May the feeling of peace be with you throughout this holiday season and for all of the years to come. We give you our thanks and the best wishes for a great holiday!

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Christmas Moon

According to an old Scottish belief, a waxing moon is more favorable than a waning moon.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

A Note of Appreciation

Dear Mr. Editor:

A note of appreciation to all of you who have invited us into your communities and given us the opportunity to share with you the techniques and skills necessary to deal effectively with medical emergencies. It gives us a sense of security to know that should we (or any of our loved ones and friends) be involved in such an emergency in your locale, you will be there giving back to us all that knowledge and skill in "tender, loving care". Thank God for people like you, concerned about your fellow man and caring enough to give of yourselves and your time.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Texas Dept. of Health
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
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DAR Tea Honors Good Citizens

Six D.A.R. Good Citizens were honored Friday, Dec. 10 with a Christmas Tea at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Columbus.

The following Good Citizens were introduced by Mrs. David Gunn, chairman, D.A.R. Good Citizens committee:

Daryl Fitzgerald, Columbus High School; Julia Thomas, Rice Consolidated High School; Juanita Ulbricht, Weimar High School; Cheryl Tilicek, Schulenburg High School; Rose Fritz, Hallettsville High School; and Anita Kallas, Sacred Heart, Hallettsville.

Mrs. Gunn told of the achievements of each student which led to his or her selection as a D.A.R. Good Citizen by the committee.

JULIA GOING TO STATE

Julia Thomas of Rice High School was selected to go to state.

Each Good Citizen was presented a certificate of merit and a D.A.R. Good Citizen pin which each mother pinned on her daughter or son. They in turn presented their mothers with long stem red carnations.

Patsy Hodge of the Gallery took pictures of the Good Citizens with their mothers and with Kathryn McHee, regent.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. W. W. Gunn, Mrs. Homer Koliba, Mrs. T. B. West, Mrs. Edward Woolery-Price and Mrs. J. H. Wooten, Jr. -Reporter.

GREETINGS

Santa is on his way to fill your hearts and homes with the joys of Christmas. May this be a special time for you to remember.

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Attend R2R Workshop

Participants in the Right to Read Workshop held at the Sheridan School on December 7th display some of the posters and other teaching materials which they prepared for use of language arts and reading teachers. In front, l. to r., are Annette Fajkus and Sandy LeBouef; standing, l. to r., Jim Adams who assisted Vera Brown in conducting the workshop; Gayle Cobbs, the Sheridan Parents and Teachers Society president; Mrs. Brown; and Mary Reinhardt.

Right To Read Workshop Held at Sheridan

Mrs. Vera Brown, the Reading Coordinator for the Rice Independent School District, conducted a Right to Read workshop for parents at the Sheridan School on Tuesday, Dec. 7th. Jim Adams of the Region III Educational Service Center assisted in presenting the workshop.

During the workshop the parents prepared posters and materials to be used by the teachers in language arts and in reading.

Taking part in the workshop were: Robin Pence, Annette Fajkus, Gayle Cobbs, Linda Wiese, Sandy LeBouef, Maudie Townsend, Mary Reinhardt, Jane Clipson, Cloe Ann Myrek, Doris Owers, Vera Brown and Jim Adams.

The workshop was proclaimed such an outstanding success that the members of the Sheridan Parents and Teachers organization decided to make it a monthly project.

Gifts from the Past

A Christmas made richer by the legends and customs, both religious and secular, of all the peoples of the world, has become a beautiful heritage from the past.

The tree as a symbol of Christmas comes to us from Germany where it is said that Martin Luther first cut a fir tree to bring into his home. But the association of trees at Christmas began in the tenth century. A legend recounts the night that Christ was born wherein all the trees in all the forests, even those in frozen countries, blossomed and bore fruit.

From lands separated by water from the Holy Land, such as Holland and England, ships are revered in song and legend for it was on Christmas morn that a ship arrived bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph and a cargo of gifts.

In Northern and Middle Europe, cattle are given special attention on Christmas Eve, because it is thought that the cow in the stable breathed on the Baby Jesus to keep him warm.

Music in honor of the birth of Jesus has been part of church festivals from the beginning of the Christmas era. Some of our most beloved carols were written so long ago that their origins are lost in history. Caroling has been enjoyed by so many people in so many lands that it has become a universally loved tradition.

There is no other celebration on earth like Christmas and the meaning and joy and beauty of it survives today through these treasured rituals and customs and legends.

The Innkeeper's Among Us!

(By the Rev. David Edgar, Pastor of The United Methodist Church, Eagle Lake)

How many times do we wonder what it would be like to have lived when Christ was born? Imagine being a part of the Christmas story! Such a sense of wonder, awe and joy; how we would long to be more than just spectators or listeners.

Can you imagine what it would have been like to have been an angel, a shepherd or perhaps a wise man on that first Christmas night? Surely no one would want to be the innkeeper who turned the holy family away and sent them to the stable. However, sometimes I feel a kinship with him. I see the innkeeper as a very human person with too much to do and too little time in which to do it. I too am rushed and hurried, pressured with a million small details which seem to shout, "Do me first!" I sometimes feel I have either missed or never quite found Christmas. You too?

Many of us search a lifetime never finding the Christ, but keep trying each day to discover Him through our association with our fellowmen. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas, there comes the way in which the true Christmas Spirit penetrates even the innkeepers among us. It is then that I have found Christmas; or it has found me!

This past summer I went to Bethlehem, but I didn't find the Christ babe there. I crossed the Galilee, but saw no Savior there. I stood at Calvary, but found no salvation there. No, it was when Catholics, Baptists Lutherans, Presbyterians, Church of Christ, Episcopalians and even Methodists gathered at the Garden Tomb and broke the bread and shared the wine of Holy Communion as one body and one spirit of Christians that I found the Christmas spirit in the heat of summer! If there's hope for an innkeeper like me, then certainly there is for you too!

I may never go to Bethlehem,
But I can walk an unfamiliar street,
Where some may need a smile, a word of cheer.
O God, help me to live Christmas all the year.

I may never walk by Galilee,
But there are those who hear
the words I say
And pattern life and thought
by things I do.
O God, help me to let Thy
selfish love shine through.

I may never climb a Calvary,
But there are crosses others
bear each day,
Arms that are so weak and
steps unsure.
O Christ, take Thou my heart
and make me care!

We hope your Christmas holidays are filled with warmth and fun, that your home rings with laughter and good cheer. The best wishes of the season to everyone.

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Santa is on his way to fill your home with the joys of the Christmas season. May this be a special time for you to remember and enjoy as we have enjoyed your patronage.

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Christmas Decorations From the Garden

Your own yard can provide this year's inexpensive but elegant decorations for Christmas.

A landscape horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service suggests just a sampling of the ways that branches, fruits, leaves and other yard paraphernalia can be utilized to bring in the holiday spirit.

Such items as yaupon, deciduous holly, pyracantha and pine branches can be designed into an attractive wreath, or one which can be used alone, especially if it is small, says Dr. William C. Welch.

Pine cones, lotus pods, cattails and cockleburs can be spray painted in a variety of Christmas colors and added to the centerpiece of a festive table.

Persimmons, crabapples, pears and quince also provide color for indoor decorations.

Magnolia, yew and pittosporum leaves can be dried or used in their natural greenery to surround a nativity scene or similar setting, adds Welch.

Leaves of magnolia, pittosporum and loquat last longer when used in the dried form. To retain their shape, Welch suggests hanging the leaves, cut stem up, in a cool, dry shady area for a few days or weeks.

The uses of garden greenery for holiday decorations is limited only by one's imagination, contends the horticulturist.

In the spirit of the season, we say, "Thanks" to all our friends and customers.

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SHERIDAN NEWS

MRS. G. H. HOLLUB

(Too late for last week)

CENTRAL AIR BEING INSTALLED

The First Baptist Church is in the process of installing a central air system. This is a major improvement for the church. In the past, the church has been heated with butane and the building cooled with two large air-conditioning units. The building and grounds committee of the church are in charge of this project. Members of the committee are Jim Kutzer, Ottie Botard, J. B. (Boots) Quinney and W. P. Crumpton.

Church News

The annual Christmas program was held at the First Baptist Church of Sheridan Sunday, Dec. 19th at 7 p.m. Mrs. Velma Kutzer, Mrs. Mary Reinhardt and Mrs. Linda Helge were in charge of the program.

After the program conclusion, carolers went on a hayride throughout the community singing Christmas carols.

42 CLUB HAS ANNUAL PARTY

The "42" Club of Sheridan held their annual Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 8th. The ladies met at 9 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Columbus and played forty-two in the Swedish Room of the inn. At 11:30 a.m. they had lunch in the dining room. They exchanged gifts after lunch and resumed playing "42" immediately afterward until 4:30 p.m. All left for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for a visit with one of the members, Mrs. Ethel Potter, who was in the hospital with pneumonia.

The club has eight members: Ethel Potter, Tom Blanchard, Laura Toups, Audrey Dupree, Feb Briscoe, Delene Hollub, Mary Dunn and Opal Varley. Mrs. Varley was unable to attend because of illness in her family. Mary Villa, Irene Goetz and Earlene Botard, club substitutes, and two guests, Evelyn Buchanek and Sis Linhardt of Sublime, were on hand to enjoy the fun and games and made up the third "42" table.

Convalescents

Mrs. Ethel Potter returned to her home in Sheridan after a short stay in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital with pneumonia.

Ottie Botard is home from the hospital but is still convalescing at home.

Mrs. Fannie Criswell is still in Wharton staying with her sister, Mrs. Ronnie Gaubetz. Plans are for her to go for a check-up Dec. 17th with the prospect of returning to her home in Sheridan if all goes well.

Visits

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seitz of Detroit, Michigan visited Friday, Dec. 3rd in Sheridan with Mary Dunn. The A. T. Blanchards and Mrs. Dunn took the Seitz's to dinner at the Oakridge in Hallettsville. The Seitz's are touring Texas.

Rachel and Tina Botard of Houston visited this past weekend in Sheridan with their grandparents, the Ottie Botards.

Mrs. Arthur Potter of Corpus Christi visited Saturday in Sheridan with Mrs. Ethel Potter.

Recent visitors in the Guy Botard home in Sheridan were Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Casper, Coby and Brianna, of Mesquite, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shaw of Schulenburg.

Have a wonderful holiday season and remember us the next time you want the best in service. We are thankful for your patronage.

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Primary School Presents "Santa's Express"

The Eagle Lake Primary School third grade presented "Santa's Express" to the students of the Primary School along with the fourth grade on Wednesday afternoon of last week. This was followed by a performance for the parents at 6:30 p.m. the same evening. The show was then presented to the Heritage House residents the following afternoon. Pictured are the reindeer in the play. Left to right are: Henry Gonzales, Bryan Wiese, Dennis Hemphill, Lloyd King, Henry Morgan, David Morrison, Gary Ebarra, Chris Castillo and Bryan Toucheck. Mrs. Sunis, Carol Rhodes, and Mrs. Harold Carter, are pictured kneeling in front.

Ricky Highs Welcome Son

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky High of Sheridan welcomed a baby boy into their family Friday, Dec. 10th. Billy Jo weighed eight pounds and one ounce on arrival at 8:06 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. This is the first child for the Highs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Botard. Great-grandfather is Pete Botard of Sheridan and great grandmother is Mrs. Annetta Snow of Beeville. His great, great-grandmother, is Mrs. Leona Bryan of Boise, Idaho. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ola Smith of Sheridan and great-grandmother, Mrs. Ina Denny.

Sheridan Fire Dept. Gets $300 Donation

According to information received from Dennis Zbranek, president of the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, a donation in the amount of $300.00 was received recently from the Sheridan Lake Estates. The various property owners of the Sheridan Lake Estates contributed to accumulate this amount.

Earl Cousins, serving as Fire Chief, and Mr. Zbranek, along with all the officers and members of the Sheridan Fire Dept. use this as a means of expressing their appreciation for this sizeable donation.

PTS Meet

The Sheridan Parents and Teachers held its December meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21st at the Sheridan School with Mrs. Gail Coble, president, in charge. W. C. Gohike was in charge of the Christmas music program prior to the business meeting.

Visits

Mrs. Ronnie Jones and daughters, Gea and Bradi, of Columbus visited in Sheridan with the Howard Criswells.

Mrs. Ricky High Shower Honoree

Mrs. Mary Reinhardt's home was the scene of a "Come and Go" baby shower honoring Mrs. Ricky High of Sheridan Thursday, Dec. 9th from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m.

Guests registered as they entered the living room of the Reinhardt home and were served refreshments of chips, dips, cookies, cranberry punch, mints and mixed nuts.

Mrs. High is the former Beverly Botard of Sheridan. Her mother, Mrs. Guy Botard, and Ricky's mother, Mrs. Ola Smith, were present for the affair.

The hostesses presented Beverly with a lovely yellow carnation corsage and their gift to her was a diaper bag filled with miscellaneous baby-care items. Hostesses were Mary Reinhardt, Jewel Ross, Edna Bena, Millie Shaw, Annie Kucera, Lois Vawter, Chris Lang and Melissa Wilson.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Free Car Wash

STEVE BALAS, this is your ticket for a free car wash at Johnny's Kwik Kar Wash located next to Johnny's 66 Station in Eagle Lake. Clip this out and present at Johnny's for a free car wash effective through Dec. 28, 1976

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best!

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Put "Christ" In Your Christmas

(By the Rev. P. L. Barrow, Pastor of Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Eagle Lake)

According to Dr. Webster, the 25th of December has been purposely set as the birth date of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was born of a virgin birth, in a little town called Bethlehem, for the purpose of saving the souls of mankind. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21.

Therefore, Christmas should be regarded and celebrated as a purpose, with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Not as a tradition to be celebrated with wild parties and strong drinks, but a strong belief in the Lord Jesus, that reaches the hearts of mankind. For Jesus said, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

So let us put Christ in our Christmas and give thanks, before we give our time to wild parties and strong drinks. Let us that are concerned put Christ first in our lives. Many have disregarded the fact that this day, the 25th of Dec., is a very special day in the rest of our lives, so prayer and thanksgiving should be our first concern, before we stoop to worldly methods of celebrating. So, to all of you that are concerned, have a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year, but remember "PUT CHRIST IN YOUR CHRISTMAS".

Weimar Police Chief Fred Vornsand Retires

The Weimar city council Friday, Dec. 10 accepted the resignation, effective January 1, 1977, of Chief of Police Fred Vornsand and approved the appointment of his present assistant and night officer, Joey Targee, to succeed him.

Mayor David Kahlich announced what had already become generally known in the past several months, that Chief Vornsand wanted to retire. The mayor commented that Vornsand had done "a superb job" in the 35 or so years of policing Weimar.

A third officer will be hired to do what Targee is presently doing, mostly night patrolling.-Weimar Mercury.

New Subscribers

Added to the Eagle Lake Headlight's subscription list during the past week were:

Mary Pickens of Houston; Richard Kershman of Eagle Lake; Chester Kneisebeck of Rosenberg; Michael Seymour of Garwood.

Serve rice 'n' save

"The gift without the giver is bare. Who gives of himself with his alms feeds three; himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."
James Russell Lowell

May the true joy of Bethlehem warm the hearts of all our friends and neighbors.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We send warm and friendly wishes to all our friends, old and new. May your holiday be one to remember in all the years to come.

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