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**RECEIVES AWARD**—Jim Lynaugh, director of the TDC, Gib Lewis, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Andy Collins, TDC deputy director for operations, admire the plaque TDC awarded Lewis during the groundbreaking.

## TDC, State Officials Receive Warm Welcome

By ETTA PETTJOHN  
Staff Reporter

Woodville's newest neighbors received a warm welcome Monday, when the town held its official groundbreaking ceremony for the Gib Lewis Prison Unit.

About 200 people showed up to welcome the Texas Department of Corrections officials, and to recognize local and state officials who worked to bring the unit to Woodville.

"Our national day of Thanksgiving occurred last Thursday," said Woodville Mayor Tom Knapp. "But for

Woodville, our day of Thanksgiving is today." Knapp added that the town is thankful to have been selected for the prison unit site, and that Speaker of the state House of Representatives Gib Lewis, who the unit is named for, was in attendance.

TDC, city and county officials presented Lewis with a plaque commending his work with the prison system.

Tyler County Commissioners Court Judge Josiah Wheat, who served as master of ceremonies, read

a proclamation naming Lewis and TDC officials as "honorary citizens of the town." The proclamation was presented by the county commissioners.

Welcoming TDC officials, Knapp said, "Considering that you will be our major employer, let me assure you that your role in the community will be prominent."

"Obviously, your presence will change the nature of our community forever," said Knapp. "Now many of our young people will not have to leave

Woodville to find decent employment." Knapp added that the employment opportunities offered at the prison unit will help break the cycle of poverty experienced by the lower income citizens in the area.

"From a totally different point of view, the citizens of Woodville welcome the Texas Department of Corrections to our community because we are a strong, Christian community and we look forward to having a chance to minister to the needs of those in

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**PRACTICING CHEF**—Rotary Club member Larry Phillips tries out his pancake recipe on Joelle Barmette (left) and Dena Conner, in preparation for the Rotary's Pancake Breakfast, to be held from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. Dec. 3 at the Woodville Inn. For more information on the breakfast, contact any Rotary member.

## Ivanhoe Man Loses Home In Thanksgiving Fire

By ETTA PETTJOHN  
Staff Reporter

While many Tyler County residents finished off their Thanksgiving turkey last Thursday, an Ivanhoe man watched his home burn to the ground.

But the Rev. William "Frank" Harding, 69, of Gallahad Loop, says he still has a lot to be thankful for.

While Harding was visiting friends in the Ivanhoe development, a neighbor discovered the fire and called the Tyler County Sheriff's Department. Shortly after the fire department was notified, Harding returned home and found it engulfed in flames.

The Ivanhoe Volunteer Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the 6:30 p.m. call. They also contained a nearby brush fire that

caught as a result of the house burning. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Although Harding, an Assemblies of God preacher for the past 20 years, said losing the home he had just finished building last week was "another mountain to climb," he still feels lucky that he has his life.

Harding lives alone. He usually is home in bed very early, he said, because he likes to wake up early in the morning and watch the squirrels play.

Since the house was not completely finished, Harding had no homeowners insurance. The only thing he has left now is the clothes on his back.

"I lost all my old mementos, a rifle that was issued in 1907, that I killed my first deer with, and treasured pictures," said

Harding. "But the worst thing, I guess, was the outlines of sermons from over 20 years, that I had been saving for my son, who is also in the ministry."

"But this is one of those things that happens in life. I'm a Christian, and I believe what the Good Book says in the eighth chapter of Romans, 'All things work together for God.'"

Harding added that "You can burn my house, but you can't burn my spirit." And according to Harding, he's had even bigger mountains to climb in the past.

Like the time his young bride of 11 months died, while delivering their newborn baby. Or the time, about one year ago, this Thanksgiving, when he was told he had cancer, and only a 50-50 chance of surviving it.

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## Prison Fund \$14,000 Short Of Goal

By ETTA PETTJOHN  
Staff Reporter

As the deadline approaches for final payment on land leveling construction at the new prison site east of Woodville, fundraisers are still about \$14,000 short of their goal.

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, which is spearheading the fundraising drive, announced recently that about \$159,000 of the \$173,000 needed to pay for the construction has been raised. The remaining \$14,000 is needed by the first week of December, according to a letter from the chairman of the Chamber's Prison Fund Campaign, Robert Allison, Jr.

Allison said that the Chamber submitted a proposal to the Texas Department of Corrections offering to donate the land for the Gib Lewis Prison Unit here, and the leveling must be completed before the site is available for building construction to begin.

According to the letter,

all but \$30,000 of the \$173,000 had been raised by Nov. 18. Since that time, \$16,000 more has been raised toward the goal.

"This project would not have been possible without the initial contribution of over 200 acres of land by the Tyler County Industrial Corp., and this impetus led to additional donations of land from the E.W. Tubb family," said Allison in the letter. He also said that other contributions, large and small, from numerous Tyler County businesses and citizens, has made it possible for the unit to be located here.

According to Jeannie Buck, executive secretary for the Chamber, many donations have come in by mail and by people bringing them by the chamber office in the past week.

"We really appreciate these donations, and the people who are out there working so hard to meet this goal," said Buck.

## Warren ISD Board Rejects Construction

By ANNABETH WILLIS

After a walk-through of the new Warren Elementary School on Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Board of Trustees voted once again not to accept the building.

Inspection of the building revealed five classrooms with cracks in the sheetrock around the windows. There was speculation that the cracks could be the result of a cracked slab.

Armond Fisher, the architect for the project, said that he did not believe it was a structural problem

but would like some time to research what was actually happening with the building. As of Tuesday, cont. on page 3A



**FLAG RAISING**—Fort Polk's U.S. Army Color Guard raises the U.S. flag during the groundbreaking ceremonies held at the courthouse Monday.

## Commissioners To Vote On Increase

By ETTA PETTJOHN  
Staff Reporter

Commissioners will decide on Dec. 2 whether or not to increase county property and hospital district taxes to 55 and one-half cents per \$100 valuation, a 13-cent increase over last year.

The Court will meet at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Court-Room of the Tyler County Courthouse.

Only three people showed up at a public hearing Monday to comment on the proposed increase in their county taxes for 1988.

Tyler County Commissioners did hear, however, from Don Force, president of the Tyler County Taxpayers' Association, who asked the Court to carefully consider the increase and how it could affect efforts to attract industry and retirees here.

"I'm not telling you how many tax dollars you need, because I don't know," said Force. "But I believe the budget that was proposed was a good budget."

Force recommended to commissioners that if there is any way to "whittle" the budget, to do so.

"We want to keep people relocating to Tyler County, and don't want to see people relocate to other counties and this county lose it all," he said.

The proposed county tax rate is 49-cents per \$100 valuation, with an additional 6.5-cents for the Hospital District.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a \$682 increase in the airport project budget, and accepted the low bid submitted by Trotti and Thompson of Beaumont, to patch the existing surface of the runway. The project also includes placing fencing around the area and digging drainage ditches.
- Scheduled their Jan. 9 meeting for 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m.
- Took no action on paying Sheriff's Department Deputy Wade Skinner \$642 for overtime pay to compensate him for 60 hours he spent driving to

and from Arizona to pick up a prisoner. Commissioners Pete Barnes and Carrol Conner voted for the motion to pay Skinner, while commissioners Willis Graham and Bo Jordan voted against it. Judge Josiah Wheat declined to vote on the motion.

\*Approved a proclamation naming Nov. 28 Texas Department of Corrections Gib Lewis Unit Day, and named Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Gib Lewis, and the board of directors and staff of TDC as honorary citizens of Tyler County.

## Pow Wow Is Slated

The Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation will host a special powwow on Saturday, Dec. 3, to honor all the tribal dancers who've traveled throughout the state dancing, and at the reservation tourist complex.

These dancers have promoted the reservation, and East Texas by traveling to cont. on page 6A

## Christmas Tour Of Local Homes Is Scheduled

The Federation of Women's Clubs in Woodville are sponsoring a "Christmas Tour of Homes" from 1 until 4 p.m. Dec. 3.

Area residents whose homes will be shown are Christine Sanders, Harmony area; Jody and Rusty Davis, Hillister; and Ann and Curtis Garner of Chesswood.

The tour of Sanders' home is sponsored by the Woman's Study Club. The Tyler County Heritage Society will sponsor Davis tour, and the Reading Club, the Garner's home.



**TRADITIONAL FEAST**—From left, Amber Thompson, Michael Evans, and Mallory Williams, kindergarten students at Woodville Elementary, participated in a Thanksgiving dinner at the school recently.



# PERSONAL & FAMILY accent on tyler county

## My Corner...

By Etta Pettigrew

can buy more possessions. But you can never gain anything back. The pictures of Thanksgiving Day, like so many others in Tyler, were small. Of the valued County, sat down to a sentimental little of beautiful Thanksgiving that belonged to your dinner, and I thanked God, grandparents for the blessings he did send. After interviewing Harston upon me, I realized just to the conclusion that he is how lucky I am until I got a brave and Christian man phone call later that eve. He never asked for sympathy to go cover a fire. And why from me or anyone, he when I watched Frank only told me what happened. Frank's words, being, and answered my things go up in smoke, it his specific questions about me.

I can sympathize with him. My family lost how Harding must have our home to fire years ago. My family lost our something really beautiful home to fire when I was happened.

about 13. You can always. Like Harding said, the buy another house, and your friends come out of the

## Tammy Wilson Picked To Represent A&M At Cotton Bowl

Woodville native Tammy Wilson, a senior at Texas A&M University, has been selected to represent Texas A&M at the 1989 Cotton Bowl.

She was chosen by Cotton Bowl Selection Committee through a series of personal interviews based on personality, academic excellence, student leadership and knowledge of A&M University.

Wilson will be the official representative of A&M at this year's Cotton Bowl, participating in the football game, half-time activities, the Cotton Bowl and numerous receptions and luncheons. She is involved in the Student Government Association at Texas A&M, where she serves as Parent's Week and Chairperson and a student leader.

She has also been involved as a Fish Camp Counselor, Freshman Orientation Leader, Speaker at the Fall Leadership Conference and promoter of the Conference on SGA's.

Tammy will be escorted to the Cotton Bowl by Dan Cowart, a senior from Mt. Vernon. During a student senator and Commanding Officer of Company D-2 in the Corps of Cadets.

## To Be Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Villa D. Spurlock of Colmesneil announce the December 10 marriage of their daughter, Lena Spurlock, to Robert L. Gray, Sr., of Woodville. The 5 p.m. ceremony will be held at Barnum Baptist Church in Barnum. The Rev. Larry Trest will officiate. Friends and relatives are invited.

## Agrifacts

By Bob Armentrout  
Agriculture Extension Agent

October and November are excellent months to purchase bulbs while you still have a good selection. They may be planted at any time with the exception of tulips and hyacinths.

Chill tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the refrigerator until mid to late December before planting. The lower part of the refrigerator is best. Do not leave bulbs in plastic bags during refrigerated storage. Make sure the bulbs do not freeze or dry out, and plant them immediately upon removal from cold treatment.

Plant your bulbs in well prepared beds, so the bore of the bulb is at a depth that is three times the diameter of the bulb. If your soil is very sandy, set the bulbs slightly deeper. In clay soils, set the bulbs just a little less deep.

In addition to planting bulbs, now is a good time to plant started plants of snapdragons, pinks, sweet william, poppy and calendulas. Planted now, they will provide you with a riot of colors in the spring.

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## Turkey Winners

The following is a list of Turkey winners from the Fairway Foods Lucky License plate promotion held prior to Thanksgiving.

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## Corrections

In the Nov. 24 issue, the funeral home handling the John Lee Yzaguirre arrangements was incorrectly identified as Edwards Funeral Home. Riley Funeral Home, of Woodville, handled the arrangements.

Also in the Nov. 24 issue, a picture of Mary Greer was incorrectly identified as Becky Meeks.



## Job Well Done!

VOLUNTEERS HONORED-MHRM volunteers honored recently at a banquet include Doreen Yancey Hazel Jackson, Eileen Mason, Luther Moye, Earlene Keys, Estelle Howard, MHRM Board Chairman Allen Sturrock, Joyce Crowson, Lucy Moye, Billie Walker and Juanita Colley.

## MHRM Volunteers Lauded

Several Tyler County volunteers were recognized for their donations of time to the Deep East Texas Mental Health Retardation Services recently.

More than 150 people turned out at a banquet honoring volunteers for Deep East Texas Mental Health Retardation Services programs in Tyler, Hardin, Jasper and Newton counties.

The banquet honored all volunteers, but special recognition was given to several who donate time to the Tyler County MHRM Center.

A 2,000-hour service pin was presented to volunteer Hazel Jackson, Tyler MHRM Service Director. Glen Jordan said Jackson donates hours in a variety of ways from providing clients with transportation to doctor visits or other appointments to pitching in with the center's work crew that is paid to maintain area parks. Jackson also helps organize the twice-yearly Salad Tasting Tea that serves as a fund raiser for the center and helps round up gift donations for holiday festivities.

A 1,000-hour pin was presented to Lois Yancey. Yancey solicits food donations for holiday fruit baskets, encourages local participation in the center's Salad Tasting Tea, works the MHRM booth at local festivals and helps promote MHRM services in the Tyler County area.

Also recognized for her work on the Salad Tasting Tea was Doreen Yancey. Yancey received a 100-hour volunteer pin.

Several Certificates of Appreciation were presented to local businesses including Brooks Brothers, Fairway Foods, Jasper's Pharmacy and Wal-Mart at Woodville. These businesses make regular donations to assist with the Salad Tasting Tea as well as holiday parties for MHRM program participants.

The Heritage Civic Club also received a Certificate of Appreciation for their commitment to presenting cakes to workshop clients who are celebrating birthdays.

Jasper/Newton MHRM Board Member Bobbie Morgan presented the keynote address at the banquet, which was held in the George E. Gee Building at the Jasper/Newton MHRM Center. Entertainment was provided by the Jasper/Newton MHRM rhythm band under the direction of Mrs. George E. Gee.

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MAKING PREPARATIONS-From left, Thomas Tucker, Bill Cook, quartermaster, Myles Humphus, commander, and R.L. Sanders, trustee, begin preparations for the VFW Post 2033 Pancake Supper, to be held Dec. 9 at the post. Tickets for the event are available through any VFW member.

## Groundbreaking

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gas and sewer line, which makes housed here, he said.

Knapp said that the city is capable of providing for future expansion of the unit.

Allen Hightower, representative of the city, spoke about the problems that TDC has had over the past decade, as a result of prison overcrowding in the state.

"TDC has, over the past 10 to 14 years, gone through some of the most massive lawsuits in the U.S.," said Hightower. "We had to move along into the correctional future."

Jim Eshelb, director of the Texas Prison Systems, agreed with Hightower, and said TDC couldn't have come through those trials without the support of people like Hightower, Gib Lewis, and citizens like those in Woodville.

"When we (TDC) went through and met with various delegations (groups from different communities asking that the unit be located in their area), we considered your citizens to be very sincere. And TDC intends, and will be, a good neighbor, and we look forward to recruiting in this area."

Another TDC board member who is a former Woodville citizen, Robert Mann, told those present that TDC officials, as residents here, will help you with "little league" programs. United Way programs, "and that they would be active in many civic affairs."

After receiving praise from TDC and local officials, Lewis concluded the ceremony by assuring Woodville residents that the prison system has come a long way, and although it hasn't always been the case, the prison system is now a "very wholesome and safe environment."

The 1,000 man unit, according to Charlie Brown, public relations officer for TDC, will provide about 260 local jobs, with a monthly payroll of about \$600,000. Brown also contends that when the unit is in full operation it will bring with it a surge in the local real estate market, and an upswing in local retail sales.

Land for the unit was donated about a year ago by the Tyler County Industrial Corp., and TDC Board Member Gil Tubbs. Construction to clear the site for building is nearing completion, and bids for construction of the building will be let on Dec. 22.

Actual construction of the unit's buildings is expected to begin in early 1989.

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## Hillister News

We regret to report that Rev. Henry Shettles is ill and in Tyler County Hospital. In his absence Rev. T. J. Sasser of Port Neches has been conducting services in the Baptist Church.

Those her Thanksgiving day in the home of Sidney and Don Holt were Mrs. Faye Wilson, with her daughter, Charlotte, Barrett, and daughter Lynn Ann of Port Arthur. Their son Ronald Holt and wife Jo Ann with their son Sidney and wife with Shell of Houston.

Thanksgiving guests in the Elton and Raynell Spurlock home were Mark and Phyllis Barnett with Chelsea of Gatesville, Becky Spurlock and a friend Mark Phillips of Waco and Earl Thompson of Ft. Worth. The Charles and Phyllis family also were with them.

Delores Byau of Houston was here for the week-end with her mother Mrs. Maxine Carroll.

Essis Mae and Calvin Lee were in Houston for the holidays with her son Glen Richards and family.

Among those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Olen Tucker during the holidays were their daughter Ann Reiser and family of Houston.

Ben Carpenter IV and wife of Dallas and Dr. and Mrs. Ves Caperton of Conroe were here during the holidays to see their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ben Caperton.

Holiday visitors in the B.J. and Ruby Smith home were Ruby Ann and Charles MacIn and Brian of Livingston, Wesley Earl and Marietta Smith and Fred and Dorette Sumrall and Chris of Silsbee and George Hynes of Jasper were among holiday visitors in the home of Velma Sumrall.

Elvis and Joleen Sautter of Nederland were here Thursday visiting her sister Marie Cornelius and family.

Kenneth and Janice Walker, Lucky and Billie of Chester with Kenneth parents.

Visiting Mrs. Lola Mae Flowers Friday were her sister Mrs. Ada Emerson, Mrs. Alma Russell and other relatives of Lufkin.

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### The Eagles Nest

Hey Eagles! My name is Tamarind Odom and I am a junior at Woodville High School. I will be writing the "Eagles Nest" for the rest of this school year. It seems that school has just started but the second six weeks has ended and the Christmas holidays are on the way. Football season has ended and basketball is well underway. Juniors have had their first chance to pass the hard TEAMS test and are having to think ahead to ward their senior year and plans for after graduation. Seniors have plans made and are hard at work trying to graduate so they can start on those plans. Freshmen students really seem to like being in high school but realize how much harder it is than junior high. Sophomore students are settled into the high school life and should like this year to really enjoy just being students. Yearbooks are here from last year and are really worth waiting for. The cover is great.



Tamarind Odom



Editor Lowery Scholastic Editor

### Bulldog Growls

The second six weeks has also been very active in sports. She was in basketball for four years, track for four years and went to Regional one year in track. She is presently a CHS cheerleader and in FFA. Melissa has been in the BETA Club four years. She was also elected as Most Beautiful two years. Most Popular one year and Best Dressed one year. Melissa would like to give special thanks to her mother, father and grandparents for all of their love and support.

### Woodville Cheerleaders To San Marcos

Woodville High School Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship held in San Marcos last week end. They returned with an award of excellence and superior rating. Those at-

### Warren FFA Goes To State

Warren FFA students swept the Area IX Leadership Contest on November 18th. Warren FFA won the title of Area IX FFA Crook Speaker for the second year. The FFA Crook Speaker is the student who is elected to represent the FFA chapter at the state level.

### Pirates Prowl

The Pirates have been busy with Homcoming activities. The voting for Homcoming Queen was held November 1st during the Homecoming. The candidates were Stephanie Winkle, Shannon Miller, Sherry Hutto, Tanya Norman, Vanessa Poncho, Teresa Norman and Rhonda Wilkins. Many students complained of the tough decision it was to choose a good representative for this year since each girl is qualified in every respect - beauty, intelligence, character, looks and life and outstanding school spirit.

### What Kind Of Visual Care does T.S.O. of Jasper provide?

The schedule for homcoming was set up long before this special weekend. The homcoming was November 17th behind the high school gymnasium. The game and coronation of queen were held the 18th. The coronation was the 19th in the elementary gymnasium. The girls Varsity Volleyball team played at Kountze November 17th and won that game. They competed for Area November 7th. They did not win this time, but everyone is still proud of them.



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Workshop Set. The Spurger Independent School District will host a College Financial Workshop on Dec. 5, in the High School Auditorium. All parents of Spurger I.S.D. students are encouraged to attend; particularly those with students in high school.

### Col. Girls 51, Leggett 20

After a slow first quarter the hot hand for Colmesnell held a 51-20 victory over Leggett at the half. Colmesnell really put it away in the third quarter by making 12 points and holding Leggett to only two points in the final quarter for the easy victory. Stephanie Boykin had first.

### Eagles Lose To Bmt. Christian

The Woodville varsity played two games last week losing one and winning the other. They went to Beaumont Tuesday night and were surprised by Beaumont Christian and Beaumont Christian they only got one free shot outscored them in each quarter.

### Eagles 74, Splendora 37

The Eagles came back on Wednesday night and went wild in a game at Splendora. They whipped them 74-37 and let all eleven team members play. Ten of the eleven scored two or more points. The Eagles started very hot and held a 26-9 lead at the end of the quarter and held a 43-18 lead at the half.

### Woodville J.V. 73, Bmt. Christian 45

The Woodville JV team had no trouble with Beaumont Christian Tuesday night, November 22 and beat them 73-45. Robert Miller led Woodville with 25 points and Roderick Hadnot made 8.

### The Tyler County Booster SPORTS PAGE

### Don't Trust Your Wife With A Gun

If you don't want to get embarrassed and if you do not take your wife hunting or fishing, if you doubt this ask Mike Gore. Mike and his wife Tricia live near Silsbee, actually live in Fred but she says near Silsbee. Mike has hunted most of his young life and Tricia being a good sport from Vidon never found time to go deer hunting until she married Mike. She could never get Mike to take her hunting because she was determined to do this year and she finally made it. Mike took her to about her up and of course he says her the best stand. This stand had not been used all year, no corn had been put out around it and no deer signs were spotted near it. He didn't even loan her any of his regular camouflage clothes or his latest tree bark camouflage suit. He was going to teach her a lesson. They went to the woods nearby a hour earlier than usual wanted her to be miserable, she finally got in the stand, fought off the spider webs, mosquitoes and was ready to sit still and kill a deer. This was her first time to be in the woods that early in the morning and she couldn't believe the beauty of all of it as the sun was coming up. About 7:00 a.m. she spots some movement in the woods and sure enough walks a nice little spike buck, and sure enough she cuts down on him and kills it. Mike was sitting in a very comfortable stand a few hundred yards away and didn't make any effort to go check on her. After waiting over an hour he finally goes to check on her and sure enough she had killed one. She thanked Mike several times for saving her stand for her and for putting her there so she could kill a deer on her first hunt. Tricia is very anxious to go again and soon but Mike is using every excuse he can think of not to take her. You see he has not killed one yet and how embarrassing it would be if she killed the second one. Mike did help her get it out of the woods and he also showed her how to skin and cut it up.

### Hunting Report

(Duck hunting has been very good but most duck hunters will not admit it. They would like for the deer hunters to believe duck hunting is terrible so they will not crowd in on them. A lot of ducks have been killed at Dam B and at Rayburn. I hear the Black Forest area of Rayburn is holding lots of ducks and also that hunters have not been bothered very much with fishermen. Randy Gogg, Rockett Whitman and two other hunters get their limit nearly every time they go to Dam B. I am sure Bubba Waldrep is doing the same thing. Deer hunting has been good for lots of people. Just about every one that hunts deer has killed one or more. I don't hunt much and haven't even seen a doe. For a while it was too hot to hunt and now it is too cold to hunt. Do you suppose age has anything to do with my hunting? Just as I had decided there was no good luck in our hunting pasture, Clay Rigley brings a nice 8 point by the Booster for the Big Rack contest. He killed it about 300 yards from my stand. Guess I will hunt some more now.

### Fishing Report

Dupree fished last Sunday and caught lots of fish out of Rayburn. I don't know where he launched his boat. Boots Dean and Larry Skinner fish Dam B Monday and caught lots of fish but only had two keepers. Boots caught one that went over 4 lbs. and Larry caught a 6 lb. Grindie. Joe Glasscock and I haven't been in since deer season started but expect to go again soon.

### Spurger Girls Lose To Martinsville By One Point

The Spurger girls lost a close game to Martinsville last week by a score of 43-42. Spurger held a 6 point lead at the quarter, (12-6) lead at the quarter, and were still leading 21-17 at the half. Martinsville went in front 30-29 at the end of the third quarter. Each team made 15 points in the final quarter of the game. Spurger missed two shots in the last five seconds. High point for Spurger was Lisa Lancaster with 16 points and Toney Norman contributed 10 points.

### Martinsville 69, Spurger 45

The Spurger boys had a rough time with Martinsville last week and lost by a score of 69-45. Spurger led behind early in the game and could never get to going. They were behind 18-9 at the quarter and 34-22 at the half, hitting 11 of 26. Martinsville continued to dominate the Pirates in the second half for an easy victory. Rodney Jordan led Spurger in scoring with 14 points. Spurger shot poorly from the free throw line, hitting 11 of 26. Martinsville made 8 of 16.

### Chester 56, West Sabine 46

The Chester boys played only one game last week and won it. They went to West Sabine on Tuesday, November 22, and defeated them 56-46. Chester led 10-9 at the quarter and scored 15 points in the second quarter to 10 for West Sabine. For a 25-19 lead at the half, the third quarter was close with Chester scoring 16 points to 15 for West Sabine, then closed it out with a 10-point victory. The Yellowjackets had four players in double figures: Don Botley scored 18 points, Evanale Tournament on December 1, 2, and 3.

### Chester Girls 51, Warren 24

The Chester girls played Warren at home Tuesday, November 22, and defeated them 51-24. Chester held a slim two-point (8-6) lead at the end of the first quarter and then scored 15 points to five for Warren in the second quarter. For a 23-11 lead at the half, Chester continued to play well in the second half for the easy victory.

### Chester J.V. 47, Warren 17

The Chester girls JV team looked good in defeating Warren 47 to 17 Tuesday night. Chester held a 20-0 lead at the half. Susan Wallace, Bennie Berry and Sheila Martin were the top scorers.

### 24A All-District Team

Coaches from district 24-A met a few days ago and elected their all-district football team. They picked 13 players on the offensive team and 17 on the defensive unit. First team players on offense from Chester were: Junior Carlos Berry Tackle; Running back sophomore, Jamie Parker; and punter sophomore, Sean Terry. Colmesnell placed running back senior Lance Graham and quarterback sophomore, Alex Davis on the first team. The Bulldogs also placed two players on the all-district defensive team. Junior Mark Winters made it as a defensive lineman and Lance Graham made it in the secondary. Joe Glasscock and I haven't been in since deer season started but expect to go again soon.

### Volcano Movie On

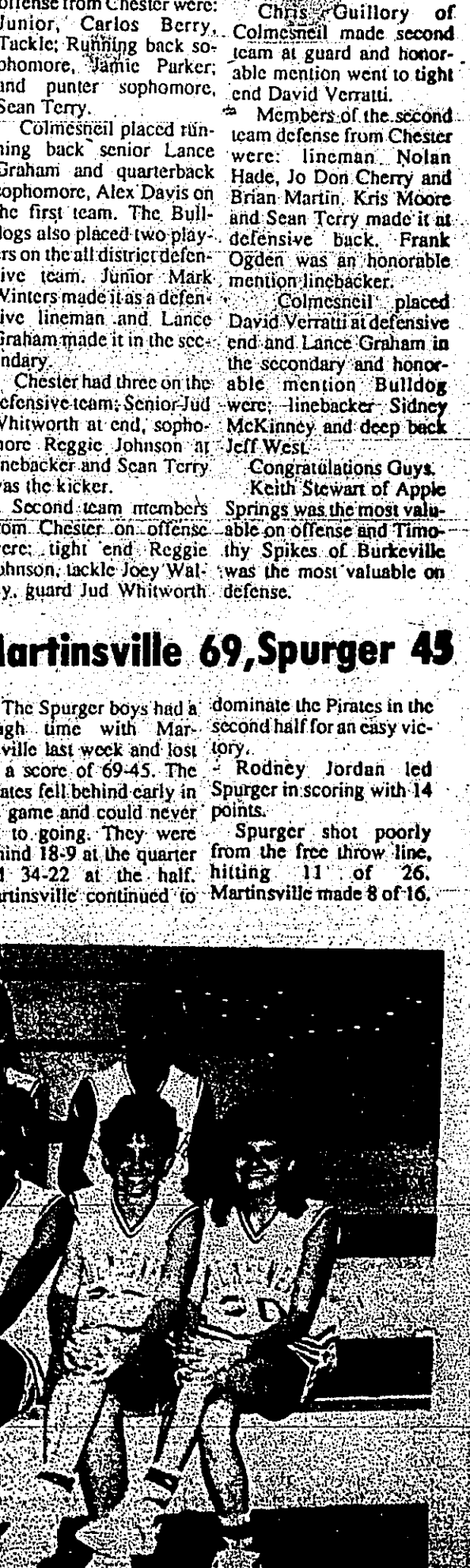
"The Anatomy of a Volcano", a 60-minute color film on Mt. St. Helens, will be the film to be presented at 4:00 P.M. Thursday, December 1, at Allan Shivers Museum. This is one of a series of free films being shown bi-weekly on Thursdays by the library personnel.

### Little Eagle Basketball

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### COLMESNELL GIRLS TEAM

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## ROSALE EDGAR

Rosalie Edgar, 76 of Warren, passed away Sunday at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Deaumont. Funeral arrangements are pending at Riley Funeral Home in Woodville.

## A LITTLE LIGHT PLEASE

By Sue Hendrick

It's that time of year again. People everywhere are beginning to prepare for the holiday season. For two months, loving thoughts are spread openly with the sharing of gifts. At least, for a short time, the true message of Christmas "seems" to be heard.

Yes, for a while, it seems that everyone is unified with their neighbors in purpose and meaning. But then, there are those that dread the holiday season. They are the "poor" in spirit. For them, holidays are a painful reminder of their depressed state of mind.

Feeling that the holiday season will come and go leaving them in the wake, alone, they say, "Bah-Hum-Bug". What a pity it is that you do not realize that the holiday season is only a reminder of a message that lasts all year long. But then, perhaps it is not their fault at all. Perhaps, the fault lies with those of us that know the message, but only live it once a year.

It could be that the sound of the "bells" should be heard all year long. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life more abundantly". Somehow, I feel that he meant that message for everyday. But, if it takes a holiday to keep us on track, then, I say, "More holidays, please!"

Many questions or comments concerning this column are welcomed and should be addressed to the author in care of this newspaper.

### Housefire

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"I put my bet on recovering from that cancer," he said. "And I did. And I will recover from this. Nobody says life will always be easy, and I still have a lot of fight left."

When Harding saw his house burning, he said he thought of sparing it to thank God for sparing it.

"My home was not the Waldorf Astoria, but it was warm and dry, and I was fortunate to not be homeless," he said. "And God willing, I'll have a home again."

"I'm not bitter, I just have another mountain to climb," he said. "I have lost-of-friends-and-it amazes me how they come out of the woodwork to help when you need them."

Harding stressed that he is not one to feel sorry for himself, and that falling to problems he can't solve is not his style. He said he'd trust in God and accept what plans he has for him.

### Pow Wow

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"The monthly mini-powwow will kick off at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium with the 'ground dancing' and will last until 11 p.m. It will feature such crafts as pottery, basketry, beadwork and silversmithing. These items will only be purchased by the public."

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"THE LAW OF GRACE"

The argument of de-nominalism, thinking in the things of sin for which says that men who profess a belief in Christ the "unmerited favor," or grace, and not grace, of God is contrary to the intent of God in the gift and conditions of the gift. When Christ told Nicodemus in John 3:16, "for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life," he stated both the gift (everlasting life) and its terms of receipt. The gift of God's love for his creation produced the gift without man's merit or effort, but with man's obedience to the terms of its acceptance, he cannot have its benefits. (Acts 2:36-41). That is the "law" of grace. For anyone to argue that once having obeyed the terms of the gift given, he can then disregard those terms and still receive the benefits of the gift is to ignore the power of the gift, to simply repossess the gift by means of the gift, and its terms of receipt. Who believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (Gal. 3:16-9; James 1:25).

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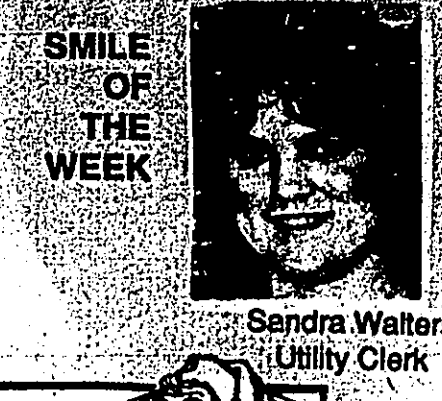
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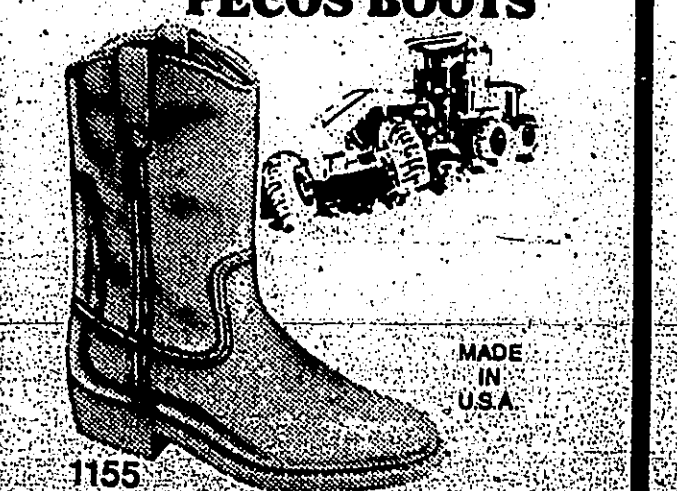
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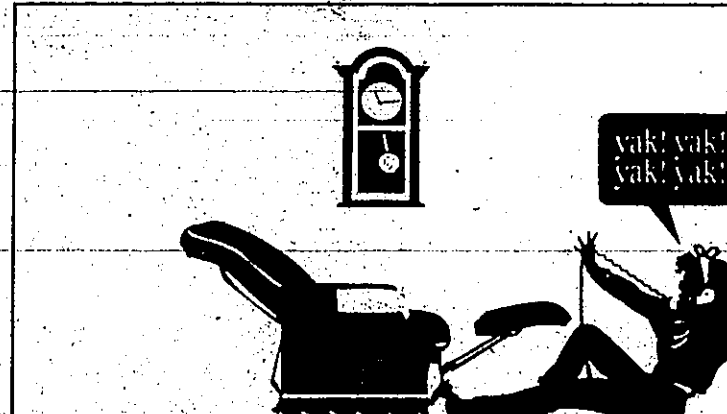
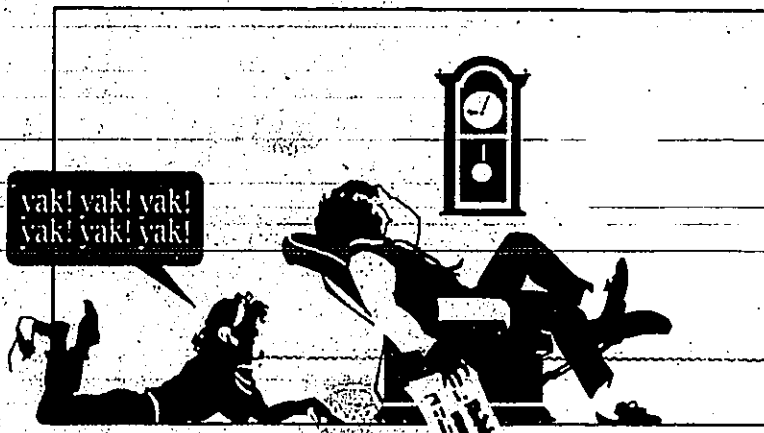
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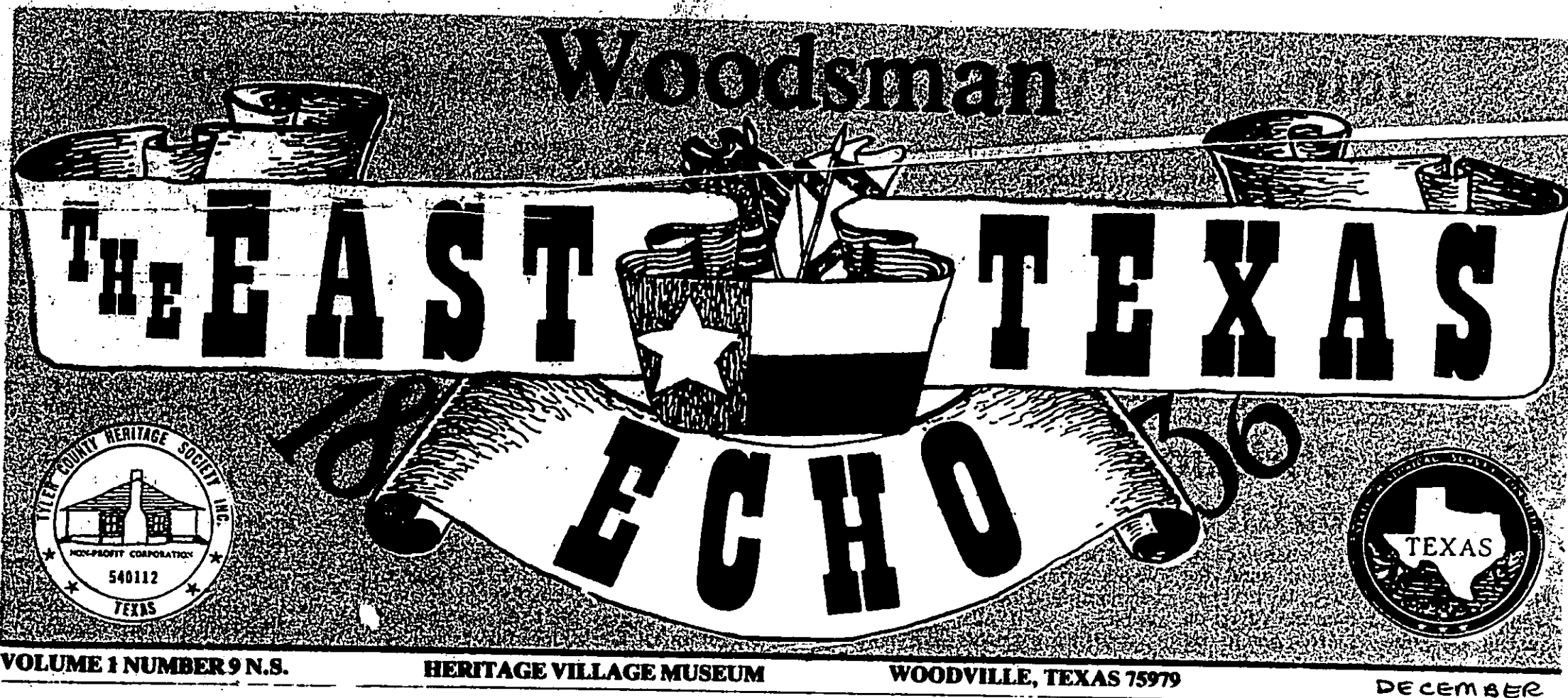
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## Visit To Peter Cauble House Is A Walk Through Time

By John Yearwood

CHESTER—The oldest house in Tyler County, dating from before the Texas Revolution, is the Peter Cauble house in Chester.

Built in 1835, the house still stands shaded by pecans and an elm that are contemporaries of Cauble himself.

But its delapidation increases as the years creep by, and it is now serving as a deer camp for hunters who lease the property from Temple Eastex.

Nevertheless, to visit the house in its quiet glade is to step, momentarily, back through time to an era before engines, when cash crops in this county were cotton and corn, and villagers were few and far between. The forest that Cauble and his slaves laboriously cleared from the land to make fields has now reclaimed those vast cotton fields and encroached on the family's cemetery itself.

The original structure of the house was the standard dog-trot design. A house of similar age, the James Barclay House near the Harmony Community, shares the hewn-log style and an identical jointing at the corners. The Barclay house was constructed first as a single-room log cabin and later expanded to a dog-trot. Currently owned by Mrs. W.H. Risinger, it is the oldest house in the county that retains its original external hewn logs.

The Cauble house, though older than the Barclay House according to some authorities, was clapboarded more than a century ago. It is unique from other early designs in that it appears to have been originally divided into three equal portions, each portion making an almost perfect square. The two portions on either end were enclosed to make large rooms, and each room has, still standing, a large brick fireplace (the brick a turn of the century improvement by John Henry Kirby). At one time each of the large rooms was divided into two smaller rooms.

The central portion was originally left open as the dog-trot. Before the Civil War, however, the original hewn-log house was enclosed by weatherboarding

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THE RESTORATION OF THE 1835 CAUBLE HOUSE—North of Chester, is just one of the projects facing the Tyler County Heritage Society this coming year as a result of a Grant issued to the Society on behalf of Cauble family members.

## Heritage Society Receives Grant To Restore Cauble Home

At the request of the heirs of Peter Cauble, whose home North of Chester is the oldest known structure still standing in the county, the Temple Inland Foundation of Diboll, which owns the property, has granted to the Tyler County Heritage Society the initial funds to help the family restore and preserve the historic Cauble home and adjoining family cemetery.

According to Christine Sanders, president of the Heritage Society, this is one of three grants recently received to help the Society in its stated purposes to preserve, restore and maintain historic

sites and structures throughout Tyler County.

The Texas Historical Foundation, which has recently moved its headquarters to Texas A & M, has granted funds to cover expenses for Professor David Woodcock, a traveling specialist, to come to Woodville some time in December to examine Heritage Village in general and the 1866 Tolar Cabin in particular. The Tolar Cabin, which bears the Texas Historical Commission Medallion, is the most valuable structure within the Village, having been moved intact from Hillister in the mid-sixties.

However, through lack of care and careful maintenance over the years, the cabin has suffered extensive deterioration. Through his expertise, Professor Woodcock will be able to tell the Heritage Society what steps need to be taken to properly preserve and restore this historic structure and hopefully point the Society in the right direction to raise the necessary funding.

Ken Wood of the Southwestern Bell Foundation and a good friend of Heritage Village has announced the first

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place to live but a diversification of interesting things to do to keep your mind active and alive.

And one of those wonderful things to do is getting involved in the Tyler County Heritage Society, which has as its dedicated purpose the preservation, restoration, maintenance and operation of educationally historic structures, sites, landmarks, parks, exhibits, museums and displays within the confines of Tyler County.

Now, if that sounds like a mouthful, it

is. It's also a lot of work that needs a lot of dedicated people, willing to give of themselves, their time and talents as well as their dollars to make sure that at least a portion of these purposes are fulfilled each year.

So, now as another year comes to a close and your hearts and minds are filled with Christmas, we ask each of you - those of you who live elsewhere but are interested in helping preserve the history of this county - and those of you who are privileged to live in this county whose

heritage we all want to preserve - we ask each of you to give one more gift to yourself and to Tyler County by either renewing your membership to the Heritage Society or adding your name to its membership rolls.

It doesn't take much time. Just write a check for \$10 for an individual membership, \$20 for a family membership to the Tyler County Heritage Society and drop it in the mail to the Society at P.O. Box 888, Woodville, Texas 75779. It's tax deductible, of course, and a small price to pay for such a valuable gift.

**Family Christmas Party Set For December 18 Will Feature Village Band And Santa, Too**

'Tis the season to share what we have. And, with that thought in mind, the Heritage Village Band will play host to a family Christmas Party at the Village on Sunday, December 18, from one to five p.m.

Santa Claus will be on hand at the Village Christmas tree throughout the afternoon to talk with your boys and girls and find out what they want for Christmas. He'll also be receiving the gifts you bring for children less fortunate than your own.

A wrapped gift, labeled as to the age of the child and whether for a boy or a girl, will admit you to the Village free.

Meanwhile, Village members will be gathering at 2:00 p.m. ready to give you a rousing Christmas concert at 3:00.

So, get into the spirit of giving on Sunday afternoon, December 18. Bring the whole family, bring those wrapped gifts, see Santa and hear the Heritage Village Band.

And, for goodness sake, take a good look at all the giftable ideas in the Village Museum Store. It's chock full of unique goodies for every one on your list, things you won't find any where else, including some great stocking stuffers. And,

what's more, they'll wrap them for free.

So, come one, come all to Heritage Village Museum any day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and enjoy the sites and sounds and spirit of Christmas. But especially come on Sunday afternoon, December 18, and enjoy a good old fashion family "give and take" Christmas party. It'll do you good

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**HOW TO FIND WOODVILLE:**

**Tyler County Community Calendar**

- December 11, 1988:** Woodville United Methodist Church Ecumenical Choir, under the direction of Ruth Houston with Hails Taylor Jr. at the organ, singing selections from the Messiah.
- First Baptist Church of Woodville, Christmas Musical "Wise Men Seek Him Still" presented by the Melody Makers Choir.
- December 13, 1988:** Winner of the 1989 Ford Pickup will be announced by the Tyler County Hospital Auxiliary. Santa will arrive at the hospital grounds in the truck at 11:30 a.m. and announce the winner.
- December 18, 1988:** Children's Christmas Party at Heritage Village featuring Santa Claus and the Heritage Village Band under the direction of Jim Hudgins. Admittance is free with donation of a gift for a needy child. Gift should be wrapped and labeled whether appropriate for a boy or girl.
- First Baptist Church of Woodville: Adult Choir to present "The Glory of the Lord" at 7 p.m.
- December 21, 1988:** First Baptist Church of Woodville. Annual Candlelight Service featuring Children's Choir and Handbells at 7 p.m.
- December 24, 1988:** Heritage Village Museum Closed For Christmas Eve
- December 25, 1988:** Heritage Village Museum Closed For Christmas Day
- January 21, 1989:** Quilt Search Day at Heritage Village Museum. Texas Heritage Quilt Society.
- January 28 & 29, 1989:** East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance, meeting & hammerfest at Heritage Village.

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### Judge Phillips Greets Village Visitors And Spins Tales-All True, Of Course

Whenever Marjorie Shultz has a special event planned at Heritage Village, all she has to do is give former Woodville City Magistrate T. E. Phillips a call, and he and wife, Bobbie, will trot right out to give her a hand, greeting visitors as they enter the Village near the Justice of the Peace Office, which he and Bobbie have adopted, and entertaining them with a yarn or two about his first career as a Border Patrolman in the Rio Grande Valley.

And all his tales are absolutely true, he's quick to assure you. At the age of 86, Phillips is agile of mind and spirit, with a memory of people, times and places and a collection of stories to match them all.

One of the more bizarre tales he recalled recently involved a case, during which he was responsible for one customs officer and four Mexican gang members being killed, one officer becoming an alcoholic and the latter's wife being committed to an insane asylum, all because he arrested a young Mexican woman, the first woman ever arrested by the Border Patrol, for prostitution. When he proved his case in court and had the woman deported, the word was out that the gang to which she belonged was out to get "Felipe".

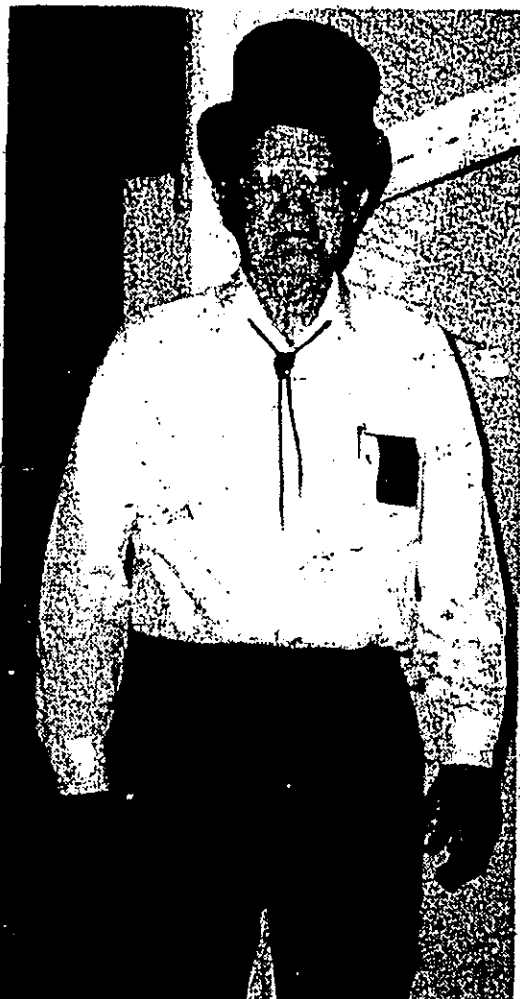
An unpleasant story for this time of the year, perhaps, but remember, this was 1929, during the midst of Prohibition, when the smuggling of liquor was rampant and so-called local officers-of-the-law were more than willing to turn their backs on the such activities within their jurisdiction as long as they received part of the "take."

Before Phillips could pursue the gang further, an incident took place that neither he nor his good friend, Bert Ellison, could anticipate. When Phillips and his family had to take a week off and go home to Port Arthur on family business, Ellison, a customs officer with whom he often worked, offered to take his place.

During Phillips' absence, the Donna Patrol decided to raid a dance hall near Edinburgh for liquor and illegal aliens, not knowing that it was run by the gang that wanted to kill Phillips. When part of the raiding group decided to go another half North of Mission, Ellison and his partner approached the first destination alone, and when Ellison reached out for the sack the gang leader was holding, two of his men grabbed the lawman by the arms and one of the men shot him in the back.

The gang leader mistakenly identified the dead officer as "Felipe", the hated Border Patrolman. There were four gang members in all, all Mexican nationals: the leader, his two cousins, and a very large man who wore large man, who wore laced boots, which was unusual.

During the investigation that followed, the man who wore the laced boots told officers, without identifying himself, where the other members could be found, and in the ensuing battle, the leader was killed and his cousins wounded and put in jail by the avenging officers. Since the man in the laced boots was needed to testify, the customs officer in charge of the Weslaco detail let him sleep in his garage until the trial, during which time his wife gave him his meals.



T.E. PHILLIPS

But, when Phillips returned to the valley and visited the customs office, he recognized the man in the boots as one of the gang members, arrested him on the spot and charged him with murder. Phillips was then credited with breaking the case and the gang.

When the gang leader's cousins, who were brothers, were sentenced to be executed, Phillips received a hand written invitation from the Governor to attend the execution.

As a state's witness, the man with the laced boots was sentenced to Life in prison and sent to Sugarland, where, with the help of two men in a pick up truck, he later escaped and made his way to Mexico, where he started a small store just across the border outside of Rio Rico.

The Border Patrol and Customs Department did everything in their power to have the man extradited, but the Mexican Government would not comply. They even hired a man to go across the border, get the man in the laced boots drunk and bring him back, but it didn't work.

Finally, in desperation, the customs officer, who had befriended the gangster, and the man, who was taking Ellison's place, drove across the bridge into Rio Rico, leaving Phillips and his men at the border as backup. On the Mexican side, the officers bribed a Mexican border patrolman, then drove to the little store, where they killed the last of the gangmen, the man who wore laced boots. Phillips says he still

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## The Last Community Christmas Tree

By Phoebe Armstrong

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story was published in the Woodsmen in 1980 and may be found collected with other delightful Tyler County tales in Phoebe Armstrong's "From The Forks Of Turkey Creek," available at the Museum Book Store at Heritage Village.

Those who can remember it were born into the era of the Community Christmas Tree in our town and have not the faintest idea how and when the practice was begun. There are, however, a number of us around yet who can remember how and why it ended.

The Christmas tree itself was, by some ports, brought to America by German mercenaries, the Hessians who were soldiers hired by the British Crown during the Revolutionary War to subdue the rebellious colonies. Britain was too busy fighting a war on the continent of Europe to send enough of their own soldiers over to do the job.

There is no question that the Christmas tree originated in Germany. It grew out of the pagan religion of some Germanic tribes who endowed trees with souls and spirits that ruled over certain aspects of their lives. From that the fir tree got into Christian festivals mainly through its use as a chief prop in a medieval play about Adam and Eve. The tree was hung with apples symbolizing the Paradise Tree of the Garden of Eden. Small white wafers represented the Holy Eucharist. The wafers later became cookies in the shape of stars, angels, bells, etc.



Martin Luther is said to have placed lighted candles on the branches of a fir tree to create his impression of the stars in Heaven; his impression of the stars in Heaven is also what the fir tree got down to East Texas. The first known substitute of a Christmas tree in America was held in York, Pennsylvania, in 1818. It was popularly spread rapidly over the country with the influx of German immigrants and working pioneers. In 1877 an item in the daily Press of Philadelphia reported, quoting the "Papers": "As well as we might dance without music, or attempt to write a poem without rhythm, as to see Christmas without a Christmas tree."

For a number of years the Community Christmas Tree in Woodville was set up on the Courthouse Square and the attending festivities took place in the open around it. But inclement weather, helped no doubt by the tricks of town pranksters, drove the celebration indoors. There secrecy prevailed and suspense and excitement grew as the great evening drew near.

The year before that last one, the

Community Christmas Tree had gone off very much as it had every year preceding it.

The Community Christmas Tree was for everybody. Dressed in Sunday best, parents came early, seating themselves and their little ones as close to it as possible that they might gaze in silent awe upon its wonders. Young fellows lolled around the vestibule waiting for the girls to step under the branches of mistletoe and their due, a traditional Christmas kiss.

All week little boys had tried to peek in the high window of the old Masonic Hall that faced on Charlton Street just behind the white frame Baptist Church. About the time one would manage to balance himself precariously on the shoulder of another for an eye-level view, one of the ladies of the committee would come outside flapping her apron to shoot them off with the threat that there wouldn't be a thing for them if they didn't stay away.

All week the bustling activity inside the hall had gone on: Almost every grown-up in town had been there at one time or another. Some rushed in to make a delivery; others stayed from early till late doing only they and heaven knew what.

Now Christmas Eve was come at last. The hall was ablaze with the light of lanterns hung between clumps of greenery along the walls and of a hundred candles sparkling on the center of the room. The wax candles were held in tiny holders atop metal clothespin-like clips that were snapped onto sturdy twigs. The star on the topmost bough almost reaching the high ceiling glittered and glowed in the flickering light. The lower limbs were strung with loops of red cranberries, white popcorn, and colored paper chains. Tip ends of branches bore tufts of cotton snow.

There were no Christmas wrappings at all. Bare presents hung from every limb and nestled in every fork against the tree's trunk. Large, unwieldy ones stood on the floor beneath the tree for all to behold. There was a bicycle for every small boy to wish was his and a golden-haired doll in a doll buggy, an exact replica of a baby's carriage, for every little girl's mouth to water for.

Every little girl but one knew who would get the doll and doll buggy. It lay next to every girl. In every age group there had always been one or two privileged children whose presents were so loved that they pointed up the names of all the other gifts. It seemed strange to the other children and not quite right that a rich child, one who already had everything, would always get the finest toys from Santa, while he brought poor children only some small trinkets or a pair of mittens. It was this sort of thing and the red velvet album with the music box inside displayed where everyone could see it that finally spelled the doom of this lovely Christmas custom.

When the boys of young beauties had run the gamut of the young swains around the mistletoe and all were in their places, a hush fell over the hall. The clear sweet strains of "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" filled the vast spaces of the old auditorium as the robed choir in single file came down through the crowd to their position in front of and facing the audience. Then everybody stood up and sang. Such joyous singing you never heard. Through "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night" and all the old favorites

the caroling went on and on.

At some point in the singing there was the slam of the door and a rattling, jostling noise that made all eyes turn back toward the entrance. There, framed by the doorway, stood a roly-poly Santa with a long white beard. He was dressed in a red suit and his flowing white hair was topped by a red toboggan cap. A huge sack filled to overflowing slouched on the floor beside him. Though he might have seemed vaguely familiar to the young ones as he waddled down the aisle pulling his sack behind him, he did cut a fine figure of a Santa and he "Ho, Ho, Ho-ed" resoundingly.

After the names had been called and all the presents handed down, after the rich little girl with a look of surprise had wheeled the buggy and its cherished contents to her place beside her proud parents, and after the gorgeous red velvet album with the music box inside had been given to her mother, Santa took from his pack a gift for each child present who had nothing on the tree.

It was almost a perfect evening-almost.

The candles flickered out one by one. The lantern flames blackened their globes. The forlorn tree leaned crazily-its cranberry and popcorn loops sagging or broken. It was over, but it would be talked about until the midnight hours as neighbor visited neighbor to sip eggnog and munch fruitcake.

Certain talk started that very Christmas Eve over the eggnog and fruitcake. There were no words of criticism no central plan. The red velvet album was mentioned only once. Someone

figured the young husband was so much in love with his wife he wanted the whole blame town to know. Then, I remember Moe saying quietly to those gathered around our fireplace, "You know," and she hesitated a bit choosing just the right words, "I think it would be nice to put



up our own tree next Christmas right here in our own parlor." There were nods of assent and even an outspoken, "A-men".

That was all, but surely the same conversation must have been taking place around the fires in other homes throughout the town.

The idea wasn't new. Some few families had already begun to decorate their own trees, but they continued to attend and support the community project. People of the town by and large, however, still depended upon the town for that part of the Christmas celebration. Their children came home to hang up long cotton stockings by the fireplace in hopes that Santa would fill them with

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### Pot Bellied Stove On Loan To Sheriff's Office

You never really know what's going to happen when visitors come to Heritage Village. Sometimes, they come, they tour and they leave with a kind word or two, and that's the end of it. The Village Staff invites them to return and meanwhile hopes they'll spread the word.

But sometimes, as in the case of the Dave Burrows of Livingston, these visitors return quite soon, bringing with them an artifact to be added to the Village's vast collection of early Tyler County history. And, that is truly wonderful.

And this is exactly what happened, when Mr. and Mrs. Burrows dropped by the Village last month. They wanted to know about everything, and because their interest was so keen, Marjorie Schults already has lots of interesting activities lined up for January.

To begin with, January will be Quilt Month at Heritage Village Museum with historic quilts and quilt related exhibits on display all month long and a Quilt Search Day scheduled for Saturday, January 21. That's when you bring that

old quilt your grandmother or great Aunt Sarah made and let the experts from the Texas Heritage Quilt Society tell you all about it.

Then on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29, members of the newly formed East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance will be gathering for their first get acquainted meeting and hammerfest at the Blacksmiths Shop at Heritage Village Museum, which will be their home base. Should be a rousing good

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**COFFEE TIME**—Sheriff-elect Gary Hennigan pours a cup of coffee heated on the old Pot Bellied Stove donated by Dave Burrows of Livingston to the Heritage Village Sheriff's Office. Gary and his wife, Debbie, have adopted the Sheriff's Office.

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### Allan Shivers Library And Museum NEWS

A program of Christmas movies will be offered during the Thursday afternoon Movie Hour at the Allan Shivers Library and Museum.

The movies are free to the public and will begin at 4 p.m. on December 15.

This Christmas offering should be of special interest to all family members and presents an opportunity for all to enjoy a quiet time of reflection and enjoyment.

In observance of the Christmas Holidays, the Allan Shivers Library and Museum will be closed on Friday, December 23, Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 25.

The Library and Museum will also be closed on Monday, January 2.

Regular hours, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. will be observed on Saturday, December 31.

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By Donna Crain

With all the ribbon tying, chicken frying and mistletoe hanging, our old Chick-O-Claus is still making a list. That's right. Sitting at the front door on a big ball of hay with his big white beard and his long yellow beak, he flaps his feathers to greet all comers. We hope y'all come by and wave back.

We will be closed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, so you'll have to visit early for your Pickett House treat. But, never fear, we will be open on New Years Eve and New Years Day. And you bet we'll have plenty of Blackeyed Peas and Ham Hocks on hand to insure you of lots of good luck during 1989.

I tried this old recipe last Friday at the Pickett House, then let a few of our customers sample it. Well, everyone wanted to know our secret. I told them they'd just have to wait and read about it in the December issue of the East Texas Echo. So, true to our promise, here's our recipe for "Couch Cough".  
2 cups Stone Ground Cornmeal

1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 1/2 cups milk or water  
1/2 cup lard or oil  
Mix corn meal, salt, baking powder and milk (or water) thoroughly. Melt lard or oil in skillet over high heat. Pour cornmeal mixture into hot skillet and continue over high heat until a crust forms. Then, give it a good stir, lower the heat to simmer, cover and cook 15 minutes. Serve with Ribbon Cane syrup, milk and a sprinkle of sugar as a cereal or with crisp bacon (cracklings) with your dinner. Of course, we served ours with our old fashioned Ribbon Cane, and it was mighty good, just as good as it was way back when, when it was popular as a cheap and substantial menu item for lots of families.

We're still kind of spoiled to our our piping hot homemade biscuits, of course. Just spread a little butter after you break one open and pour than Ribbon Cane syrup over it, and you just can't beat it. We sure cook up a lot of those 'biscuits at the Pickett House. Our Granny Rose, who's been with us for ten years now, starts early every morning rolling out the dough and cutting and baking, then cooking up her famous homemade soups. She sure made some good Chicken/Rice Soup today. Hope you were here to enjoy some of it.

You know, we tell all our customers if you go away hungry, it's your own fault. So y'all come try some of our try cooking and do it soon.

Meanwhile, Merry Christmas to all of you - from Don and Donna Crain and the whole Pickett House gang. P.S. And from Chick-O-Claus too.

### ★ Community Christmas Tree

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fruit and candy and just maybe the special toy they had asked him for. Even without the help of as yet unavailable telephones, the message got around town. At quilting bees and church circles the sentiment spread. The idea just took root and grew.

While the ladies of the Christmas Tree Committee might have heard rumblings of discontent, there was nothing overt to keep them from their yearly chores come the next December.

When the week before Christmas arrived that year, the choir began nightly practice of the songs they would sing. The giant holly was brought in from the woods and set up in the Masonic Hall. The usual strings of cranberries and popcorn were strung and a few new embellishments were added to the decorations. Pine cones were dipped in red paint and hung from boughs; sweetgum burrs were gilded and hung among them to add glitter. Red ribbon bows were tied around lantern bases along the walls and greenery filled the intervals between. Even the mistletoe was hung by a fancy ribbon above the entrance to the hall. Santa's sack was packed with warm mittens and caps and small toys. All was ready for the great night.

On the morning of December 24 of that year, the ladies surveyed the result of their week's work and pronounced it better than ever.

But where were the parents with presents for their children? They had never been this late before. Only a handful of mothers and one father had been there so far. The others, they feared would wait until the last minute and all try to hang them on the tree at the same time. What a mess that could make of their beautiful tree!



## The Legend of the Christmas Tree

The custom of decorating small evergreen trees at Christmas began in Germany. One legend suggests that St. Boniface, the English missionary to Germany in the eighth century, started the custom. Observing the people gathering near an oak tree, he cut it down and an evergreen tree grew up in its place. St. Boniface told the people the young evergreen tree was a symbol of new faith and new life.

The Christmas tree arrived in America before it reached England. Hessian soldiers of George III decorated trees during the American Revolution. Even earlier, German settlers in Pennsylvania were decorating Christmas trees with lights, sweets, and colored paper.

The Christmas tree became part of the English celebration only after the marriage of German Prince Albert and Queen Victoria.

The four most popular, commonly used Christmas trees are illustrated below.

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