jurbell theewok velleg computer ver well i just I eude goon but you prodly non wat I want.

Doug Gumfory

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I hope you come this Christmas and I want something from you please come this Christmas I have something to shear with you and my famaly at home.

I Love
Amber Gross

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I have ben waiting for Christmas. I wat swoop, jet five, voltran 1 four wheer, Paploo, 22, Lumat, Logray, Male puppee, pet rabbit, Chief Chirpa, bumblebee, hamster, Cliff jumper, hound, WheelJack, T.V. Have a happy Christmas.

Andy Morris

Dear Santa,

I want a autoboat and a pawrthron made of three welch oekt um Prime and swoop. Dinobots, suseptucon. Led-1 bigfoot. Bumblebee, and 6x6 ohi almost for got I saw rodof and the red nose reindeer. I that you were the best. I want some bebes and a bebe gun.

Love
Micheal Hingsworth.

I want a Typewriter. with every thing. I want a Piano. I want alot of butiful rings.

Veronica Bravo

dearsanta,

Thank you for all the toys you have given us. and thank you for all things. Thank for all flowers and bells and candles. and I have been good. so you will be happy. And have a happy Christmas.

Cristy Marquez

Dear Santa,

I want a new Cabbage patch kid, a new Care Bear, a new bike and a Hot Wheel. I want a new school backpack and a new Bible.

My sister wants a new coat and my brother wants a new Teddy Bear. I want to get my Mama a new Housecoat. I want to get my grandma some new shoes. I want some new crayons, too. My sister wants some new flashcards. My brother wants a new football. I want some new shoes I want a new chalkboard. My mama wants a new skirt.

I will leave you some milk and cookies. My sister wants a new stocking.

I love you,
Crystal Hennessee

I would like a tent, a pe tractor, a three wheeler that you mash with your foot & it goes, a water gun, backpack that has a long string and its' a water gun, a new toy box. I love you Santa. Bring my brother a backpack with a long string that's a watergun too, a three wheeler, new toy books, football, new shoes and I need new shoes too.

I will leave you some Christmas M&M's. My Daddy needs a saw. Some new clothes for the baby and a little jacket - I need a crayola Caddy my brother breaks my colors. My mom wants a T.V. for the bedroom.

See your Christmas
Brant Arms

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some Cabbage Patch twins. I want a talking bear. I want some Cabbage Cousins. I want a Teddy Bear. That's it.

I want something for my Mama and Daddy too. My Daddy wants a cowboy hat. (He don't got one.) My mama wants a white gown to sleep in. Brittany wants a Chubbles, and she wants a Teddy Bear too, and a Carebear. That's it.

I have been good. I am going to be at Aunt Veta's.

I love you,
Brandi Vaughn

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a Teddy Bear. My Mom wants a nightgown. My Dad wants a new hat. My baby brother wants a ball. I want a robot and a football. I will be at my house for Christmas. I have been good.

Your Friend,
Adam Red

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am in Mrs. Haight's room. Please bring me a doll crib, doll clothes and a stuffed Panda bear. I love you, Santa.

You are a jolly fellow! I care about you.

Love,
Jenny Canada

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am in Mrs. Haight's room. Please bring me a real puppy, bear, & cabbage -patch twins. You are nice.

Love,
Gracie Garcia

Sewing done-little darling and Cinderella dress types a specialy. Call Joy 733-2517. nc

Sewing wanted, alterations etc. Baking and decorating cakes. I now have the Ho-Man Pan for birthday cakes. Call Joy at 733-2517. 52-rtn-nc

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Place your orders early for Santa Claus or Christmas cakes. Contact Joy Henderson at 733-2517 in Gruver. 8-rtn-nc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Guymon Elks Supper Club is open to the public. Our hours are Wednesday-Thursday 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday 6-10:30 p.m. We have a prime rib special every Friday. 51-rtn



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CARL ARCHER ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT PCB!

ANR Pipeline Company has proposed to the Dallas regional office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the Company be allowed to build a solid waste disposal facility at it E.G. Hill natural gas compressor station in Hansford County, Texas.

The facility will serve as a permanent above-ground vault for PCB contaminated soil and sediment found at some of its facilities in midwestern and southern states, including the E.G. Hill site. Even though PCB's are not classified as hazardous material

by the EPA, the Company--as part of a voluntary clean-up program--has been excavating the contaminated soil and sending that material to licensed, commercial landfills for disposal. However, this voluntary effort has been severely hampered by periodic shut-downs of these landfills by regulatory agencies. These shutdowns, plus the high cost of using these facilities and concern for future environmental liability, has prompted ANR Pipeline to seek an alternative means of disposal.

Based on extensive studies by Dames & Moore, a nationally known environmental consulting firm retained by ANR Pipeline, conditions at E.G. Hill are very favorable for construction of such a facility. These conditions include: low population density, dry climate, low soil permeability, lack of soil moisture, extreme depth (225 feet) of the water table and the non-migration tendency of PCBs found at the site, i.e., PCB deposits at E.G. Hill have migrated only a few inches--if at all--in the past 25 years, according to Dames & Moore testing.

ANR Pipeline proposes to design, build and operate the facility in accordance with all applicable state and federal regulations. The proposed design calls for an average sidewall thickness of 23 feet and a total area of up to 2.5 acres. The vault's base would consist of a synthetic liner placed over an impermeable compacted clay base. Average above-ground height of the vault would be 11 feet.

Active operation (filling) of the vault will be completed in three-four years and only solid, dry materials will be deposited. An environmental monitoring program will be instituted to ensure the vault's effectiveness, nevertheless.

Source of the PCBs has been traced to Pydraul AC, a fire retardant lubricant. Pydraul was last used by the Company in 1973 in air compressor equipment separate from the natural gas compressors at E.G. Hill and other stations.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS A.N.R. Pipeline has proposed to obtain a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency to place PCB (Poly Chlorinated Biphenyls) contaminated soil in a disposal facility within Hansford County, and believing the presence of such a facility would be detrimental to the commonweal.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Hansford County Commissioner Court express by this resolution its opposition to the construction of this facility for the purpose of depositing any material transported by any means from outside the boundaries of Hansford County in the afore mentioned disposal facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that A.N.R. Pipeline Co. be requested to withdraw its application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the establishment of this disposal facility in Hansford County for any waste produced at any site other than that produced at its "E. G. Hill" plant in Hansford County.

BELIEVING THIS COURSE OF ACTION the most advantageous for the common good of Hansford County Citizens and direct this resolution to the attention of the officers of A.N.R. Pipeline Co, the Governor and the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Water Commission, the Texas Water Quality Board, U.S. Senators Bentsen and Gramm, Repr. Beau Boulter, the Environmental Protection Agency Washington, D.C. and Dallas, Texas, and any other regulatory body that may have an interest in this matter, we, hereby affix our signatures this 20th day of December, 1985.

British Christmas

Puppet shows are popular at Christmastime for the British. The Punch and Judy Story is one of their favorites, with songs and dances added.

An English Christmas tree might be like one that Prince Albert presented to Queen Victoria and the royal family in 1841. It was decorated with tiny sweets wrapped in velvet and brocade, and cornucopia-shaped baskets formed of pretty colors of foil that were bedecked with bows and flowers, then filled with fruit or candy.

Roy L. McClellan
Roy L. McClellan, Chairman
Garland Head
Garland Head
Joe T. Venneman
Joe T. Venneman
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Val Winger



Mr. Dave Long from Guymon--Why?



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ANR PIPELINE COMPANY
SUMMARY SHEET
PROPOSED PCB MONOFILL
HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS

BACKGROUND

ANR Pipeline Company transports natural gas from Texas/Oklahoma and Louisiana/Gulf of Mexico through two pipelines to the upper Midwest. During the 1960's and early 1970's, small quantities of a lubricant called Pydraul AC were used at about 30 compressor stations along the two lines. Pydraul AC contained about 57% polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Purchase records indicate that about 2½ to 5 gallons per year were used at each station until about 1973 when inventories were depleted.

Investigations undertaken by ANR at its stations have shown that small quantities of Pydraul AC have bypassed equipment seals and entered drainlines. The lubricant made its way through the drainlines to onsite lagoons, where it was deposited in the bottom sediments.

ANR has voluntarily tested its stations to determine the extent and concentrations of PCBs in the environment at each station. Although not legally required to do so, ANR has embarked on a program to clean up the PCBs at the affected stations. To date, 14 of the 30 stations have had the PCB-bearing sediment excavated and disposed of at commercial landfills. Generally, these 14 stations had relatively small volumes of sediment; the amount excavated thus far is but 15% of the projected total amount.

WHAT ARE PCBs?

- They range from light oils to heavy waxy substances.
- They were discovered over 100 years ago.
- They were produced from 1929 to 1977.
- They were used primarily because of their fire-retardant properties.
- They have been used in the manufacture of common products such as plastics, adhesives, newsprint, caulking compounds and paint.
- The electrical industry still uses an estimated 750 million pounds in this country.

Q: Will your monofill be insured?
A: Yes. We anticipate no problems obtaining sufficient insurance coverage and, of course, will post any bonds required by local, state or federal agencies.

Q: How will the material be delivered to the monofill?
A: By truck. The beds of the trucks will be lined with polyethylene and covered. Trucks will be arriving at the site infrequently and over a lengthy period of time so that there will be no noticeable increase in traffic on county roads.

Contact: Mike Brogan
ANR Pipeline Company
(313) 496-3756 (Work)
(313) 258-9831 (Home)

ANR Pipeline Company
PCB Monofill
E.G. Hill Compressor Station
Hansford County, Texas

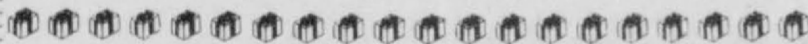
Q: Where will this monofill be located?
A: It will be located in the central portion of an existing 40-acre evaporation pond at the E.G. Hill Compressor Station. This location places it well within the ANR property boundaries in Hansford County.

Q: Is it safe?
A: Yes. In its filing with the Environmental Protection Agency, ANR has pointed out that the monofill will be entirely enclosed. It will be constructed with a one-foot thick, highly impermeable clay base covered with an 80-mil-thick (about one sixteenth of an inch) high density polyethylene liner, which provides an impervious barrier.

The walls of the vault will also be lined with the polyethylene sheet. When the vault is filled with the PCB-bearing material, the top will be covered with the liner and topsoil will be spread over it. The soil will then be seeded. ANR personnel employed at the compressor station will constantly monitor the vault.

Expert consultants hired by ANR have made a thorough study of the subsoil and location of underground aquifers and have determined that there is no likelihood the PCBs will ever migrate downward 225 feet to the water supplies.

Q: Does ANR have any plans to turn this into a commercial toxic waste disposal site?
A: Absolutely not. This monofill will be used strictly bny ANR for storage of PCB-bearing soil.



Lavish Gifts -- Are They Worth It?

Is all the holiday worry over over-spending just to make sure you spend as much on John's present as he spends on yours really worth the price?

Even though you may still be paying for all those expensive presents in April or May, that gift is probably all too soon forgotten. Be reasonable about holiday-spending. Let those involved know that you feel it is foolish to go into debt for the sake of having the best gift. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated. One can't buy love and friendship as far too many of us try to do with lavish spending.

Christmas in Czechoslovakia

It seems one big national hobby of the Czechs is the making and collecting of figurines. Not only are the Holy Family members made, but many people from the rural life are incorporated into the Christmas scene. Miners bring coal to the manger scene or a baker might bake bread for the Christ Child.

This Christmas may everyone from each walk of life receive personal joy as each contributes in giving the gift of his or her talents to be used in helping others.

Easy Christmas Notes

Since there are many friends and relatives you write to only at Christmas, sometimes Christmas letters can become a chore, but you can make it much easier to send Christmas letters! Keep a separate notebook with these people's addresses. Throughout the year as a bit of news or a bit

Dan Shrader services held



French Peas

A wonderfully succulent accompaniment to baked fish.

- 1 Tablespoon Oil
- 2 Green Onions, Diced
- 1 Cup Finely Shredded Lettuce
- 1 Teaspoon Flour
- 3 Tablespoons Water or Chicken Broth
- 1 10-Ounce Package Frozen Peas, Cooked
- 1 5-Ounce Can Water Chestnuts, Drained
- Freshly Ground Black Pepper

In a saucepan, cook green onions and lettuce in oil over low heat for 5 minutes.

Combine flour with water or broth. Add to lettuce mixture and stir until thickened. Put in the cooked peas, sliced water chestnuts and seasoning. Heat through and serve.

Yield: 6 Servings
Approx. Cal/ Serv.: 80

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Paper Solution

My! My! There's too much wrapping paper left that you don't want to throw away, but not enough to cling around the cardboard tube very easily. There's a clever solution. Roll the paper and slip it inside the tube. Paste or tape a small piece on the outside. Now your paper will stay clean, crisp and free from tears.



Stunning Snowflakes

Instead of white paper cut-out snowflakes, stunning tree decorations for your white Christmas tree can be snowflakes made from folded and cut black paper sprinkled here and there with glue and glitter. The snowflakes can also be cut from blue or green foil or wrapping paper. (One color of snowflakes per tree looks prettier.)

These can also be very beautiful hanging from a many-twigged piece of tree branch that you have spray-painted white.



Mailing Bread Treats

A date loaf or apricot-nut bread can be mailed as a special holiday treat. Yeast breads stale easily, so choose them for gifts for local friends.

Wrap breads in clear plastic wrap or bags and place them in a sturdy box you have lined with foil. Allow 2" of packing on all sides between the loaf of bread and the box. Fill this packing space with popcorn; it's a good, lightweight buffer.

Clearly mark the label's package "FRAGILE" or "KEEP FROM HEAT," and mail early to avoid the rush. Inform the receiver that the gift may be opened when received to enjoy for the holidays.

Discovery Box Gifts

Make some "discovery" boxes for those special kids or a nursing home resident, etc. Save up Grandpa's cigar boxes or ask your drugstore for empty ones. Cover them with pretty gingham. Fill the boxes with "discovery" items such as a kaleidoscope, pencils and tracing paper, a magnifying glass, magnets, etc.

You might fill a girl's box with a scarf, powder puff and mirror.

A nursing home resident might like some soft, warm socks, a package of candy, a small book, etc.

Graveside services were held on Monday in the Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Gene Clack, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Henson Funeral Home of Guymon.

Mr. Shrader, born in Collin County, moved to Gruver in 1928. He was a retired grain elevator manager. He was a member of the First Christian Church, the Gruver Masonic Lodge, Khiva Temple of the Shrine and the Scottish Rite Consistory of Dallas. He married Evelyn Ingham in 1930.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Don Shrader Jr. of Gruver and Bill Shrader of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Dan Shrader Memorial at the First Christian Church or the Gruver City Library.

Stairstep Candelabra

It looks like an eloquent silver piece of modern art but actually this stair-step candelabra is created from ordinary wrenches threaded through a dowel which is inserted in a block of wood. Long, tapered candles complete the scene.

<p>DECKER GOLD BOLOGNA 12 OZ. PKG. 89¢</p>	<p>DECKER BACON 1 LB. PKG. \$1.59</p>	
<p>BORDEN'S EGG NOG QT. CTR. 99¢</p>	<p>BORDEN'S HALF & HALF PINT CTR. 59¢</p>	<p>BORDEN'S ICE CREAM ½ GAL. RND. CTR. \$1.79</p>
<p>ALLSUP'S BEEF & SALSA BURRITOS EACH \$1.49</p>	<p>FILLED WITH HOT COFFEE ALLSUP'S COFFEE MUGS EACH REFILLED FOR ONLY 25¢ 99¢</p>	
<p>ALL GRINDS COFFEE FOLGER'S 1 LB. CAN \$2.19</p>	<p>LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOLD-3 42 OZ. BOX \$1.99</p>	
<p>GREAT WITH HOLIDAY DIPS RUFFLES POTATO CHIPS REGULARLY \$1.39 \$1.19</p>		

Happy New Year!

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TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF
HANSFORD COUNTY;

Dr. & Mrs. Romeo B. Sangalang and family, wish to thank all of you for the support and encouragement in starting his practice of Medicine and Surgery. My family is looking forward to move to Spearman early Spring of 1986.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you A Very Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year.

R.B. Sangalang, M.D.

On The Go With Joy

Aren't you glad that winter finally got here? We have been having some gorgeous weather lately and hopefully, all through the winter holiday season, I go around humming "Over the fields and through the woods, to Grandmothers' house we go" and I envision a leisurely drive through the snow in a sleigh with the bells jingling, and grandmother busy in the kitchen smelling of spices and wood burning wafting through the air. Boy! How did I get so poetic? I'd better stop that because I'm using some words that I need to look up in the dictionary. I not only don't know what they mean, but the spelling is probably wrong.

Anyhow, I haven't got around to writing my column lately (have I been busy or gone too much?) and several people won't even read our paper unless I write something and then we have a problem of some people won't read it when I do. But all my problems are worth getting a Christmas card from my loyal fan, however she doesn't know about the problem that I'm facing already for 1986. You see, last spring the compressor went Ka-ploey in my refrigerator and I was faced with an expensive repair bill or an expensive new refrigerator. Since my frig. was just six years old and had better features than a new one, I opted to pay the repair bill and I was really praying for some money

when out of the clear blue sky, we received a check from the IRS. This was after the government started their computer program to do the income tax returns and I've learned that when I get one of those green checks from the government, to go get it cashed quick because there is bound to be a mistake somewhere. So I was really thanking God for answering my prayer and with enough money left over for my medicine that I have to take because of my stress and strain.

Well guess what! I got a letter last week from the IRS saying the refund that they sent me was a mistake and they would send me a letter stating the date and amount due. The only problem is they didn't inform me of the method to use to come up with finding over \$500 after I've already spent all my money for Christmas presents. So, I'm busy praying to God again for some unexpected money but please don't let it come from the IRS. (There ought to be a law against the government making us pay for their mistakes.) Somebody please send this Column to the president-made urgent! On second thought, forget bothering the president-he has enough problems with the treasury department as it is.

Happy Holidays-May the New Year be a Super year for Everyone

Happy Holiday Thoughts

So you are going to be alone for the holidays? It's very easy to get depressed when alone, especially at holidays as you think of how the holidays used to be or how they ought to be. One point that is good to remember is that you can choose to think however you want to think. You can feel

sorry for yourself or you can look at all the opportunities to make it a joyful season.

"Doting" is an antidote to depression! You can help to make someone else's Christmas merry and at the same time give yourself happiness in so doing. There are children to make merry; there are gray-heads to make happy, and all the in-betweens.

Happy Holidays making others happy!

HOW WARM IS A BLANKET OF SNOW?

When the temperature is well below freezing, many plants and animals would freeze to death—if they didn't have a blanket of snow covering them.

How can a blanket of cold snow keep plants and animals warm? Air is trapped by the snowflakes in a layer of snow just as air is trapped by feathers in a down jacket. And air is good insulation. The air in a snow blanket keeps the heat given off by animals, plants, and soil from escaping—the same way air in a down jacket keeps your body heat close to you.

You can find out how warm a snow blanket is by testing it yourself. Use a regular household thermometer. First take a reading of the air temperature and write it down. Next stick your thermometer a little way into a snowbank. Wait a few minutes before you pull it out and read it. Then take the temperature of the snowbank in the middle and at the ground. Is the temperature warmer as you go deeper into the snow?



FESTIVE CENTERPIECES

Place a mirror in the center of the table. Arrange candles on the mirror. Place pretty baubles around the candles.

Pour colored water into clear containers and float flowers.

Arrange evergreens in the center of the table. Change the decorations in the evergreens to match your place mats or dishes used for different meals. You might use candy canes for one meal, bows for another, or red ornaments for yet another.

Wrap small packages to place in the center of the table. Intersperse with sprigs of evergreen.



School Menu

January 2nd and 3rd

Thursday

Corn Dogs
Beans
Tater Tots
Fruit
Milk

Friday

Hamburgers
French Fries
Lettuce-Cheese-Pickles
Cookies
Milk

SPS Hearing

Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) on December 23 will ask a Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) hearing examiner to approve a Texas retail rates settlement that offsets a \$27.9 million increase in base rates with a \$31.5 million decrease in fuel costs.

The rates proposal has been recommended to the PUCT by a steering committee representing 65 Texas communities served by SPS. The proposal also reflects recent negotiations between SPS and several of the electric utility's large industrial customers.

Prices for residential electric service from SPS in Texas will continue stable under the settlement proposal, said Sam Hunter, Southwestern's vice president of rates and economic research. "We're extremely pleased that there will be no increase in the price of electric service to residential customers," he said.

SPS' large industrial customers will realize most of the proposed overall reduction in prices for electric service. Hunter said the industrial customers in the past have paid slightly more than their share of costs for electric service, and effectively had helped subsidize other classes of customers.

SPS originally proposed a \$41 million decrease in fuel costs. The PUCT staff changed the recommendation to a \$31.5 million decrease in fuel costs.

If the PUCT hearing examiner approves the settlement, it will be forwarded to the Public Utility Commission for approval. Each of the 65 Texas cities in which SPS has filed the request also must approve the proposal before it becomes effective. The new rates are expected to be in effect by mid-February 1986.



Lace Lantern

Beautiful Christmas tree ornaments can be made from paper lace doilies. A beautiful lantern ornament can be made as follows:

1. Crease a stack of doilies along similar motifs up to the center motif.
2. Cut out the motifs that are in the outer circles and save them.
3. Now separate the doilies into pairs. Then staple 2 pairs together, barely overlapping the edges at each point.
4. Make a thread loop for hanging at the top. Glue the motifs you cut out together and hang on a string from the bottom.

Tree-Making

Down through the centuries it has come to be a well-known fact that no man can make a tree. In fact, just assembling an artificial one for Christmas is more than some men are "able" to do!

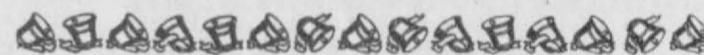


Happy New Year

Lady Fair



Kids' Stuff



719 W. 7th

Spearman, Texas

Fall & Winter Clearance Sale

30% to 50% OFF

all fall and winter merchandise

Sale Starts

Friday, December 27th at 9:00 a.m.

(Both stores closed Thursday, December 26th to prepare for sale)

Chamber installs new officers here

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce held their annual installation banquet in Spearman, on Tuesday night. Mike Cudd was installed as the new President, and Bob Pearson was the outgoing president. Officers and directors for the coming year are pictured below. Our special thanks to C. of C. manager Cora Queener who is doing such a swell job!



Chunky Blackburn shakes the hand of incoming Chamber President Mike Cudd.



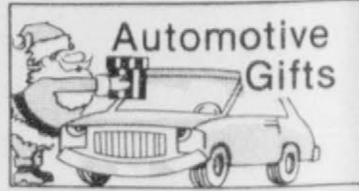
Seated at the head table were from L to R: Outgoing President, Bob Pearson and wife, Jackie Pearson, Zetha Blackburn and installing officer, Mike and his wife Pat Cudd.



The New 1986 Officers installed at the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet are L to R; Scott Beedy - Secretary, Bill Pittman - 1st Vice-President, Lynanne Maize - 2nd Vice-President, Cora Queener - Chamber Executive, and Mike Cudd - New President.



The New 1986 Officers and Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce are L to R; - Dr. Stan Cobb Scott Beedy, and Lynanne Maize.



This year are you having a problem trying to think of low-priced gifts? How about automotive gifts? Any car owner would appreciate a full wash-and-wax outfit which can include a large plastic bucket, a large sponge, car wash detergent, terry cloth towels, polishing or rubbing compound for restoring worn paint, touch-up paint, a can of paste wax, etc. (It's a good idea to buy the best wax you can afford since it lasts the longest and the waxer gets the most reward for his hard work.) You might like to give a fancy leather or wooden shift knob, a car-name key fob, a leather steering wheel cover, fog lights, car vacuum cleaner, or a hand-held spotlight.



The Star of Bethlehem that appeared with breathtaking splendor as the angels hovered over Christ's birth place and guided the Magi to their destination still holds a special place in our Christmas decorations of today. It has bedecked the top of Christmas trees since early Victorian times. In many parts of Europe bands of modern "star-carolers" still roam the streets carrying long poles which are tipped with star-shaped lanterns. The star will always be an important part of Christmas. This Christmas may the Star of the Christmas Story guide us to peace and joy as we contemplate His unselfish life!



Angels Down The Centuries

It was the angel Gabriel who told Mary she was especially chosen to be the mother of Jesus. On the Eve of Christ's birth it was a multitude of angels who brought the glad news. Angels were painted without wings or halos in the early Renaissance but later artists portrayed them with both. Over the centuries one element of the angelic throng at Christmastime has never changed -- their exquisite and melodic song. We see angels in woodcuts, statues, and paintings playing various instruments -- their mouths rounded in song. Composers in every century have tried to capture the beautiful spiritual meaning of the angels' melodies.



Silver Nut Cups

1. Using a small saucer as a pattern, cut 2 circles approximately 5"-7" in diameter from aluminum foil. Put the 2 circles together as one piece, shiny side out.
2. Place the circle over an inverted small glass and mold the foil to its shape.
3. Fringe the edges by cutting 1/4" cuts around the edge.
4. Tie curling ribbon around the cup's middle, securing it to the cup with tape. Curl the ribbon's ends.
5. Remove the glass and fill with candy or nuts. The cups can be used individually or together as a wreath centerpiece for the table or coffee table.

The 12 Days of Christmas

During the Middle Ages the yuletide celebration was England's favorite holiday -- from princes on down to beggars. There was a scrumptious feast, and elaborate pageants with musicians and jesters joining in a grand combination of noise. Into such a background came "The 12 Days of Christmas." It was a song, a dance, and a forfeit game. At anyone's first slip or hesitation a forfeit had to be paid. A knight might have to hop around the chamber on one foot or an embarrassed youth commanded to sing a bawdy ballad. It is suggested by some that during this season young people of the court had a rare chance to mingle and perhaps hence came the "true love" gifts. The future bridegroom might do a bit of boasting about the dowry his bride-to-be would bring. France has other versions of this song-game sometimes featuring parrots, hinds, and even baboons.

Christmas & Juggler John

How did the juggler get into the European Bethlehem scene? It seems Saint Francis introduced his living-animal manger scene in a village near Assisi. Soon, during the long and hard winters, workers started carving the manger scene. Along with the devotional figures there soon appeared ordinary folk, among them a juggler. Later, in Anatole France's short story, "Our Lady's Juggler," the juggler appeared as the central figure. According to an old French legend, the poverty-stricken juggler, John, spins his golden balls for the crowds. As so often happens with the poor, he became the butt of mockery and cruel jokes. In order to flee his tormentors John becomes a monk. But his desire to please the Virgin frustrates him as he still feels so inferior. One day John puts on his old costume and juggles some oranges in front of the Virgin statue. The friars rush in to stop his sacrilege but the story goes that they suddenly stop as they see the statue smile. The moral of the legend: No matter how humble the gift -- it's always acceptable when given with a pure heart.

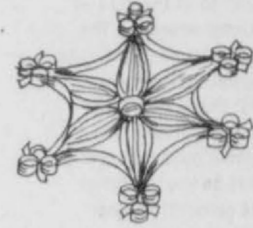
Christmas Tree Reflections

It is difficult to trace the origin of the Christmas tree. One of the favorite stories, whether fact or fancy, recounts Martin Luther walking through the forest one cold Christmas Eve and marveling at the star-studded sky. The story goes that he carried home a small tree, then trimmed it with candles to illustrate to his children the divine power that had gloriously brightened the Nativity Eve. As we quietly marvel at the Christmas tree splendor we can reflect upon the Perfect Gift given so long ago in our behalf that hung on a tree in sacrifice for us but ever lives like the evergreen tree.

Evergreen See-Through Tree

Slit a toy hoop around the outside diameter. Paint the hoop green. Force a string of tree lights into the slit. Cut a notch between each light to

keep string (or yarn) from slipping. Form the smaller, inner tree by using alternate notches with shorter pieces of yarn which will be gathered together at its top and attached to one long string to be hung from the ceiling. Construct the taller, outer tree by using the remaining notches. Hang ornaments separately. If using string, spray paint green.



Snowflake Ornaments

Cut strips of paper crossgrain. Shape into curls and glue the ends together. Glue the curls into a snowflake form. Fill with cellophane.



Yummy Tree Ornaments

Cut 11" squares of plastic wrap. Place 1/4 cup "M & M's" Plain Chocolate candies and 1/4 cup of "M & M's" Peanut Chocolate candies in the center of each square. Gather the corners together and twist the wrap tightly to form a ball. Tie with a 30" length of ribbon that you can curl. Form a loop at the top for hanging. Tie a 12" length of the same ribbon at the loop's base. Curl all four ribbon ends.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

It seems neither the words nor the music of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" originally had anything to do with angels. According to some there was a far different connotation. It seems Charles Wesley (author of 6,000 poems -- younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomina-

tion) was listening to the echoing bells as he wound his way to church one Christmas morn. The lovely pealing tones impressed him to originally write: "Hark! how all the welkin rings, Glory to the King of Kings!"

Welkin means dome of heaven or sky; later writers may have felt Charles Wesley alluded to angels' voices and changed this verse to so read.

Mendelssohn's music was adapted for this song but Mendelssohn never felt it was suited to the sacredness of the words. In spite of the writer's and composer's intent, this hymn continues to bring joy to each Christmas generation.

Merry Christmas To Each In His Own Way

Do you hear that many young people today have little use for established institutions and outmoded forms? Well, how does this theory seem to hold up at your house during the Christmas season? Have you ever tried to replace the broken-winged angel with a glimmering, revolving Christmas star? Bet your children put up howls of protest, "But that angel has always been there!" And so it stays.

Sooner or later you may have the urge to say everybody's getting too grown up to hang the stockings by the fireplace this year -- it, too, no doubt will receive a loud protest. How about having hamburgers instead of your regular Christmas entree! And pound cake instead of fruit cake! Isn't it rather comforting that some of the old rituals of home mean more to our children than we had imagined! Merry Christmas to each home in its own way!

Santa's Partying Words

Santa while giving a party for his helpers: "Let's all be thinking how we can cut costs in our doll division, step up toy car production and eliminate wastes in all our departments."



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A Merry Christmas to All

We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever and in this coming year of 1986, it is our hope that you may have

- Enough happiness to keep you sweet
- Enough trials to keep you strong
- Enough sorrow to keep you human
- Enough failure to keep you humble
- Enough hope to keep you happy
- Enough Success to keep you eager
- Enough friends to give you comfort
- Enough wealth to meet your needs
- Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- Enough faith to banish depression
- Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.



Poverty still with us in Hansford County and area

Changes in circumstances and conditions of poverty in the United States and in Hansford County have been substantial and real over the past twenty-five years. At the same time, national statistics make it apparent that, with the exception of the elderly, only limited progress has resulted from efforts to reduce poverty since 1969. In fact, the national poverty level of 14.4% in 1984 was greater than the national poverty level of 12.1% in 1969 and the estimated 18.2% poverty level in Hansford County during 1984 was greater than the local poverty rate of 12.7% in 1969. Most Americans are disturbed by the persistence of poverty at its current levels. And most Americans appear genuinely puzzled at the persistence of poverty in spite of the massive efforts made by government to reduce poverty.

One of the major reasons for the increases that occurred in the rate of poverty from 1979 through 1983 was the troubled national economy. The nation's most recent recession included higher rates of unemployment than the United States has suffered at any time since the Great Depression. While various benefits are available to the unemployed, those who are unemployed for any extended period of time will almost inevitably find themselves among the poor. Falling rates of unemployment have resulted in a declining rate of poverty since 1983. However, it must be kept in mind that the current level of unemployment continues to be generally higher than it was from 1959 through 1979. Additionally, most economists consider it probable that unemployment rates will remain higher than those of the 1960's and the 1970's for the rest of this decade.

There appear to be still other factors that have contributed to the persistence of poverty. One of these is particularly noteworthy. The rate of poverty among households headed by women with no husband present continues to be higher than the rate of poverty among any other demographic groups. Not only has the proportion of the poor made up by female headed households without husbands increased sharply, but the proportion of these households in terms of the total of American households has increased sharply.

In 1959, persons living in households headed by females without husbands made up 26.3% of the nation's poor. 50.2% of all persons living in such households were classified as poor at that time. By 1984, persons living in households headed by single females made up 48.6% of the poor in America. Although the rate of poverty among persons living in households headed by females with no husband present had declined to 34.0% by 1984, this is nevertheless an extremely high figure.

Additionally, the number of persons living in households headed by females with no husband present has increased tremendously over the period. The number of persons living in such households has increased from 20.7 million in 1959 to 48.4 million in 1984 or by 133.6%. During this same period the national population increased by only 35.7%. Persons living in households headed by single females accounted for 11.9% of the national population in 1959. In 1984, they accounted for 20.4% of the national population.

Local information provided by the Census Bureau regarding households headed by single females is not as comprehensive as national information. However, sufficient information is available to determine that the increase in the number and proportion of persons living in such households in Hansford County has been much less than the national increase. 8.4% of children under the age of 18 in Hansford County lived in single parent households in 1980. By 1980, 11.0% of all children under 18 lived in single parent households. The number of families headed by single females in Hansford County increased from 81 or 4.7% of all families in the county in 1970 to 98 or 5.5% of all families in Hansford County in 1980. The poverty level among families headed by single females in Hansford County increased from 14.8% in 1969 to 23.5% by 1979. The number of families headed by single females in Hansford County has increased, but this trend has been less pronounced locally than nationally.

As noted, changes in the demographic makeup of the poor since 1959 have been substantial. The most noteworthy of these appear to be the declining number of elderly among the poor and the increase of single women with children among the poor. These trends were also partially apparent in Hansford County, if to a less marked extent.

Poverty in America declined sharply from 1959 through 1969. Since that time, efforts to reduce poverty have been much less successful. The American economy has changed significantly since 1959 as has the demographic makeup of poverty. However, policies implemented by the government in its efforts to reduce or eliminate poverty have changed only marginally. The Reagan Administration's critics may deplore the philosophy behind the Administration's approach to poverty while its supporters may applaud this same philosophy. However, in terms of dollars spent and programs utilized, the Reagan Administration's poverty policies have differed very little from those of its last three predecessors.

It appears certain that the government policy regarding the poor will continue to be a major political issue. Whether or not there will be either changes in government policies designed to deal with poverty or appreciable changes in the national level of poverty is much less certain. However, continued declines in the poverty rate in Hansford County are more likely than declines in the national poverty rate because overall local income levels are likely to continue to increase in comparison with overall national income levels.

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COMFORTING A LITTLE ONE--This toddler, apparently orphaned by Colombia's killer mudslide Nov. 13, cried for his mother as Southern Baptist missionary Mary Nell Giles entered his hospital room in Ibague. Offered a toy poodle, the child continued to cry until the missionary took him in her arms. In the hospital, he was identified only as "NN" (no name). PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

BAPTISTS GIVE VOLCANO VICTIMS MEDICINE, SUPPLIES* COMPASSION

A Gruver native, Mary Nell Giles, has been among the relief workers in Colombia where volcano Nevado del Ruiz has killed more than 25,000 people.

She has visited among such victims as Edison Ortiz, 5 years old, a new amputee and possibly an orphan. No family members have visited him in the state hospital here.

Edison, who lost his left foot after gangrene set in, was one of 3,000 to 4,000 hospitalized throughout Colombia following the eruption of Nevado del Ruiz. He's among 50,000 left homeless, people who somehow survived a wall of hot mud and debris, as deep as 60 feet in places, that buried the town of Armero, 22,000 surrounding acres and 20,000 to 40,000 people.

About 15 Colombian Baptists, Southern Baptist missionaries and Foreign Mission Board staff members have assisted Colombian Red Cross workers, government officials and medical personnel in disaster relief.

There are "hundreds, if not thousands" of people in grief, many of them farm workers or operators of small home businesses, Mrs. Giles said. Most victims' faces still show an expressionless sort of shock at their sudden, immense losses.

Nearly every relief worker has battled weariness. After several days on the scene, Mrs. Giles recounted, "I didn't know if I could go anymore." But the next day, "seeing people who are hurting and in such need, you just forget about yourself and keep going."

"The Baptists have done a work that is incomparable," said Ramiro Lozano, a gynecologist who heads the Red Cross chapter in Ibague, headquarters for relief efforts, about 70 miles south of Armero.

Helping alleviate acute shortages in medicines and medical supplies is but one of numerous ways missionaries have used Southern Baptist relief donations of aid Red Cross workers here.

"Don't abandon us now, because the work has just begun," Lozano said to James Giles, disaster relief coordinator for the Southern Baptist mission in Colombia. Reuniting family members in various hospitals and shelters across Colombia will be a formidable challenge, Lozano said.

"How are these (survivors) ever going to adjust to life after this?" asked Giles' wife, Mary Nell, after several days of visiting victims. "There's no way to even describe it ... horrible, sad, de-

vastating, heart-breaking, shocking."

The Gileses and Ellis Leangas, mission chairman, took a two-burner stove, pots and pans, dishes and clothing to one apartment where 25 relatives had taken refuge. Included in the group of two women, who have lost husbands. One also lost three of her four children; the other, all three of hers.

Missionaries are investigating the possibility of opening a goodwill center in Ibague to help amputees and others and debilitating injuries and teach new skills to those left jobless. Government officials have not decided the long-term help religious organizations will be asked to provide.

"These people now need somebody to listen to them," added Giles, who spent a half-hour with a Presbyterian pastor from Armero, Rafael Charry, whose wife and two children are presumed dead. Tears dripped to the pastor's cheeks as they closed their meeting with prayer.

"If God rescued me from this tragedy, then he must have purpose for my life," the pastor told Giles. "Everybody ended up without anything, but we have God and we have faith."

"I have had pain with the people," said Adriana Robledo, chief nurse at the emergency room of the Baptist Clinic in Barranquilla, who came to Ibague with missionary physician Robert Edwards. "I have listened to them so they could unload their hurts, tensions and pains," said Robledo, a member of Barranquilla's Genezaret Baptist Church.

Missionaries have listened to a young father tell of the loss of his 25-day-old son. He believes his wife is alive but doesn't know where she is. A mother with a fractured pelvis is hospitalized beside her 10-year-old son whose leg was amputated. She lost her husband and three younger children.

Another woman, just a week away from giving birth, lost her husband and mother. A toddler with "NN" (no name) above his bed and a gash atop his head held out his arms and cried for "Mommy." He ate only when someone could be found to breast-feed him.

Leangas and his wife, Judy, since 1979 the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Ibague, a city of a half million people, feel "a personal loss. I sink my roots wherever I am," Leangas said. There's "an intense regional loyalty" in the state of Tolima, where Ibague and Armero are located. Leangas also knew the director of a Presbyterian-related secondary school in Armero, Vicente Rodriguez, who still is missing.

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Leangas gave "high, high marks" to Colombians in their response to the crisis. "They haven't sat back and waited for the rest of the world to respond. They've been working tirelessly themselves."

Joining Robledo and Edwards in assisting at the state hospital in Ibague were Guillermo Chaparro, a general practitioner and member of Bogota's Northside Baptist Church, and Don Pearson, an orthopedic surgeon and member of College Park Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. Maria del Carmen de Alvarez, a neighborhood nurse and member of bogota's Central Baptist Church, worked invarious relief locations.

Survivors of the mudslide "look like they've been pulled over broken bricks for a couple miles," Dewards said. In the flowing mud, Charry recounted, "I felt like I was being ground up like a mill grinds wheat."

Both Edwards and Pearson lost count of the operations they performed, each estimating the number at 25 or more. Edwards cleaned wounds of mud and infection, working on one patient, for example, with a bladder full of mud that had been pressed through the man's mouth, nose and ears. Pearson handled gangrene-caused amputations and cleaned wounds.

Flickering Christmas Candles

Flickering candles have a quiet, relaxing effect. At Christmastime we see the sparkle they put in a small child's eyes and watch their flames reflected as the tinsel and baubles sparkle. Staring in the candle's glow we contemplate the birth of Christ and the shepherds in the dark night suddenly lit up by a group of bright, singing angels bringing glad tidings that would in turn light up the whole world! We think of the three wise men on their camels padding across the desert sands of the East, always led by the bright star that hovered over the cradle of Baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

It is said that the lighting of candles in windows came from an old custom -- an idea that the Christ Child might be guided through the darkness to their house. In Medieval times a stranger guided by the candles to a house was never turned away -- for they thought, "Who knows, it might be Christ Himself."

This Christmas the candles in our windows might also signify the warmth that's in our hearts to give welcome to another "stranger" that's in our midst, and light up his holidays as well.

Pretty Polish Decorations

In Poland the Christmas tree (Choinka) is a symbol of peace and friendship. Its ornaments are all handmade. The paper cutouts are never pre-drawn; instead, the paper is folded, then cut freehand. The national colors of red and white are popular in the intricate designs. The paper was originally cut with sheep-shearing scissors!



Outdoor Christmas Baubles

Inflate a weather balloon to 4-feet in diameter (or whatever size you wish).

Dip 2-inch newspaper strips into white glue (6 parts water to one part glue), removing excess by pulling paper through your fingers. Smooth these strips crisscross-fashion over the balloon until you have several coats.

Let dry thoroughly then spray all the surface with spray paint or varnish to waterproof the paper.

Coat the ball with instant papier-mache except where the opening will be.

Draw a circle with a felt-tip pen on the side where your scene will go. Cut out the opening with a keyhole saw.

Fasten a hanging wire loop to the top of the ball, dabbing papier-mache around the wire. Wire a strand of large Christmas lights which you will tape or staple to the inside of the ball near the opening.

Pull the light wire through a hole you have made at the top of the ball.

Paint the outside of the ball and add glitter. Add outdoor velvet ribbon. Staple crinkled aluminum foil to the interior. Fill bottom of ball with artificial snow. You might like to place deer in one ball, a sleigh in another or just a winter scene with sprigs of snow-capped evergreens, a mirror for a pond, etc.



A Merry Welcome

Easily construct a beautiful Christmas tree for either side of your front door:

Place a long piece of dowel (slightly taller than your front door) in a large pot of earth. Wrap evergreen around the dowel. Make a circle of wire, wrap evergreen around it and fasten with wires at the base of your dowel. Form a wire Christmas tree shape, cover with evergreen and fasten to the top of the dowel. Fasten a large red bow at the top of the tree. Decorate with strand of Christmas lights.

"Little Christmas"

For the Finns, the last Sunday afternoon in November is called "Little Christmas".

Cider-Citrus Punch

This delicious blend of fruit juices will make a hit with all ages. Add a festive flare by inserting cocktail picks through fresh cranberries and a strip of lemon peel.

- 1 6-oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 6-oz. can frozen lemonade concentrate
- 1 gallon (16 cups) apple cider or apple juice
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. whole allspice
- 1 tbsp. whole cloves

Combine all the juices (undiluted) and the brown sugar in a large kettle. Stir until the sugar dissolves and the concentrates thaw.

Tie the allspice and cloves in a cheesecloth bag and add to the juices. Cover and simmer 20 minutes stirring occasionally. Remove the spice bags and throw away. Serve while hot. Makes approximately 18 cups.



Mexican-Old English Christmas Lanterns

Use a rectangular can (cocoa, cooking oil, etc.) for the base and a round can for the top.

Cut windows out (on both sides) of the rectangular cans. Leave tin flaps on top one window opening pushed up so the glass inset can slide in and out. Bend the other flaps around the glass.

Punch holes in the round can to let the smoke and heat escape.

Solder wire on for trim. The strong handles are made of baling wire.

The finished lantern should be painted gold. Let dry, then antique with black paint.

A roofing nail will steady the candles at the base. The lanterns can be placed against an evergreen background for Christmas. They may be used in other settings year-round.





GIVING THANKS, PRAYING FOR HOPE--Southern Baptist missionary Mary Nell Giles of Gruver, Texas, prays with a Presbyterian woman who survived the mudslide that destroyed Armero, Colombia. The woman, only a week away from giving birth, lost her husband, mother and several brothers in the disaster. But her father and 2-year-old son were found safe. PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

WHY

The questions are inevitable when 25,000 to 40,000 people are killed after a volcano erupts: "Why us? Why, God?"

In countries where Roman Catholicism is prevalent, "people recognize the hand of God in things," said Southern Baptist missionary Dan Rupp.

Colombia's Catholic bishops urged the nation to return to God after the Nov. 13 eruption and deadly mudslide that left a death toll roughly equal to the thousands of injured and homeless.

The bishops also cited the 28-hour shootout at the Palace of Justice in Bogota, Nov. 6-7. About 100 people were killed as the army and national police regained control of the building seized by leftist guerrillas.

"What sin are we paying for?" a newscaster asked over a Bogota TV station.

In the rural village of Guayabal, not far from Armero, an elderly Pentecostal pastor told of "the judgment of God for the sins of the people" as he visited with Southern Baptist missionaries Larry Booth and Howard Atkinson.

Adriana Robledo, a nurse from the Baptist Clinic in Barranquilla who traveled to Ibague to work with survivors of the mudslide, recounted, "They have asked so much, 'Why did something like this have to happen?'"

"I told them, 'Many times, we do not understand why these things happen. There's a God who can give us strength and power. We can hold on to him and he will hold on to us and help us,'" said Robledo, a member of Barranquilla's Genezaret Baptist Church.

Christians cope better than non-Christians in tragic times, said Rupp, of Bofota. "They realize how God can work through the tragedies."

"Certainly history shows that people respond in a quest for faith, a desire to know God, in the wake of disasters," said Booth, also in Bogota.

Jose Zabala, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ibague, the closest Baptist congregation to Armero, has told his members, "Life has two sides. There is the good side, happiness and satisfaction. There's the other side, sadness, pain, tragedy."

The Armero crisis has stirred Zabala to do more teaching on "spiritual resources" so that First Baptist members "won't be caught so off guard that they won't know what to do as believers ... in whatever kinds of circumstances come to them."

For Southern Baptist missionaries, the crisis has underscored the importance of disaster relief preparedness.

Southern Baptist relief funds allow Baptists to respond quickly and effectively to crises, while missionaries with many other groups have no such resources,

said James Giles, the Colombia mission's disaster relief coordinator. For example, missionaries spent \$25,000 to help the Colombian Red Cross fill acute shortages in medicine, medical supplies, portable power generators and powdered milk.

Disaster relief "opens doors that would never be opened in any other way," said Giles, who also is president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali. To the injured and homeless and to Colombian government officials and relief workers, Baptist disaster response gives "depth to what being a Baptist means," Giles said. It shows that Baptists are "willing to respond to physical suffering as well as spiritual needs."

It demonstrates that Baptists are "a caring group and one that can help," said Robert Edwards, director of the clinic in Barranquilla who traveled to Ibague's state hospital to help treat injured survivors. He added, "It gives us direct contact with people in need, to whom we can give a word of hope, a direct witness of God's mercy in spite of such terrible conditions."

"There's absolutely no way that we can call ourselves Christians and not respond," said Giles' wife, Mary Nell. "The Bible says that Jesus went about doing good, good."

"Ours is the type of help that changes people," she noted. "That's why we're spending so much time and resources to help."

"You may not be able to go back and count numbers of conversions," said Don Pearson, an orthopedic surgeon from Orlando, Fla., who also worked at Ibague's state hospital, "but it's a long-term statement" of "love and concern ... because of Christ."

Among the 85 Baptist churches in Colombia, a number collected food and clothing. The Colombian Baptist Convention donated about \$700 from its limited budget and a 20-member mission in the city of Tunj took \$150 out of its budget. Few individuals in the churches make as much as \$100 a month.

Christmas Candy Canes

The presents given back at the time of Christ's birth were often very practical. The gift might be a sack of cherries, a gourd flask, bells, a spoon, a cape and hood, or even a shepherd's rod.

The story is told that one shepherd couldn't bring himself to part with his crook and that our modern candy canes may have been derived from this story of the reluctant shepherd.

Fake Santas?

Do you suppose it's hard for your kids to believe in a Santa with a nylon beard? In the "good old days" Santa's whiskers were made of good, believable cotton!

Lynx play at Canadian

The Spearman Lynx and the Perryton Rangers boys and girls, put on a real sports show at Lynx gym Tuesday night, in their annual Pancake basketball game. The Lynxettes blasted the fine Perryton girls by some 15 points and although the Lynx lost 51-59, the game was much better than the score indicated as coach Jones and his young Lynx really gave the big Rangers a good game.

The Lynx and Lynxettes will play in the Canadian Tournament January 2-3-4, as the two Spearman teams open the tourney at 9:30 a. m. against the Panhandle Panther teams---See you at Canagian---

Cholesterol, don't be afraid of it

Some people fear cholesterol because they don't know what it is--they've only heard that it's harmful. Cholesterol, in fact, has an important function in the human body. It is essential in the creation of hormones and nerve cells, and as a component to vitamin D.

Cholesterol has a bad reputation because too much of it in the bloodstream is dangerous. The amount of cholesterol in your blood is influenced by the amount and kinds of fats you consume. Specifically, diets rich in so-called saturated fats (animal fats, coconut and palm oils) tend to raise the level of blood cholesterol, whereas polyunsaturated fats (fish oil and most vegetable fats) help to lower it.

A build-up of cholesterol in the blood vessels makes them smaller, and requires more pressure, heart attack and stroke.

Dr. Clift Price, associate Commissioner for Personal Health Services at the Texas Department of Health, said overconsumption of animal fats is similar to being irresponsible about what one pours down the kitchen sink.

"For instance," he said, "if you continually pour bacon drippings down the drain, the congealed fat will eventually interfere with the flow of water out of the sink. Other impurities may help the fat to solidify--then you have to call someone to fix or replace your pipes. Unfortunately, the human body cannot be as easily repaired."



Tutti-Fruitcake

- 1 6-oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
1/2 cup light molasses
3 cups raisins

Combine. Cook to boiling, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.
2 cups mixed candied fruits and peels.
Stir into the first mixture and set aside.

- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
3/4 cup sugar
Cream sugar and butter.
3 eggs

- Beat in one at a time.
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, sifted
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. allspice
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1 tsp. cinnamon

Sift together and stir into creamed mixture. Add 1/2 cup chopped walnuts and fruit mixture. Turn into greased and floured 8 1/2" fluted tube pan. Bake 275° for 2 1/2 hrs. Cool 30 min. Remove from pan. Wrap and refrigerate. Glaze with strained apricot preserves.

Dr. Price said, "Everyone should carefully select which foods they eat, limit their intake of animal fats, participate in regular and appropriate exercise, and get routine medical check-ups."

Cholesterol-rich foods to be limited in the diet include eggs, dairy products (such as whole milk, cream and most cheeses), fatty red meats (such as corned beef and ribs), bacon, sausage, lard, luncheon meats and organ meats (such as liver and gizzards).

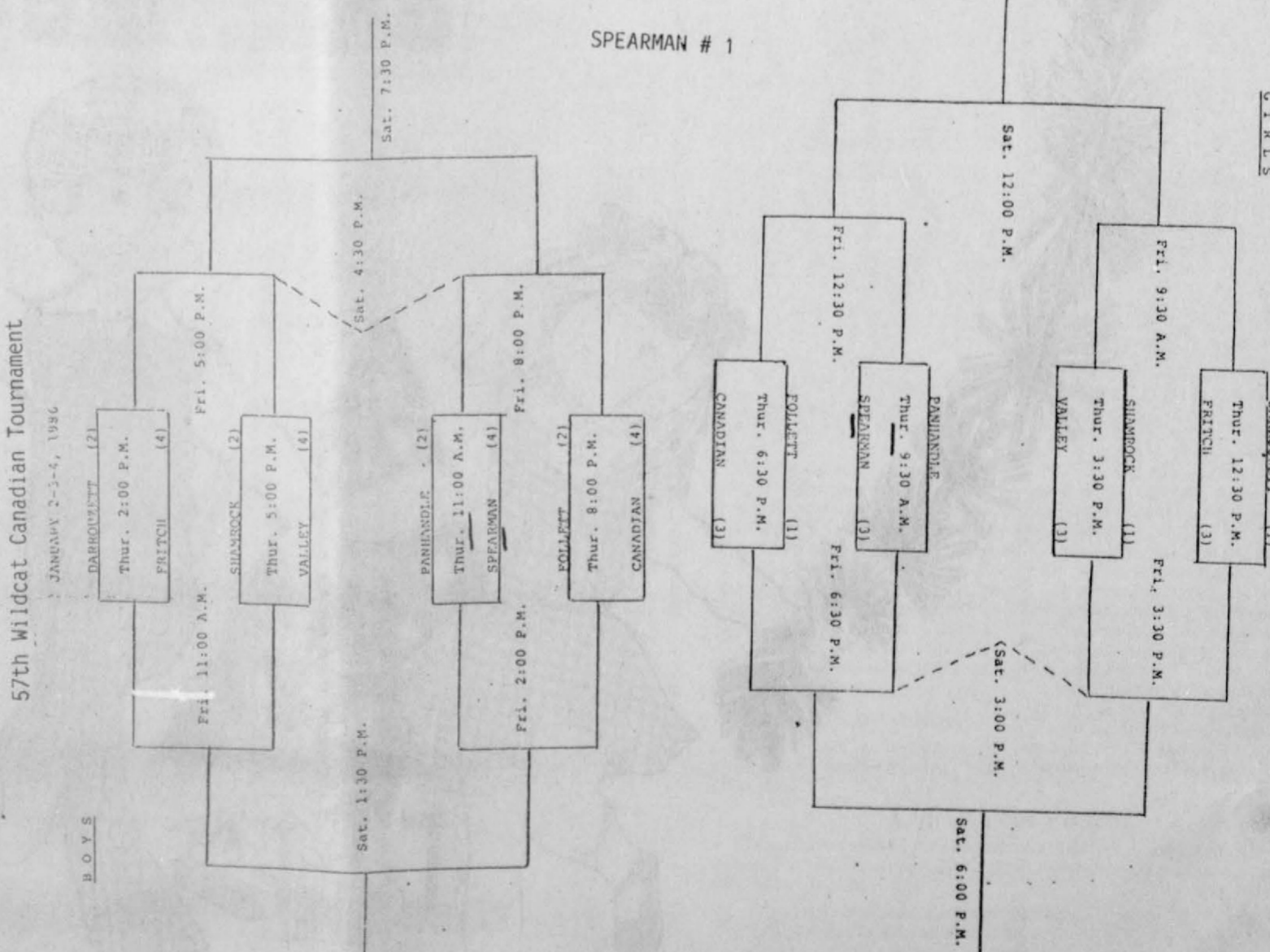
"When some people read the list of foods high in cholesterol," Dr. Price said, "they sometimes wonder what is left to eat. They frequently don't realize that by cutting down on high-fat foods, they can allow themselves more low-fat dairy products, fruits, vegetables and whole grain products which are lower in fat, high in fiber, and are among the most nutritious things we need in our diets. Fish, chicken, turkey, and lean red meats are still choice items - if properly cooked."

The people who should be most concerned are those whose family histories include heart disease or stroke, who eat a lot of fatty foods, or who fail to exercise properly at least 30 minutes, three times each week.

By proper exercise, physicians mean walking, running, swimming, bike-riding or other activity that makes one breathe harder and increases the heart rate. These activities are usually called "aerobic."

A simple blood test can detect whether one's blood cholesterol is too high. Changing your eating habits to reduce your overall fat intake, especially foods high in cholesterol and saturated fat, can give you a new lease on life.

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