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Drake Seeks Office

The Following is a statement of Candidacy:
"Incumbent Judge Roy C. Drake has announced that he will run for re-election for the position he has held since 1975, J. P. Precinct 4, Tyler County."
"I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all voters and citizens of Precinct 4, Tyler County for past support and confidence invested in me by allowing me to serve you the people in an important and responsible office."
"I am a lifelong resident of this area and have lived at Rt. 1 Hwy. 92 Spurper, Texas since 1960. I am married to Kathryn (Candy) Drake and have three children: Amy, Alan, and Angela. I attended Silsbee and Spurper Schools. Also Angelina

Junior College night classes and in-service training schools at South-west Texas State University yearly for the past 15 years. I am a veteran of the Armed Services having Served in the Seventh Army, Headquarter company in Europe.
"I commit myself to continue the honest and fair handling of all the duties of this office, to maintain an open door policy while remembering that this office belongs to the people."
"I ask for and need your support to continue the progress we have made in this office. Thank you for your vote in the March 13 Democratic Primary."

Roy C. Drake



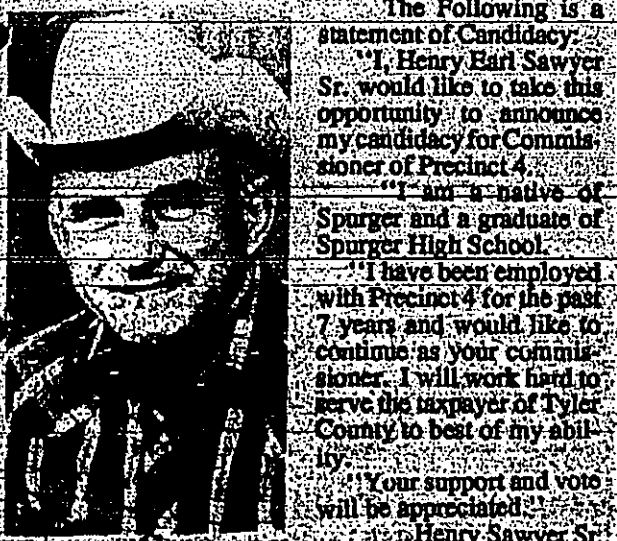
Pate Callaway Roy Drake •Callaway Fites

The Following is a statement of Candidacy:
"I, Pate Callaway, am announcing my candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct 4. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself."
"I was born and raised in Fred. After my Father died, I went to Beaumont and caught a ship. It took me overseas. I came back one year later. I was old enough then to get a Minors release and went to work for Mobil Oil Co. I worked on their Tug Boats and Ships for over 23 years. I retired from there Jan. 1969. I then went to work for the Baptist Hospital and worked there in the maintenance Dept. 6 months. I then went to the Highway Dept. in Beaumont. I also

worked in Galveston on the Perry Boats for 2 years. I came back to Beaumont and worked there again for several years before I was transferred to Woodville. I retired from there Dec. 30, 1988.
"My wife is Bessie Phillips Callaway. She was born and raised in Fred. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Son Phillips. We are active members of Victory Baptist Church in Town Bluff. I feel I am qualified to be your Commissioner. I would appreciate your vote. With the help of my Family, Friends and Love ones I will do the best of my ability on the job."

Pate Callaway

Sawyer In Race



Henry Sawyer

The Following is a statement of Candidacy:
"I, Henry Earl Sawyer Sr. would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct 4."
"I am a native of Spurper and a graduate of Spurper High School."
"I have been employed with Precinct 4 for the past 7 years and would like to continue as your commissioner. I will work hard to serve the taxpayer of Tyler County to best of my ability."
"Your support and vote will be appreciated!"
Henry Sawyer Sr.

Two In Beaumont Hospitals

One Dead In Head-on Wreck Sunday

A two car head-on collision, including John Killam of John Killam Sunday School, at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning at the intersection of Highway 92 and Highway 100, resulted in the death of one person and two others in Beaumont. The driver of the car that struck the other car was identified as John Killam, 27, of Woodville, Texas. He was driving a 1982 Toyota Mark II. The other car was a 1982 Chevrolet. The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as John Killam, 27, of Woodville, Texas. He was driving a 1982 Chevrolet. The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as John Killam, 27, of Woodville, Texas. He was driving a 1982 Chevrolet.



The Pools

Homes Tour Saturday

The Annual Christmas Tour of Homes will be held Saturday, December 9th from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The Homes included in the tour this year are as follows: (1) Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hill, 1402 Garden Street, sponsored by the Heritage Civic Club. (2) Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pool, Chesswood Addition, sponsored by Reading Club. (3) Dr. and Mrs. Larry Phillips, 1306 So. Magnolia sponsored by the Study Club.

Also, included this year is the Allan Shivers Museum. Mrs. Allan Shivers, wife of the late Governor Allan Shivers and her daughter Mrs. Dillon Ferguson, will arrive this weekend. Mrs. Shivers plans to greet guests as they visit the Allan Shivers Museum during the tour of homes. Several Victorian ornaments and much memorabilia will be on display. With the help of several honor students from Woodville High School Mrs. Shivers will look forward to seeing old friends as well as meeting new. Join with us this Saturday, December 9 as we tour the special attraction of the museum along with the three homes slated.

Tickets for all 3 homes & Museum are \$5.00 Individual Stops Cost \$2.00
Christmas crafts and bake goods will be on sale. It promises to be a great day to begin the Christmas season.



The Hills



The Phillips

Hospital Gets \$86,093 Temple Grant

The Tyler County Hospital District has received an \$86,093 contingency grant from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation to expand the hospital's emergency care facilities.

Hospital Administrator Thomas E. Sturdivant said emergency patient care has increased fifteen percent in the past two years.

Construction will be

under the supervision of the hospital's maintenance department.

Tyler County Hospital opened in 1950. Its full time staff of 100 serves 7500 patients annually in the Woodville area, and maintains tertiary care agreements with Lufkin and Beaumont hospitals. It is the primary indigent care facility in the greater Woodville area.

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations and government agencies primarily in the East Texas Timber Belt. It was established by members of the Temple family in honor of the founder of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, now Temple-Inland Inc.

Owens Seeks Re-Election

My Fellow Citizens:

"For the past year I have served as your County Judge. Marilyn and I have appreciated your many acts of kindness. The accomplishments which we have achieved working together have brought a spirit of cooperation and a business climate to this County. The office of County Judge is an important office in that it deals with each of you on a local level in matters of probate, civil and criminal trials, County Administration, and also it is a voice to

State and Federal Government.

"It is after much thought and reflection that I have decided to submit my name for re-election to this office in the next general election. I know there is yet much to be done, and with your help and support we can continue to move Tyler County forward for our families and their children."

Yours for Good Government,
Jerome Owens

District Board Rejects Audit

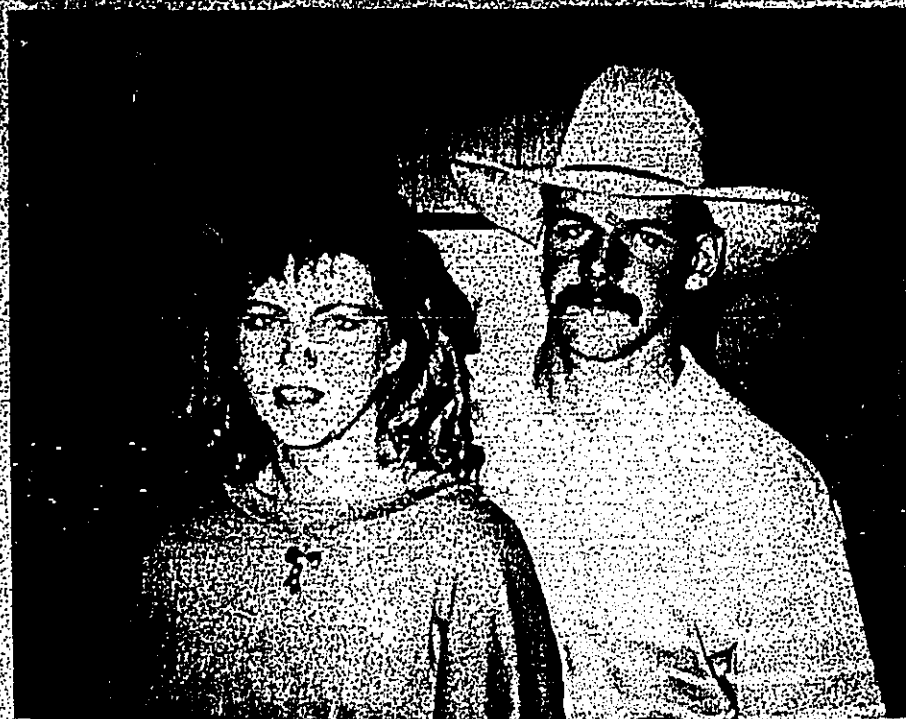
By Annabeth Willis

The Warren Independent School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, November 28, 1989, and refused to accept the 1988-89 Audit Report prepared by James Neushafer & Associates. Taxpayer Ed Killam spoke to the Board regarding the Audit Report and requested that it not be accepted for reasons of inaccuracy and inadequacy. Two items of great concern to Killam were: (1) Circumvention of the bidding requirement of \$5,000.00 concerning the covered walkway and (2) a carpet bid being awarded to a firm that was not the low bidder on the job. According to Mrs. Wheeler, who represented Neushafer & Associates, their main concern with the covered walkway was that checks were cut without any purchase orders. In regard to the carpet bid, she said that they could not find the amounts of the bids in the minutes or tapes of the meeting when the contract was awarded. Mrs. Wheeler stated that she wrote a letter to the Board Members and the Superintendent, addressing these issues and cautioning them not to let it happen again. When asked why this was not put in the audit, Mrs. Wheeler answered, "We chose not to make a big issue of it, why make a big issue and have TEA coming down on Warren's head? We thought it was a local problem, the district was not in the business of making a big issue of it."

was bookkeeper in the business office during the time in question, asked for a transfer out of that office August 31, 1989. When contacted by the Booster Dec. 4 Young said, "I acted under orders from the Superintendent. The Board was made aware of all the discrepancies in my hearing during Executive Session at the Board Meeting September 26, 1989." Young was reassigned to the Computer Department in September. The vote to accept the Audit Report ended in a 3-3 tie with Board Members Kenneth Gregory, Harold Davis and Ben Read voting for accepting the report and Board Members Julia Greenwood, Paul Hicks and Roy Moore voting against accepting the report. The Board instructed Mrs. Wheeler to come back to the regular meeting December 19, 1989, with an Audit Report which would include the items of the walkway and carpet and anything that would be a conflict of policy.

Dixie Weeks presented the 1988-89 TEAMS results for exit level students. Out of the 70 students who took the test, 31 mastered the math section and 59 mastered the language arts section.

The Board voted to pay salaries for the Warren High School Varsity Cheerleaders to go to Nashville, Tennessee, December 27, 1989, when they will compete in the Tennessee State Cheerleading Competition. The Board also voted to pay salaries for the Warren High School Varsity Cheerleaders to go to Nashville, Tennessee, December 27, 1989, when they will compete in the Tennessee State Cheerleading Competition.



JENKINS/GOLDWATER ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Jenkins Jr. of Palestine are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Melissa Ann Jenkins to Phillip (Gus) Goldwater Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Goldwater of Athens. Friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony on December 9, 1989 at 2 p.m. at the Bois d'Arc Baptist Church. Grandparents of the bride to be are Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Hicks of Woodville and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jenkins of Palestine.

Reading Club Meets

The Woman's Reading Club of Woodville met Sure-Methods of Prevention November 29, 1989 in the home of Mrs. Audrey Durham. Mrs. Alberta Lewis was co-hostess.

Woodville gave a talk on Sure-Methods of Prevention and Treatment. Members participated in a workshop for the Tour of Homes which will be December 9, 1989.

Obituaries

J. D. Benton

J. D. Benton, 63, of Colmesneil died November 27, at Woodland Heights Hospital in Lufkin. Funeral was at 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 29 at Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial at Fairview Cemetery near Woodville under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Tim Durr, branch president of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, conducting the services. A native of Zavalla, he lived in Colmesneil most of his life and was a retired paint and body shop owner. Survivors include his wife Dolly "Dempie" Benton of Colmesneil; daughters, Mary Ann Barker and Shelia Knight, both of Lufkin; mother, Percilla Daugherty Benton of Zavalla; a brother, J. A. Benton of Colmesneil; and five grandchildren. Serving as pallbearers were: Kyle Barker, Mike Widner, Steven Barker, Grant Knight, Jerry Barker, Marvin Cowart, Dan Chaney and Floyd Swazzy.

Eric Rhandel Carpenter

Graveside services for Baby Boy, Eric Rhandel Carpenter, were held at 2 p.m. December 3 at Warren City Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Riley Funeral Home in Woodville with Bro. Melvin McCallion officiating. He passed away December 2 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont. Survivors include his mother, LeAnn Redmon Carpenter and father, Ricky L. Carpenter of Hillister; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redmon of Hillister and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Smith of Ivanhoe.



"WINNER"—Kay Branch, local Mary Kay consultant, presents June Maxey, winner of the \$100 "Shopping Spree", with her basket of Mary Kay Holiday products. Christmas Open House held last Monday and hosted by 8 area consultants.

Shopping With Dee

Red Barn

The RED BARN located one mile north of Hwy. 190 West of Woodville on FM 256 in the Campground area of Tyler County, smells of lemon oil mingled with the smells of both antiques and contemporary items. There are cases filled with small dolls and large dolls, antique and modern. Early twentieth century toys of all types are scattered among old china and glassware as they fill pie safes and tops of pedestal tables. There is something for young and old, man and woman.

These antiques and collectibles have been by Barbara and Bernard Phillips. After moving to the Woodville area from Houston in 1974 and building their own home, Barbara's collections kept growing in their allotted space. So she opened the Piney Woods Shop on the west end of West Bluff in 1978. Later she shared a shop in the square in Woodville until the Red Barn was completed.

Open by chance or appointment seven days a week, sales Barbara welcomed about her hours of business. Or you may call 283-5073 and let her know you're coming to visit, browse or buy.

Judy Greer Cakes & Catering

Aromas of fruitcake cookies, gingerbread, and pecan tarts fill the air in the kitchen of Judy (Sanders) Greer at her Woodville home during the holiday season. But something is always baking in her large ovens.

A native of Woodville, Judy reminisces, "I was about 8 or 9 years old when Momma let me bake by first cake." And she has been baking and cooking ever since and enjoying her job. Her family and friends and clients keep Judy busy.

Using and constantly adapting the recipes from her large collection of cookbooks became a full-time profession over 13 years for Judy. After preparing eye-appealing gourmet foods, she also caters them for small parties and receptions in the Woodville area.

When planning your special, call Judy one week in advance or 3 days for a single order. Early mornings or evening and weekends, call 283-2046 and Judy will share her kitchen treats with you.



"HO! HO! HO!"—Santa has arrived at Warfield's Gifts at 210 West Bluff according to Vickie Warfield, proprietress. Fact is though, this Santa is familiar to folk around Tyler County because he has been in the Warfield Store window for a good many years. "He has been the talk of the town every Christmas", Mrs. Warfield said.

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Moore, Josey Wed

Melanie Moore and Josey Josey exchanged marriage vows on Nov. 10, 1989 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Nabo Baptist Church in Fred, Texas, with Rev. Charles Haynes performing the Double Ring Ceremony. Melanie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Moore of Fred, Texas. Josey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Josey of Slacks, Texas. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Barney Moore. Organist was Judy Moore and Virginia Haynes. Soloist was Susan Moore. The bride wore a gown fashioned with white, tulle, taffeta and white silk.



Mrs. Chris Josey



Bouquet accented with Alencon lace and sequins. High neckline is also accented with pearls. The bishop sleeves are of tulle and sheer. The focal point of this lovely gown is the unique skirt. It is puffed with pink roses, very full bouffant. The roses are scattered all over the skirt and train. It is highlighted all around with a deep ruffle edged in Alencon lace with pearls and sequins. To top this gown is a matching veil with pink roses. Sprays of pearls with white satin and white ribbons. Flower girl was Larni Airheart. Ring bearer was Kevin Sims. Bridesmaid was Misty Ard and she wore a dress of Blue all over Chantilly lace with a ruffle surrounding the neck of Blue Organza. The sleeves are short puffed of lace. Skirt sweeps up to the waistline in back of multiple ruffles of blue Organza. Norman Hollyfield Jr. and Ken Josey lit the candles and seated the guest. Carolyn Moore, Sonja McLaughlin, Tracy Moore, Kay Hollyfield and Amber Balla served in the reception which was held in the Church Fellowship Hall. Melanie is a student at Denney's Beauty School in Beaumont. Chris works for Wooden Pallets, Inc. in Evadale. They will make their home in Fred.

Cross Receives Scholarship

Deanna Sue Cross of Warren has received the Louis M. Pearson, Jr. endowed scholarship from the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

The College of Agriculture Endowed Scholarship Program was established in 1983 to attract gifted young scholars to Texas A&M. The scholarships each funded by a donated endowment of \$25,000, are presented to students with high academic and leadership qualities pursuing a degree in agriculture. Income generated from the endowments should provide Cross with \$2,000 per year for four years of undergraduate study.

Cross, currently a freshman in bioenvironmental sciences at A&M, graduated from Kelly High School in Beaumont. She served as president of the debate team and was a state semi-finalist for student congress. She was active in the Gen. Club, Social Studies Club and a member of the Academic Challenge Team.

Cross was a Civil Air Patrol Flight Sergeant and served on the cadet advisory council.

Cross is the daughter of Melvin and Rebecca Cross of Warren.



Mr. & Mrs. Dale Eddins

Theresa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy L. Graham of Colmesneil. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie D. Eddins of Houston.

Miss Terrie Graham, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and serving as best man was Mr. Troy L. Graham Jr., brother of the bride.

The couple have made their home in Houston, Texas.

OES Luncheon Set For Dec. 8

Woodville Chapter #462, Order Eastern Star, will hold a Gumbo Luncheon on Friday, December 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at Masonic Hall 290 Holly St. A donation of \$4.00 each. Everyone is invited.

GARAGE SALE—Tyler County Extension Club, Fri. Dec. 8, 9am-4pm & Sat. Dec. 9, 8am-1pm. Spurger United Methodist Church, FM 1-13. Proceeds to send delegates to State Convention.

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School Reporters

Warrior Whoop

By Tracey Lynn
The FFA held a can food drive before the Thanksgiving holidays. Held as a class competition, the seniors were by collecting approximately 50 cans. These cans were distributed to needy families through churches in Fred and Warren. Another can drive will be held before Christmas.

Elementary students are creating a Christmas tree decorated with mittens this year. The mittens will be given to needy children in the area. They will hold their annual Christmas Program Tuesday, at 7 p.m. On Thursday, December 7, the fourth grade will be attending the Nutcracker Ballet.

State president Jeff Rash visited Warren FFA Thursday, November 30. He gave an excellent speech. Also FFA is preparing to deliver fruit or

Bulldog Growls

By Larissa Porter
Vicky Wood
Now that Thanksgiving is over, Christmas is on its way. The Beta Club members have prepared Christmas cards to send to people in the services. The cards will be distributed to many different locations as possible. Beta has also prepared a fruit basket to take to a nursing home in Woodville. Keep the Christmas Spirit Beta Club.

Basketball season is here and the Varsity girls have started the season off to a great start by winning their first game against West Sabine. The Lady

Woodville 9-12 Honor Roll

SECOND SIX WEEKS

Ninth Grade All A Honor Roll Students are: Penny Dean and Billy Gazzaway. All A and B Students are: Duna Barlow, Amy Benhall, Samantha Best, Clay Blackney, Leslie Boykin, Kisha Brazil, David Davis, Marcus Dickerson, Michael Houston, Helen Lherisson, Trisha Morell, John Muniean, Cherie Odom, Kenneth Rogers, Melvin Sims, and Naomi Sugg.

The Spanish Club will sing Christmas Carols at Parkdale Mall on Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The Warrior Relays will be held March 2 & 3. The meet is for both varsity boys and girls.

The FFA M&M sell concludes this week and the group expects good results. They also are making plans for the future.

The Warren Basketball Tournament was held this past weekend. The Warriors were eliminated from tournament play after two games.

Eleventh Grade All A Honor Roll Students are: Rita Edwards, Cord Engsign, Claire Kinney, Dawn Trest, and Charlie Trest. All A and B Honor Students are: Subrida Barclay, Julie Dean, Sha-Franklin, Cindy Murphy, Joanna Phillips, Angela Rucks, Derek Scott, David Shown, Christine Smith, Jana Surdavit, Wendy Unsworth, Melvin White, John Wooten and Angela Yancey.

Twelfth Grade All A Honor Roll Students are: Tracey Dies, Tamarind Odom, Melissa Rachel, Stefanie Ramos, and Karen Tucker. All A and B Honor Students are: Raymond Abram, Cy Alexander, Michelle Benoit, Charlotte Blackmon, Tommy Coker, Bryn Borel, Erin Brochtrup, Jill Brooks, Marie Calhoun, Misty Kimball, Angela Kinard, Shelia Owens, Mark Santos, Emily Spurlock, and Elizabeth Sullivan. Honor Students for A and B Honor Roll are: Leif Babin, Sonya Baird, Eric Barz, Leigh Blakeney, Kari Brooks, Terry Foster, Darrell Throver, Jimmy Wade, and Rusty Walton. Honor Students for A and B Honor Roll are: Melissa Barrette, Gena Burnes, Dane Brochtrup, Darin Buitas, Russ Brown, Donald Calhoun, Deborah Cooke, Angela Cook, Jason Dickerson, Ryan Dodson, Kristi Durr, Kandle Hatten, Jessica Helton, Doretha Fortenberry, Kelly Gardner, Laverance Hicks, Sonora Kirkland, Brandi Kinard, D. J. Lacy, Christine Mahan, Kelly Martin, Shawna Reese, Robert Russell, Justin Sturrock, Penny Stuart, Amy Sanford, Casey Winters, Heath Weaver, Kenyata Williams, and Stephanie Ray.

Seventh Grade All A Honor Roll Students are: Ashley Allison, December Barlow, Karen Collier, Sharon Collier, Jacqueline Daniels, Melissa Fitcher, Carlos Gonzales, Bethany Holman, Jenna Keneson, Karena Kirk, Shawanna Kirkwood, Josh McKisick, David Morris, Aimee Oandson, Deann Odom, Mollie Odom, Peggy Patel, Charla Piske, Ryan Scott, Bridgette Sells, Dana Summerville, and Jami Walker. Honor Students for A and B Honor Roll are: Carolyn Abbott, Robert Borel, Karen Cochran, Carolyn Divins, Mark Dominy, Ginger Falls, Cliff Neyland, Billy Dykes, Heather Faircloth, Tasha Ross, Raven Smith, Rachel Thompson, Chrissy Adaway, Amber Carney, Crystal Pittman, and Angie Wood. Third Grade All A Honor Students are: Lee Alegre, and Jennifer Reynolds.

Woodville Middle School Honor Roll


Cliff Neyland, Billy Dykes, Heather Faircloth, Tasha Ross, Raven Smith, Rachel Thompson, Chrissy Adaway, Amber Carney, Crystal Pittman, and Angie Wood. Third Grade All A Honor Students are: Lee Alegre, and Jennifer Reynolds.

Colmesneil Elem. Honor Roll

Colmesneil Honor Roll First Grade: IA, A and B Honor Students are: Justin Bennett, David Calmes, Joshua Carney, Misty Cruse, Chris Edwards, Jeffrey Parker, Chad Patrick, J. I. Smith, Dana Stewart, Andrew Hall, Jessica Brown, Ryan Hightower, Jessica Montgomery, Aaron Parrish, and Michael Simmons. IB Honor Students are: Kaci Andrus and Michael Patrick.

Cardinal Club Issues Support For Grid Team

The Lamar Cardinal Club Board of Directors met on Nov. 27 and issued the following statement concerning the status of the Lamar Football program: "We fully support the



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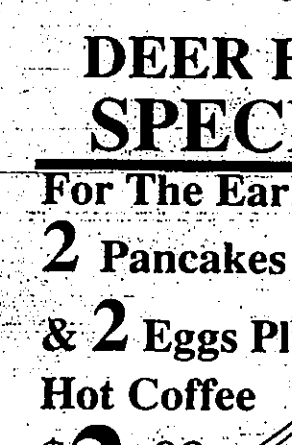


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Dec. 9th

PA. SCOTT COMPLETES BASIC
Pvt. John P. Scott has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Scott is the son of John L. and Carrie L. Scott of 2625 Highway 190 E. Woodville, Texas.



Service With A Smile

New Allison Chevrolet Service Manager Tom Parker brings some 20 years in the automobile repair business to his new post. Formerly he was owner and operator of The Torque Shop in Doucette for the past 13 years. Tom says he appreciates Allison Chevrolet, "because the whole dealership is based on quality service. It's the backbone of the entire business. Take care of the people, it's the shop's motto."

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-DQ Manager Roberto Harrison

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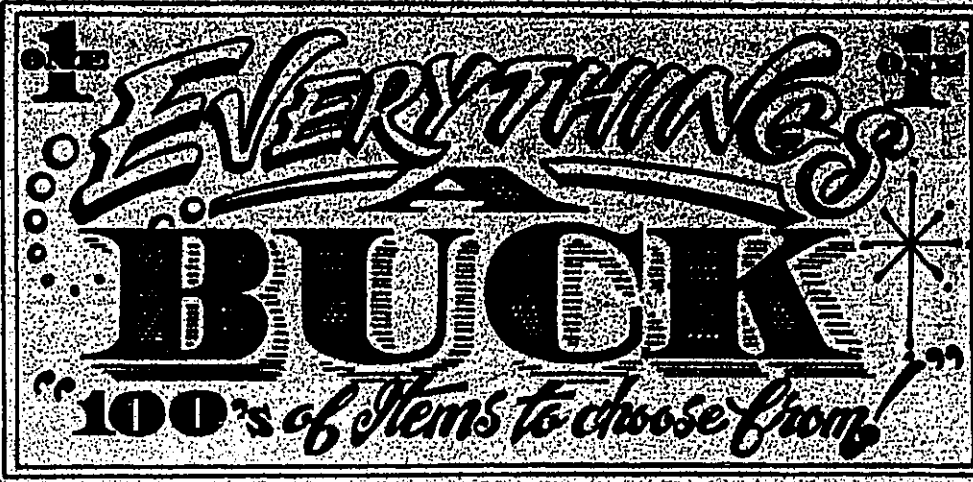
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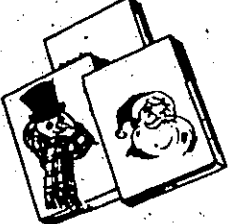
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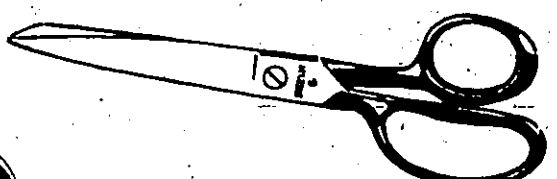
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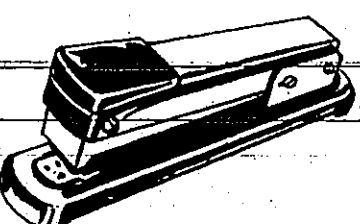
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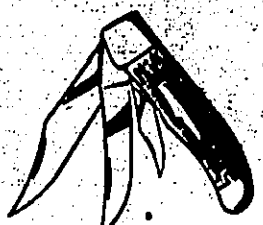
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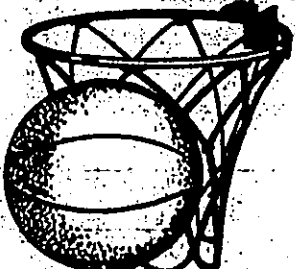
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HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM

WOODVILLE, TEXAS 75979

DECEMBER 7, 1989



Getting Ready—Village stalwarts decorate the museum's Christmas tree in anticipation of crowds for the twilight tour.

Tour the Village by lamplight Saturday

Imagine!

A quaint little Village swathed in candlelight and old fashion greenery, much like it might have been a hundred years ago. A huge Christmas tree decorated from top to bottom with colorful baubles and garlands. And, in the midst of all this, groups of carolers singing the songs that are so much a part of Christmas, while the smell of hot spicy wassail wafts through the evening air inviting you to the Tolar Cabin to share a cup and munch on a Christmas cookie or two.

That's the scene Heritage Village Museum will set forth during its Twilight Tour on Saturday, December 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m. following Woodville's Annual Christmas Tour of Homes.

This festive twilight event will be the Tyler County Heritage Society's special gift to all who have supported its efforts at the Village during the past two years.

On Sunday last, Heritage Society

members gathered at the Village to help decorate the trees, which were gathered earlier in the week at the Sutton Tree Farm in Colmesneil. On that day, John Gazzaway, David Humble and O.B. Johnson cut and hauled as Marjorie Schultz and Dottie Johnson gathered small limbs and berries and directed traffic. When the trucks left the Sutton Farm, you could well wonder if the Village scavengers had cleaned them out, but actually there was a tree or two left behind. And the Village thanks Richard Sutton for his Christmas generosity.

Sunday's group brought homemade decorations, old unused baubles, lots of ideas and a barrel of Christmas spirit to the afternoon, helping bring the Village alive for its very special day.

A special feature of the Village's Twilight Tour will be the celebrated Woodville High School Choir, under the

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Woodville's Tour of Homes is Saturday, Dec. 9

Once again, on Saturday, December 9, Woodville and Tyler County will open their arms to welcome all their neighbors to the Federated Women's Clubs' Annual Christmas Tour of Homes, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

As a special treat this year, the Allan Shivers Museum has been added to the tour with Mrs. Allan Shivers, widow of the late governor, as your hostess. For this festive occasion, Mrs. Shivers sent ahead some special Christmas ornaments that were used in the Governor's Mansion during her husband's term of office, these to be incorporated in the decorations being created by Connie Clark of Woodville.

Sponsoring clubs for the three homes on the tour are the Women's Study

Club, the Women's Reading Club and the Heritage Civic Club. The homes will be those of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Phillips at 1306 South Magnolia (Hwy. 69 south of Woodville); Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hill, 1401 Garden Street, in the heart of Woodville; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pool in the Chesswood Addition off Hwy. 287 northwest of town. Santa Claus markings will guide you to each of these locations.

Tickets for the entire tour are \$5 and will be available at each of the tour locations, at many of the downtown businesses and at Heritage Village Museum. Individual tickets are \$2 at the door. Christmas crafts and homemade baked goods will be on sale at each of the

DECEMBER 7 1989

Local Video is in time for Christmas

The much talked about Pioneer Video, into which Austin's Glen Ely has put his heart and soul and most of his time over the past few months, is scheduled for release at Heritage Village Museum in time for Christmas.

Featuring many of Tyler and its neighboring counties' finest, the 60-minute video will offer a true view of what life in Texas used to be and, in many cases, still is. Every effort has been made by Ely to present the life of the early settlers as authentically as possible.

Led by Tyler County Heritage Society's Christine Sanders, who ferreted out local people adept in most every type of pioneer activity, Ely and his camera have captured the natural beauty of the area as well as the natural talents of its people in a story filled with action and pathos.

A native of Princeton, New Jersey, Ely received his degree in Broadcast Journalism from Arizona State University. It was during his first job out of college, as a TV reporter for Beaumont's Channel 12, that Ely fell in love with history. His was a specialty beat, and from his coverage of East Texas, he created a series of half hour shows, entitled "Southeast Texas Diary," which dealt mainly with the history of the area.

In 1985, Ely formed his own company, Forest Glen Productions, and moved to Austin, where he maintains his own studio and editing facilities. "I knew I wanted to do history, not politics," Ely said, and that's exactly what he has been doing for the past four years. One of his earlier projects was the Big Thicket Video, which is a popular seller at the Village Museum Store.

Both Ely and Ms. Sanders were delighted with the response from so many of the area's citizens, who were both eager to help with the accuracy of the pioneer project and excited about be-



Filmmaker Glen Ely

ing part of such a prestigious undertaking. According to Sanders, the community is to be congratulated for their generosity of time and spirit in the production of the Pioneer Video.

Village manager Marjorie Schultz has announced that a limited number of Pioneer Videos are due to be delivered to the Museum Store by December 21. She urges anyone wanting a copy for Christmas gifting to put in an advance order. Cost of this keepsake 60-minute video is just \$29.95.

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Tyler County Community Calendar

DECEMBER 8-9, 1989

TYLER COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS. Garage Sale. Spurger United Methodist Church, FM1013. Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

DECEMBER 9, 1989

ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST. 6:30-11 a.m. Woodville Inn. \$3.50 includes all the pancakes you can eat, juice, milk and coffee. Sausage or bacon, add \$1.

TREE OF LIGHTS ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE. 11:30 a.m. Arrival of Santa Claus, lighting of the Tree by the Children's Service League.

WOODVILLE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES. Sponsored by the Federated Women's Clubs of Woodville from 1-4:30 p.m. Three beautifully decorated homes and the Allan Shivers Museum will be included in the Tour. Tickets at \$5. are available at any of the tour locations, at many downtown businesses and at Heritage Village Museum. Christmas crafts and baked goods at all locations.

TWILIGHT TOUR OF HERITAGE VILLAGE. 4:30-7:30 p.m. featuring traditional Christmas music by the Woodville High School Choir, under the direction of Ruth Houston, and other local singing groups. Hot wassail and Christmas delicacies will be served. A gift to the community, there will be no charge for admission.

DECEMBER 17, 1989

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WOODVILLE. 5 p.m. "Messiah" sung by an ecumenical choir under the direction of Ruth Houston. Organist, Mrs. Clarence Durham.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODVILLE. 7 p.m. Christmas Cantata by the Adult Choir.

DECEMBER 20, 1989

BEECH CREEK EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS Club Christmas Party. 11 a.m. Home of Mary Hastings on Timberlake Road, 1.4 miles South of FM 1013.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODVILLE. 7-8 p.m. Caroling and Candlelighting. Children's and Youth Choir.

DECEMBER 24, 1989

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WOODVILLE. 7-8 p.m. Come and Go Communion Service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODVILLE. 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Services.

JANUARY 6, 1990

EAST TEXAS BLACKSMITH ALLIANCE. Gathering At The Forge, beginning at 9 a.m. Heritage Village Museum.

Paid For by The City Of Woodville Tourism Fund

Lou Ella Mosely sings Josey

By Dottie Johnson

Pioneer Days of Tyler County again available at Heritage Village

bet you a nickle you can't dance Josey.
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bet you a nickle you can't dance Josey,
oh Miss Susan Brown.

The strains of the simple melodies remembered from childhood are pure and sweet, the memories lovingly held, as Lou Ella Mosely sings Josey songs for her interviewers.

Capturing the precious songs on tape as well as the fascinating life story of this remarkable lady, whose writings have done so much to preserve Tyler County History, is Iris Widenfeld, chairman of the Oral History Program for the Tyler County Heritage Society.

But Mrs. Mosely isn't deterred by the little microphone pinned to her sweater. She sits erect on the side of her bed at the Woodville Convalescent Home, tells you there is nothing special about her life, then proves otherwise.

In 1979, a life membership to the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce was presented to Lou Ella Mosely "for her efforts in preserving the history of Tyler County." The presentation plaque, beautifully painted with dogwoods by Doretta Gilchrist, is proudly displayed in the little corner of the world Lou Ella now calls home.

The honor was bestowed primarily for her two invaluable books, "Early History of Tyler County" and "Pioneer Days of Tyler County." Published in 1975 and reprinted in 1985, "Pioneer Days" is a collection of short stories, telling of the lives and events surrounding some of Tyler County's most illustrious and most interesting citizens. Currently sold out at Heritage Village Museum, "Pioneer Days" is now being reprinted and will be available for purchase at the Museum Store before Christmas.

Lou Ella Comes Out Fighting
When you meet this vivacious little lady, who will turn 93 next January, it is difficult to believe that her three older sisters and two older brothers didn't want her when she was born. But Lou Ella understands. They were all teenagers, and they didn't want this new little person messing up their lives. They said her nose was too short and her tongue was too long. "But I was born with my fists doubled up," she says. "I came out fighting, and I've been a fighter ever since."

Those same brothers and sisters chipped in to help take care of Lou Ella after her mother, Betty Enloe Martin, died, when her last baby was just two years old. They were helped by their two grandmothers and two neighboring aunts, Lou Ella recalls. "I had seven mothers, and they all liked me just fine, when I grew up."

All this took place in the Sunnydale community across Billums Creek about a mile from the Kirby Lumber town of Mobile, where their Post Office and school were located. But Sunnydale was where the church was. It was the largest church in the Baptist Association, and it was there that her father, John Martin, was ordained.

Lou Ella remembers the good school at Mobile, where they taught the three R's and where she had such a wonderful childhood. She and her friends would meet at the horse block in front of the



Lou Ella Mosely

Enloe home, ride across three streams on their way to school—often stopping to play and wade and sometimes fish for crawfish. If they caught any, they'd hang them on their ears like earrings, she says. But her very best friend was her seat mate at school. His name was Herschel Read and he lived on the other side of Billums Creek.

I loved him like a brother, she says. "We'd eat lunch together on the top of a pile of logs. Then we'd play baseball with a yarn ball and a flat board." One of their favorite games was jumping up and down on a plank thrown across a ditch in back of the school. The more you jumped, the higher up in the air it would throw you, while you sing-songed "will saw, two saw, sticky saw sand."

When Lou Ella was in sixth grade, Mobile the Sawmill Town moved to Jasper County and became Kirbyville, and with it went the Martin and Enloe children's school. So, Lou Ella and her Enloe cousins picked up their belongings and followed the school to Kirbyville, where they had a housekeeping apartment at the home of Lexie Herndon's family, and what a good time they had to hear Lou Ella tell it.

"When I got hardly old enough, my brother sent me to Huntsville. Lillian

Enloe and I went together." They went on the old Katy Work Train, riding through all the saw mill towns between Colmesneil and Huntsville. It took them 26 hours with an overnight at the hotel in Trinity.

In Huntsville, they lived at the Cook Boarding House, where she and Lillian delighted in shocking two old maids from Orange by pulling their hair back as if it were bobbed, which was not acceptable in those days.

In Huntsville, she also discovered boys, young men rather, in the army, who had been sent there for training. These young soldiers would come over to the Boarding House in the evening and sit around on the front lawn singing the songs of World War I. After they returned to Fort Polk, there was a good bit of correspondence back and forth for quite some time, and then nothing. Lou Ella learned later that several of them died in the flu epidemic of 1918-19.

Lou Ella got her state teaching certificate in Jasper and her first teaching job in Bon Wier. "I thought I was grown," she recalls. Next she taught in Call, which was in the Kirbyville School District, of which her brother was superintendent. Each year, she returned to Huntsville for the summer term until she got her degree and married the High School principal. From there the young couple went first to Humble and finally to Nacogdoches, where her husband taught at the college and she had her first experience as a writer, working as a reporter and on the rewrite desk at the Sentinel.

When Lou Ella's husband, Guy

Moseley, died of cancer, she returned to teaching while raising their only son, Victor. "I'm not much for dates," she said, when asked when she married, when she started teaching and when she retired. "They really don't mean anything. I just know I taught about 43 years in all."

But, in all those years, Lou Ella's deep feelings for Tyler County never left her. While her son urged her to join him in California after she retired, she preferred to move back to the place of her childhood, determined to start writing down all the things that had been in her mind for so long.

"To me, the purity of the pine trees and the streams around Mobile meant more to my spiritual development than all the sermons I ever heard."

And, so she came back, back to Tyler County, to Colmesneil where she built a little home. And every day she'd set out in her Chevrolet to interview the people who could tell her stories of the early days, so she could write them down. And write them down she did.

But no where in those writings do you get the true spirit of Lou Ella Mosely, the spunky little lady whose personal reminiscences are full of humorous touches, great one-liners and the songs of her childhood, as they are recorded on her oral history tape. There's so much more to tell, and she's ready to tell it, making her life a living memory for all to hear.

This tape and others in the Oral History collection of the Tyler County

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Hope rekindles behind the Iron Curtain

By Anne Garner

*Kindle the hearth fires everywhere.
Watch for the glowing light;
The light that will shower its warmth
and cheer,
This holy Christmas night.
Kindle the fires that never go out;
See how the sparks are hurled.
They lighten the darkness in fields of
gloom,
And warm the hearts of the world.
Kindle the fires that symbolize love;
Light them in ways untrod.
They are the hope of the suffering
earth,
They are the paths of God.*

Agnes Davenport Bond

Christmas celebrates the triumph of light over darkness. Since the birth of Christ, the Light of the World, 2000 years ago, Christianity has struggled with paganism, materialism, and atheism in all forms. In America, although the message of what men have to sell sometimes takes precedence over what God has to give, the Christian faith is alive and well among many. Astonishingly enough, however, Christianity's most outstanding victories this Christmas are occurring in Communist countries.

No doubt the United States leads the world in Christmas showmanship. Sharply focused advertising begins before Thanksgiving with spectacular decorations and illumination, enticing Americans to buy.

To say that at Christmas Americans outbustle and outbuy people in every other country in the world, however, does not mean we all ignore the deeper religious significance and great traditions that have come to us from all parts of the globe. Every country has descendants here. They have brought their religious faiths and rich folkways of celebrating Christmas with them from every corner of the world.

No other people but Americans have such an amalgamation of Christmas traditions. Manger scenes, Santa Claus, Christmas trees, Christmas cards, Christmas gifts, poinsettias, Handel's Messiah, "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer," Dickens' immortal Christmas Carol, Menotti's Amahl and the Night Visitors—all contribute to the joy and wonder of Christmas.

Despite the noise and clamor of the commercial world, celebrating Christmas in millions of American homes continues to be a feast of the heart and the hearth, just as it is in many other parts of the world. The warmth and glow from honoring the Christ Child on His birthday is as it should be. Our faith, more than any other factor binds us to people of other lands.

Nobody knows the exact day and year of Christ's birth, but in A.D. 440, the fathers of the Christian Church decided on December 25 as the day to celebrate the Messiah's birthday. They chose a day near the winter solstice, when the sun's warmth would increase and the days would grow longer. The return of light became the hope of the world in the birth of Christ, the Light of the World.

After the birth of Christ, Christian missionaries, persecuted at first by Romans, quietly infiltrated the Roman Empire with their faith. In the early fourth century, the Roman Emperor Constantine declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. His

decree marked a significant victory for Christians.

Following the fall of Rome in A.D. 476, and during hundreds of years in the Medieval period, the Christian faith permeated almost all of the known world. The Christian Church was the one institution that withstood the disorganized and chaotic centuries of the Dark Ages. Then, new ways of worshiping Christ came with the Renaissance and Reformation 500 years ago. Christianity spread to the New World when colonists came to its shores. Thus, millions in Western civilization call themselves Christians today.

For most of the Twentieth Century, however, a mighty spiritual war has been waged between Communism and Christianity, particularly in Russia and her satellite nations. As a result of the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, Russia's soil turned red with the blood of Christian martyrs of the Russian Orthodox churches. Heavy persecution spread into the Ukraine and other Soviet bloc nations after World War II, affecting millions of Christians, including Roman Catholics and Protestants as well as the Orthodox.

During the last several weeks, the world has watched, in a state of shock and dazed incomprehension, as a victory is taking shape. Who would have believed even a month ago that a lighted Christmas tree would stand in a square in Prague, Czechoslovakia, symbolizing, for all the world to see, the hope the Christ Child brought nearly 2000 years ago.

Poland now has the Soviet bloc's first Christian Prime Minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, voted into office by Christians led by men like Lech Walesa and backed by Pope John Paul of the Roman Catholic Church. Since he ascended the throne of Peter in 1978, Pope John Paul has predicted that Communism faced imminent collapse and that Christianity would grow to fill the void.

Russian leader, Mikhail Gorbachev's political reforms have allowed Christians to begin restoration on their churches in Russia. In the past nine months, 3,000 new churches have opened in the Communist country. Although he was baptized into the Russian Orthodox Church by his grandparents and his mother is a faithful churchgoer, Gorbachev denies he is motivated by religious beliefs. He is quick to say, however, that he hopes Christianity will fight his country's moral decay, apparent in increasing drug abuse, alcoholism, suicide, lethargy, and a 50 percent divorce rate.

In the Soviet Union, where 70 million Christians reside, television is now broadcasting worship services, and religious art is openly displayed in some Russian cities. Last month, for the first time since 1918, the Russian Orthodox Church's Eucharist was celebrated in the Fifteenth Century Assumption Cathedral inside the Kremlin.

The estimated 74 million Christians in the six Communist satellite nations, have made gains in religious freedom also. Poland, 95 percent Catholic, enacted laws this year to restore all basic rights to its churches. Hungary, 60 percent Catholic, is rewriting its religious control laws. This year's move toward democracy in East Germany, the bloc's only predominantly Protestant state, came from small church gatherings, that have voiced a call for changes all through the 80's.

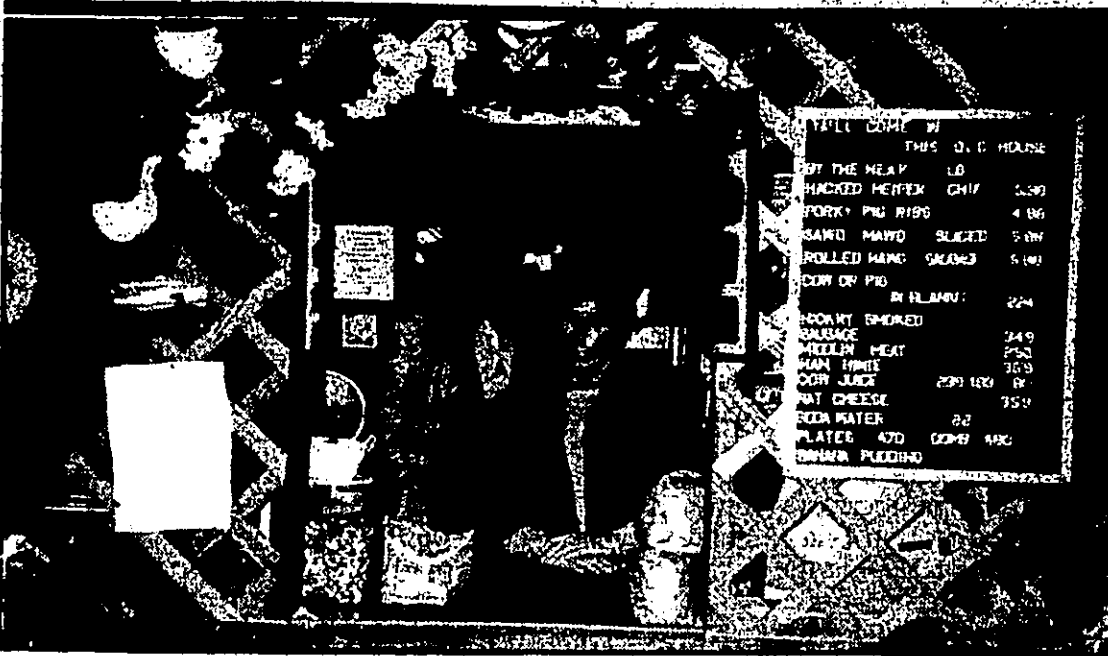
Rising nationalism in Russia and the other nations of the Soviet bloc and the demand for democracy are inseparably intertwined with demand for religious liberty.

Father Franc Rode of the Vatican's Council for Dialogue with Non-believers says the atheistic Bolsheviks created a "horrible spiritual desert" when they attempted to take God from the human soul. "This entire experiment," he says, "is now proving to be a dismal failure, one of the most horrible in man's history." Some Russian religious leaders are predicting a second Christianization

of Russia.

While there is still oppression and still atheism among the Communists, Christ, the Light of the World, is again openly symbolized by the glittering Christmas trees in Prague and Christmas carols rising out of Russia. What a gift to the Christ Child in this season that celebrates His birth! Heaven's bells must be pealing, and the angels singing songs of rejoicing.

As we Americans go about our usual Christmas festivities, let us hope that we don't miss the celestial music.



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December 6, 1989 - 10:00 A.M. Day Care Film

December 8, 1989 - 2:00 P.M. St. Paul's School

December 9, 1989 - 1:00-4:30 P.M. Tour Of Museum, Mrs. Allan Shivers hostess

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December 13, 1989 - 1:30 P.M. Board Meeting

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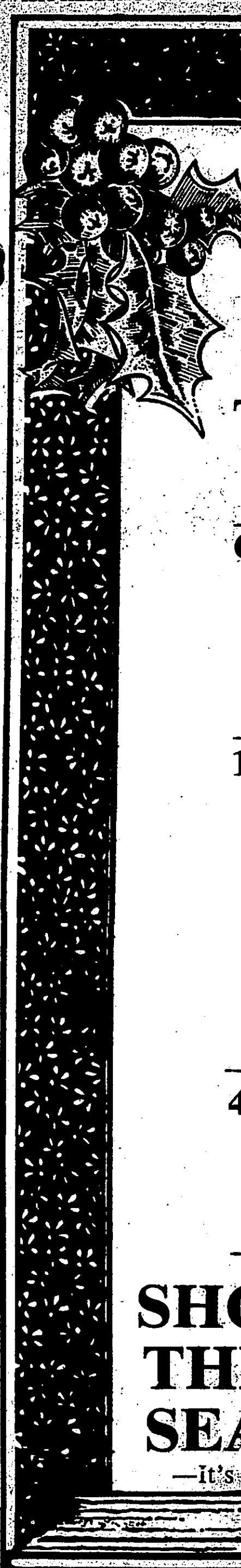
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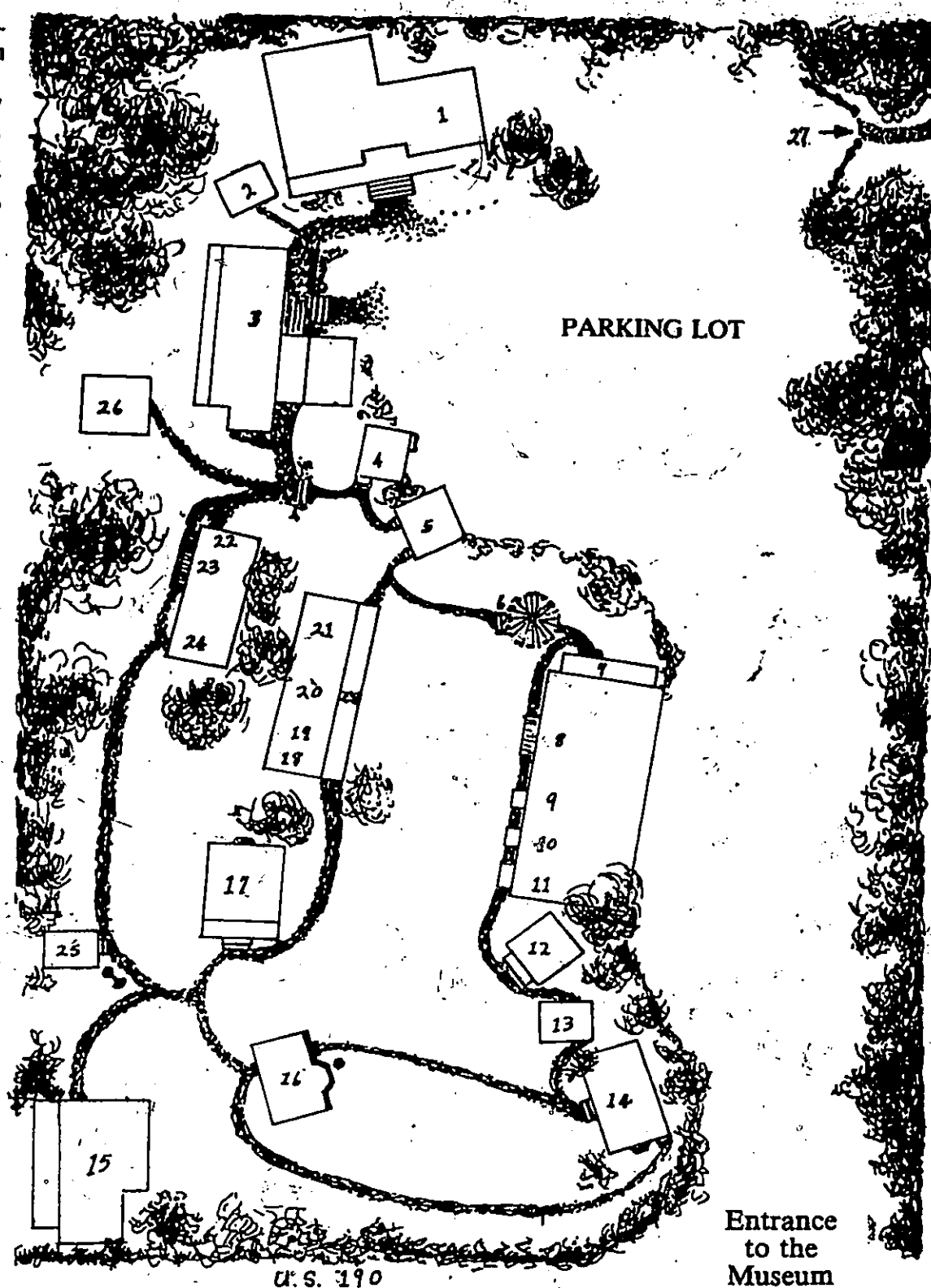
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Heritage Village Museum: A Unique Collection Of Early Tyler County Artifacts

- 1.-PICKETT HOUSE: Country cooking served Boarding House style. Open daily.
- 2.-CORN HUSK CORNER: Judy Walls' exquisite corn husk creations, dolls and ornaments, are made, displayed and sold here. Each of her period dolls are carefully researched as to dress and culture to make them true and valuable collectibles.
- 3.-MUSEUM STORE: Enter the Village proper through this store, which features a unique collection of fine hand made crafts, including dolls, quilts and a variety of wood work items. The Store also carries the best selection of books on Texas history in the area.
- 4.-JEWELRY SHOP: Custom jewelry designer John Killam demonstrates his artistry for Village visitors.
- 5.-JUSTICE OF THE PEACE: In the old days, the JP's duties included assaying minerals as well as performing marriage ceremonies and handing out punishment to criminals. Village Judge T. E. Phillips, former Woodville City Magistrate and Border Patrolman, offers interesting evidence of his colorful careers.
- 6.-BAND STAND: Next to it is Woodville's first piece of fire-fighting equipment, donated by the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department.
- 7.-PAWN SHOP: Old-time mechanical money banks in the window and other treasures.
- 8.-TEXAS DINNER BELL FACTORY: The traditional triangle, which rang across pioneer lands both as an alarm and a chow time "come 'n get it," is made here for sale at Heritage Village and around the world.
- 9.-POST OFFICE: Willie Reinhardt was the last postmaster of the Pluck Post Office, once located near Corrigan. Of special interest is the Spencian script on the wall, a common style in the old days.
- 10.-BARBER SHOP: In this 100 year old Barber Shop, you had your choice of two chairs, which could be laid back and revolved, but not raised and lowered. And you could take a bath in the 1836 copper tub, which once belonged to a Jefferson, Texas, blacksmith.
- 11.-SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL: Every town had one.
- 12.-BLACKSMITH SHOP: In use in Colmesneil in the late 1800s, this shop is now the home of the East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance. Village Blacksmiths fire up the forge most weekends to delight visitors as they make decorative items to sell in the Museum Store.
- 13.-WAGON SHED, CANE GRINDER, SYRUP MILL: Behind the shed, a cane grinder and syrup mill bring back sweet memories. Horses or mules were used to turn the grinders through which sugar cane was squeezed before the slow process of cooking the cane juice to produce a delectable syrup. In the shed, you'll see a wagon used for freight between Woodville and Beaumont, and a buggy, donated by late Gov. Allan Shivers, a famous Woodville son.
- 14.-TOLAR CABIN: Built by Robert Tolar for his bride in 1866 and donated by his ancestors, the cabin, where family members prepared meals for all comers into the 1930s, was moved intact from



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near Hillister. It was awarded a medallion of the Texas Historical Commission.

15.-BIG HOUSE: Treasures galore were once displayed in this building, which housed the original Village entrance and shop. It is now used for storage, but plans are under way to replace it with a temperature controlled facility for delicate textiles and treasured old documents.

16.-RAILROAD STATION: Materials for this depot came from the 1890 station in Hillister. The loop hanging on the wall

held the Order Stick, which the station master would hold out to a passing train, so orders, information and outgoing mail could be picked up without the train slowing.

17.-Z.C.C. COLLIER STORE: Much of the original materials and furnishings are included in the reconstruction of this general store, built in Town Bluff in 1863 by Zacharia Cowart Collier. No visitor to the Village should miss this fine collection of interesting 19th century items.

18.-COTTON GIN: This machinery was

used to re-gin old mattresses, once an important local industry.

19.-APOTHECARY: In an old time drug store, only prescriptions and home remedy materials were sold. The prescription counter is from a drug store in Rockland, which is now nearly a ghost town but was once the thriving terminus of the railroad from Beaumont.

20.-PHYSICIANS OFFICE: This typical doctor's office of the late 19th century is a composite collection of many, including Dr. John Shivers of Woodville and Dr. N. E. Laidacker of China.

21.-CHAIR FACTORY: Dallas Miller operated this chair factory in Burkeville until 1964. Miller, considered to be the best chair maker in this part of the country, was also a genius in fabricating the machinery he needed to make those chairs. To be noted are the lathe on which he turned the legs, the hole puncher for his hides and drying racks for his chair backs.

22.-MUSIC SHOP: Musical history memorabilia from the collection of Bubba Voss of Orange has been increased to include old sheet music donated by Fred Bennett of Woodville. Don't miss the early phonograph display.

23.-SEAMSTRESS SHOP: Recreation of an 1875-85 Shop, which was, in its day, a genteel way for a lady to earn a living. A delightful look into the past world of fashion, this shop has many original items used over 100 years ago, in addition to a variety of dresses and hats, created especially by Martha Stark and Joseph Gerriets after much research into the period.

24.-LEATHER SHOP: Saddles, boots and shoes were made here.

25.-LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE: This typical one-room school house is where all grades were taught by one teacher. Older students were pressed into service to help the younger ones. The plantation bell outside was used to call the students to class.

26.-CANTILEVERED LOG BARN: This 140 year old log barn once belonged to the family of famous East Texan John Henry Kirby at Peach Tree Village near Chester. It was moved log by log to Heritage Village, where it has been rebuilt by Village volunteers.

27.-THE BIG WOODS: This 11.5 acres of woods and hiking trails, adjacent to the original Heritage Village properties, offers all the delights of the Big Thicket.

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Corn Husk Corner is a real doll

It's quite possible there's no word in the English language quite adequate to describe Judy Walls' corn husk dolls and ornaments, now on display in the Corn Husk Corner at Heritage Village Museum.

Each of Judy's creations is an exquisite combination of artistry and history with detailing you'd think impossible with anything as unruly as corn husks. But Judy knows her medium and she's researched her history, and she's put them together in collectibles that are, again, impossible to describe.

In the little doll house she and husband David put together out of an old workroom on the Village grounds, Judy had her Grand Opening on December 1-3, and her corn husk beauties nearly flew out the door. The only problem is deciding which doll, which ornament to buy. You want one of everything.

There are her Pioneer series dolls, all bearing names beginning with the letter "P" and doing some sort of pioneer activity, from carrying wood to sweeping. Each is dressed for her period in time and her culture, which is authenticated on a printed tag. There are her Sophisticate series dolls, with names beginning with the letter "S", more elaborately dressed and carrying things like parasols or packages. Again each is carefully researched and authenticated.

There are her "County Miss" dolls, smaller less dressy dolls, that can be purchased with or without a broom or an ear of corn.



Judy Walls and friends
New this year are her Keepsake dolls: Cynthia Ann Parker, Louisa



CUTE COTTAGE houses the newest addition to the Heritage Village Museum—Judy Walls' Corn Husk Corner. Visitors here can find authentically styled corn husk dolls handmade following traditional American folk art methods.

Ervendberg and Sojourner Truth. Most Texans are familiar with the story of Cynthia Ann, who was captured by the Comanches in 1836. She lived with them for 25 years, married Chief Peta Nacona and became the mother of Quannah Parker, the famous last chief of the Comanches.

Louisa and Louis Ervendberg migrated to Texas from Illinois in the 1840s, settling first in Houston City. In 1844, Louis joined new German colonists at Lavaca Bay preparing to establish a new settlement on the Guadalupe River. Later, when Louisa joined them, finding them struck with fever, she baked 20 loaves of bread daily to feed hungry orphans. History tells us that Louisa loved Christmas and perhaps introduced the Christmas tree to Texas.

Born Isabella Baumfree in New York about 1797, the property of a Dutch Master, Sojourner Truth was sold repeatedly and separated from her eight children. In 1843, she was "commanded by voices" to change her name and travel the country speaking on abolition, temperance and woman's suffrage. Although she never learned

to read or write, she stirred audiences and antagonized most who did not agree with her. When a man told her he cared no more for her speeches than a flea bite, she responded "Maybe not, but the Lord willing, I'll keep you scratchin'."

The Corn Husk Corner, which is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. also offers a delightful array of corn husk ornaments—angels, baskets and bows, a magnificent tree top angel, Christmas trees and wreaths.



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Christmas on the Border

by T. E. Phillips

While writing my memories of Brownsville, I remembered one that I think is worth the telling, because it ties in so closely with Dr. Charles Pierce, our Baptist Preacher, as well as with this time of the year.

Dr. Pierce helped me so much in so many ways. My wife Bobbie and my son Carl were both members of the Baptist Church, and I joined while Dr. Pierce was our pastor. After that both Dr. Pierce and his wife seemed to take a special interest in me and my family.

During the 1920s and 30s, times were kind of rough along the Rio Grande. Smuggling was in full force, but only a very few Federal Officers were assigned to the Brownsville Patrol District. And there could not have been a more hated or feared group than the U.S. Border Patrol. The Patrol interfered with the citizens' way of life, while the local law enforcement officers let them have their own way. It was very dangerous to be a member of the Border Patrol.

Because of this, I never went any place without my pistol. Even to church, I wore a .45 calibre automatic covered with chamois skin under my shirt. Bobbie never walked to my right side, so I could have my right hand free.

One morning, after a particularly bad shootout, Dr. Pierce asked me to come to his house, which was just a few blocks from the trouble. When I got there, Dr. Pierce was waiting for me at the head of the table, where we were to have coffee. A cup and chair had been placed for me on the side of the table, where my back would have been to the open window. In those days, I never sat with my back to an open window or door, so I hesitated.

Without saying a word, Mrs. Pierce took the cup and moved it to the other side of the table. Then she turned and hugged me. I wasn't sure what was happening, but I did know that both Dr. and Mrs. Pierce were involved.

When I was seated, Dr. Pierce said, "We heard the shooting last night and knew you were involved. We got down on our knees and asked God to take care of you. Then we thanked God for people like you with the talent and the courage to protect the law-abiding and church-going citizens that are unable to take care of themselves."

At the time of the shootout, I didn't know how many men were shooting at me or that they were trained riflemen, but I did know that someone was helping me. Now, I knew where that help had come from.

Pistol Packing Santa
Now, at the time of this next incident, there was a 2500 peso reward posted on my head. I had been so active in catching smugglers with their trucks, horses, boats, etc. that the smugglers got together with some of the local businessmen they served and made up a purse of 2500 pesos (\$500 in our money) for anyone who would kill FELIPE. In those days, that was a lot of money.

But now it was the Christmas holidays, and the church was going to have a big party for the children, and they needed a Santa Claus that the little children wouldn't know. Now, Bobbie and I were both working with the older children, the 12 and 13 year olds, but Mrs. Pierce thought I would be good

with the younger ones.

Well, there was no way that I wanted to be Santa Claus. In the first place, I couldn't see how I'd be able to wear my pistol in a Santa Claus suit. Mrs. Pierce said that no one would know who I was, that they wouldn't tell anyone, but I was afraid to go any place without my pistol. I didn't have but one head, and I was trying to take care of it.

I didn't like the setup but was finally talked into it, when I figured a way to use the big belt that was to tie the pillows around me. First I put the scabbard on backwards, then fit the pillows

A Personal Note

You know that I meet several thousand people at the Village. They come by and talk to me. There must be some of the nicest people in the world that come to the Village, also some of the prettiest ones.

I really enjoy my work with such people. I receive cards and letters, which I appreciate, but the following letter which was sent with two pictures just had to be the best:

"We thought you might like to see these pictures, taken when the Bryan College Station Newcomers Club was at Heritage Village in September. We did enjoy our tour and especially the chat with you in the Justice of the Peace Office. You have had a most interesting life and have maintained quite a sense of humor. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Bobbie Brewer. P.S. Remember, I was the one that had the same name as your wife."

so they came together right in front of my stomach. When I tightened the belt, my 45 automatic fit snugly between the pillows, where no one could see it. Then I left one button of the jacket unbuttoned, so I would have access to my gun.

In my Santa suit, I was to carry in a big sack of gifts and after all the HO HO HO's were over, give one to each child. When I got ready to leave, I was to recite "The Night Before Christmas." After changing a few words into Spanish for my special audience and taking a little poetic license, I gave the following recitation (fortunately without gun fire).

I'm not sure exactly what the people at the Church thought of my version of the Christmas classic, but I know for sure I was never asked to play Santa Claus again.

Christmas On The Border
Tis the night before Christmas
and all through the casa
not a creature is stirring
caramba, que pasa?
the stockings are hanging
con mucho cuidado
in hopes that San Nicolas
will feel obligado
to leave a few cosas
aquí and allí
por chico y chia
y something for me.
Los niños are smuggled all
safe in their camas
some in vestidos and
some in pajamas

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Judge Phillips with friend, Bobbie Brewer. Bobbie was visiting Heritage Village Museum for the first time, and was captivated by the Judge, who survived 40 gunbattles on the Border.

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Notes from the Village:

Holiday Season brings treasures, visitors to Village

By Marjorie Schultz

The holiday season is off and running at Heritage Village. On Thanksgiving day alone, 40 people toured and shopped and worked off their Thanksgiving turkey. During the weekend there was a wonderful mix of holiday visitors and local folks, who stopped by looking for that unique gift for Christmas giving.

Among the visitors were a brother and sister from Japan, who are touring the United States. Kazuyuki Yamamoto and Keiko Yokozawa were delighted with the Village and with what they found in the Museum Store. They bought one of Aubrey Walker's beautiful quilts to take home with them along with four, that's right four, of Helene Delcambre's primitive paintings. Helene's marvelous paintings back in Japan. What brought them to Heritage Village? They saw one of our brochures at a Tourist Bureau as they drove into Texas.

More and more, we realize that right here in Woodville we do have something to please everyone. A couple from the Dallas area dropped by one day on a drive through East Texas. He likes to hike and she's a biologist, so the Village's Big Woods Hiking Trails caught their fancy first thing. They were really impressed with what they saw, exclaiming that our little 11.5 acres of Big Thicket offered the best labelled showing of East Texas they had yet seen. They were equally ecstatic over the Museum Store, where they spent a good deal of time shopping. They said they had more fun in our shop than at any other place they had visited on their trip. Don't we love to hear those remarks?

Among the other interesting visitors were a couple who belong to an RV Club called the Skip Group. They travel all over the country in their RV and were eager to let their fellow travelers know about Heritage Village. So, we loaded them down with brochures and Echoes to take and pass out on their travels.

Then there was the man who drove over from Dallas just to buy ten of our handmade cedar train whistles. He was going to Daboll for a seminar and a friend's birthday, and he wanted them for gifts. These whistles have such a wonderful sound, and they're priced so low, they make super stocking stuffers for those of you who still hang your stocking on the mantel with care.

★ Border Christmas (From Page 9)

their little cabezas all full
of good things
they're allspicing que
Santa will bring
Santa esta at the corner saloon
my borracho since mid-
afternoon
Mama is sitting beside
la bentana
shining her rolling pin

para manana
when Santa returns to his home
zigzagando
lit up like the star spangled
banner cantando
and Mama will send him to bed
con a right
MERRY CHRISTMAS a todos
y a todos GOOD NIGHT.



Marjorie Schultz

Season. You'll find them on display in the Exhibit Room at the Village.

We're also delighted with the promise of two special gift items that will be delivered in time for Christmas. One is a reprint of Lou Ella Moseley's "Pioneer Days of Tyler County." If you haven't read this collection of Tyler County stories, you'll surely want a copy for yourself. It's a wonderful and continuing source of research for those into history, delightful reading for anyone from any place who just loves to read about people and places. Thanks to the Tyler County Heritage Society, this invaluable book has been reprinted and will be on our book shelves before Christmas.

Our other in time for Christmas goodie will be the Pioneer Video Glen Ely has been shooting all over our area. It's 60-minutes full of history that belongs in all of your homes.

You'll also find a good selection of other books dealing with the history of our area. Phebe Armstrong's "From The Forks Of Turkey Creek" is a prized volume of memories of growing up in Woodville that makes for good reading. Equally readable and filled with Tyler County and well as Texas history is "Sun Country Banker," which tells the story of Phebe's brother, Sam Doak Young, who became an international figure in the banking world.

And, don't forget our lovely handmade dolls, so cute and cuddly, any little girl would love one, or our handsome domino sets, handcrafted from native woods and inlaid with holly wood. They are truly magnificent.

And for that man who has everything, do take a look at our display of Ken Fortenberry's handcrafted knives.

And right down the lane, tucked back between the Museum and the Pickett House, you'll find Judy Walls waiting for you in her own little Corn Husk Corridor with a delightful array of exquisite corn husk dolls, Christmas trees and ornaments. Judy's shop, which had its Grand Opening the first of the month, will be open daily Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

So, like we said, there's something for

everyone at Heritage Village. Come tour our unique collection of pioneer structures, some of which are now undergoing a major reconstruction, hike our Big Woods trails and shop for those special gifts in our Museum Store. We're open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. right up through Saturday, December 23. We will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

And, once more, gentle reminder: while you're at the Village, don't forget to renew your membership in the Tyler

County Heritage Society for the coming year. And think about investing some of your Christmas dollars in the Society's Endowment Fund. It's the Heritage Society which operates this special place in your behalf in an effort to preserve Tyler County History. Your continuing support is what keeps it going.

May the peace and beauty of Christmas and the holiday season be with you and yours throughout the New Year. We love you.

Christmas at the French Museum

The Beaumont Heritage Society's Annual Candlelight Tour of the John Jay French Museum will be December 10, 1989, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Guests will be greeted to the old (ca. 1845) homestead by the French Trading Post Players costumed as French family members, while continuous entertainment is performed outdoors. Hot wassail and old-fashioned cookies will be served.

Elsewhere in the French Museum Exhibit Hall, Celia Coleman will recreate a

Mexican home with a tree full of hand-crafted metal ornaments and several table arrangements of Cuernavaca dinnerware, depicting holiday celebrations in Mexico. Embroidered costumes from various regions of Mexico will also be on display.

Located at 2985 French Road in Beaumont, the John Jay French Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

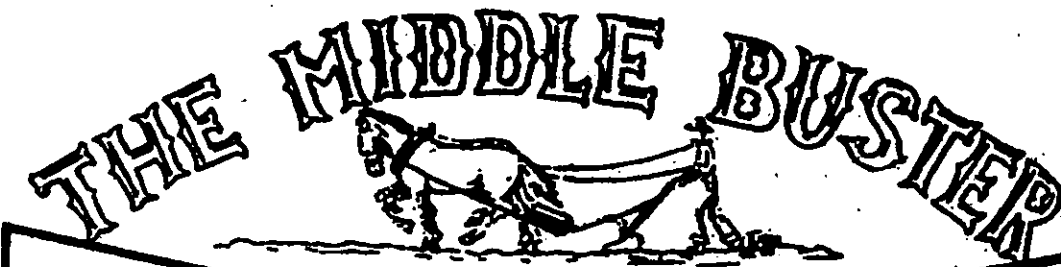
★ Lou Ella sings

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Heritage Society will soon be available in the Genealogy Library at Heritage Village Museum. And they will be worth the list:

Possum he's a-cutting wood
Coony he's a-hauling

I left my pup to mind the gate
and he killed himself a-bawling.
Won't you come and go
Won't you come and go
And change your name to mine



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Sanders paints ball for Governor's Mansion Christmas tree

Letters were sent by Mrs. William P. Clements Jr., earlier this year, inviting every county in the state to participate in the Friends of the Governor's Mansion Holiday Celebration. Counties participating were asked to decorate a Christmas ball with something denoting an historically significant place within that county.

When Tyler County Heritage Society president Christine Sanders received one of these letters, she eagerly responded and was sent a 4" plastic ball to be decorated. Fortunately, Ms. Sanders is an artist, so she knew exactly what she wanted to do and exactly how to do it. She decorated the ball with a relief

rendering of the historic Tolar Cabin with "Heritage Village Museum" and "Tyler County" printed on it. This ball has already been sent to the Governor's Mansion to be placed on the tree along with those from other counties throughout the state.

On the afternoon of December 12, Ms. Sanders will be able to see her Christmas offering first hand, when she and Dottie Johnson, Editor of the East Texas Echo, travel to Austin as guests of Mrs. Clements and the Friends of the Governor's Mansion for their Holiday Celebration of the County Christmas Ornaments.



RESTORATION—One of the Village's blacksmiths puts finishing touches to the century-old double-acting bellows

Blacksmiths repair bellows

By Charles Schultz

The East Texas Blacksmith Alliance, whose home base is Heritage Village Museum in Woodville, co-hosted a meeting of the Texas Artist-Blacksmiths Association at the Ram's Head Forge in Tyler, Texas, on November 4, 1989. The East Texas Blacksmiths Guild was the other host for the gathering. Great things are being planned for 1990, so stay tuned.

On Saturday, December 2, the Blacksmiths attended a joint meeting with the John Jay French Museum in Beaumont, firing up the forge around 10 a.m. while they discussed common projects, plans and problems.

Cyclist makes Village stop

Talk about nabbing a story in the passing.

Don Stevenson, owner of Woodville's Radio Station KVLL, who is quite a well known bicycle enthusiast, spotted one riding West on Hwy. 190 last week, and horror of horrors, it had just passed Heritage Village Museum without stopping.

The culprit was Karl Welsh of Harvard, Massachusetts, who was headed for Lake Livingston to spend the night, when Don stopped him and headed him back to the Village. Don figured he needed to add a bit of Tyler County history to what he has already gathered in his trip across the country.

Karl, who had been leading a perfectly normal workaday life as business manager for a private high school for the past four years, chuckled it all for the time being last September and headed West on his bike.

And what an experience he's had to date. He's been to Gettysburg and through the Amish country of Pennsylvania, to Harper's Ferry. He rode the Tow Path along the 400-mile canal that begins or ends in Washington D.C. He went to the outer banks of North Carolina, crossed into Kentucky and Tennessee and took the Natchez Trace Parkway all the way to Natchez, Mississippi. And therein lies a story to warm a mother's heart.

All along the parkway, RVs would pass him, their retired drivers waving and smiling. When he got to the campground long after they did, there would be a cheery greeting and a warm dinner awaiting him, which was certainly a welcome change for a young man eating cold meals out of cans.

Fellow blacksmith Rogers Collins, a CPA from Clear Lake/Houston, and Herb Fouts of Woodville, have combined their skills to restore the double-acting bellows in the Village Blacksmith Shop. A friend of Rogers' donated the material required to do the restoration. We plan to "fire up" this old forge at our next "Gathering At The Village Forge" on January 6, 1990.

As we enter the Holiday Season, the East Texas Blacksmiths wish everyone the happiness and blessings of Christmas. At the forge, we maintain a bond with the past, while serving the present and forging ahead to the future. May the New Year bring joy to the world.

Karl plans to stop over in Austin, where a college buddy is teaching school, and hopefully will have a chance to run down to San Antonio. He must be in Santa Fe, New Mexico, however by December 19, since he has a airplane ticket home for Christmas and a reservation for the 20th.

When he returns after the first of the year, he will remain in New Mexico for a month or two, picking up a bit of work, maybe at the ski slopes before continuing his western trek. He plans to be in Washington State by August.

And then what? Karl's not sure at this point, but he's going to know a lot more of this country of his by the time he gets through.

Safe riding, Karl. Was great meeting and talking with you.



GUYTON WELSH

The origin of the poinsettia

According to a Mexican legend, a peasant girl visited a cathedral on Christmas Eve.

She began to cry because she was too poor to bring a gift to lay on the altar.

An angel appeared to her and told her to gather some nearby weeds as her gift. The girl obeyed and when she placed

her simple gift of weeds near the statue of the Christ Child, they burst into glorious red blooms, which were called "Flor de la Noche Buena" (Flower of the Holy Night) and today we know them as

The Poinsettia

★ Lamplight tour (From Page one)

direction of Ruth Houston. Other local singing groups will be on hand to offer a variety of Christmas music throughout the twilight hours.

The Tyler County Heritage Society and Heritage Village Museum cordially invite you and your guests to end your

Christmas in Woodville Day with an extra serving of that special spirit that's so much a part of Christmas. The Twilight Tour begins at 4:30, following the Annual Tour of Homes, so please be our guest.



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