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## Old Man Winter Blasts His Way South Thursday

Old Man Winter came in with a frigid blast Thursday night. The residents of our area got up to a cover of snow on the ground Friday morning. The temperature was down to a minus 4 but to make matters worse was the icy wind blowing at 20 miles an hour. This caused the chill factor to be 34 below.

Both people and animals should be well protected from this freezing cold. If at all possible remain indoors out of the northern blast. Motors as well as people are more sluggish in cold weather so let your car engine warm up before driving. Not only is this better on your car but warmer for you.

## Immunization Clinic Slated

Immunization Clinics for polio, diphtheria, tetanus (lock jaw) whooping cough, measles, rubella, and mumps will be held at Clarendon, Texas Department of Health Office January 8 from 9-12 and 1-3 p.m.; Memphis, Texas Health Department Office, January 8, 9-12 and 1-4 p.m.; Valley School, January 16 from 10 until 1 a. m. There will be a fee to help keep the clinic running. Fees are set according to family income, size and ability to pay.

## Spring Registration

Spring registration at Wayland Baptist University begins Tuesday, January 1 at 8 a.m. at Gates Hall. Students attending night classes only will register from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. Classes will begin Thursday, January 31.

## Health Applications

MIHIA (Maternal-Infant Health Improvement Act) will be taking applications at Memphis Public Health Department January 14 and at Childress Public Health Department January 22. For more information call 1-800-237-0167.

## THEN and NOW!

by Eunice McFall

Along about this time every year I begin to think about trying to simplify my life for next year's holidays--thinking such thoughts as slowing down, cutting out, cutting back, saying no, getting an early start--etc. All good thoughts, if only they would work--Take for example sending out greetings to those we care for at Christmas time. I always think as soon as Thanksgiving is over I shall start addressing cards--and believe it or not sometimes I do get them addressed early!

But wait a minute, that is only one step--Oh yes, I forgot I am always going to cut my list down--Do I? No, usually add from one to 20--Well there goes the cutting out--Most of my out of town cards go to loved ones we seldom see so I want to put a note in them as to how the year has treated us. Well here is where I lose that early start--I usually end up with a four page letter to one and all.

And if I'm lucky by December 20 I will thankfully drop the last one in the box--But come on--if I want to hear from those friends and family far away I must let them know how we are and how much we enjoy their Christmas letters.

Oh yes, can't forget the cooking. For years I've made candy at Christmas time. For a while there I added a new kind each year and if we liked it I made it the next year--well finally wised up on that--But now everyone has their favorite kind and wouldn't you know, they all prefer a different kind. Well now you can't show favoritism at Christmas can you? Well there goes the slowing down and cutting back. After all Christmas is about love and this is one way I can show my family and friends I love them.

Oh yes, gifts--there is so much joy in giving that there simply is no shortcuts to take there. The getting the house all dolled up is a joy too. You can use clutter that you would not want to see or to clean all year but dearly love for a couple of weeks out of the year.

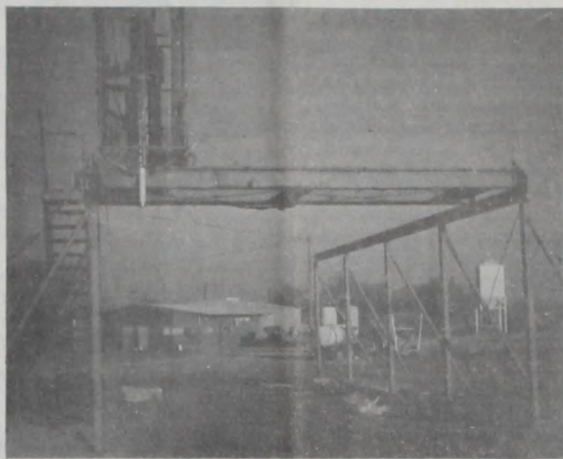
Well when I stop and give some deep thought to changing my holiday traditions--I really don't want to. I love them all and enjoy each letter, card, gift and decoration that I find time for and probably this time next year will find me thinking once again--How can I make my holidays easier! After all we are creatures of habit!

Two more Middle East Addresses. These two are grandsons of Chlorene Melton of Turkey.

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David's wife, Patricia and daughter Nicole are in Velsac, Germany.



## 1990 Peanut Crop Worth 5 Million To Area Growers

The peanut dust has cleared, the hauling trucks are gone, the government graders and inspectors are all gone, and most area peanut growers are laughing all the way to the bank. The local 1990 peanut crop went down in the books as a record-bumper crop of top quality seed peanuts.

The growing season appeared to get off to a slow start, but as conditions improved in the area, they worsened in the southeastern states. Peanut crops in Georgia and Alabama failed, causing brokers and manufacturers to scramble to bid on the available supply, thus a tremendous increase in the price of quota peanuts.

According to Homer and Claudia Hawkins, managers of Valley Peanut Growers Association, 8,492 tons of top quality seed peanuts were shipped with a price tag of \$5,004,300 paid to local growers. The area crop is contracted by Birdsong Peanut Company of Gorman, Texas and Clint Williams Company of Madill, Oklahoma.

"Quota peanuts, which is a quota system set up by the U.S. government for domestic use only, began the season at \$635 per ton with additional at \$385 per ton. Then when the crop failed in Georgia and Alabama, the price jumped, the next day it jumped again, and again, until finally quota peanuts were bringing as high as \$1400 per ton. The average ton sold for \$1100," Hawkins stated. "This was the best year for quota peanuts since 1980."

"The days of a farmer growing peanuts and selling them in town are long gone. The farmer must now certify with the United States Department of Agricultural (U.S.D.A.), the amount of pounds of peanuts grown, and have a marketing card containing statistics and information." Peanuts, along with sugar and

tobacco are the top three commodities tightly controlled by the United States Government.

Quota is a guaranteed price, and is set by pounds, not acres, expected to yield. Anything above quota must be exported. In order to qualify to grow quota peanuts, the grower must have at least a two-year history of growing and harvesting peanuts for a licensed and bonded buyer. A quota grower may or may not sign an additional agreement contract to sell his remaining crop over quota at a set price. Of the 1990 crop processed at Valley Peanut Growers Association, 5,435 tons shipped were additional.

Valley Peanut Growers Association was incorporated in 1985, and in 1986 the U.S.D.A. installed its mega-computer system which ties the local member-owned buyers' point into every other buyers' point in the country. Information is continuously being updated and current, and vital statistics are readily available.

"Government graders and inspectors worked around the clock during processing of the crop. We could grade-buy and pay the grower all in the same day," Hawkins stated. "They liked that!"

Mr. Hawkins readily admits the computer room belongs to Claudia, who serves as bookkeeper, buyer, office manager, (and anything else) and Peggy Woods.

Even though the ink isn't dry on all the 1990 paper work, contracts for the '91 crop have already been made. "To date we have already contracted 6500 acres at \$400 per ton for next year. Thirty-five percent of the area is planted in peanuts. This year there were 6,000 acres contracted, with 4,000 of that being irrigated, and the remaining 2,000 being dryland. We have 39 growers, 90 percent of which is certified for planting

## Local Who's Who

A total of nine students from this area have been included in the 24th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1989-90.

Final selection is determined on the basis of criteria which include high achievement in academics and leadership in school activities, athletics or community service. Traditionally, 99 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of "B" or better and 97 percent are college bound.

Local students selected for this year's volumes are: Brand R. Cruse, Chancy Q. Cruse, Cory R. Kendall, Christi A. Shorter, Flomot; Natalie Burkes, Tina Clay, Elgina Conner, Quitaque; and Chad Isbell, Samantha Stark, Turkey.

Listed in the 13th annual edition of The National Deans List are Jennifer A. Davis, Lakeview attending Texas Tech University Health Science Center and Darren S. Edwards, Turkey attending Texas Tech University.

seed peanuts. Our area produces a high grade of seed peanuts, Hawkins said, "although we are considered a small operation, as compared to the Seminole area."

The old saying 'it ain't just peanuts' certainly doesn't apply here.



## Garner Named to Super Team

Editor's Note: Taken from story by sports writer Jim Leta

Variety, explosive offensive players and bone crushing defensive players are the trademarks of the Globe-News Six Man Super Team announced Tuesday December 25, 1990.

Running back, Kirk Garner, of Valley who rushed 1,569 yards on 120 carries and scored 23 touchdowns was chosen to be on the offensive team for the Globe News Six Man Super Team.

## Microterm Registration

Registration for the January Microterm term at Wayland Baptist University is scheduled from 8-10 a.m. Monday, January 7, 1991 in Gates Hall, with classes beginning immediately after registration.

## Let's Talk Turkey

by Thelma Gafford

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Boy howdy, Christmas got here in a hurry this year, didn't it? Seems like the funny fat man speeds up the month of December, so he can dart around the country on his sleigh. But--it's over, one more time.

It was fun, even if we did eat too much and spend too much, we'll be much wiser next year. Or so the saying goes.

It was good seeing all the college kids home, and a few of the servicemen. And some probably enjoyed a few visiting relatives. I said a few probably did!

The art of snooping is still alive and well, as you know by now! Kids never get too big to snoop under the tree. College kids are better at it than the little ones. It was fun watching them. Did you know they can actually feel letters printed on boxes. Some can smell through layers of cardboard, tissue and wrap. Hey, they can even see the colors inside sealed boxes! And they count presents. So if you made the mistake of having an unequal amount of presents for your kids--you blew it. But remember, you'll be much wiser next year!

The way I see it (for next year) in order to keep them from knowing everything they are getting is to let the old fat man in the funny suit earn his keep. I'm going to let him bring it all next year. I'll show them who is the wiser person. I'll outsmart those kids. 'Cause remember I'll be much wiser next year!!! Happy New Year.

## Best Dressed Business And Home Selected

Quitaque is very dressed up for the Christmas Season. Many homes are beautifully decorated both indoors and out to bring cheer to all who pass by. The businesses are also dressed in their holiday finery.

We The Women sponsored a contest for the best decorated home and business. After much deliberation Trent and Wanda McKay's home was chosen as first place winner. A lighted pickup with Mr. and Mrs. Santa inside is one of the highlights in their yard.

Second place was awarded to Dale and Carol Ramsey--a large map of Texas shines in their yard wishing everyone a Merry Christmas Ya'll.

The business award for first place was Farley Flowers and Variety. Debbie has a beautiful Nativity scene in one window. Second went to Caprock Home Center. Their unique window of old tools decorated for Christmas was well worth a trip to town.

We The Women want to congratulate each of these winners.



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**Just Ramblin'**  
 by Jimmye Taylor

The biggest communication gap I can think of, is the one between a woman trying to tell her beauty operator what kind of hair style she WANTS, and the style the operator THINKS she wants.

So, here we are at the end of another swiftly-flying, eventful (for some) year. Gosh, can you believe it is already nearly 1991?

For me, it has been two years of wildly incongruous events, culminating in my buying the Post-a-dream for so many years.

In the beginning, as most of you know, (and I'm sure, some laughed quietly behind my back) I became a college student for the first time; 34 years after my high school graduation, and here I was --living away from home, going to classes, having to study and keep up with homework, schedules, etc.

It was both a wonderful and an awful time. I enjoyed going to school; - I hated being away from home, and was very homesick for a while. But, time takes care of those problems, and with the understanding and help of my brown-eyed spouse, who lived on canned soup, lots of sandwiches, and bacon and eggs for two years, I graduated in August, perhaps the proudest one of all the graduates, because I waited so long.

Don't ever let anyone tell you that you're "too old" to go back to school; or feel that you cannot "afford" to go. In the first instance, -- you are never too old. In many of my classes, there were men and women, returning students, or first time students like me, some older than I, many in their 30's and 40's. At WTSU, the ratio was about one-third of the student population.

In the second place, you CAN afford to go to college, if you are making good grades in high school (you don't have to be an all "A" student). There are loans, grants, scholarships, all kinds of aid available for someone willing to put out a little effort. Believe me, I know.

I am thankful for the chance I had -- and I'm here to tell you that you can do it too! All it takes is persistence, guts, a lot of help, and friends and family who keep you on their prayer list daily.

My church family prayed my old car through two years of driving to and from Canyon weekly. I believe it!

Well, anyway, that's been my 1990. A wonderful year. How about yours? Have you accomplished a goal? Have you had a dream? Are you doing what makes you happy? Life is too short to miss out on all it has to offer. Think about it.

**Department of Energy Considering 50¢ Gasoline Tax**

Austin, TX--Recent news articles have suggested that the Department of Energy is considering a 50-cent tax on gasoline as part of a national energy plan that will be announced early next year. "A 50-cent tax on gasoline would be detrimental to both Texas motorists and producers," said Kent Hance, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas. The national energy strategy that will be submitted by the Department of Energy to President Bush will contain a number of options. Both the Bush Administration and the Department of Energy are currently reviewing all proposals and have not endorsed any specific options to be included in a national energy plan.

"After expressing my concern over the possibility of such a tax to Admiral Watkins, Secretary of Energy, I'm convinced that this proposal will not be included in any national energy policy offered by President Bush," Hance continued. "The tax proposal was just one of the many suggestions that were offered in nation-wide hearings held by DOE over the past year."

Hance added, "Instead of using the worn out idea of raising taxes to solve every problem, I believe that a national energy policy must focus on increasing domestic energy production."

**Floydada Resident A Pilot Of The REAL "Memphis Belle"**

by Ora Lee Frazier  
 Vernon "Shine" Parker of Floydada, a former Paducah resident, piloted the B-17 Flying Fortress known as the Memphis Belle now being immortalized by movie theaters across the United States for its history-making 25th flight in World War II.

Bombers and their crews were taken out of active duty after completing their 25th flight. The Memphis Belle was the first to be taken out of active duty.

"Not a lot of people finished their 25th flight," Parker said softly when he was interviewed recently for a feature story that appeared in the December 18 issue of the Amarillo Daily News. "Although a safe pilot," he said, "I was also a lucky one."

Parker substituted "for about 27 crewmen who were on their 25th mission," so he almost never flew with the same crew. He piloted and co-piloted the Memphis Belle for "six or seven" bombing runs while subbing for Robert Morgan, commander of the plane.

Incidents glamorized in the current movie release didn't all happen on the plane's final mission and many of them didn't happen at all, Parker said.

"They took a lot of artistic license in that movie...If one B-17 ever ripped the tail off another B-17, I never heard about it. Much of the rest of the movie happened, but not all of it happened to the Memphis Belle," he said.

Parker said flying a B-17 was not nearly as glamorous as the movie portrayed. Not made for comfort, the cold, cramped, bumpy B-17s were made for war and could sustain tremendous damage and stay airborne, the former pilot said.

Although he never lost a plane, many of the aircraft he

landed never flew again, he recalled.

After the Belle completed its final mission, the Air Force decided to make a movie commemorating its last bombing run. Parker acted a part in the movie and attended the Memphis, Tenn. Premier with other members of the cast.

Made as a training film, it was released to theaters to raise money with war bond drives. The original version of the "Memphis Belle," used actual combat footage, shot in color.

Parker attributed his ability to get through the war alive to his fighter experience. His military career began well before the United States entered the war. After graduating from Paducah High School, he was a civilian pilot before being recruited to fly the advanced British Spitfire as part of a clandestine operation to turn the tide in the air battle over Britain.

The super secret Eagle Squadron was comprised of 243 American pilots who accepted commissions in the Royal Air Force to fire the Spitfire.

When the U.S. entered WW II, Parker stopped flying fighters and was looking for another plane to fly and training American bombers in the meantime.

Customarily bombers flew only bombers and fighter pilots flew only fighters, but Parker flew B-17s as though they were fighters and developed a life-

saving maneuver called the "Parker Two-Step."

"Once the German FW 190s realized the B-17's weak spot, they started "to attacking us head on. So, I would shift out of formation for just a second after the German fighter had committed his flight path," Parker said.

"The stream of tracers ripped past where I had just been flying. Since it worked, I passed it on to other pilots."

Parker's scrapbooks are filled with letters from other pilots praising how the "Parker Two-Step" saved their lives.

Lieutenant Colonel Parker finished his Air Force career with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Upon his return to Texas, Parker owned and operated a photography studio for the next 20 years until his retirement in 1983. He and his wife Eva now enjoy traveling the United States and Canada.

Parker is a son of the late M. M. (Markum) Parker, the Cottle County justice of the peace from 1950 through December 1962. He is a younger brother of the late Clarence Parker, who was an employee of Hall-Scruggs and Co., as it was then known, and the nephew of the late Arthur Parker, who operated the Parker Studio on the north side of the courthouse.

**Calendar Events**

- December 27**  
Claude Tournament
- December 28**  
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- December 29**  
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- December 30**  
Attend Church of your choice
- December 31**  
Guthrie T 6:30 p.m.  
New Year's Day  
Masonic Lodge  
Quitaque Chamber of Commerce  
Briscoe County Historical Society  
New Year's School Holiday
- January 2**  
Resume School Classes
- January 3**  
Quitaque Senior citizens

**Children's Pictures With Santa Held at Lacy's**

The Turkey Volunteer Fire Department hosted Santa Claus Saturday in Turkey at Lacy's Department Store.

Kids of all ages paraded through the isles for a chance to visit with Santa and have pictures made with him.

Santa returned to Turkey Monday night and visited every home in town with children via the Fire Truck. He returned later, after bedtime, on his sleigh with all his reindeer.

Helpers at Lacy's were volunteer fire fighters Rex Fuston and Lavon Gafford.

**Turkey Drop Box**  
 The Line Shack will no longer provide a drop box for the Valley Tribune. Please leave news at the drop box located at Turkey City Hall.

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 Makes 1 serving

- 1 (1 1/4-ounce) packet Instant CREAM OF WHEAT Hot Cereal—Apple 'n Cinnamon flavor
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  - 2 tablespoons dark seedless raisins
  - 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- Prepare cereal according to package directions using boiling water. Stir in yogurt, raisins and nuts. Serve immediately.

**Robert Pierce Fireman Of Year**

Robert Pierce was presented with a plaque by Vernon Fire Chief Charles Steward as Fireman of the Year during the Vernon Fire Department's annual Christmas party.

Pierce has been associated with the Vernon Fire Department for 11 years, including several years as a volunteer fireman.

Pierce, son of Billie Pierce and the late Tom Pierce grew up in Turkey, Texas. Robert and his wife have three children.

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 Lisa Herring  
 In Double  
 MRS. J.  
 Miss Lisa Herring and Bud Weiborn pledged wedding Saturday, December 1, 1990, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Doris Mims of Lubbock, Texas. The bride wore a gown with a mering sweep of silk tulle and a designer Bob Mackie's Design Collection. The bride's veil was pleated lying off the shoulder and the skirt began flowing at the waist with a chapel length train. Her head-piece was touched with white roses and a drift of white veiling. Her bouquet was a cascade of white roses and English ivy. For her wedding, the

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# Lisa Herrington and J. C. Bud Welborn United In Double Ring Ceremony On December 1



MRS. J. C. BUD WELBORN

Miss Lisa Herrington and J. C. Bud Welborn pledged wedding vows Saturday, December 1, 1990, at 5 o'clock in the evening at Lois Perkins Chapel, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. Officiating at the double ring ceremony was Reverend Norman Roe of Westlake United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Herrington, Quitaque. Parents of the groom are Mrs. Doris Mims of Lubbock and Mr. John Welborn of Vernon.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with a shimmering sweep of silk taffeta from designer Bob Mackie's Diamond Collection. The bodice was fully pleated lying off the shoulder. The skirt began flowing at the waist with a chapel length train. The head-piece was touched with rosettes atop a drift of waist length veiling. Her bouquet was a cascade of bridal white roses and Mary Devours surrounded by needle point English ivy.

For her wedding, the bride's

"something old" was an antique lace handkerchief which belonged to her grandmother, the late Madeline Stark. "Something new" was her dress, and for "something borrowed," she wore a diamond pear-shaped necklace belonging to her sister, Kim Eudy. "Something blue" was a blue garter.

Kim Eudy, Austin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sherice Price, Austin; Karyl Siebert, Austin; Martha McClure, Oklahoma City; Jenny Lavey, Dallas; and Traci Ham of Crosbyton, niece of the bride. They wore identical gowns with off-the-shoulder velvet bodices and red and black taffeta balloon skirts of above-knee length. They carried bouquets of Casa Blanca lilies.

The mothers' and grandmothers' corsages consisted of Japhet orchids. Registering guests preceding the ceremony was Dana Herrington of Lubbock.

Jimmy Burnet of Corpus Christi, served as best man. Other groomsmen were Alan Welborn, brother of the groom, McKinney; Randy Mar-

tin, Wichita Falls; Lex Herrington, twin brother of the bride, Lubbock; and Bill Hyatt, Austin. Ushers were Darrell Brown, Corpus Christi; Jim Czeranko, Lubbock; and Ron Eudy, brother-in-law of the bride, Austin.

The bridal couple stood by an altar featuring a candelabra arch of ivory candles, red poinsettias and English ivy.

To begin the ceremony, fifteen boys ranging from eight to thirteen years of age, from the Austin Boys Choir, marched into the sanctuary singing the Gregorian chant, Kyrie, then continued singing with Alle Psallite Luia. During the ceremony, the choir sang a medley of Christmas songs and at the conclusion they sang Silent Night, in both German and English, and O Come All Ye Faithful.

A reception followed at the Victorian mansion, Green Pastures in Austin. The house was decorated with white Christmas lights outside amongst the huge oak trees. Inside were tables with varieties of hors d'oeuvres including a carving of roast. The wedding cake was a three tiered Italian Cream Cake decorated with fresh pink and red carnations along with baby red and white roses. The groom's cake was a deep rich chocolate cake. The wedding cake along with the groom's cake was made by Sharon Welborn, sister of the groom.

Entertaining guests at the reception were Los Romanceros of Austin. Guests enjoyed dancing and serenading to a variety of Latin American and domestic folk songs.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe and San Francisco, the newlyweds are making their home in College Station, Texas. The bride, a 1980 graduate of Valley High School, graduated from Texas Tech University in 1984 with a BBA in Finance. She is employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The groom, a 1979 graduate of Vernon High School, graduated from Southwestern University in 1983 with a BBA in Finance. He will pursue his MBA from Texas A&M University.

## Flomot News by Earlyne Jameson

Overheard: Sound health is the greatest of gifts; contentedness, the greatest riches; trust, and greatest of qualities. May you have these blessings in 1991.

Numerous formations of geese and ducks were seen waving their wings at accelerated speed on a non-stop flight south this week. We were wishing we had reservations on their airline as the winter season, Thursday, December 21 hit the area with a vengeance! One digit temperatures dipped as low as one degree accompanied by sheets of ice and snow.

The College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University in Lubbock recognized Cindy Michelle Shorter of Flomot for scholastic achievement qualifying for the Dean's Honor List, Fall Semester, 1990.

This recognition is accorded to those students, only who have attained a grade point average of 3.0 or better during the past semester.

She is a 1990 graduate of Motley County High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin attended the Festival Ballet at Texas Women's University in Denton Saturday night, December 8. Their granddaughter, nine year old Lindsay Martin was a featured performer in the Nutcracker presentation. Only the most talented local ballet students were honored to be in this performance.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin visited in the home of Lindsay and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. David Martin and Cole. They visited in Arlington with Mr. and Mrs. Pace Cramer before returning home.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Gilbert and son, Jeremy of Jacksonville, Alabama arrived Sunday, December 23 to visit during the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. "Ikie" Gilbert and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Degan.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter Sunday, December 23 for a family Christmas tree and dinner were Dr. Randall Hunter of Denton, Susan and Steve Smith of Austin, Rhonda and David Hunter, Greg and Ross of Midland, Anita Hunter of Lubbock, Joyce and John Speer of Floydada and H. G. Hunter of Quitaque.

Mrs. Doyle (Mary Jo) Calver had medical treatment recently at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. She visited the past week in Lubbock with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Starkey and son, Jackie visited last weekend in Fritch with sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis and sons. En route home Sunday they visited in Canyon with brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey and children.

Viola Stinson and Mary Ellen Barton attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. France Barton in Matador Saturday afternoon, December 15.

Visiting Donnie Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers from December 20-25 were Brooke and Natalie Rogers of Lindale.

Arriving Saturday, December 22 to visit during the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Starkey were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gladson and Rhonda of Austin.

The bright flowers of the prickly pear cactus bloom for only one day.



### Chancy Jo Price

Lisa Price is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Chancy Jo. Chancy Jo is the daughter of the late Vance Price.

Chancy Jo was born at High Plains Baptist Hospital, at Amarillo, December 15, 1990 at 10:30 p.m. She weighed seven pounds and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Hubert and Delores Price, Turkey and Billie and Roberta Carson, Clint, Texas.

Great-grandparents are Velma Lacy, Turkey and Sybil Ludlow, Clint, Texas.

### Sunday School Class Has Party

Cora Gragson's T.E.L. (Timothy-Eunice-Lois) Sunday School Class had a party at the James and Feam Taylor's home Tuesday afternoon.

Each person present read a poem, either Christmas poems or humorous. Lockwood McCracken was celebrating a birthday so after signing a card for her, Happy Birthday was sang. Hand crafted gifts were presented to each member which Cora had made.

Members present were Cora Gragson, Feam Taylor, Lillian White, Ruby Cushenberry, Thelma King, Iva Barefield, and Ruby King. Visitors included, Lolla Belle Harmon, Era Hickerson, Mary Stark, Patsy Herrington and Mary Jo Polk.

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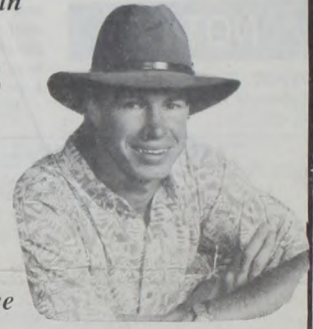
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### S. C. (Blue) Brown Honored At Party

S. C. (Blue) Brown was honored on Sunday December 9, 1990 for his birthday, with a party given by his family.

Lunch was served at the Quitaque Community Center for Mr. Brown and guests.

Those attending were the honoree and wife, Austella, Bennie and Myra Brown, Carl and Bertha Brown and Danny, Sandy and Roger Carl Brown Jr. and Brandie and Joshua, Mr. and Mrs. Brett Allen, Nicholas and Nichole, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sisson, Lee Ann and Molly, Amarillo; Lesa and Terry Williams, Jason and Byran, Patsy and Billy Rhoderick, Melanie Camp, and son, John Farley, Dee Dee and Rickey Moyer, Mandy, Jamie and Whitney, Lubbock.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Rick McFarland, and Nessa, Jacksboro; Austella's sister, Mrs. Juanita Brantley was accompanied by her son Garland and his wife Beverly, Abernathy; and Austella's sister from Hollis, Oklahoma, Mrs. Grace Tyson, accompanied by her son, Dude Lyson and his wife Ruby and Mrs. Hagan.

Local guests included Mr. Jim Stroup, Bill Griffin, Mrs. Thelma King, Fish Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Stark.

### Sammie Bedwell Honored With Bridal Shower

Miss Sammie Bedwell was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, December 9, 1990 at the home of Mrs. Bettie Green. Sammie is the bride-elect of Craig Setliff.

The hostess gift to the bride was a card table, chairs and crystal glasses. A beautiful and useful choice of gifts were presented by family and friends to the couple.

Hostesses were Bettie Green, Brenda Smith, Ginger Mullin, Katy Bomar, Delores Price, Anna Beth Clay, Susie House, Betty Tiffin, Zelda Leeper, Margie Pinkerton, Susie Shannon, Velma Lacy, Ruby Mae Woods, Jana Payne, Vonaceil Chandler, Stachia Washington, Hattie Lois Carter, Sandy Fuston, Mary Ann Browning, Ann Chadwick and Pat Maupin.

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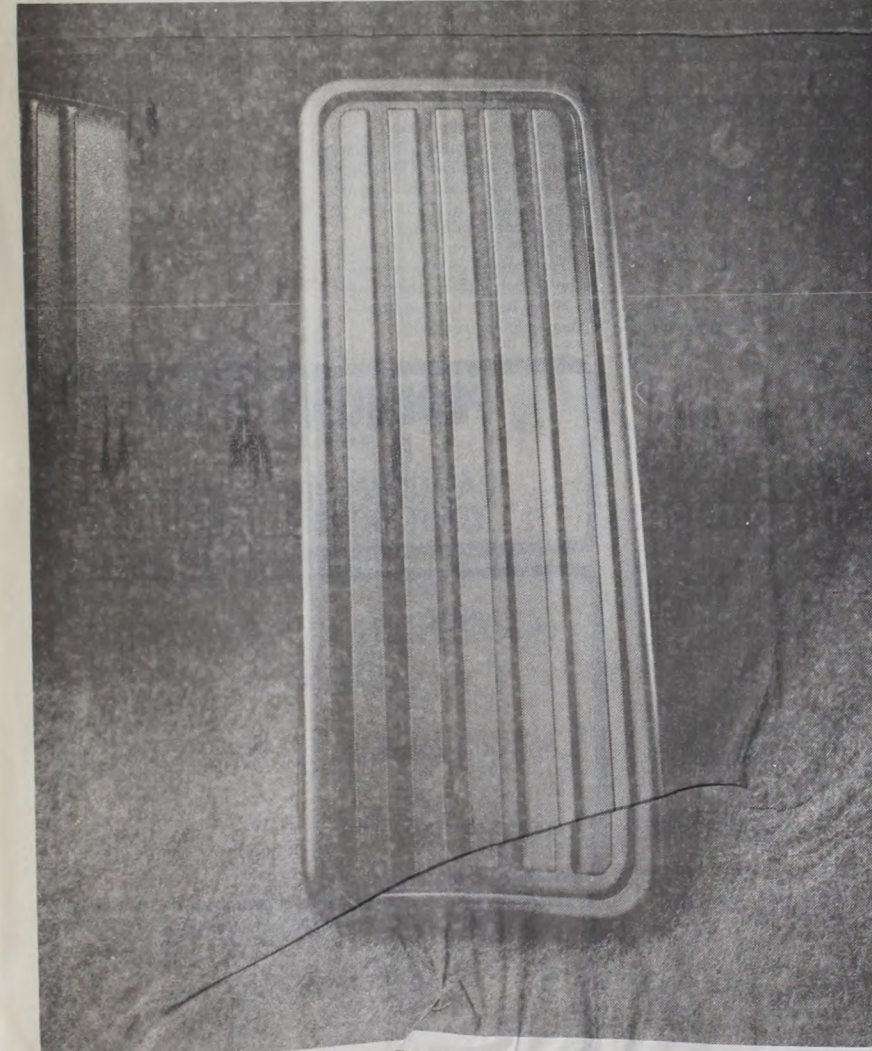
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**Agriculture News Briefs**

A 60-year tradition has ended in Texas with last year's bone-chilling December in the Rio Grande Valley.

Citrus growers aren't replanting the Ruby Red grapefruit, long considered a staple of Texas winter diets and the perfect Christmas gift. The late-December freeze killed Ruby Red trees by the thousands as it made mush of oranges and grapefruit ready for harvest.

The Ruby Red, discovered in the late-1920s in the Texas valley, differed from previous varieties in that it was seedless, had pink meat and a blush to its peel.

... leaved by Texas A&I researchers in the early 1970s. It has been successful worldwide, except that it bears fruit every other year.

Texas A&I researchers finally overcame that drawback in 1984 with the release of another variety, Rio Red. Both newer varieties have dark red meat. By contrast, the meat of the traditional Ruby Red was much lighter and tended to lose color as the season progressed.

The most appealing thing about the Rio Red grapefruit is that the peel and the blush on the peel is far, far redder than other varieties.

The Rio Red is more vigorous and has a higher productivity than the earlier Star Ruby.

"It's a very healthy tree, it grows very rapidly, and it seems to be one of the best survivors of the 1989 freeze. Some producers said it was more cold hardy during the last freeze," Hensz said. If this proves to be true, the Rio Red might help growers to get back into production more quickly.

All of the grapefruit and oranges on the trees were lost in the December cold snap, when temperatures hovered around 16 degrees for several hours. Only about half of both crops had been harvested before the freeze, said Dr. Julian Sauls of Weslaco, Extension Service horticulturist.

There were about 35,000 acres of citrus in the valley before the freeze. Estimates place total plantings now at 12,000 acres.

A cantankerous growing season, which had Texas cotton farmers seeing red and feeling blue, has confounded the experts by turning into fields of white that promise some of the lushest "green" returns in many a year.

"We're gonna come out of this with a heck of a crop," said Dr. Carl Anderson of Texas A&M University. "I expect it'll be well beyond 4.7

Mrs. Chlorene Melton has recently returned home from Childress where she had spent three weeks with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Trout. Neill had complications from surgery and had to return to the hospital but is home and well on the way to recovery now



The Renaissance painter Raphael painted more than 300 pictures of the Madonna.

... sion Service. A crop of that size would have a cash value of some \$1.35 billion with cotton currently selling for about 60 cents a pound. Anderson said some 5 million acres of cotton are being harvested in Texas this year, despite losses of hundreds of thousands of acres during the growing season. Last year only 3.8 million acres were harvested, with a yield of 3 million bales.

In a 25-county area around Lubbock, which annually provides half the state's yield, experts at one point predicted only 2.25 million bales. In that area alone, 600,000 acres were abandoned because of drought, hail and other bad weather. Thousands of acres in other parts of the state also failed to survive the rigorous weather.

Irrigated fields were beginning to suffer stress as farmers struggled to put enough water on the crop to reach harvest.

Then, in October, growing conditions in West Texas improved and the crop there had a chance to recover, said Dr. James R. Supak, Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock. A crop-killing freeze in the area didn't occur until mid-venember, allowing time for late bolls to make lint.

Now, South Plains production is expected to exceed the latest U. S. Department of Agriculture projection of 2.6 million bales.

Anderson said the bumper crop, despite all the setbacks, resulted from the increase this year in planted acres and a higher average yield of lint on the acres that survived to harvest. Changes in federal farm policy had reduced from 25 percent to 12.5 percent the number of acres a farmer had to keep out of production.

With this year's harvest almost complete, yields were averaging 455 pounds of lint an acre, compared to only 376 pounds an acre in 1989.

"But the increased production will cause a weakened price to producers," Anderson cautioned.

... by Mary Mahoney  
A relatively low supply of cattle in Texas and the rest of the nation kept prices high during 1990, a situation likely to continue through 1991.

"With this continuing short supply of animals, ranchers saw record prices for virtually all classes of cattle and calves in 1990," said Dr. Ernest E. Davis, livestock marketing economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

It was a plain apple pie topped with another plain apple pie plus another and another until they were about a foot high...that way, you could slice 'em from top to bottom and accidentally pull out two three slices instead of just one. After the Christmas dinner, we always existed on the leftovers until New Years Day...chocolate cake, mince meat pies, cold turkey, dressing plus 'them there' stacked apple pies, and come New Years Day, a big pot of dry blackeye peas was truly a welcome sight...by that time, the toys and fruit were worn out or eaten up and the fireworks all gone, so we looked forward to that white trailer called a "cottonsack" which made it all possible!

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... calves will average \$4 to \$5 per hundredweight more than those received in 1989 and \$7 to \$10 per hundredweight above those of 1979.

As in other parts of country, two or three years of drought has forced numerous cattle sales and put some ranchers out of business in Texas, Davis said. Ranchers have been reluctant to restock on ranges that have become fragile with lack of rainfall. Tighter credit also has limited investments in cattle.

Beef supplies next year should be about the same as in 1990, Davis said, with increased beef imports likely to offset a slight drop in domestic beef production.

If the U. S. economy enters its predicted recession, the economist believes that cattle ranchers probably won't be hit too hard by consumer spending cutbacks.

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