



Food Stamp Outreach Program to Begin in January



A drive to raise the \$100,000 necessary to equip the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital started last week in Crosby County.

According to news reports, the money will be used to buy operating tables, surgical lights, sterilizers, surgical suction devices, blood pressure machines, and chairs, dressers and beds to furnish the hospital rooms.

In addition, a new heart monitor, worth \$25,000, will be purchased. The heart monitor will allow heart patients in the hospital to occupy any bed. A cordless transmitter will send information on the patient's heart back to nurses stations.

Contributions to the new hospital unit are tax deductible.

A faulty main valve in a recently installed natural gas pipeline apparently froze because of winter temperatures in Morton last week, stopping the city's gas supply for most of the night.

There were no reported injuries or deaths. There was discomfort, however. Gas valves in homes and businesses throughout the city had to be manually shut off.

When the problem was corrected hours later, volunteers had to trudge through the cold to check with citizens before gas in each individual home could be turned back on.

A second, emergency pipeline, which supplies gas to the city in the event the first pipe fails, was not operating because of earlier technical difficulties.

A dryer has been installed to prevent the event from occurring again.

Texas Ranger first basemen Mike Hargrove and Toby Harrah, and Montreal first baseman Larry Bentner came to Perryton last week to do some pheasant hunting before Christmas.

Hargrove is a Perryton native.

Department of Labor statistics show that the average American consumed 188 pounds of meat last year, including 116 pounds of beef, 65 pounds of fish and poultry, 285 eggs, 123 pounds of potatoes, 247 pounds of milk and cream, 107 pounds of wheat flour, and 52.5 pounds of fats and oils.

The statistics do not include fruits, vegetables, cereals, and other edible products.

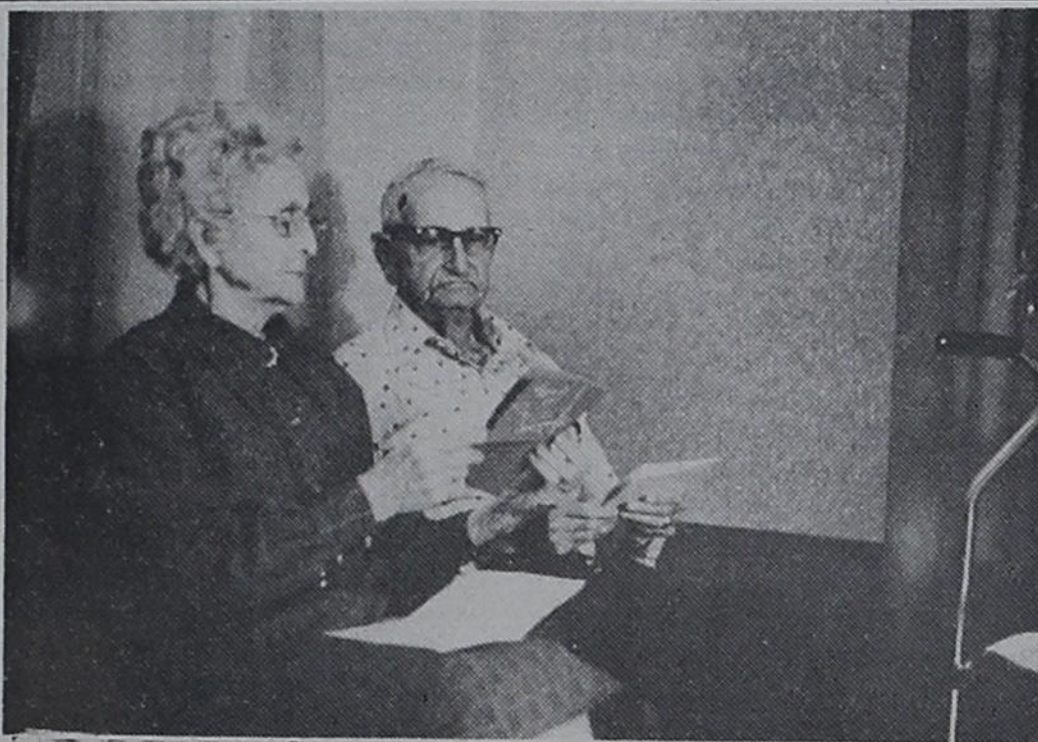
This resulted in a grocery bill of \$40.05 per week for the average family, which—according to the statistics—consists of 2.9 people. The weekly grocery bill has risen \$10.00 in the past three years.

The statistics said the average American consumes about 29 pounds of food each week.

Open House Set

There will be a New Years Eve open house at the Shallowater City Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



CARDS AT CHRISTMASTIME are a joy to receive by the E.B. Reeds when they take time out to sit down together and read the cards friends and relatives have sent during the holiday season. The cards seem to have just the right verse to express the sender's message of cheer to the Reeds at Christmas and for the coming new year. The Reeds have shared 63 joyous Christmases together and have seen many changes down through the years. They reside on the corner of Texas Avenue and 10th.

First Baptist Presents Cantata

The combined voices of the First Baptist Church choir presented a beautiful Christmas Cantata "Joy To The World" written by John Peterson, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock during regular worship service.

The cantata was first published in 1968 and is a collection of several traditional Christmas carols that have been newly arranged in the distinctive style of John Peterson.

Soloists were Therrone Baker, Dorene DuLaney, Linda Burgett, soprano; Rusty Sherman, tenor; and baritone was Charles Skidmore. Pianist was July Smith and Neff Preston was narrator. The cantata was directed by John Thornell, minister of music.

The Angel Choir, children grades 1 through 4, presented a program entitled "Birth of Christ," directed by Mrs. Therrone Baker, assisted by Melissa Epperson, narrated by Randy Barnes, accompanied by Julie Smith at the piano.

Joseph was played by Trenton Chandler; Mary by Sharisse Burgett, Angel of the Lord by Stephanie Wolski; Angels were Missy Stiles, Denise Adams, Veronica Oliver, and La Rail Wilson. Shepherds were Dawn DuLaney, Ellen Masten and Linda Shropshire. The three wise men were played by Shannon Campbell, Traca Ellis and Anna Masten. A trio, Linda Shropshire, Traca Ellis and Denise Adams, sang.

United Methodist Church Christmas Cantata Presented

"Love of Jesus," "Joy to the World," and "Peace on Earth," was expressed in beautiful song in regular worship services at the Shallowater United Methodist Church Sunday, when choir members presented their Christmas Cantata "Love-Joy-Peace" by

Tom Feltke, to the congregation. Narrated by Rev. Tommy Ewing, and directed by Wayne Starch, soloists were Alice McMenemy, Laurie Lewis, Linda Blumer, Don Unger and Chris Merrell, accompanied by organist, Mrs. Jim Meyers, and Mrs. Bailey Ireland, pianist.

The children's choir participated in the Cantata also, dressed in red robes.

Lions Host Christmas Party

The annual Lions Club Christmas party and ladies night was held Saturday night in the poolside mall at South Park Inn with 34 persons attending.

The tables, set in horseshoe design was laid with white cloths, centered with red Christmas candles.

The invocation was presented by Granville Doggett and the menu was served buffet style.

Entertainment was presented by the Prairie Wind Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, from Lubbock.

Special guests were the ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Qualia, Mr. and Mrs. Hap Covington, Lions Queen Geneise Grawunder, Princess Amy Stephenson and her mother, Sue Stephenson.

The Lion members presented the ladies with beautiful pen and pencil sets.

City Employees Enjoy Party

The city employees, their husbands and wives, enjoyed a Christmas dinner Friday night at the Shallowater Restaurant.

Delicious grilled steaks with all the trimmings were enjoyed by Jessie Lee Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Parrack, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rackler, Mr. and Mrs. David Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gonzales and the W.F. Williamsons.

Following dinner, the group gathered in the home of Judge Vance where gifts were exchanged and games of 42 played. Despite a few police calls and a stopped up sewer, the group managed to enjoy a very pleasant evening of fellowship together.

The Community Services Department of the City of Lubbock will receive \$18,500 over the next fourteen months to conduct an outreach program which will contact those Lubbock County residents who are eligible for food stamps but not currently receiving them, a city official said Friday.

Archie Bottoms, director of Community Services, said the program was "being sponsored by the State Department of Public Welfare (DPW)."

"The purpose of it (the outreach program) is to go out into low income areas, knock on doors, and make contacts with the purpose of informing people who are eligible for food stamps to make application," Bottoms explained.

The community services director said the money would be used to provide expenses and salaries for two full-time counsellors while they contacted Lubbock County residents to see if they qualified for food stamp assistance.

"We'll begin hiring after Christmas, and hopefully the program will start in the first part of January," Bottoms said. "We need to get word out to people—particularly minorities—that we are going to be hiring a couple of outreach workers."

The counsellors will interview families in low income areas, and explain how the food stamp program operates. They will also attempt to ascertain whether or

not a particular family is eligible, referring those that are to the proper agencies.

According to Bottoms, the State Department of Public Welfare has contracted with one of the community action associations (CAA) in each regional planning area as a sponsor. That CAA will in turn subcontract with the remaining CAAs in the region to parcel out the money.

In the fifteen county region covered by the South Plains Associations of Governments, the contractor "will be South Plains Community Action Agency (SPCAA), which in turn will contract with Crosbyton, Levelland, and Lubbock," Bottoms said.

Each community action agency receives a \$10,000 base grant, and additional monies are given to the CAA according to the number of unregistered poor in that region.

The community services commission qualifies for \$10,000 as a subcontractor to SPCAA, and with the number of people in the county currently eligible but not registered for food stamps in excess of 22,000, the commission will receive an extra \$8,520.

The director said the community service commission was "not officially a CAA," but, because they were a department in city government, they qualified as subcontractors with SPCAA.

According to Bottoms, the

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"Just a minute, Buster, I'm all tied up at the moment." What with all the distractions this young Shallowater Elementary School student faced—people pointing strange instruments at her and all—it's a wonder she got any rope jumping done during her afternoon recess break.

12-Year-Old Judy McBride is Avid Cyclist

The 12-year-old motorcyclist, avid cyclist, and can be seen riding Judy McBride, whose picture was on her motorcycle when time published in last week's issue, is an permits.

The busy seventh grader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Simpson, has been interested in motorcycling for several years and has been riding for about a year now. She wanted a motorcycle so bad, her dad told her to bring home a straight "A" report for the whole school term and he would get her one. You guessed it, she did, so daddy had to pay off.

She is a licensed AMA competitor, although she can't drive on public streets, she sure makes use of the county dirt roads. As her mother stated, she never has to wonder about where Judy is, for if she's outside, she's on the cycle.

Judy entered two races this past summer, the Spur Enduro and the Mackenzie Grand Prix held in Mackenzie Park. Although she failed to place in either race, she is already looking forward to next summer when she plans to enter all the races she will be eligible to enter.

Besides being an avid cyclist, Judy is a 7th grade cheerleader and plays guard on the basketball team. She also runs track in the spring. Judy has also taught her 11 year old brother Sammy to ride the motorcycle.

She has a 125 Kawasaki, but that isn't big enough, so she rides a 250 Yamaha. If Judy keeps on, Evel Knievel better look out, for who knows, she may be able to ride just as well, if she sets her mind to it and keeps on riding the cycle and loving every moment of it as she is now.

Party Line

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Williamson attended the Caprock Utilities Waterworks meeting and ladies night in Plainview Thursday night in Unger Memorial Library. Approximately 50 persons attended.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Woodruff were hostesses at a dinner in their home honoring Mrs. A.C. Woodruff on her birthday, December 19th. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farris, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Gates, Jr., and Lisa.

Unknown Ability

A man seldom knows what he can do until he tries to undo what he did.

—Reporter, Spencer.

Christmas Eve Tree Trimming Snack

Tree trimming is twice as much fun when everyone pitches in! When the last star is in place and it's time to relax and admire your lovely tree, a cup of cheer and a slice of holiday bread will be welcome.

Mulled Fruit Punch

- 1 - 46 oz. can orange fruit punch
- 1 - 46 oz. can apricot nectar
- 6 whole allspice
- 8 inches stick cinnamon
- 1/2 lemon sliced thin

Combine all ingredients in large saucepan; bring to boil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 1/2 hour. Reheat and strain spices out. Garnish with orange slices studded with cloves, after pouring into punch bowl. Makes about 20 servings, punch cup size.

Bubbly Cranberry Punch

- 2 cans jellied cranberry sauce (16 oz. size)
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups orange juice
- 2 large bottles chilled ginger ale (28 oz. bottles)

Beat cranberry sauce until smooth and stir in lemon and orange juices. Empty several trays of ice cubes into a punch bowl and pour mixture over them. Carefully add ginger ale and mix. Serve in punch cups. About 20-25 cups.



Yummy Frosted Holiday Bread

- 1 - 13 3/4 oz. pkg. hot roll mix
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp. butter melted (margarine, if you prefer)
- 1/2 cup mixed candied fruits
- 1 cup white raisins
- 1/2 tsp. ground cardamom
- 1 cup sifted confectioners sugar
- 2 tbsp. light cream
- Candied cherries
- Sliced almonds

Sprinkle yeast from hot roll mix over warm water, in large bowl. Stir to dissolve. Add egg, granulated sugar and butter, mix well. Stir in fruit, raisins, cardamom, and flour mix from hot roll mixture. Cover; let rise in warm place about 45 minutes, till mixture about doubles. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead 10 strokes. Shape into ball; place in 9-inch pie plate and flatten. Let rise about 30 minutes, till doubled. Bake in 375° oven for about 30-35 minutes, covering with foil if it browns too quickly. Remove from pie plate and cool on rack. Mix together the sifted confectioners sugar and cream; drizzle over bread. Trim with candied cherries and almonds in wreath shape. Perfect for serving after tree trimming.

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What Does Christmas Mean to Me?

by Rev. Tommy Ewing
 Pastor, First United Methodist
 In watching Charlie Brown's Special Christmas Program on TV, I noticed that he had three problems that really bugged him. One, he did not understand what Christmas was all about. Two, he could not get into the 'spirit' of Christmas. Three, the thing that really bugged him was the fact that Christmas had become so commercialized.

We hear the same statements and others from people today. Do we know the true-honest-to-God meaning of Christmas? Is Christmas just for children in a make believe world of gifts and Santa Claus? When we read in the newspapers or watch the news on TV about the murders, rapes, hunger, war, hatred among nations and neighbors, jealousy among Christians, we ask where is the peace on earth and good will toward men that was promised long ago?

Our world is more advanced in technology, medicine and science than it was 2000 years ago, but it still sits miserably huddled in its own rotten nest because the lack of Christmas in the hearts of men. It is true that many people go without enough food to eat; it is true that there are acts of violence against neighbors; it is true that in a so-called Christian nation only about a third attend church; it is true that many people in our

community do not believe in the Christ Child or the Christ person that receives the blessings of a loving God. Yet, Christmas has a message and a meaning. It is one of the most wonderful times of the year as we see complete awareness of love.

Christmas has become too commercialized, I agree to this, but it still speaks to me and is very, very special. When I was young, a part of the thrill and excitement of the Christmas morn; the gathering of the family around the tree, the giving and receiving of gifts from the loved ones, the boxes of fruit underneath the tree, (we did not have fruit everyday of the year), and finally be able to eat the home made goodies, this was very special. But the one thing that truly impressed me, and still does, is a precious memory was the love expressed by my parents. Growing up during the depression thirties and the World War II forties, times were hard. Things did not come easy and both of my parents worked to make ends meet. We, the children, enjoyed the sacrifice they made each Christmas. I knew that my parents had a great love for me and today as my family fathers around the tree, I recall with beautiful thoughts, the Christmas of yesterday. Today as of yesterday I realize something even greater than the love between parents and child and this is the

love God has for the world.

How thrilling are the words of John, "God so loved the world..."! Everything about Christmas is something special, the gifts, the glow of the candles, the tree with the bright lights, the table filled with good things to eat, the gathering of the family, but the most beautiful thing about Christmas is that God visited man.

One of our customs is to give gifts. How pleasant and exciting it is to plan, shop for, and create gifts which we know others will enjoy. In giving gifts we are giving something of ourselves to please others. Isn't this what God did when sending Jesus to earth, He gave something of Himself. He revealed a love that knows no limits and to which there are no strings attached. This is the season that Christmas is for everyone, not just children. God gave His love so we can celebrate Christmas, He gave His gift to all of the world not to a select few, He

gave so we could have eternal life but could have his love today.

God gave us His love but turn the coin over, what are we giving Him in return? Will we give Him more of our time, our energies, ourselves, or will these go to the world? In a song, "What Can I Give Him," says, "What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring Him a lamb, If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet, what can I give Him — give Him my heart."

Charlie Brown found the true meaning of Christmas, he heard the message of peace and joy, he received the words of God's love to the world. May you and yours find the message of Christmas this day and it will be yours the whole year.

A happy spirit is the greatest possession that comes to man, regardless of his wealth or lack of it.

Resolutions

At the beginning of a new year many Americans make resolutions. Some greet the process with cynicism, knowing most of the resolutions will be broken, some before very many days of 1976 have passed.

But resolutions often signify that the maker seeks to improve his habits or behavior; they are a sign the maker is striving to better himself or herself in some way. In that sense they are an indication of an active mind, of good intentions.

New Year's resolutions, then, whether kept or not, are a good idea. They constitute a taking stock, a plan for better things in the future. And that is what the game of life is all about—the hope, and effort, to build a better future.

The happiest person in this community is probably the one who has helped the most people, in one way or another.



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READING THE CHRISTMAS STORY to 2 year old Shelly Cody is a special occasion in the Cody home this year, as Shelly is old enough to really be interested in the story, as the expression on her face reveals. Dressed in her frilly dress, all ready for Christmas, Shelly sits on mother Sandy's lap as her daddy, Bruce, reads her the story of the birth of Jesus in a manger and about the three wise men who brought gifts. The Cody's reside at 908 Texas Avenue.

Bykata Class Holds Christmas Party

The members of the Bykata Sunday School class of the Shallowater First Baptist Church gathered in the Cecil DuLaney home Friday night for their annual Christmas party. Special guests were the husbands, and Rev. and Mrs. Mrs.

Boyd Pearce, pastor of the church. Gifts were exchanged and delicious pie, fruit cake, various candies and nuts, coffee and soft drinks were served, followed by games of dominoes. The group brought gifts of clothing that will be gift wrapped and sent to Buckner's Children's Home for the children for Christmas.

Today's Christmas Traditions Derive from Ancient, Recent Times

Christmas as a formal observance has been celebrated by Christians since the third century. The word itself means Christ's Mass, connoting the religious rites that commemorated the birth of Christ.

Originally, Christmas Day was celebrated on both January 6 and December 25. During the fifth century, the Western world adopted December 25 as Christmas, with Eastern churches following suit later on.

Because December 25 was already a feast day in honor of the pagan sun god Mithra, Christians chose that date to honor Jesus as "The Light of the World."

In many ways, Christmas has served to replace the pagan customs of ancient times. For instance, in Germany, the winter solstice was observed on December 21 by pagans, and many customs of the pre-Christmas celebration were transferred to the Christian holiday. Dramatic enactments of the birth of Jesus, Christmas carols, and the "manger songs" of medieval times were incorporated into the holiday celebration as time went on, replacing the old pagan customs.

The Christmas tree itself is believed to be derived from the use of palm trees in the worship of the Egyptian goddess Isis. During the winter solstice a palm tree with twelve shoots, representing the months of the year, was carried to celebrate the completion of one year and the beginning of another. The palm tree was replaced with a fir tree as the observance extended to northern climates.

The Yule log came into use around the 16th century and again, this custom has its origins in pagan

times. At the time of the solstice, a sacred fire would be lit from a brand kept from the previous year's log. It is thought that the custom was brought to England by the Vikings. In later times, the Yule log would be brought in with much ceremony on Christmas Eve to light the holiday fire.

The Christmas stocking is originally an Italian custom. Tradition has it that La Befana, a wandering witch, comes on the feast of Epiphany to fill the stockings of good children with gifts, and those of naughty children with ashes. La Befana's name is actually a corruption of the word, Epiphany, the feast that commemorates the bringing of gifts to the Infant Jesus by the Three Wise Men.

The exchanging of gifts dates back to early medieval times, and is probably inspired by the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas cards, however, are a fairly recent tradition. The use of cards dates back only to the latter half of the 19th century. They were an inevitable outcome of the practice of writing to distant friends and relatives at Christmas time, a custom which came into greater favor with the increasing efficiency of postal systems.

The Tree

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

America's First Carol Written For Indians

As far as it is known, the very first Christmas carol composed in America was written for an Indian tribe by their missionary priest. The priest, Father Jean de Brebeuf, was born in France in 1593 and came to the New World in 1626 to spread the Gospel of Jesus.



Preaching Christianity to the Huron Indians, Father Brebeuf sought to convey the meaning of Christmas to his parishioners by composing a carol that the Indians could sing in their own language. The priest selected a popular 16th century folk song from France, "Une Jeune Puceile", for his tune and wrote new words for the Indian worshippers.

The French priest had been very impressed by the Hurons and their comprehension of the Nativity. In his writings, he describes how the Hurons had built a small chapel of cedar and fir branches to house the manger of the Christ Child, and how they prepared themselves to receive the Infant Jesus into their hearts on Christmas Day by performing some sort of penance. He wrote, "Even those who were at a distance of more than 2 days' journey met at a given place to sing hymns in honor of the newborn Child."

Father Brebeuf wrote the lyrics to his carol in 1641; on March 16, 1649, he was martyred by the Iroquois, along with other prisoners. But after the villages of the Hurons had been destroyed by the Iroquois, the surviving parishioners of Father Brebeuf resettled near Quebec, preserving the carol along with their tribal traditions. Later on, the Catholic Mohawks, who had settled south of Quebec, learned the hymn from the Hurons. The carol has since been translated into English, retaining a few of the original Indian words.



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Mission in Africa

"Uhuru" is a magic word in Kenya. It means freedom, but in the early '80's, when the "winds of change" blowing across Africa had reached near gale force, it meant only independence. It seems odd to recall that only a short 10 to 15 years ago almost all the small African countries were Colonies or "Protectorates" of European powers.

Kenya was a colony of Great Britain. The near perfect climate and rich farm lands of the highlands had attracted thousands of British settlers over the years. They had laboriously carved "a little bit of England" out of the demanding African bush. The results had been amazing. Some of the most beautiful farms and finest cattle in the world were to be found there. It was not a home they wanted to give up willingly. I could understand this.

The African, on the other hand, was aware that, first, that was his father's land the white farmer was making all that money off of, and, second, this was his country the "Wazungu" foreigners were running. This was not a condition they were going to endure much longer. I could understand this, too.

The "Mau-Mau" uprising was their solution to the problem. It was a terrorist movement and it was not even very successful so far as ridding the country of the white man goes. But it got a message across. It was like a "part of a man's hand" writing on the wall. The only question about independence after that was "when?"

The great day arrived Dec. 12, 1963. I have never been in a place

with such a fever of excitement. Nairobi, already a beautiful city, was decorated in every conceivable way that a city can be decorated.

Out at the edge of town they had built a stadium (about like Todd Field in Shallowater, but with bleachers about twice as long). Prince Phillip of England was there, looking sharp in his white uniform with the blue sash across his chest, to hand over the reins of government to Jomo Kenyatta, the President of the new republic. As the hour drew near the people of Kenya went to the stadium. They went by bus, car, bicycle and foot—mostly by foot. They were happy—singing tribal chants, almost dancing they came. But I saw no disorderliness, no arguments, no fighting, no arrogance. They were almost reverent as they filled the stadium.

When the midnight hour arrived, a hush fell over the stadium. The lights went off. In silence the people sat and waited. A spotlight came on, shining on the white flag pole, which a moment ago had flown the flag of Great Britain, but now was empty. Slowly the new multi-colored flag of Kenya went up, and the higher it got the louder was the cheer that accompanied it. Kenya was an independent nation.

One of the first things Pres. Kenyatta did was grant amnesty to all of the "Mau-Mau" still hiding in the hills. Except they were no longer called "Mau-Mau", now they were "Freedom Fighters." (I believe we call ours "Minute Men".) The next day they started coming down. They were the wildest looking lot I have ever seen—beards, long, filthy, matted

hair—looking about them, almost as wide-eyed children, at the splendors of an independent Kenya. To the stadium they went to stand with their new President and receive pardon and take their place as citizens in a free Kenya. I couldn't keep the lump out of my throat, because I think I realized for the first time the depth of what the Lord had done when he let this prodigal come into His Kingdom.

by Boyd Pearce
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Festive Cocktails For Teetotalers

Mod-Fashioned: Chilled cola and lemon and lime soda mixed half and half. Pour over ice cubes and add orange slices, pineapple spears and maraschino cherries.

New Twist: Chilled orange juice and quinine water mixed half and half. Serve as is or over ice cubes.

Scarlet Sling: Season chilled tomato juice with dashes of Worcestershire, Tabasco, lemon juice and celery salt. Insert a celery stick stirrer.

Russian Sour: Mix equal parts of chilled strong tea and cranberry juice. Add frozen, concentrated, undiluted lemonade to taste. Add an egg white for every 4 cups and shake until frothy. Serve with orange slices and maraschino cherries.



CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE and the Toby Cox family are busy wrapping the presents for everyone. Of course they couldn't have done it without the assistance of 4½ year old Blaine and Tana, 17 months old. You can tell by Blaine's face, he eagerly awaits Santa's arrival, but Tana is more concerned about how to get that brightly colored paper around the package. Toby and De Lynn reside at 1006 13th Street, with their children. He is an electrician and she is a Tech student.

Bank Staff Enjoys Christmas Party Saturday

Employees of the Shallowater First State Bank, their husbands and wives enjoyed a Christmas party at the Hayloft Dinner Theatre Saturday night with 16 persons attending.

Following a delicious dinner of roast beef and all the trimmings the group enjoyed the play, "Don't Drink The Water."

Those attending were, Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shropshire, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Briant, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luck, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts.

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Date	Opponent	Site	Team/Teams	Time
Nov. 18, 1975	Ropesville	There	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity	4:00
Nov. 21,	Post	Here	JV Boys, Varsity	5:00
Nov. 24,	Littlefield	There	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Nov. 25,	New Deal	Here	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity	4:00
Dec. 1	Anton	There	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity	4:00
Dec. 2	New Deal	There	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity	4:00
Dec. 4, 5, 6,	Roosevelt Tournament	There	Varsity	T.B.A.
Dec. 9,	Post	There	JV Girls & Varsity	5:00
Dec. 11, 12, 13	Idalou Tournament	There	Varsity	T.B.A.
Dec. 12	Lubbock	Here	JV Boys	4:00
Dec. 16	Bledsoe	Here	Varsity	6:30
Dec. 16	Hereford	Here	JV Boys	5:00
Dec. 18, 19, 20	Olton Tournament	There	Varsity	T.B.A.
Jan. 2, 1976	Christ The King	Here	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Jan. 3,	Bledsoe	There	Varsity	6:30
Jan. 6,	Littlefield	Here	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity	4:00
Jan. 7, 8, 9, 10	Lubbock Invitational Tournament	There	JV Boys	T.B.A.
Jan. 9,	Olton	Here	Varsity (boys)	8:00
Jan. 9,	Frenship	Here	JV Girls, Varsity (girls)	5:00
Jan. 13,	*Seagraves	Here	JV Girls & Varsity	5:00
Jan. 16,	*O'Donnell	There	JV Girls & Varsity	5:00
Jan. 16,	Hereford	There	JV Boys	4:00
Jan. 20,	*Stanton	Here	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Jan. 22, 23, 24	New Deal J.V. Tournament	There	VV Boys & Girls	T.B.A.
Jan. 23	*Plains	There	JV Boys & Girls, Varsity (boys)	5:00
Jan. 27	Christ The King	There	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Jan. 30	*Seagraves	There	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Feb. 3,	*O'Donnell	Here	JV Boys & Varsity	5:00
Feb. 6,	*Stanton	There	JV Girls & Varsity	5:00
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SPORTS

by Joe Kelly

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

'Tis the time to be jolly, a time when the sports world slows, along with everything else, a time for families to be together and to rejoice, a time for gifts and love in our hearts.

It's a strange Christmas in our family, because there won't be a single chick in the nest. One part of the family is in Houston, the other married is in Rapid City, S. Dak., and the youngest is going to visit in Houston.

Events of the past few days have pointed out that Christmas, in sports, isn't all peaches and cream. In fact, maybe even love has been stretched to the breaking point.

We've had attacks on tv sportscasters, on officials, on illegal recruiting. Maybe the day will come when all this will change. At least it will be quieted for one day.

Had breakfast in Midland Thursday morning with Jay Haney, former WT-NM League player-manager, owner of the Lubbock Hubbers. he's a granddad and has been promoted to national sales manager for the Permian Corp., may move to San Antonio. . . . Steve Sadowski, former WT-NM umpire, is a mailman in Midland. That city is also the home of Jim Prince, former Hubber first baseman, Silver Bat winner and father of former Tech basketball player Midland also was home this summer for Donnie Moore, former Monterey pitcher, who had a great record and finished the season with Chicago Cubs Unlike some other cities, Texas League ball apparently is doing well in Midland.

Had to laugh about the Collegiate Commissioners Assn. eliminating its "runners-up" tournament this season. You may remember that, last season, the tournament took third place teams, but skipped over Texas Tech, a second place team. . . . Japan doesn't know what it is in for if Leo Durocher is hired to manage the Taiheiyo Lions, as news reports indicated. Wonder if Leo will have to bow before he kicks dirt on the umpire's shoes? . . . Joe Namath said what a lot of fans have thought, that the Monday night telecasts starring Howard Cosell and Alex Karras have been relegated to second guessing and belittling. The show lacks the humor that Don Meredith inserted. Generally, the Monday night games this year have been pretty dull affairs at best.

If past efforts by Tech, Lubbock and West Texas sports fans are any indication, Rick Bullock will receive enough support to play in the Pizza Hut all star game. Bobbie Specht was elected the national collegiate Centennial queen by just such support. . . . And Rick also deserves the honor on his ability. . . . Tech football fans weren't surprised, I'm sure, when New Mexico's Steve Myer tossed the winning touchdown pass that brought the Blues a victory Friday night in the Blue-Gray game. . . . The NFL, which is going to expand by two more teams, has said "no" to two defunct WFL teams. Two more teams certainly wouldn't hurt. After all, the expansion is doing nothing more than kill professional football, just as baseball hasn't been helped.

Paul Richards is going back into baseball as a manager and I can't forget that classic remark Richards made at a Cotton Bowl press conference years ago. Asked to describe the late Branch Rickey, Paul thought a moment and then observed that "Rickey is the type of man who can go through a revolving door behind you and come out ahead!" . . . Incongruity: Pete Rose was named "Sportsman of the Year" by Sports Illustrated, but perennial slicker Brooks Robinson won the Golden Glove award for third basemen. . . . What does it profit a man if he has the world's greatest sports structure if he can't make money, let alone break even? That's the dilemma of the New Orleans Superdome, which may have to shut down April 1 because it's running in the red.

Next week it's the Cotton Bowl Classic and fans ought to be in for a treat. I saw Georgia on tv twice and was impressed with the Bulldogs.

Christmas in Africa

by Boyd Pearce

Pastor, First Baptist Church

If you erase all the traditions and decorations away from Christmas in America, what would you have left? It was an eye-opening affair to spend Christmas in Africa 15 years ago.

They had no real traditions or customs about Christmast to fall back on. As a matter of fact, a large segment of the non-Christian population scarcely noticed Christmas at all. For those who did it was refreshing to see that it found its greatest significance as a holy day.

They didn't have the money or the interest in doing a lot of shopping. They weren't interested in decorating their houses.

They stretch, but they don't break. And Arkansas is much like the Bulldogs. It shapes up as a game that could be the best of them all on New Year's Day. . . . Tech's Curtis Jordan and Tony Green received good coverage in the Blue-Gray game and it was fitting. . . . Coach Gerald Myers may not be able to enjoy the turkey Thursday. He takes his Raider basketballers to Portland for the Far West Classic and tough opposition. A Colorado State coach inspected the Raiders during their victory over Oklahoma State, must have been encouraged when another scout said, after the game, "You won't have trouble with that team." He might be right if they play as they did against Notre Dame.

While tossing the covers in my Midland motel the other night I had a vision, not a dream. I saw the day when violence, prejudice, politics and greed went away. The way things are in this world, it's more of a nightmare. Only on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, does the world manage a little sanity. Why can't the love that comes into men's hearts on that day exist every day of the year? When is the word of the Prince of Peace going to be absorbed and believed? When are men of all races, faiths and beliefs going to realize that they are insignificant specks along the highway of eternity?

So, at this Christmas, 1975, let me extend my personal love to all those who read these lines. I hope the day is joyous and that there is love and peace in your hearts, now and throughout the day and year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Christmas in Africa meant going to church.

They go on Christmas Eve at about 8:00 p.m. and stay till past midnight. They go back the next morning and stay till about noon. They sing, they pray, they praise, they listen to sermons. They are mostly young in their Christian faith. For them, it was still fresh. With no promoting from us, they simply wanted to be in church to give thanks to God.

Our first Christmas morning in Africa we went to church with them. It was hot. South of the equator the seasons are turned around and this was the hottest time of the year. Someone had taken palm branches and laced them with brightly colored bouganvillia and draped them around the doors and windows. Inside, the building was packed. They didn't know the traditional

Christmas carols. They sang hymns like "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine." When the last sermon was over the people stayed around a long time to talk and visit. I realized they had no other plans for the day. This was the way they were celebrating Christmas.

I thought back a few days earlier when we had a little conflict in our own household. We had decorated our house just as we had always done—sort of. The tree looked pretty sick and the candles had a tendency to make wax without being lit, but we thought it looked pretty. We had taped decorations up and down the stairs and all over the house.

That night we were having a Christmas party with a lot of people over. The man who worked in our house—the "houseboy"—was enthusiastic about the party and the decorating and worked hard at making them both successful.

The next morning when we got up, much to our dismay, he had come in early and taken down all the Christmas decorations and put them neatly back in their boxes and sacks. Poor fellow! He didn't understand why we were not pleased. But it was logical. The party was over. Now we could get to the more serious things of Christmas.

Maybe the Dark Continent has a little light to shed on America at Christmas time.

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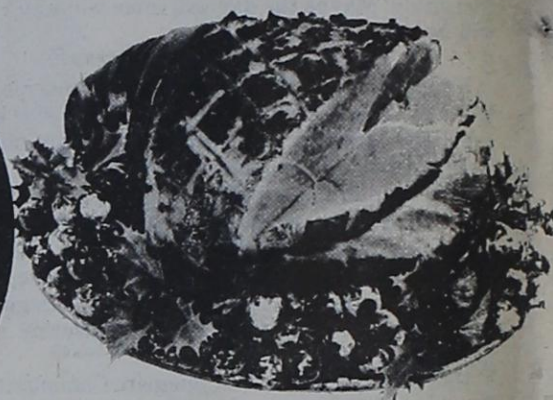
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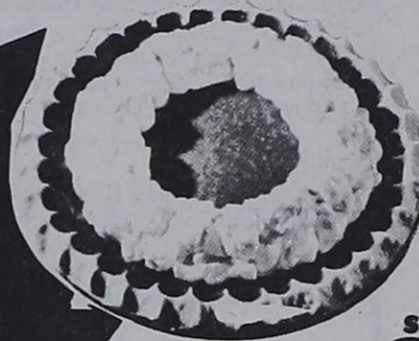
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Holiday Recipes

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Most everyone looks forward to preparing the holiday food favorites for their loved ones, and at this time, Dardie would like to share some of her favorite recipes with you, that is more or less a family tradition in the Williamson home during the holiday season.

Fruit Cake Cookies

6 cups pecans, less if you desire
 1/2 lb. green candied pineapple, chopped fine
 1/2 lb. red candied pineapple, chopped fine
 1/2 lb. red candied cherries, chopped fine
 1/2 lb. green candied cherries, chopped fine

Cream together, one cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup margarine and 4 eggs. Four cups sifted flour (use one cup mixed in the fruit). Add to the remaining 3 cups, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon allspice, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg and a pinch of salt, 1/2 cup of wine and 3 tablespoons of milk. Mix real well together and drop by spoonfuls on cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven until done. Usually about 10 minutes.

This is a favorite for both young and old and makes about 6 dozen. Good for entertaining.

Brownies

2 cups sugar
 1 cup margarine
 1 1/2 cups flour
 4 eggs
 4 squares chocolate (melted)
 2 cups pecans
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Beat eggs and sugar together, add butter and chocolate, beat together, add flour, nuts and vanilla. Bake in greased 9x13 in.

pan for 20 to 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

If desired, spread favorite chocolate icing on top.

Carrot Cake

2 cups sifted flour
 2 cups sugar
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 2 teaspoons soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 1/2 cups cooking oil
 4 eggs, beaten
 2 cups finely grated carrots
 Mix dry ingredients, add oil, eggs and carrots. Beat well. Bake in three layers in 350 degree oven until done.

Icing

1 stock margarine
 1 8-oz. package cream cheese
 1 box powdered sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 Mix well and spread on cool cake.

This is one of our family favorites and keeps so nicely.

Millionaire Candy

60 candy caramels

2 tablespoons water

Melt in double boiler, add 4 cups pecans, chopped. Form in balls and set in refrigerator until set.

Dip in a mixture of 1 lb. melted Hershey bar, 1/2 stick parafin. Let set. Delicious.

Orange Slice Cake

2 cups sugar
 1 cup margarine
 4 eggs
 4 cups flour
 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
 pinck salt
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 2 tablespoons grated orange rind
 1/2 lb. chopped dates
 1 cup pecans
 1 lb. package orange candy slices, chopped fine

Cream sugar and butter, add eggs and beat well. Add flour and milk alternately. Add vanilla, orange rind, dates, pecans and orange candy. Mix well. You will find it takes time to mix it.

Bake 1 1/2 hours in 300 degree

oven. Will make a bundt pan and loaf pan cake. Glaze while hot with following glaze and leave in pan overnight. Set on real warm burner for a while and will come out of pan real easy.

Glaze

1 1/2 cups orange juice from oranges
 1 tablespoon grated rind
 2 cups sugar

Boil on low simmer for 10 to 15 minutes and pour over hot cake. Use all the glaze.

This is a delicious fruit cake and you will find the longer it sets the better it is, but keep refrigerated.

Bret Harte Story Tells of Western Christmas

A poor mountain cabin housing a group of rugged characters forms an unlikely setting for an excellent Christmas story by Bret Harte, famed for his writings about the Gold Rush days. Set in 1862, in the Sacramento Valley, "How Santa Claus Came to Simpson's Bar" is considered one of Harte's best stories.

The story centers around a little boy, Johnny, who is ill in bed on Christmas Eve. His home is a poor cabin at Simpson's Bar, a cluster of similar cabins huddled around a little store, situated on Table Mountain.

Little Johnny is wise beyond his years due to his rough-and-tumble environment but when he hears about Santa Claus, he is mystified. So when Johnny's father comes home with some drinking companions, Johnny asks his father a very natural question. Just who is "Sandy Claws?"

His father brushes the question aside but one of the other men, Dick Bullen, is moved by the boy's ignorance. He borrows a mare, Jovita, and sets out to find some Christmas presents for the youngster.

Unfortunately for Dick Bullen, it's not a propitious time to run errands. It's been raining heavily, and the river has overflowed its banks, while the creek is impassable. He reaches his destination, the town of Turtleville, where he wakens some disgruntled shopkeepers to do his last minute shopping.

The return trip is even harder for poor Dick.



When he gets to the creek, he finds it has become a river. Undaunted, Dick discards his coat and boots and saddle and rides the mare bareback through the rushing waters.

It is dawn before he reaches the mountain cabin at last; when he arrives he is half-naked and exhausted. But he has carried his cargo of toys to their destination and he tells Johnny's father to place the gifts in Johnny's stocking.

"Tell him Sandy Claws has come," he says, and so ends a marvelous story written in the best tradition of Bret Harte.

Year's End

Now days are short,
 nights long and raw,
 With pinching frost, and
 slabby rain and show;
 But let good rousing fires,
 and Christmas cheer,
 Still mix'd with charity,
 conclude the year.

—John Nathan Hutchins (1799)



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Sheridan's Ride

by Jack Sheridan

When this week's copy finds time to get into hands that are busy with a million other holiday tasks, it will probably get a quick scanning before that one more interruption takes over.

But, since this is the hour, let Sheridan's Ride hasten to wish each and everyone these words reach, a very warm and loving Christmastime and the bounty of goodness and the glow of home be yours.

Last week's column was the first under this new banner and, if it reaches readers who are making the acquaintance for the first time in the 20-year life of the writing, then I say a holiday "Howdy."

Last week I went to town (I thought) giving off with some of the highlight films that would be on view at the Lubbock area screen palaces for the season's entertainment, bemoaning the fact that most of the big ones, such as "Lucky Lady," "The Sunshine Boys" and others, were unaccountably missing from the local lineup.

Being most fallible, I left out two important ones, however, and hasten to sneak under the wire quickly, since both of them have Christmas Day openings. The first is Burt Reynolds' new one, "Hustle," which co-stars the beautiful European star, Catherine Deneuve, in a tale of a cop and a call girl; this one is sharing co-honors with "Snow White" (sic) at the Fox.

At the South Plains Mall Cinemas, the most likely audience getter in these parts is a film called "Winterhawk." This is an adventure story based on fact, telling of the outbreak of smallpox in an Indian community in Canada, the trek through the wilderness to an American fort to secure vaccine, a massacre and privation ensuing. "Winterhawk" boasts no Reynolds or Deneuve names, but the film has enjoyed a better than average reception already at national box offices and, with the success of films like "Jeremiah Johnson" and "A Man Called Horse" locally, it's a good bet to be high on the holiday sweepstakes.

Friday marked my "official" return to viewing motion pictures following a dastardly accident six weeks ago that has resulted in a broken knee and a leg cast from hip to foot, not playing. On crutches and with my leg unyielding, accompanied by a driving friend, I managed to get to the Cinema West Friday for the opening showing of its Christmas film. This is a hard-bitten story of violence and mayhem called "The Killer Elite," produced by oldtime movie star Helmut Dantine (also in a bit role in the cast) and starring James ("Rollerball") Caan with Robert Duvall.

Caan and Duvall scored in the "Godfather" and this reunites two capable players in a film directed by old Blood-and-guts Sam Peckinpah, noted for "The Wild Bunch" and "Straw Dogs" capers. Peckinpah likes blood and violence; he does it again here; but either we've had so much blood and gore since he set the trend or repetition has dulled the shock value, "The Killer Elite" can be accepted without too much flinching.

It tells of a private organization of mercenaries working under, but independent of, the CIA (!); murder and mayhem is their business as are brief life spans.

It is set against San Francisco and the Bay scenes, and never has that city been photographed more intriguingly or more astonishingly and accurately beautiful. The cameraman is the star of this one.

Caan gets battered around again and Duvall is properly professional and devious. The rest of the cast are all fine in character roles but the whole thing adds up to a shrug. Any film that takes 15 minutes to properly identify, set and place its characters for audience identification is in deep trouble and this script never quite emerges into clarity for the rest of its two-hour screening. It is rated PG—but it has some language that is surprising for this category, as well as dialogue allusions.

You can imagine my reactions and those within the stretched-out cast on my left leg as Caan has his left kneecap shot away and gets himself into a cast with all the attendant pain and misery. Crutches, too. Man, if ever there was audience identification Friday, it found itself in that seat in the midsection of the Cinema West! Maybe "Snow White" is about my speed this holiday season?

I said I'd mention in passing the latest book by actor-author David Niven, he of the moustache, British accent and debonaire, urbane manner. Niven scored nicely with his witty and perspective book "The Moon Is A Balloon" a season or so back, a good insight into man, career and soldiering during World War II. Now he's back with one called "Bring On the Empty Horses" which is a collection of gossipy, behind-the-scenes, witty to puerile chatter about his life and times in the Hollywood film factories. Gable, Lombard, Garbo, Bogart and a host of others come into Niven's sights and, if you've been a devoted

Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star" —Numbers 24:17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of

all is that it was a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects—a comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler

theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is something explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.

A newspaper, like a friend, is missed when not available.

Wisdom is not necessarily shown by those who make no mistakes.

Parsons-Hopper-Barrett or Photoplay magazine follower down through the years, then Niven's got what you're after. It's mainly trivia in a light style but skimable, the kind of book on reads during the commercial breaks on television.

Some of the Christmas movies come under scrutiny next time around. Don't break any bones and have a good, laughing time, taking time out, of course, to remember what Christmas Day really means underneath the holly and the tinsel.



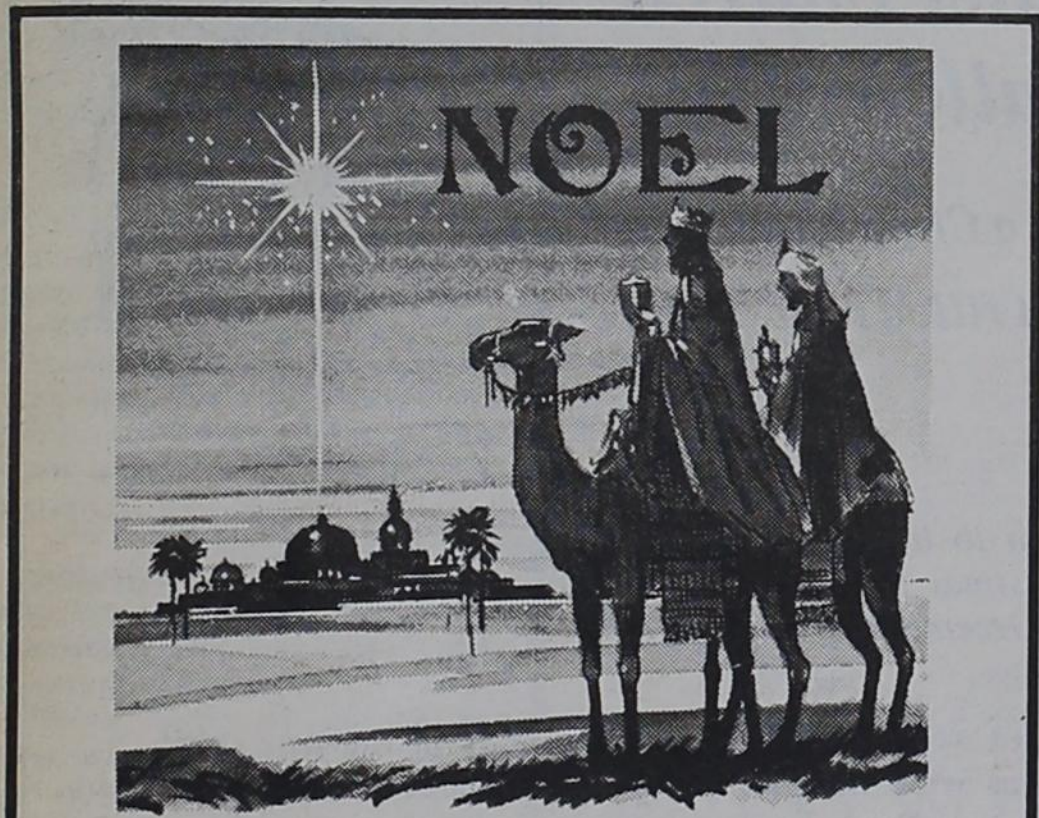
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Then As Now, Carols Were Holiday Tradition

Back in the 1890's, every well-furnished home had a piano and one of the favorite pastimes was to gather around the family piano to sing the popular tunes of the day. At Christmastime, the joyous singing of Christmas carols was an important part of the holiday scene, adding to the festive mood of everyone from Papa down to little sister.

Today's fashions have changed significantly and the color TV set may now occupy the place of honor

in most American homes but you'll still find Christmas carols a well-loved tradition in family observances of the Yuletide season.

The sounds of favorite carols are more apt to emanate from a stereo set than from a player piano but they're the same songs that young ladies and their beaux sang at the turn of the century, with a few modern additions. However, the traditional singing of carols has not completely died out here—many

church groups make a practice of caroling in local hospitals and institutions, and some carolers still go from home to home in true holiday fashion.

Many churches feature an evening of beloved Christmas music during the holiday season, and of course TV and radio stations offer many programs of traditional and new carols.

Folks from the Nineties might be amazed at the Christmas customs of today but they'd be right at home when it comes to America's favorite holiday music in 1975—Christmas carols.

Special Greetings

Once again, the Christmas-New Year holiday season has arrived. This New Year will be different from most, however, because the nation is approaching its 200th birthday.

While 1975 may have been a confusing year to most people—we don't even pretend to understand what went on—we ask that America, as a nation, look forward to the Bicentennial year.

In this issue, area businesses and commercial enterprises have joined together with the Suburban Today staff to extend very special greetings to all Shallowater residents.

In addition, the staff would like to express their appreciation to all our patrons for their support in making this edition one of the better Christmas editions published.

We wish each and everyone of you the best during the coming year.



WITH STOCKINGS HUNG, they are ready for bed, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon will be here. Dana, 8 years old and Joe Bob, age 5, are all excited about the holiday season and hope Santa will bring them what they want. They will be sure and leave Santa some goodies to eat on Christmas Eve by the tree, they said. Shown with the children are parents, Jane who works for First State Bank, and Bobby who is part owner of the 7-11 store. The family resides at 1005 8th St.

Shallowater Still On The Grow

Signs of Shallowater's continued growth were seenduring 1975 with several new homes in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 price range constructed on 15th Street.

Several new businesses were erected, including Stone Construction, and Mix and Match Shop on South Avenue L, the completion of the beautiful new First State Bank building, and the modern new band hall, housed on the school grounds.

The next year should see great improvement within the city as well. Stinson Inc. plans to erect several houses in the \$28,500 to \$35,000 price range on a 10 acre, 36 lot residential subdivision located on the east side of

Shallowater. Plans call for construction to start on these new homes during the first part of 1976.

Taking Care of Your Holiday Plants

Plants are living gifts. To keep them going for the holidays and after, here are some tips:

Azalea: Keep moist and cool. After flowers fade, cut them back a little. They can summer out of doors and should be fed monthly until the early fall.

Christmas Pepper: Keep in full sun with moist soil, but cool. Summer outdoors.

Cyclamen: Keep cool, and in full sun (55 degrees or cooler). Keep soil moist and mist daily. Dry out as flowers fade. Rest in shade outdoors. Growth will be restored in late summer by watering.

Christmas is the time we become so busy thinking about others, we have little time to think about ourselves. It's the time we begin to discover peace within our hearts and suddenly feel that perhaps peace on earth is within reach.

Our thoughts, when not preoccupied with preparations, turn to Christmases past . . . and memories of those grown older or perhaps passed away.

Poinsettia: Keep in full sun but out of drafts and keep soil moist. Water deeply until red bracts drop, then reduce watering and cut back. Feed every month and summer outdoors. Prune leggy shoots and bring indoors before first frost. From October 1 to Thanksgiving, keep in complete darkness from sunset to sunrise, to start flowers.



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Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

ONE "ORDINARY MAN" CHANGED WORLD HISTORY

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office.

He never owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never travelled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He had no credentials but Himself.

He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

Author Unknown

Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order—damaged by mice—and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a spring of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

the magic of Christmas in our lives

You can tell when the Christmas season is approaching; youngsters suddenly start picking up after themselves and minding Mom and Dad!

But more importantly, the Christmas season has its affect on adults, too. Amid the busy preparations, we find ourselves being a little more patient, a little more thoughtful.

Perhaps it's because so much of the holiday season is spent in making gifts for others or shopping for gifts... maybe just having to think about others—wondering what Grandpa would like or whether your best friend is low on her favorite perfume—puts us all in a more considerate mood.

Whatever the reason, as we get more and more involved in holiday preparations, we find ourselves striving to be kinder... to be more tolerant of that irritating neighbor, to be more understanding of that harassed clerk's confusion.

We give thought to the ways of God and strive to be more worthy of His love by loving those around us.

And when Christmas Eve arrives at last and the packages have all been wrapped and put under the tree, we think of Him

Whose birthday we are celebrating... the Infant Jesus, lighting our lives with radiance and hope... bringing to mankind all the wonder and joy that is the spirit of Christmas.

Traditions Light Up New Mexico's Celebration

Christmas in New Mexico is filled with tradition, gaiety, and candle lanterns. The candle lanterns are part of New Mexico's history and they illuminate the state's holiday festivities in a very special way.

When the Spanish first settled in New Mexico, way back in 1598, they brought with them the custom of lighting lanterns and bonfires for festive occasions.

Mountain villagers began setting bonfires and placing homemade lanterns along pathways at Christmastime... to light the way for Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child. The bonfires, or *luminarias* as they are called by New Mexicans, were made of pine and juniper branches and they stood from 2 to 4 feet high. The lanterns were called *farolitos*. As time went on, the *farolitos* became candles placed in sand, in paper sacks. These candle lanterns are



READY FOR BED, dressed in identical pajamas, 5½ year old Tammy Elliott and 16 month old Anna, just can't wait for Christmas morning to come, to see if Santa left them what they asked for. Tammy is all smiles and wonders just what might be in this package as Anna seems to be more concerned about what's going on. The two little girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Elliott and reside a mile west of the airport on the farm.

now placed by doorways, along pathways and walls on Christmas Eve in modern times, lovely and glowing reminders of the old traditions.

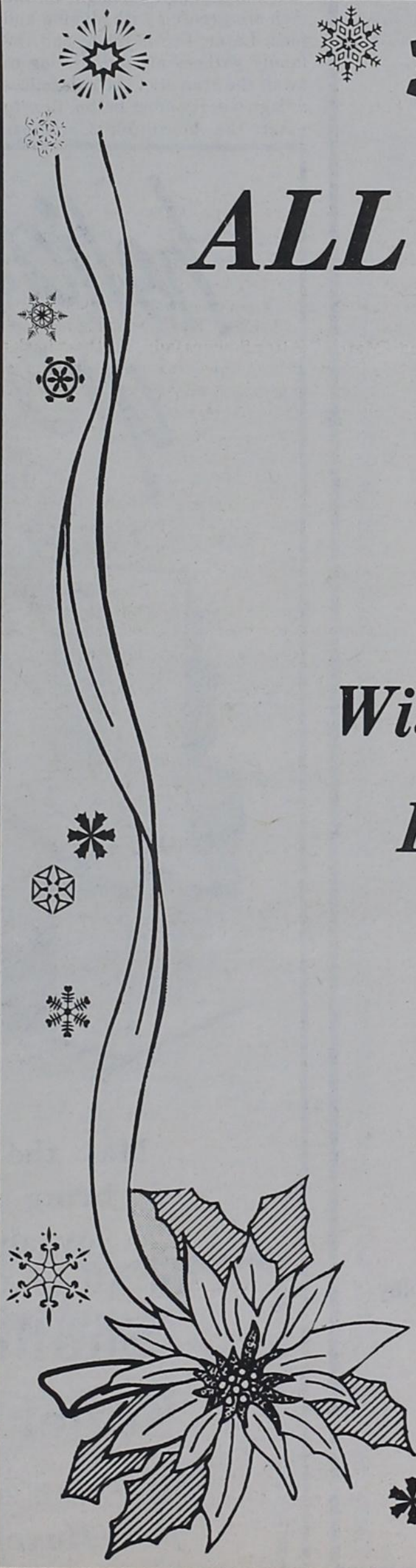
Every Christmas Eve, thousands of visitors travel to Albuquerque to see the neighborhoods that are lighted with *luminarias*, as they are now called, modern versions of the old *farolitos*.

You can still find bonfires

blazing at Christmastime in the mountain villages of Northern New Mexico but by and large the candle lanterns have replaced the old *luminarias*.

Everyone has good traits, if you will take the time to discover them.

too many Christmas presents are motivated by a fear one might be received.




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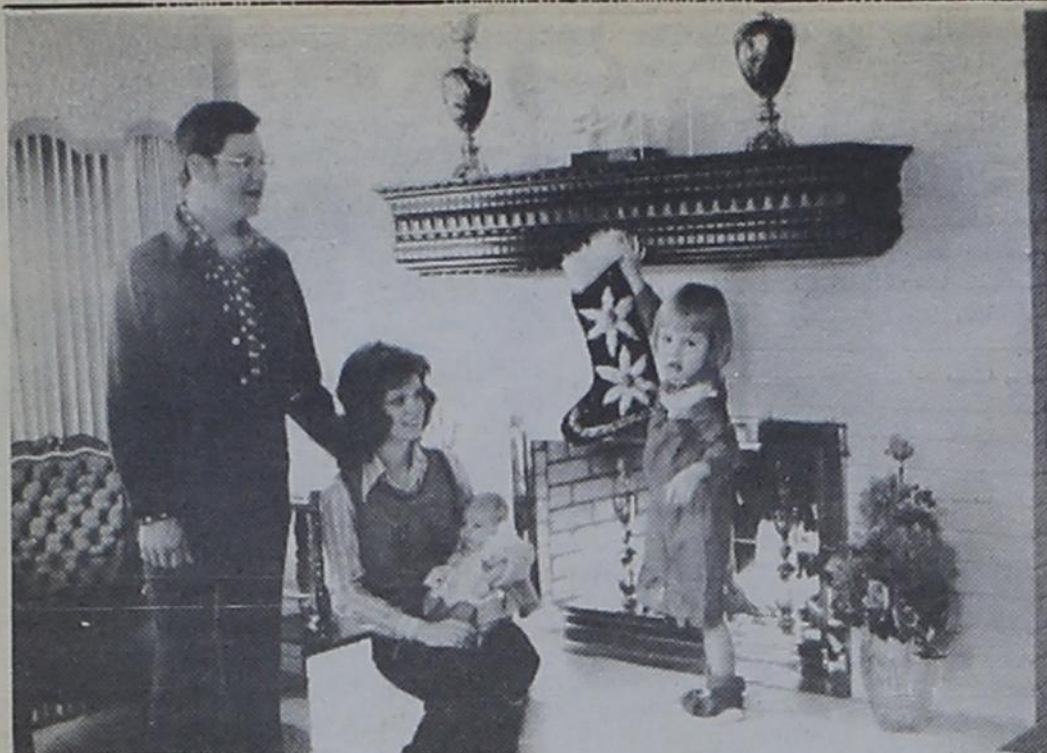
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NOW LET'S SEE, should I put the stocking about here, so Santa can fill it with lots of goodies, seems to be what 3½ year old Shanna Newman is thinking. She's ready for bed and wants to be sure she has her stocking hung just right before she goes to bed to dream about Christmas wonderland. Shanna had an early Christmas present this year, with the arrival of six week old sister, Heather. Shown proudly looking on are parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Newman, Jr., with Heather all snuggled in mommie's lap. The Newman's live on the farm south of town.

Mistletoe for Luck

Today, mistletoe is hung in doorways at holiday time. Kissing beneath it brings good luck to those fortunate enough to meet there.

In ancient times, it was believed that mistletoe had more control over luck, good and bad. A bit of mistletoe hung over a doorway was said to ward off evil.

A later belief held that mistletoe boughs hung for Christmas had to be removed by Candlemas Eve (February 1), or each leaf would bring forth a goblin to harass the household for the rest of the year.

It's a neat trick if you can keep your Christmas spirit alive through January 1st.

Christmas Inspires Interesting Customs

Charming customs add to the beauty and meaningfulness of Christmas in Bulgaria. The **kravai**, a large round cake decorated with pastry birds, flowers, and a cross, is brought out with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The cake is lighted with a candle, and incense is burned while prayers are offered. Then the father and mother of the household break off a piece of cake for good luck.

On Christmas Day, the Yule log is brought in by the father, while other members of the family sprinkle him with corn. This is to insure good health for all and a bountiful crop. The corn is also placed in a stocking and sprinkled upon the doorstep to insure a happy new year. The Yule log is then lit and the children of the family make wishes as they strike the log.

After church services, Bulgarian children receive their gifts from Grandpa Koleda, the equivalent of our Santa Claus. The parents in turn receive gifts from their youngsters on the last day of the year.

In Rumania, on the day before Christmas, young boys visit neighboring homes to sing a Christmas greeting, **Colinde**. They are rewarded with apples, cakes, and coins by the listeners. The

singing visits begin at dawn and last until after sunset . . . one can imagine some rather stuffed little boys at the end of the day!

In an ancient Rumanian custom, villagers gather at a river bank clad in biblical costumes, to sing Christmas carols. A young boy is selected to break the ice that has formed upon the river and a wooden cross is thrown into the water. A scramble then ensues, for the rescuer of the cross is assured of good fortune in the coming year, according to the custom.

Just as in other parts of the world, feasting is an important part of the holidays in Rumania. Roast pig is the center of attraction of the holiday table. It is served with **turta**. The latter is a cake made of layers of thin dough, shaped to form leaves, and symbolic of the Infant Jesus' swaddling clothes.

Yugoslavia also has some interesting customs with which to celebrate Christmas. On the day before Christmas, the men in Yugoslavian families rise early to look for a Yule log, the **Badnyak**. This is no simple task, for many strict customs must be observed in bringing in the log. It must fall toward the east at the moment of sunrise and its branches must not touch another tree, as that would mean bad luck in the year ahead.

When the log is brought in, the men are greeted with singing and food. Later, fire is made and the family gathers around the log to await the arrival of the **polaznik**, a village lad. He must be the first to enter the house on Christmas

morning. As he enters, he throws a handful of grain at each member of the family, asking a blessing as he does. The log is then struck so that many sparks will fly into the air; this means many sheep and other livestock for the household.



The **polaznik** next throws some wine on the log, leaving a coin at one end. This assures the family of prosperity in the coming year. After the ritual of the log is completed, the **polaznik** is feted by the grateful family for the rest of the day.

In Mexico, colorful customs add to the festive atmosphere of the holiday season. The most popular custom, as far as the children are concerned, is the tradition of the **pinata**. This is an earthenware bowl, decorated to resemble animals usually, and filled with fruit, candy, nuts, and coins. The **pinata** is strung up and the children gather around it as one youngster is blindfolded. The blindfolded one now takes a swing at the **pinata** with a stick. If he can't break it, another youngster attempts. At last one of the children breaks open the earthenware bowl and its contents spill out for the delighted youngsters.

Customs may vary from country to country, yet they all have one common denominator . . . a joyfulness of heart, in celebration of that most wonderful of seasons . . . Christmas.

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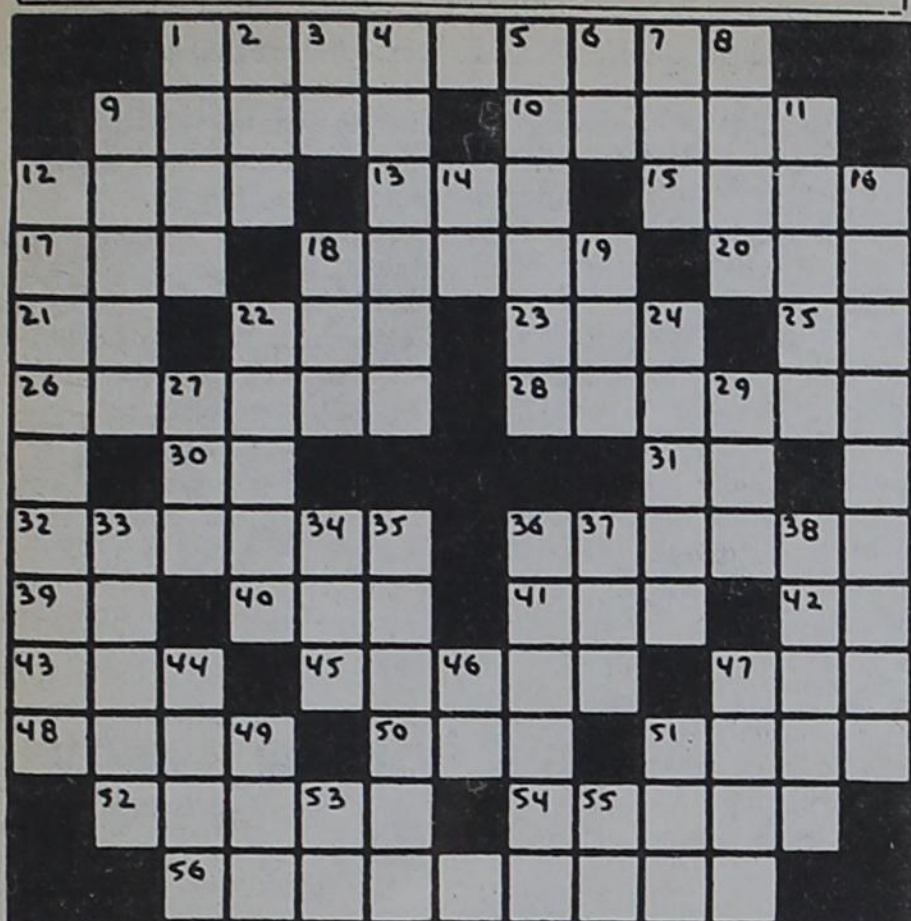
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ACROSS

- 1 - Aware
- 9 - Woodworking joint
- 10 - White-collar work tables
- 12 - An ancient Asiatic
- 13 - Anger
- 15 - Scottish old age
- 17 - To disclose (poetic)
- 18 - Declaim
- 20 - Sailor
- 21 - Musical note
- 22 - Have being
- 23 - Meadow
- 25 - Parent
- 26 - Newspaper executive
- 28 - Morbid enjoyment of cruelty
- 30 - Either
- 31 - Entertainment announcer
- 32 - Garments
- 36 - The eastern regions
- 39 - Preposition
- 40 - Collection of poker bets
- 41 - Container
- 42 - Sloth
- 43 - North American Indian

- 45 - Verdant
- 47 - Girl's nickname
- 48 - Male titles of respect
- 50 - Broadcast
- 51 - Beast of burden
- 52 - To discharge
- 54 - Makes use of telephone
- 56 - Eight-sided

- DOWN**
- 1 - To transfer
 - 2 - Unit
 - 3 - Negative
 - 4 - Undercover marksman
 - 5 - Standards of perfection
 - 6 - Old English (abb.)
 - 7 - Employ

- 8 - Short play
- 9 - Somewhat warm
- 11 - Collides forcefully
- 12 - Extremely important
- 14 - Musical note
- 16 - Express theatrically
- 18 - Sign of a full theater
- 19 - New Zealand parrot
- 22 - Raised anchor (nautical)
- 24 - To avow
- 27 - Electrically charged atom
- 29 - To freeze
- 33 - To unshackle
- 34 - Toothed wheel
- 35 - Geological rock layers
- 36 - To carry to excess
- 37 - Sped
- 38 - Fasteners
- 44 - Therefore
- 46 - One or the other (abb.)
- 47 - To soothe
- 49 - Dry, of wine
- 51 - Sheep talk
- 53 - Thoroughfare (abb.)
- 55 - Preposition



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Wassail Bowl

The wassail bowl dates back to 13th century England, when the lord of the manor would play host to his tenants during the celebration of the 12 days of Christmas. The dependents living on his land would be invited to the manor house where the master would drink their health from a bowl of spiced ale, containing apples roasted to the point of bursting, and then his tenants would drink. The words of the toast were "Wassail," which means

"to your health," and the accepted reply was "drink hail."

This medieval symbol of hospitality was revived in England and in America to some extent to the 19th century.

Round Table

King Arthur's Round Table is traditionally believed to have been the site of the first Christmas feast. References to the famous king have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.

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Food Stamps . . .

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department had applied for community action status, but was still waiting to find if their program was acceptable to the state agencies responsible for funding community action groups. "I believe we can implement (the outreach program) and do it just as well" as a community action agency, he said.

The State Department of Public Welfare is under a court order to conduct the outreach program because of a judicial decision in Minnesota, Bottoms noted.

"The basic premise (in the court's decision) is that it's pointless to have help for the poor if they don't know about it," the director explained.

"The whole purpose of the program is to contact people," he said.

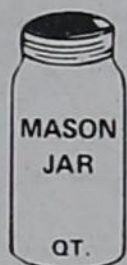
Currently in Lubbock County, there are 9,000 people on food stamps. Bottoms summed up the guidelines for qualifying for food coupons by saying "if your income is inadequate to support the number of people in the household, you are eligible."

Depending on the size of that person's income, he either gets the coupons free, or has to pay a

certain amount for the stamps. For example, in certain cases the head of the household would receive \$115 worth of food coupons for \$20, the director said.

Bottoms said that anybody interested in applying for one of the outreach worker positions should contact the personnel office for the City of Lubbock.

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Student Teachers Enter Final Week

by Melissa Martin

Mrs. Dalton Potter and Miss Spurlin are two of the Student Teachers teaching here at the Shallowater Schools.

Mrs. Potter is a business education student teacher with Mr. Sharon Barker as coordinating teacher.

Mrs. Potter has done her student teaching in bookkeeping, typing, and journalism. "I've enjoyed all of my classes, said Mrs. Potter, but I suppose if I had to pick a favorite I would select journalism, because it has given me an opportunity to work in an activity-oriented class which is not as structured as most academic subjects." She also comments, "This has allowed me to become better acquainted with individual students and know a little about student opinions."

Mrs. Potter, a resident of Shallowater, has completed most of her undergraduate work at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, though her student teaching has been under the supervision of Dr. William Paswark at Texas Tech University.

She is the wife of Dalton Potter, owner and operator of Pot-Luck Barbershop in Shallowater. They have three children, Celeste 13, Cheryl 10, and Dena Gay 2.

Upon completion of her degree, Mrs. Potter hopes to be able to substitute in area schools until a teaching position is available for her in a school near Shallowater.

Mrs. Potter has worked very hard in trying to satisfy all of her students in which she has been presently teaching. She deserves a lot of recognition for her determination and hard work. She has made extra trips to Lubbock on several occasions to get some of the news in the paper when the reporters failed to get their work in on time. We are very grateful

for this too.

One can very easily say that Mrs. Potter will be missed considerably when she leaves this Friday.

Miss Spurlin of Lubbock is another teacher who will be leaving Friday. She is a graduate of Lubbock Christian College. Her major is English and minor is History.

Miss Spurlin is under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Kulm as coordinating teacher. "Seeing how the various students react to different situations", is what Miss Spurlin says is the most enjoyable part of her student teaching experience.

Miss Spurlin comments, "The most rewarding experience I have found in my teaching is knowing that the students understand the concepts I have tried to explain. The most amusing was when the students read poetry aloud in class."

Sewing, embroidery, decoupage, painting and reading are her hobbies. She also enjoys playing tennis.

Miss Spurlin is from Roswell, New Mexico. She says that she has wanted to attend LCC since she was in the eighth grade. "I am glad I could complete my education there, because I have enjoyed my experience immensely" comments Miss Spurlin.

She will be working full-time at Key Printing Arts as a graphic artist as soon as her student teaching is completed.

Miss Spurlin was considered a great teacher by her English students that she has taught.

Homemaking II Takes Field Trip

by Anita Alvarado

The Homemaking II class toured the Textile Research Center at Tech. Penny Young, Public Relation Director for the center explained each step, procedure, and piece of machinery involved in

the making of cloth beginning with a bale of cotton through the cleaning, twisting, forming into yarns or threads, dyeing, weaving, permanent press treatment, etc.

The girls also had the opportunity to see two types of looms work. The newest loom is a shuttleless loom operated by a jet stream and was donated to the center by Investa Foreign Trade Co. Ltd. of Prague, Czechoslovakia, last week. It is the only one in the Southwest.

At the center, research on Texas Natural fibers—wool and cotton—is being conducted. Blue jean denim was being woven on one loom enabling the girls to see that popular fabric actually being made.

Roving Reporter

by Chris Hutchings

"What do you want for Christmas?" is this week's Roving Reporter question. Here are a few things that are wanted this Christmas season.

Geniese G.—"A white Christmas."

Bill D.—"A Monte Carlo."

Mr. Barnes—"A German Shepherd puppy."

Patty E.—"Clothes and a star sapphire ring."

Coach Goodin—"I want to be able to see next Christmas."

Curtis L.—"Offer from the principal to leave school."

Mrs. McCullum—"All my family to be together and to be well."

Beverly P.—"Win district in basketball."

Mrs. Barker—"\$\$\$"

Carol S. — Laura T.—"Clothes, money, watch, purse, tec."

Coach Wolski—"Red Man!"

"No Room At The Inn"

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

—St. Luke 2:7

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