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## 1977 county outlook excellent

The Bicentennial year in Lincoln County perhaps has represented a time of economic recovery and growth just as the 1776 represented a political strife and growth for the new nation. 1977 begins with a lot of celebrating and remembering trucked away; big leaps in property valuations and forecasts of the second biggest county population increase in the state.

The county began the Bicentennial year with County Commission sponsored plans, partly funded by the state for a series of celebrations to mark the 200th birthday of the nation. Landscaping the courthouse was named as a separate project for the area. Arts and Crafts festivals, "people's Market Places" and parades were held in every community during the year.

Some will become traditions to add to the growing Lincoln County historical celebration lists. The Courthouse landscaping began with a new sign and will continue in the spring. This winter, "New Mexico Business" which is published by University of New Mexico project populations growth figures for the state and discussed

population increases in the past five years.

Projection of population from 1970 to 1975 in Lincoln County shows a 25.8 per cent increase, second only to Sandoval (Los Alamos).

Discussing the reason for the growth, the magazine said that in Lincoln County the biggest factor is migration. "Net in-migration was a significant factor in the population growth of many counties; however, the most dramatic changes in population were recorded for Chaves, Hidalgo, Lincoln, San Juan and Torrance Counties."

In the five year period 1,600 people moved to Lincoln County, a whopping 20.7 percent population increase by migration. The state as a whole is a growth state with an increase from 1970 to 1975 of 12.8 percent as compared to only 6.9 percent between 1960 and 1970.

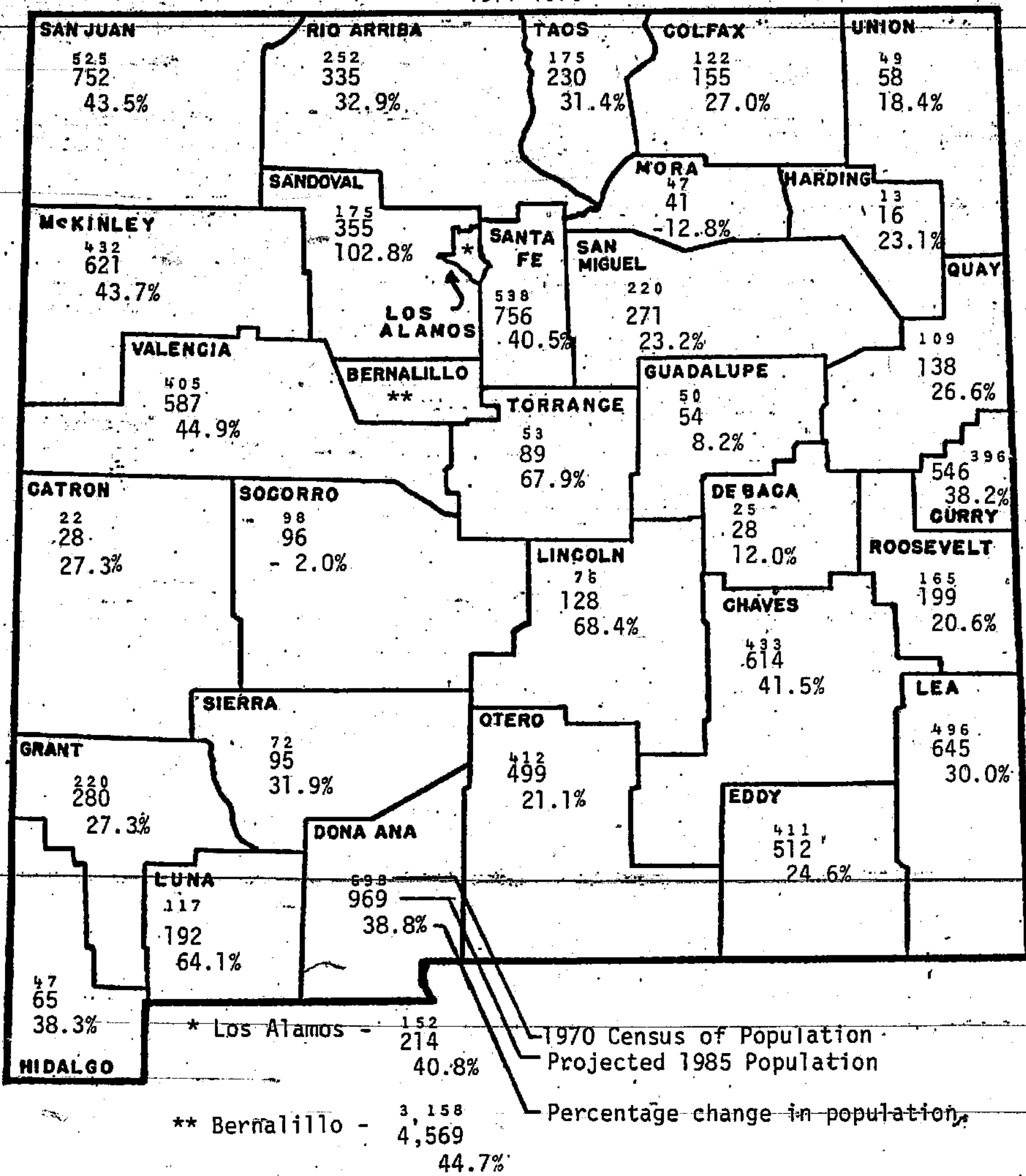
Projecting the figures to 1985, the researchers believe that Lincoln County will increase 68.4 percent by 1985, again second only to the projected growth of Sandoval County. (See Chart)

With the economic figures coming into the courthouse for 1976, these population figures may prove to be extremely conservative.

Early report indicate that the County will add \$11,000,000 in new construction to the tax rolls. The 1976 rolls reflected a 6 million increase going to \$59,600,000. The percentage increase is second only to Bernalillo county, having just passed Otero County.

The economy of the county is almost totally non-industrial being primarily recreation, ranching and retirement.

PROJECTED CHANGE IN TOTAL POPULATION BY COUNTY (in hundreds) 1970-1985



## County budget in good shape

The Lincoln County Commissioners closed the year with an excellent budget report and a somewhat cool building as workmen were still in the basement repairing an old boiler and installing a new one.

There were a lot of sweaters, coats and gloves in the offices located in the Courthouse Monday and Tuesday. County manager Les Olson said that the usual problems of holidays and distances had delayed the heating system operation but that he hoped the work would be completed by the end of the week.

The final meeting of the commission for Bud Payne and R.C. Nunez was short and pleasant with many kind words of appreciation being passed back and forth in the room. Commissioner John Sudderth was not back from a Christmas trip but incoming commissioner Lee Straley was present for consultation.

The general budget leaves 65 percent of the funds still in the bank for the newly elected officials to spend. The road fund has a 53 percent budget balance which is considered adequate.

But, cautioned Olson, in the long run there will be trouble in the road fund unless additional money is provided by special state of federal programs.

Road fund money, in large is derived from vehicle fees. In the Ruidoso area, many road users drive cars from Texas and other counties. The rapid growth of Lincoln County is going to require a lot of roads and repairs for a lot of cars not paying Lincoln County fees.

This will be a major problem facing the incoming commission but one not unique to this area. The state, said Olson is aware of this problem which is shared by rural counties.

Part of the cost of the new heating system may be covered by insurance, Olson told the commission. The damage may have been caused by the faulty maintenance and such damages is insured against. Hartford, the insurer, has asked the county to assign its legal rights in the matter to the insurance company. The District Attorney will be asked to investigate and represent the county's interest.

The commissioners asked why the District Attorney was not represented at this meeting and were told by Olson that he was unable to attend but would be in town the following day to discuss pending litigation.

The Water Canyon suit involving

Kelly Stephens' ranch is still pending and the commissioners were critical of the district attorneys lack of diligence in prosecuting the matter. Bud Payne said that representation from that office had been so scanty that "I don't believe I would know the DA if I saw him on the street."

The courthouse will be closed Friday, in accordance with state office recommendations. The treasurer's report and the sheriff's reports were approved and final bills were paid.

Commissioners Nunez and Payne thanked Olson, Barbara Lovelace, the press and the courthouse team for a successful year.

## School elections draw twenty one candidates

There will be contested school board elections in all Lincoln County Schools except for the Hondo District. When filing closed Tuesday, all positions had been filed for and Carrizozo looked to be the most sought after board.

Capitan has three positions to fill. Position 1 will have incumbent Ralph Barker facing Virgil Hall, Jr. Claidio Montoya who was appointed to fill Position 2 last month when Harve Abercrombie resigned, will go against Earl Eugene Parker. Mrs. Ralph Wornack, Horace Montoya Cordova and Sally Tolbert have filed for Position 3. In Corona, incumbent Wayne Tubbs is not running for re-election to Position 1, a six year term. Tommy Huey and Ronnie Merritt will try for that spot.

incumbent Don Surratt seeks election to the four year Position 2 to which he was appointed. He had no opponent. Linda Lee Sultemeier will run unopposed for the two year Position 3.

Both terms in Carrizozo are six year terms. Position 1 is held by Bob Stearns who is not running. Betty Dean, Wayland Hill, Alton Whitaker and Sterling Spencer will be in that contest. In Position 2 is Richard Vega who was recently appointed to that job. Gail Stackpole and Gerald Hourigan have also filed for that position.

The two spots to be filled in Hondo are both six year terms and both incumbents have filed for re-election. They are Orlando Lucero and Modesto Chaves. They drew no opposition.

## Lighting Contest winners named

There were few travelers in Carrizozo this Christmas eve and except for Old Santa Claus who was too rushed to pause, Willie Silva had just about given up locating a stranger to judge the Christmas lighting contest.

He had planned to select a couple, passing though and give them dinner, then start making the rounds of the lighted houses early in the evening.

When eight o'clock arrived, Willie, the owner of the Four Winds Restaurant and head of the light judging, decided he might be in trouble. Just then Frank and Bea Sheehan who were visiting in Carrizozo stopped in. They are now stationed in Acohorage, Alaska and qualify as non-residents. Added to the judges were Rabbit and Golda Ward who weren't well enough acquainted to be biased.

The judges came up with a point system. Each judge rated each house by points and then they were averaged out. Fourteen houses were judged and the results are:

Tied for first: The Lee Roy Najar home and the Neo Vallejos home. Second place is the Joe Ventura home and third place is the home of Carrie and Jack Magee.

Some of the other homes that received honorable mention were the home of Bill MacVeigh, Albert Hernandez, Sr., Manny Hernandez, Peter Aguilar, Frank Baca, Johnson Stearns, Paul Otero, Pat Vigil.

Businesses who did extra lighting and are cited are the Sands Motel, the Courthouse, the Citizens State Bank, The Moore Agency, the Gift Gallery. The Grocery Basket is commended for providing pretty music during Christmas week.

Commendation is given to the Carrizozo speech team for its work in lighting with luminarias and to the people who supported this effort.

Winners may pick up their prize money from Johnson Stearns at the Citizens State Bank, sponsors of the contest.



First place-winner is the Vallejos home.



Tied for first place is the Lee Roy Najar home.



Second place winner is the Joe Ventura home.



Third place winner is the home of Jack and Carrie Magee.

## Home nursing care available

Home Health Services is a new concept of home care in this area, and is now available to all county residence, regardless of age, who require skilled nursing care on an intermittent basis. Home Health Services of Lincoln County is operating under a \$37,500 Health, Education, and Welfare grant.

The sponsoring organization is Home Health Services of Chaves County from Roswell, which has been in operation for approximately seven years. Jackie Papworth, R.N., the supervisor for both Chaves County and Lincoln County, was responsible for obtaining the Federal Grant to expand the service into Lincoln County.

The Services offers include nursing, physical, speech and occupational therapy, also the ministrations of the Home Health Aide which is the equivalent to the Nurse's Aide in the hospital.

The aide, under the supervision of the nurse provides some medical, nursing, personal care, blood pressure checks, and if necessary, exercises as taught by the physical therapist or the nurse. The services is designed to keep the patient at their home instead of the hospital, once their condition is such that hospitalization and round the clock nursing care is no longer necessary.

Verna Stoltzfus, RN is the team leader for the county area. She may be contacted by phoning 257-5180 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or writing Home Health Services of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 2276, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345.

Request for care may be made by the patient, family, friend, or consulting physicians. However, to qualify for Home Health Care the patient must be under the care of a physician, confined to the home, and have a physician's approval before the nurse can see them.

The agency has a local Advisory Board, whose members are as follows: Charlotte Jarratt, Jean Morgan, R.N., Dr. R.L. Annala, MD, Don Swalander, Catherine Annala, Jim Burns, Mozelle Vinsant, R.N., Jackie Papworth, R.N., Mel O'Reilly, Father Delbert Achoff, Ruth McGuire, Elvira Maes, Dick Mound, and Edith Prescott.

The primary objective of the agency is to provide skilled nursing and professional care for people in their homes, thereby decreasing the need for institutionalization or hospitalization. It is also the aim of the agency to improve health care for the chronically ill homebound persons.

## Movie changed

The holiday movie schedule has been changed for Carrizozo. There will be no movie on New Years eve and the Saturday program has been cancelled for this week only. Instead, there will be a childrens movie Sunday at 2 p.m., Pinocchio in Outer Space, a feature cartoon. An adult movie, American Graffiti will be Sunday at 7 p.m.

# THE WAY OF THE WEST

by Mary Rich

The best things that happened in Lincoln County in 1976 had to do with people getting to know each other better. I do not know, except from television, how the rest of the nation fared in the 200th birthday celebration. Out here in the west we did very well and spent little money doing it.

All the figures show that Lincoln County is prosperous. Our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the nation. Our tax roll indicates a lot of new buildings. Money however has been a little short or seemed that way to a lot of people.

Someone commented that while most of us work, we work pretty cheap, spreading the poverty around a little.

Part of our problems have to do with inflation and the really big bites that fuel bills take out of the family budget. It cost a lot now to heat a house and it gets pretty cold in Lincoln County. How about that 15 below zero (maybe) in Corona in November? And since we are in the Southwest, we don't expect it to get really cold so our houses have a lot of leaky places in the windows and walls.

The problem continues with our trucks and cars. We have big distances to travel in these parts. Ranchers put a lot of miles on just going from one cow to the next. Gas is expensive.

So with a cash shortage we find ways to manage to have a good time that don't cost a lot. I went to a lot of art shows, fairs, rodeos, bake sales, parades, fiddling contests this year.

We all worked on the float for the county and we worked on the fairs, and the market places we got to know each other better.

The Carrizozo Golf Course brought people from all over the county together (the state too) and the several tournaments were fun for even us non-golfers.

The Pony Express race was a big attraction and the opening breakfast in White Oaks was rated top notch by breakfast experts. There were dances in every town that had a place to dance.

The biggest rodeo, I guess, was the Smokey Bear Stampede but the 4-H rodeo in Corona was pure joy.

The Ruidoso Aspencafe parade was as fine a parade as I have ever seen but I had quite a time judging the Corona Bicentennial parade.

We got a new State Park dedicated in Capitan this year, a new administration building for the school in Carrizozo. We opened the Lyric Theater in Carrizozo along with the Family Pharmacy, Jackies and about seven other businesses.

A new bank building was started and the beautiful Moore Insurance Building dedicated. The Becks opened a pretty new location in Capitan and Ted and Judy Chavez remodeled their T&J Lounge and bought the Wade Bar.

Both the Carrizozo and Capitan, Woman's Clubs grew by leaps and bounds and the children all looked prettier and healthier than ever before.

From this typewriter, it seems that we did more than just survive another year of modern living. We gained in understanding of each other, made important promises for the future and really enjoyed a full year of beauty in Lincoln County.

Happy New Year to us all.

## Around town

Jane Ortiz just returned from a holiday in Lake Tahoe, Nevada with her daughter Lillian Ortiz. She reports having had a very nice time.

## BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chapman, a girl, 7 lbs. 9 oz., named Daisy Autumn. Paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leslie of Carrizozo, great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Stennie Russell of Roswell. Paternal parents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Householder, Bellsower, California. Daisy Autumn was born on Dec. 9, 1976, 9:13 p.m.

## Democratic women

The Lincoln County Democratic Women will meet Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the home of Charlotte Jarrett in Ruidoso. The meeting will be a covered dish supper and new officers will be installed. They are Coletta Elliott, president; Carlene Jones, vice president; Juanita Abercrombie, vice president; Cece Sudderth, secretary; Sunny Hirschfeld, treasurer; Emilene Beck, corresponding secretary.

## NRCD workshop

There will be a workshop for the Carrizozo and Upper Hondo NRCD Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at the Recreation Center in Carrizozo. All Supervisors are urged to attend.

## Jurors to report

The Lincoln County Petit Jury and Grand Jury have been called for Jan. 4, 1977. District Clerk Margo Lindsay reminds all persons who have been called to report for duty on that date. The Petit Jury meets at 9:15 a.m. and the Grand Jury is to convene at 10 a.m.

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Carrizozo's two past Sun Duchesses assisted at a tea honoring this year's honoree Delores McBride (center). Hostess LeAnne Straley (left) was joined by Christine Fenler (right) at the event at the Carrizozo Womens' Club.

December 26. Hostess for the Club was Hazel Hayes, chairman of the committee. Miss McBride will represent Carrizozo in El Paso at the Sun Carnival this week. (Photo by Willie Silva)

## Corona

The week's weather was cold but sunny and as usual there was much coming and going for the holidays.

Tammy Owen is home from W.T.S.U. at Canyon.

Mary Kilgore came from ENMU and joined her parents for a visit with relatives in Amity, Ark.

Janet Willis had a short vacation from work in El Paso.

The Royce Washburns went to Datil to be with the Wellborns.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dial, Kayla Dial, and Phoebe Foster were here from Albuquerque.

Guests of the Gibbs and Fullers include Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Fuller and Amanda, Fairfax, Va., Mrs. H. Fuller's father, Bud Murray, of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Jones, Christy, Kathi, and Connie Jones, Albuquerque, Mrs. Ora Mobley, Clovis, and David Steinberg, Santa Fe.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell, Beverley and Dan, came from Tucumcari to be with Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Bond, and all drove to Roswell Christmas Day to spend some time with Mrs. Bond's mother, Mrs. Maggie Bell.

The George James and Lee Mulkey families were in Alamogordo as were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. James and family of Los Alamos to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Bradford were here from El Paso.

Archie Perkins returned Wednesday from Albuquerque where he underwent surgery for a hip replacement. He will be recuperating at home for the next several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Kibbe, Floyd, and Lois Ann Holleyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan spent several days this week with relatives and friends in the Phoenix area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mack Brown were here for Christmas with his family.

Walter Garfield spent Christmas in Corona and with his mother and sister made a business trip to Albuquerque Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Tyree Jr. were in Tucumcari for the weekend with the Mitch Tyrees.

Kenneth Kiefer, Nancy Allman and

Mr. and Mrs. Bagley were over from Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Ednen Hindi are the parents of a son, William Ednen, born Dec. 21 in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron "Cotton" Yancey marked their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday with a small party hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Owen, and Myron Wayne Yancey. Tiffany and Rusty Owen were also helping their grandparents celebrate.

Jack Donohue underwent minor throat surgery Tuesday and is on voice arrest for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Donohue were in Phoenix for the holidays.

Mrs. John D. Holleyman was called to El Paso Monday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Katie Lois Wilken, 82, of Ysleta. Services were held Monday with El Paso with six nephews as pallbearers and interment in Restlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Wilken is survived by a son C.A. "Lefty" Wilken of Hillsboro, one daughter, Mrs. Holleyman, and seven grandchildren to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

Kennan Fuller entered Albuquerque's Presbyterian Hospital Monday for tests.

## Health Clinic

JANUARY, 1977

Monday, January 3, 1977, Carrizozo Clinic to be held in the Health Office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 1977, EPSDT Clinic to be held in the Health Office from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 1977, Capitan Clinic to be held in the Capitan School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, 1977, Hondo Clinic to be held in the Hondo School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 10, 1977, Ruidoso Clinic to be held at White Mountain School from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Wednesday, January 12, 1977, Corona School to be held in Corona School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



To all of our Friends and Customers

Thank you for making 1976 a good year with your friendship and your business.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jack and Carrie

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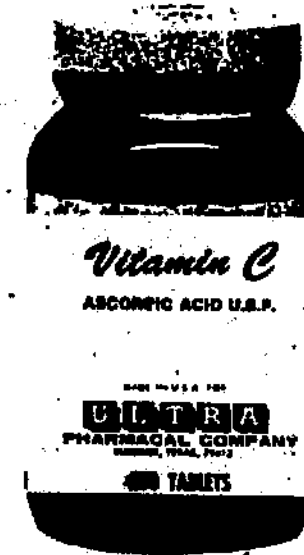
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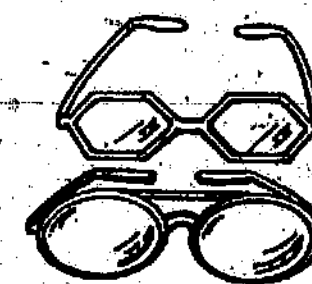
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# County Commissioner's Report

By Leslie Olson  
County Manager

To conclude the discussion on the property tax levy and the property tax base for Lincoln County, let's review the growth in total assessed valuation over the last ten years.

1967-1968	\$21,962,548
1968-1969	22,930,522
1969-1970	23,617,958
1970-1971	25,948,280
1971-1972	27,450,195
1972-1973	30,373,187
1973-1974	47,005,464
1974-1975	47,602,038
1975-1976	51,892,731
1976-1977	56,667,219

Since 1967 the total tax base or assessed valuation has increased 271.7 percent. As you can see, most of this increase began in 1970-1971, about the

time the state property dept. was mandated by the legislature to employ a private firm to reappraise the County. Since then the County Assessor has conducted and administered the appraisal program.

The present assessed valuation of \$59,667,219 represents one third of the

assessed market value of approximately \$179,001,657 in all property. Of the \$59,667,219 assessed valuation, \$13,394,700 represents utility companies and other corporate property assessed by the State Property Tax Department. \$46,272,519 represents residential and commercial property assessed by the County Assessor.

Last week we said 8.668 mills was levied to pay for County Courthouse operations, outstanding bond debt, and improvements on the two hospital facilities. This mill rate generates

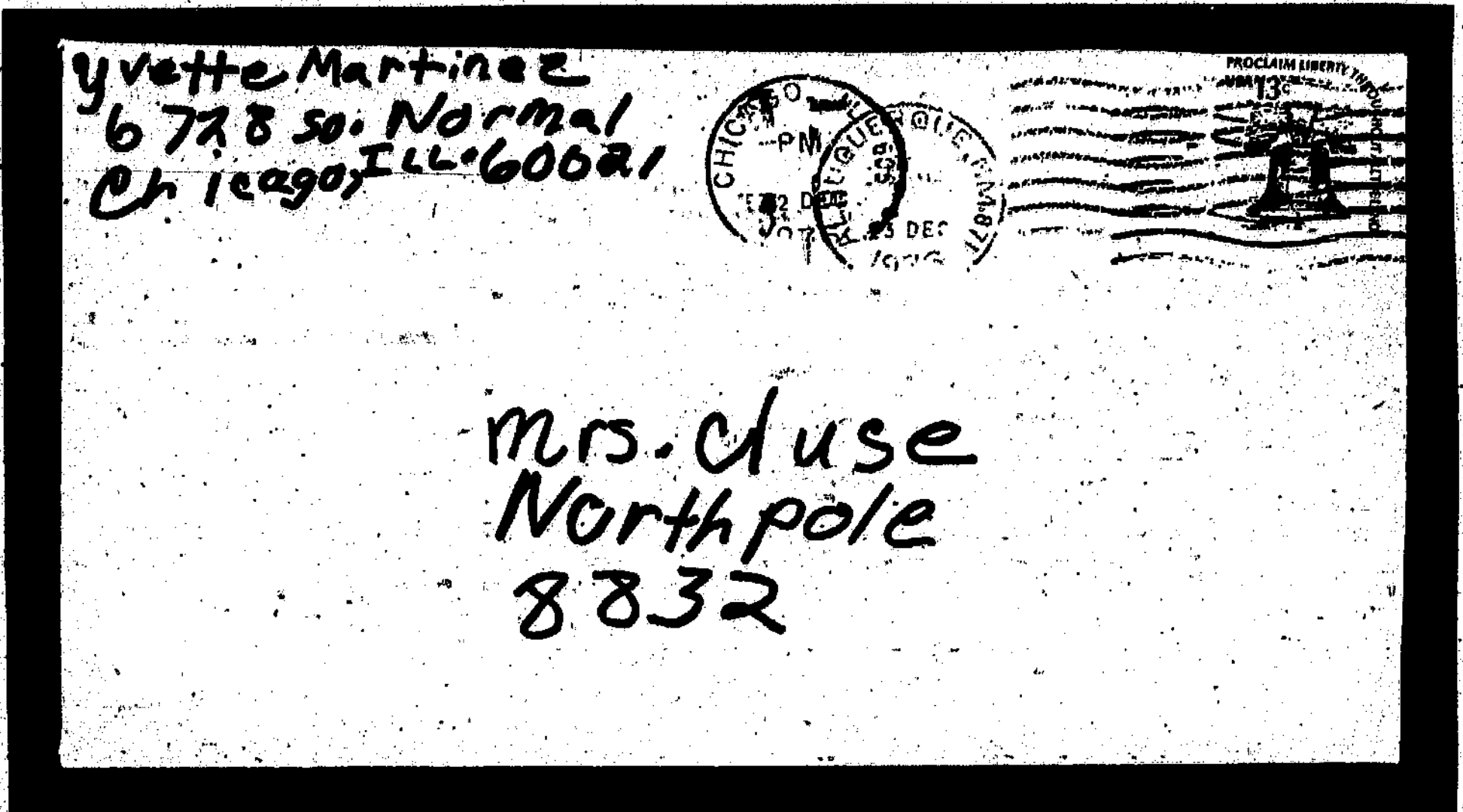
\$517,195 of revenue distributed as follows:  
 Courthouse operation \$358,003  
 Interest on bonds 45,777  
 Bond Principal 68,665  
 Hospital improvement 44,750  
**TOTAL \$517,195**

The County Treasurer never quite collects all taxes due. The percent of property taxes collected on the total assessed valuation for the past three years was:

- 1975 - 96.11 percent
- 1974 - 97.26 percent
- 1973 - 99.27 percent

The difference is delinquent taxes. The budget is usually based on ninety five percent of these totals noted above.

The above figures represent property tax dollar revenues and where the property tax dollar is spent. We will look at non-property dollar revenues during the budget development process.



## Letters to Editor

Dear Mary,  
 Just a quick cartoon to wish the News a "Happy New Year!"

For two issues now, "Anyway You Look at It," has not appeared. And "The Way of the West" was not included in the Christmas issue.

Like I said before, I wouldn't miss reading them. Not only are they educational, they are entertaining.

Hope these two columns are only taking a holiday break, because reading weekly newspapers without the comments of its publishers & editors is like receiving Christmas cards without signatures, watching a basketball game without cheerleaders or eating chili without salt.

P. Chavez

Enjoyed your 'different' Christmas card. It will inspire my brother-in-law in his next painting.

To the Editor:

I have recently had occasion to talk with Col. Martin Vigil of our State Police and he gave me some information that made me think that we need to think about. The State Police need more men as well as money to run the department.

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for our Law Enforcement people. Every day they put their lives on the line to protect all of us and our property. They stand between the citizen and anarchy and I feel very strongly that they should have every thing that they need to carry out their task. It seems that our Legislature does not see the need for our State Police and I think that we as citizens can give them a bit of assistance by writing to the members of the Finance Committee urging this committee to give serious consideration to the needs of the State Police as outlined by Chief Vigil. We cannot do without the State Police and as the State has a huge surplus of cash I see no reason at all why the Finance Committee cannot easily supply the Police with the amounts needed for each year's work.

If many folks would write a letter to each member of this committee I am sure that they would give some consideration to our requests. The members of the committee with their addresses follows:

Aubrey L. Dunn, Box 386, Alamogordo, N.M. 88310; John D. Rogers, State Capitol, Santa Fe, N.M.; Ben D. Altamirano, State Capitol, Santa Fe, N.M.; Joseph A. Fidel, Box 968, Grants, N.M. 87020; Gladys Hansen, 1930 Gladys Dr., Las Cruces, N.M. 88001; John B. Irick, 6500 Rogers Ave. N.M., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Bill L. Lee, Box 1355, Lovington, N.M. 88260; Harry M. McAdams, 2112 N. Fowler, Hobbs, N.M. 88240; John L. Morrow, Box 11, Capulin, N.M. 88414; R.E. Thompson, Drawer 700, Roswell, N.M. 88201; C.B. Trujillo, Box 1849; Taos, N.M. 87571; Bob E. Wood, Box 839; Portales, N.M. 88130.

Harold L. Turner,  
 Chairman  
 Heights Optimist  
 Whistle Stop

This Christmas Prayer was sent to us by Willie Silva

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding—that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified—that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them—that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses—that the true spirit of this Christmas Season—its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us—that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony any sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Mr. Paul Payton:

Holiday greetings to all of you folks on the News Staff and my compliments on the growth in excellence that I feel is so much a part of your weekly endeavor.

Mildred and I had the opportunity to spend Christmas with Mr. Manire this year and appreciate the chance to see all this lovely country decked out in its Winter finery. The drive from Albuquerque, and especially between here and Socorro, was especially beautiful. What a contrast to the hemmed in feeling we have back home in the Chicago area.

This past year had occasion to contribute the enclosed Bicentennial poem to a Church Choir celebration and thought you might perhaps be able to use it in summing up 1976 - its accomplishments and its hopes for the future.

Have a nice holiday and a fine 1977 to one and all.

Sincerely,  
 Bob Miller

Have You Counted All Your Blessings  
 As You Live From Day To Day?  
 Have You Talled, All The Wondrous Things

That This Life Has Brought Your Way?  
 Have You Ever Truly Reckoned  
 What You've Done To Gain This Prize

Where The Colors of Old Glory  
 Fly Unfurled Across The Skies?  
 Have You?

Have You Ever Given Any Thought  
 To Those Gone On Before?  
 Who Left The Clutch Of Tyranny  
 To Search For Freedom's Shore?  
 Who Braved The Perils Of The Unknown  
 In That Search So Long Ago?  
 Who Fought The Cruellest Hardships  
 That A Heart Can Ever Know?

Have You?

Have You Taken Time To Ponder  
 Why We're Where We Are Today?  
 As We Deeply Breathe Clear  
 Freedom's Air  
 We Can Sing, Or Talk, Or Pray!  
 There's No Oppression Looming O'er  
 Us,  
 We're As Free As Free Can Be  
 For Two-Hundred Thankful, Hard-  
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 We've Enjoyed Sweet Lib-  
 erty!

Have You?

Have You Ever Wondered Just What Step

You Might Take To Do Your Part  
 To Keep The Flame Of Liberty  
 Burning Brightly In Each Heart?  
 Why Not Use The Bicentennial  
 As The Means To Show We Care  
 God Grant That Freedom Carries On  
 Make That Your Sincere  
 Prayer!

Have You?

The Post Office can't explain it and we couldn't get a tired Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus out of bed to answer our questions: How did this letter get to Carrizozo, New Mexico?

Yvette Martinez of Chicago, Illinois, mailed a letter to Mrs. Claus in Chicago on December 22. It was in Albuquerque on December 23 and in Carrizozo on December 24.

Mrs. Clause  
 Northpole  
 8832

It is hard to understand how a letter addressed to the North Pole came so far south but here it is and we just hope old Santa Claus heard about Yvette's tears. We bet she was crying for sunny New Mexico and didn't even know why.

They write, the date game, the bonic woman game, and a kite. And I'm crying now.

Yvette Martinez

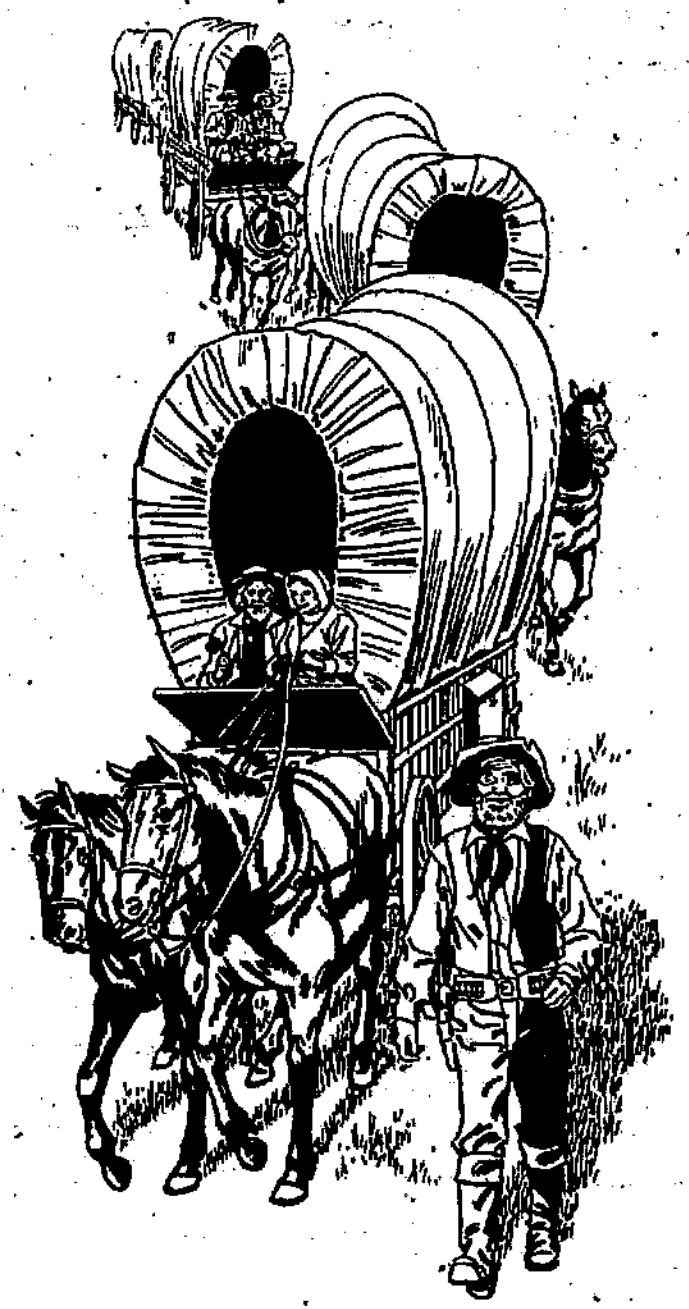
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# THE WAY West

by Mary Rich

The best things that happened in Lincoln County in 1976 had to do with people getting to know each other better. I do not know, except from television, how the rest of the nation fared in the 200th birthday celebration. Out here in the west we did very well and spent little money doing it.

All the figures show that Lincoln County is prosperous. Our unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the nation. Our tax roll indicates a lot of new buildings. Money however has been a little short or seemed that way to a lot of people.

Someone commented that while most of us work, we work pretty cheap, spreading the poverty around a little.

Part of our problems have to do with inflation and the really big bites that fuel bills take out of the family budget. It cost a lot now to heat a house and it gets pretty cold in Lincoln County. How about that 15 below zero (maybe) in Corona in November? And since we are in the Southwest, we don't expect it to get really cold so our houses have a lot of leaky places in the windows and walls.

The problem continues with our trucks and cars. We have big distances to travel in these parts. Ranchers put a lot of miles on just going from one cow to the next. Gas is expensive.

So with a cash shortage we find ways to manage to have a good time that don't cost a lot. I went to a lot of art shows, fairs, rodeos, bake sales, parades, fiddling contests this year.

We all worked on the float for the county and we worked on the fairs, and the market places we got to know each other better.

The Carrizozo Golf Course brought people from all over the county together (the state too) and the several tournaments were fun for even us non-golfers.

The Pony Express race was a big attraction and the opening breakfast in White Oaks was rated top notch by breakfast experts. There were dances in every town that had a place to dance.

The biggest rodeo, I guess, was the Smokey Bear Stampede but the 4-H rodeo in Corona was pure joy.

The Ruidoso Aspendace parade was as fine a parade as I have ever seen but I had quite a time judging the Corona Bicentennial parade.

We got a new State Park dedicated in Capitan this year, a new administration building for the school in Carrizozo. We opened the Lyric Theater in Carrizozo along with the Family Pharmacy, Jackies and about seven other businesses.

A new bank building was started and the beautiful Moore Insurance Building dedicated. The Becks opened a pretty new location in Capitan and Ted and Judy Chavez remodeled their T&J Lounge and bought the Wade Bar.

Both the Carrizozo and Capitan Women's Clubs grew by leaps and bounds and the children all looked prettier and healthier than ever before.

From this typewriter, it seems that we did more than just survive another year of modern living. We gained in understanding of each other, made important promises for the future and really enjoyed a full year of beauty in Lincoln County.

Happy New Year to us all.

## Around town

Jane Ortiz just returned from a holiday in Lake Tahoe, Nevada with her daughter Lillian Ortiz.

She reports having had a very nice time.

## BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Chapman, a girl, 7 lbs. 9 oz., named Daisy Autumn. Paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Leslie of Carrizozo, great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Stennie Russell of Roswell. Paternal parents Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Householder, Bellsower, California. Daisy Autumn was born on Dec. 9, 1976, 9:13 p.m.

## Democratic women

The Lincoln County Democratic Women will meet Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the home of Charlotte Jarrett in Ruidoso. The meeting will be a covered dish supper and new officers will be installed. They are Coletta Elliott, president; Carlene Jones, vice president; Juanita Abercrombie, vice president; Cece Suddeher, secretary; Sunny Hirschfeld, treasurer; Emilene Beck, corresponding secretary.

## NRCD workshop

There will be a workshop for the Carrizozo and Upper Hondo NRCD Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at the Recreation Center in Carrizozo. All Supervisors are urged to attend.

## Jurors to report

The Lincoln County Petit Jury and Grand Jury have been called for Jan. 4, 1977. District Clerk Margo Lindsay reminds all persons who have been called to report for duty on that date. The Petit Jury meets at 9:15 a.m. and the Grand Jury is to convene at 10 a.m.

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Carrizozo's two past Sun Duchesses assisted at a tea honoring this year's honoree Delores McBride (center). Hostess LeAnne Straley (left) was joined by Christine Fentel (right) at the event at the Carrizozo Women's Club

December 26. Hostess for the Club was Hazel Hayes, chairman of the committee. Miss McBride will represent Carrizozo in El Paso at the Sun Carnival this week. (Photo by Willie Silva)

## Corona

The week's weather was cold but sunny and as usual there was much coming and going for the holidays.

Tammy Owen is home from W.T.S.U. at Canyon.

Mary Kilgore came from ENMU and joined her parents for a visit with relatives in Amity, Ark.

Janet Willis had a short vacation from work in El Paso.

The Royce Washburns went to Datil to be with the Wellborns.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dial, Kayla Dial, and Phoebe Foster were here from Albuquerque.

Guests of the Gibbs and Fullers include Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Fuller and Amanda, Fairfax, Va., Mrs. H. Fuller's father, Bud Murray, of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Jones, Christy, Kathi, and Connie Jones, Albuquerque, Mrs. Ora Mobley, Clovis, and David Steinberg, Santa Fe.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bell, Beverley and Dan, came from Tucuman to be with Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Bond, and all drove to Roswell Christmas Day to spend some time with Mrs. Bond's mother, Mrs. Maggie Bell.

The George James and Lee Mulkey families were in Alamogordo as were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. James and family of Los Alamos to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Bradford were here from El Paso.

Archie Perkins returned Wednesday from Albuquerque where he underwent surgery for a hip replacement. He will be recuperating at home for the next several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Kibbe, Floyd, and Lois Ann Holleyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan spent several days this week with relatives and friends in the Phoenix area.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mack Brown were here for Christmas with his family.

Walter Garfield spent Christmas in Corona and with his mother and sister made a business trip to Albuquerque Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Tyree Jr. were in Tucuman for the weekend with the Mitch Tyrees.

Kenneth Kiefer, Nancy Allman and

Mr. and Mrs. Bagley were over from Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Ednen Hindi are the parents of a son, William Ednen, born Dec. 21 in Albuquerque.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron "Cotton" Yancey marked their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Sunday with a small party hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Yancey, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Owen, and Myron Wayne Yancey. Tiffany and Rusty Owen were also helping their grandparents celebrate.

Jack Donohue underwent minor throat surgery Tuesday and is on voice arrest for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Donohue were in Phoenix for the holidays.

Mrs. John D. Holleyman was called to El Paso Monday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Katie Lois Wilken, 82, of Ysleta. Services were held Monday with El Paso with six nephews as pallbearers and interment in Restlawn Cemetery. Mrs. Wilken is survived by a son C.A. "Lefty" Wilken of Hillsboro, one daughter, Mrs. Holleyman, and seven grandchildren to whom we extend sincere sympathy.

Kennan Fuller entered Albuquerque's Presbyterian Hospital Monday for tests.

## Health Clinic

JANUARY, 1977

Monday, January 3, 1977, Carrizozo Clinic to be held in the Health Office from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4, 1977, EPSDT Clinic to be held in the Health Office from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5, 1977, Capitan Clinic to be held in the Capitan School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, 1977, Hondo Clinic to be held in the Hondo School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 10, 1977, Ruidoso Clinic to be held at White Mountain School from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Wednesday, January 12, 1977, Corona School to be held in Corona School from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Jack and Carrie

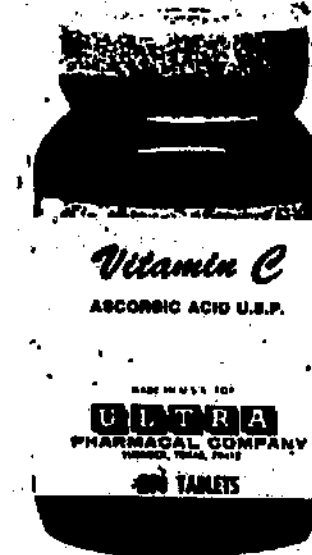
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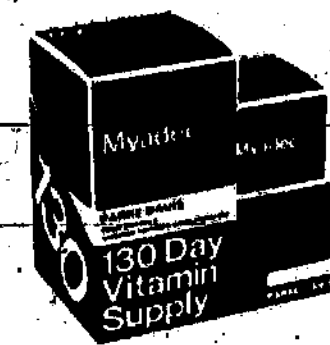
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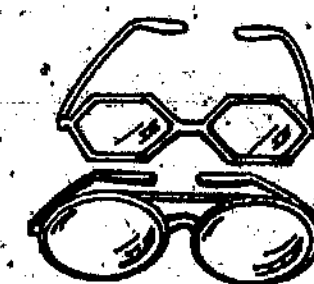
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# County Commissioner's Report

By Leslie Olson  
County Manager

To conclude the discussion on the property tax levy and the property tax base for Lincoln County, let's review the growth in total assessed valuation over the last ten years.

1967-1968	\$21,962,548
1968-1969	22,930,522
1969-1970	23,617,968
1970-1971	25,948,280
1971-1972	27,450,195
1972-1973	30,373,187
1973-1974	47,005,464
1974-1975	47,602,038
1975-1976	51,892,731
1976-1977	56,667,219

Since 1967 the total tax base or assessed valuation has increased 271.7 percent. As you can see, most of this increase began in 1970-1971, about the

time the state property dept. was mandated by the legislature to employ a private firm to reappraise the County. Since then the County Assessor has conducted and administered the appraisal program.

The present assessed valuation of \$59,667,219 represents one third of the

assessed market value of approximately \$179,001,657 in all property. Of the \$59,667,219 assessed valuation, \$13,394,700 represents utility companies and other corporate property assessed by the State Property Tax Department. \$46,272,519 represents residential and commercial property assessed by the County Assessor.

Last week we said 8.668 mills was levied to pay for County Courthouse operations, outstanding bond debt, and improvements on the two hospital facilities. This mill rate generates

\$517,195 of Revenue distributed as follows:

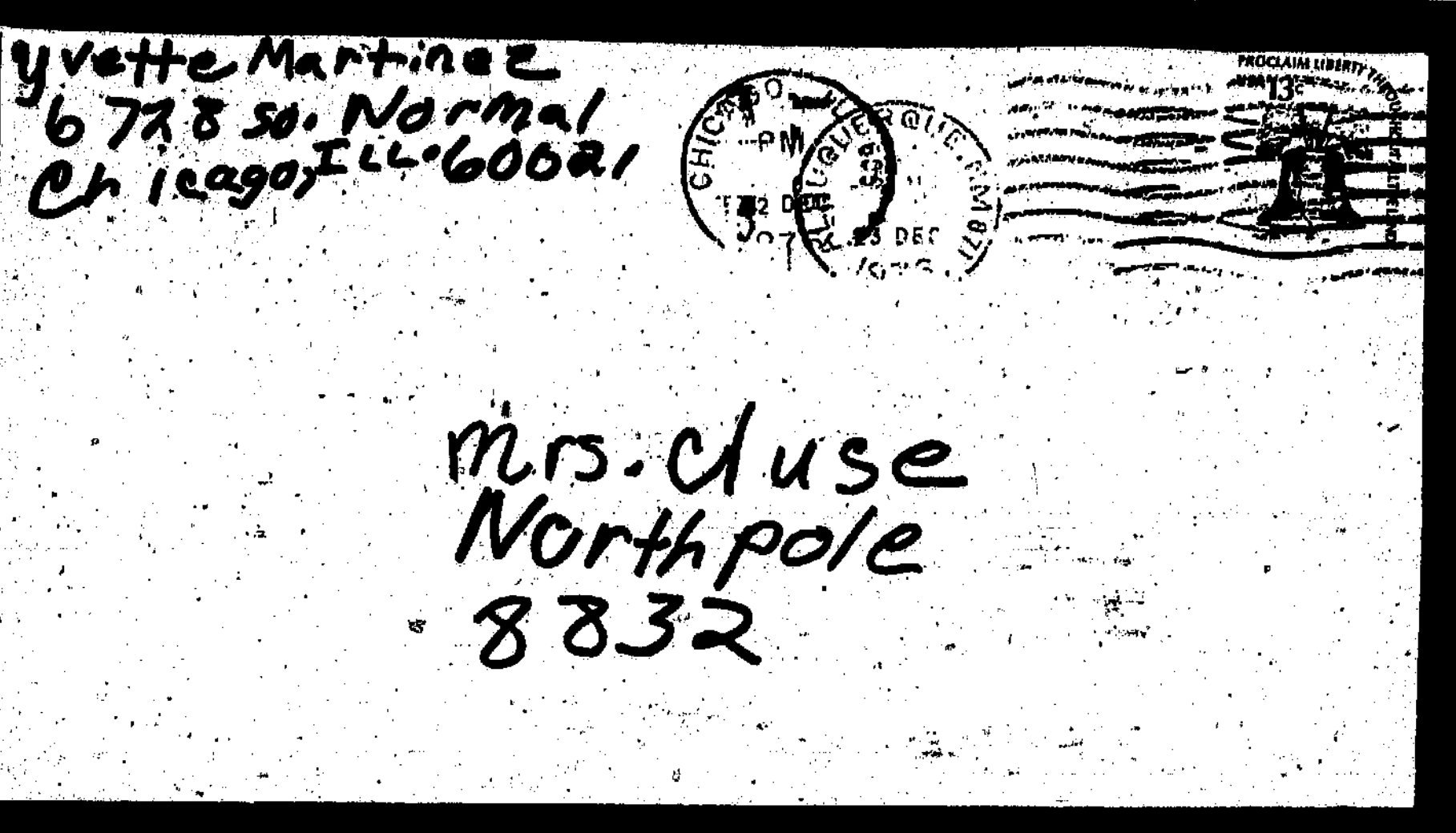
Courthouse operation	\$358,003
Interest on bonds	45,777
Bond Principal	68,665
Hospital Improvement	44,750
TOTAL	\$517,195

The County Treasurer never quite collects all taxes due. The percent of property taxes collected on the total assessed valuation for the past three years was:

1975 - 96.11 percent
1974 - 97.26 percent
1973 - 99.27 percent

The difference is delinquent taxes. The budget is usually based on ninety five percent of these totals noted above.

The above figures represent property tax dollar revenues and where the property tax dollar is spent. We will look at non-property dollar revenues during the budget development process.



## Letters to Editor

Dear Mary,  
Just a quick cartoon to wish the News a "Happy New Year!"  
For two issues now, "Anyway You Look at It," has not appeared. And "The Way of the West" was not included in the Christmas issue.

Like I said before, I wouldn't miss reading them. Not only are they educational, they are entertaining.  
Hope these two columns are only taking a holiday break, because reading weekly newspapers without the comments of its publishers & editors is like receiving Christmas cards without signatures, watching a basketball game without cheerleaders or eating chili without salt.

P. Chavez

Enjoyed your 'different' Christmas card. It will inspire my brother-in-law in his next painting.

To the Editor:

I have recently had occasion to talk with Col. Martin Vigil of our State Police and he gave me some information that made me think that we need to think about, The State Police need more men as well as money to run the department.

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for our Law Enforcement people. Every day they put their lives on the line to protect all of us and our property. They stand between the citizen and anarchy and I feel very strongly that they should have every thing that they need to carry out their task. It seems that our Legislature does not see the need for our State Police and I think that we as citizens can give them a bit of assistance by writing to the members of the Finance Committee urging this committee to give serious consideration to the needs of the State Police as outlined by Chief Vigil. We cannot do without the State Police and as the State has a huge surplus of cash I see no reason at all why the Finance Committee cannot easily supply the Police with the amounts needed for each year's work.

If many folks would write a letter to each member of this committee I am sure that they would give some consideration to our requests. The members of the committee with their addresses follows:

Aubrey L. Dunn, Box 386, Alamogordo, N.M. 88310; John D. Rogers, State Capitol, Santa Fe, N.M.; Ben D. Altamirano, State Capitol, Santa Fe, N.M.; Joseph A. Fidel, Box 968, Grants, N.M. 87020; Gladys Hansen, 1930 Gladys Dr., Las Cruces, N.M. 88001; John B. Erick, 6500 Rogers Ave. N.M., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110.

Bill L. Lee, Box 1355, Lovington, N.M. 88260; Harry M. McAdams, 2112 N. Fowler, Hobbs, N.M. 88240; John L. Morrow, Box 11, Capulin, N.M. 88414; R.E. Thompson, Drawer 700, Roswell, N.M. 88201; C.B. Trujillo, Box 1849, Taos, N.M. 87571; Bob E. Wood, Box 839, Portales, N.M. 88130.

Harold L. Turner,  
Chairman  
Heights Optimist  
Whistle Stop

This Christmas Prayer was sent to us by Willie Silva

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding—that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified—that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them—that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses—that the true spirit of this Christmas Season—its joy, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us—that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony any sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Mr. Paul Payton:

Holiday greetings to all of you folks on the News Staff and my compliments on the growth in excellence that I feel is so much a part of your weekly endeavor.

Mildred and I had the opportunity to spend Christmas with Mr. Manire this year and appreciate the chance to see all this lovely country decked out in its winter finery. The drive from Albuquerque, and especially between here and Socorro, was especially beautiful. What a contrast to the hemmed in feeling we have back home in the Chicago area.

This past year had occasion to contribute the enclosed Bicentennial poem to a Church Choir celebration and thought you might perhaps be able to use it in summing up 1976 - its accomplishments and its hopes for the future.

Have a nice holiday and a fine 1977 to one and all.

Sincerely,  
Bob Miller

Have You Counted All Your Blessings  
As You Live From Day To Day?  
Have You Tallied All The Wondrous Things

That This Life Has Brought Your Way?

Have You Ever Truly Reckoned  
What You've Done To Gain This Prize

Where The Colors of Old Glory  
Fly Unfurled Across The Skies?

Have You?

Have You Ever Given Any Thought  
To Those Gone On Before?  
Who Left The Clutch Of Tyranny  
To Search For Freedom's Shore?  
Who Braved The Perils Of The Unknown

In That Search So Long Ago?  
Who Fought The Cruellest Hardships  
That A Heart Can Ever Know?

Have You?

Have You Taken Time To Ponder  
Why We're Where We Are Today?  
As We Deeply Breathe Clear  
Freedom's Air

We Can Sing, Or Talk, Or Pray!  
There's No Oppression Looming O'er  
Us,

We're As Free As Free Can Be -  
For Two-Hundred Thankful, Hard-  
Won Years.

We've Enjoyed Sweet Liberty!

Have You?

Have You Ever Wondered Just What

Step You Might Take To Do Your Part

To Keep The Flame Of Liberty

Burning Brightly In Each Heart?

Why Not Use The Bicentennial

As The Means To Show We Care -

God Grant That Freedom Carries On

Make That Your Sincere

Prayer!

Have You?

The Post Office can't explain it and we couldn't get a tired Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus out of bed to answer our questions: How did this letter get to Carrizozo, New Mexico?

Yvette Martinez of Chicago, Illinois, mailed a letter to Mrs. Claus in Chicago on December 22. It was in Albuquerque on December 23, and in Carrizozo on December 24.

It is hard to understand how a letter addressed to the North Pole came so far south but here it is and we just hope old Santa Claus heard about Yvette's tears. We bet she was crying for sunny New Mexico and didn't even know why.

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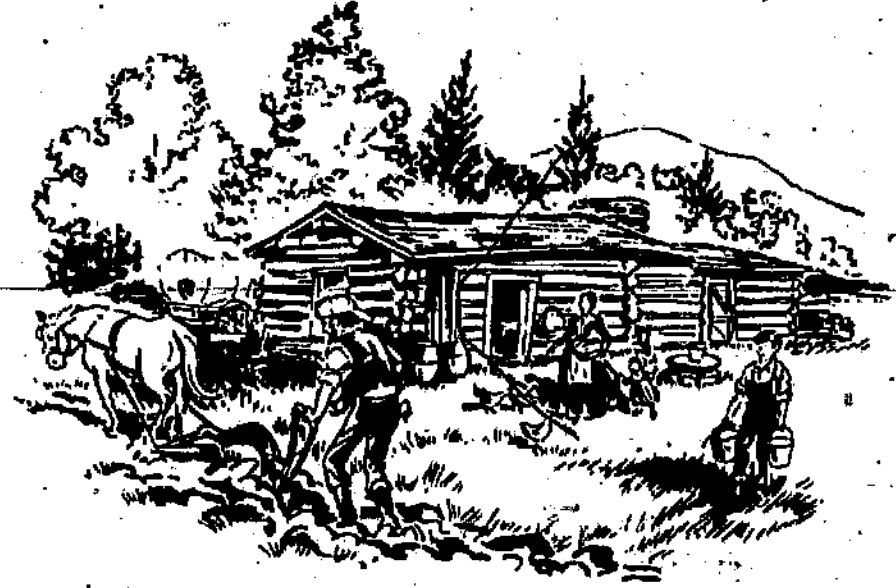
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# In other years

by Paul Payton

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

From Lincoln County News Dec. 28, 1956.

The Carrizozo Board of Education at its December meeting voted to rescind its prohibition of married students attending high school. They will be prohibited from taking part in extra-curricular activities, including athletics.

Clint Rice and George Sharpe of Haxton, Colo., are reported to have bought the Helen Rae gold mine near Nogal Peak and are making plans to develop it. They are now doing salvage work in the mine which has not been worked for many years.

Red Canyon Range Camp became a "diamond in the desert," during the Christmas holidays -- a bright spot between Carrizozo and San Antonio. Five-foot red candles replaced the missiles at the entrance to the camp.

Capitan by Margaret -- On the old highway stood the candle and tree in the Lujan home, the Emma Herrera tree, and a gorgeous tree in the picture window of the H. Lee Miller home. From that view to the north there stood out the pretty tree and decorations at the LeRoy McKnights. The Stewart and Tranquillino Montoya homes showed beautifully, also.

Capitan grade school presented an operetta titled, "The Kidnapping of Santa Claus, in which the tots did a fine job. Actors were Johnny Condor, Joe Zamora, Holman Young, Pamela Lobb, Jackie Daniel Lobb, Nancy Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jones and family left the 24th to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis in El Paso.

Lincoln County in 1955 had an estimated population of 7,600.

Corona by Effie -- Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davidson and children spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. Austin of Artesia.

Mayor Cleve Brown reports the Fireman's party for the children at the Corona Village Hall was well attended and there were plenty of treats.

Nogal by Rosalie -- Mr. and Mrs. Randall Greer and family and Albert Carter spent Christmas day in El Paso with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Greer.

The Mert Zumwalt home was the gathering place for several for Christmas dinner. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Zumwalt, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Zumwalt, Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Zumwalt, and the hosts Mr. and Mrs. Mert Zumwalt and family.

THIRTY YEARS AGO  
From Lincoln County News and Carrizozo Outlook Dec. 27, 1949.

Herman E. Kelt Jr., 22, water tender second class USN, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Brownson, one of 13 ships in the Navy's expedition to the Arctic.

This a.m. at about 9:15 Colonel Jone's Chevron Station on main street caught fire from an explosion of the oil heating stove. Damages \$600.

Bivina-Zumwalt Post #448 Veterans of Foreign Wars will have their first dance Dec. 28th at the Carrizozo Community Hall. Bill Cathy is the commander, Reed Sherrill is Adjutant.

Shortly after the first of the year Mr. John A. Boans of Artesia will open the Rainbow Theatre in Capitan in the Bank Bldg., corner of the highway and main.

Four songs -- The Old Lamplighter, Winter Wonderland, White Christmas and Silent Night were sung by Janet Mae Shafer, Pat Stephenson, Martha Miller, Ann Eaker, Barbara Jean Branum, Hope Snow, Mildred Hoffman, Veda Lou Branum and Kathleen Ward at the Woman's Club meeting.

Advertisements -- "Photographs Live Forever", Blakely's Photo Studio. Flying Instructions, Carrizozo Flying School, Mark Sloan, Pilot, Roy Shafer, Manager. "Easy" Washing Machines at Harkey Lumber Co.

Carrizozo high school basketball schedule included: Hagerman, Artesia, Dexter, Vaughn, Roswell, Hondo, Tularosa, Mountainair.

Golden Key Night Club, two miles east of Capitan. Dance three times each

week, Willie J. Hanson, proprietor.  
FOR SALE -- The grocery department of my store. I want to handle feed exclusively. Leandro Vega.

Joe Phillips, bookkeeper at the City Garage, sprained his ankle last week working out with the American Legion basketball team.

Mr. Zane Leslie of Capitan had a narrow escape when the car in which he was riding overturned several times between Carrizozo and Capitan.

Charles Mackey of Santa Fe and Bobby Mackey and wife of Separ, N.M., spent Christmas day with their mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Howell arrived for the holidays to visit with the Roy Shafer family.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

From Carrizozo News Dec. 29, 1916.  
E. R. Robinson, one of the oldest citizens of the Upper Bonito valley, has sold out most of his cattle to his son, James, and to Herbert Reddy.

The worst blizzard of the season occurred on Christmas day and prevented the John M. Rice family from entertaining their friends on their golden wedding anniversary.

The bachelors of the Parsons mill community are the happy possessors of a new victrola and many good records.

Jack Peak -- Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Wilson started the Christmas spirit into activity Sunday by preparing a most sumptuous dinner for their relatives and friends. Our fields are becoming a great rendezvous for quails again. We notice covies in various places and in almost all stubble fields. Monday, Christmas day was ushered in with a north pole blizzard, in the afternoon snow was added, to the discomfort of man and beast. A.H. Norton began work at the Ophir company property. Liff Burnett and Maurice Brookin have increased their trap number, until now they are occupying almost all the hill country. This is a worthy cause for we have been so hampered by marauding animals that it is impossible to succeed with poultry.

Charlie Spence is carrying his good right arm in a sling as a result of the kick of a Ford. One of the bones of the forearm was broken.

Local and personal -- Old King Cold has a brunch down this week. His dominion is supreme.

Adv. -- To our friends and customers we are pleased to announce that our business in 1915 was 45 percent greater than that of 1914, and for 1916 was 40 percent greater than 1915. With the closing of the year allow us to wish to all Peace, Prosperity and Happiness. The Stockmens State Bank, E.M. Brickley, Cashier, Corona, N.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kelsey were down this week from Nogal Canyon passing the Christmas holidays with relatives.

WANTED -- To trade automobile for stock, cattle preferred. S.T. Cooper, Carrizozo.

## Socorro Market Report

STEER CALVES: Choice - 250-350 lbs. -- \$38.00-40.25; 375-700 lbs. -- 36.00-40.00; Good: 250-350 lbs. -- 32.00-36.00; 375-500 lbs. -- 32.00-36.00.

STOCKER BULLS: 450-700 lbs. -- 25.00-27.10.

HEIFER CALVES: Choice - 250-350 lbs. -- 30.00-32.50; 375-500 lbs. -- 28.00-30.00; Good: 250-350 lbs. -- 26.00-28.00; 375-500 lbs. -- 26.00-28.00.

STEER YEARLINGS: Choice - 500-700 lbs. -- none; Good: 500-700 lbs. -- 32.00-34.00.

HEIFER YEARLINGS: Good: 500-700 lbs. -- 25.00-28.00.

# Outlaw trail is disappearing

Spreading industry and hungry developers may soon be covering the tracks of Butch Cassidy and other gunslingers who escaped down the Outlaw Trail.

In the land of many a sudden shootout, a struggle is shaping the nation's increasing demand for oil, gas, coal, and electricity is in a showdown with ranchers and unreined men of this hard but handsome part of the American west.

Robert Redford--alias the Sundance Kid, or Cassidy's sidekick to moviegoers--writes about it in the National Geographic.

The Outlaw Trail snakes from northern Montana, across Wyoming, through Utah and part of Colorado to Arizona and New Mexico, then southeast toward Texas and the Mexican border. Writes Redford:

"For some 40 years, beginning about 1870, it was a lawless area where a man with a past or price on his head was free to roam nameless. But he had to be good with a gun, fast on a horse, and cleverer than the next. On this trail no holds were barred, and old-age was a freak condition."

At way stations along the trail--Hole-in-the-Wall in Wyoming, Browns Park on the Utah-Colorado border, Robbers Roost in Utah--fresh horses awaited bank or train robbers on the run.

Today, Hole-in-the-Wall is still a spectacular gunsight notch through the red rock escarpment of central Wyoming. But ranchers around there gripe about being caught in a squeeze play.

Coal, oil, gas, or power companies buy up an attractive ranch and trade it for land they really want in mineral areas. They pay the rancher a good price, but that raises the assessed value of his neighbors' land--as well as their taxes. Eventually holdout ranchers are then tempted to sell.

The mesa atop the Hole-in-the-Wall overlooks the Powder River Valley. Oil interests want to flood the valley, then send the water 75 miles away to the town of Gillette for coal-gasification plants.

At nearby Atlantic City, Wyoming, inhabitants of this semi-ghost town worry about being overwhelmed by speculators following recent purchases of old gold mines and the staking out of mineral rights.

Farther south, the isolated valley of Browns Park is now largely under jurisdiction of the government, which says Redford, "seems uninterested in memory or legends." Ranchers, he adds, have been forced to seal under threats-of-condemnation.

The wildness of Robbers Roost seems less vulnerable. According to one rancher Redford met, "You can't irrigate it, and there's no coal to dig out. There'll be livestock here as always. "But the national parks are movin' in on a lot of the ranches, and I suppose much of the land will be used for recreation."

In Utah as Redford rode the Outlaw Trail, he met a rancher who put the troubles thereabouts this way:

"No one cares about it. No water. No one has the money to develop it for ranchin'. All anybody's interested in is buyin' up mineral rights for power development and real estate. We're gettin' starved out."

That's the ranchers' plight on the Outlaw Trail, says Redford. "They often don't see the beauty of their surroundings because they feel economically blocked by the same surroundings and therefore resent them."

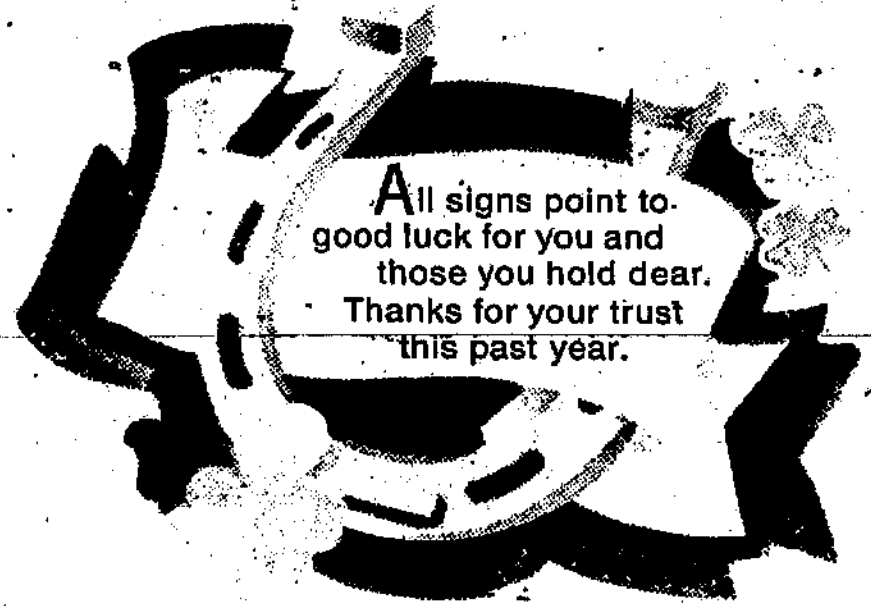


By Jonathan Blair © National Geographic



Ways of outlaws and old times fill the ears of actor Robert Redford, swapping tales at the Mercantile Saloon in Atlantic City, Wyoming, once known to the likes of Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and the Wild Bunch. Bartender Terry Wehrman says the semi-ghost town now "has attracted some good people--young ones who don't want to work for anybody else but are willing to build something for themselves."

"ALIAS BUTCH CASSIDY" reads an old Pinkerton description, "right name Robt. Parker." But neither the wanted file nor the 1894 Wyoming prison photo hint much at the tales that dusted behind when Butch and his sidekick, the Sundance Kid, rode the Outlaw Trail with the Wild Bunch around the turn of the century.



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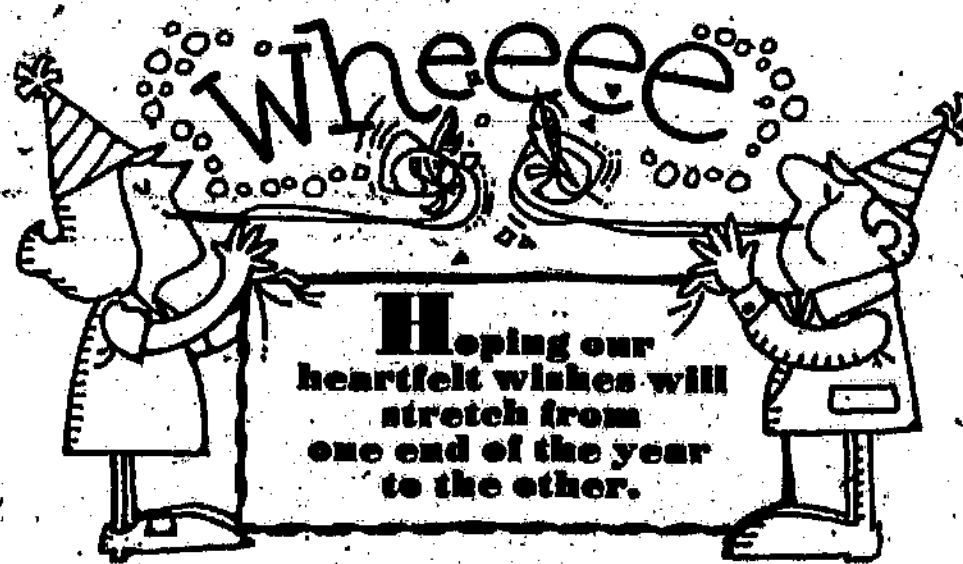
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Margie and Ray



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# A bowl of activities

From Nogal

by Roby Burke

A Pinch of Humor!  
Tis the night after Christmas—can't walk through the house!  
Things are so cluttered there's no room for a mouse.  
Stockings and socks are all over the floor.  
Dad is exhausted and is taking a snore.  
Children are asleep—but not in the right beds;  
I have on my kerchief—oh, my poor aching head!

I can't get to the window—there's no place to walk;  
Blackboard's in front of it, I am stepping on chalk.  
Train is on the floor—also the track;  
Dad broke that the very first crack.  
Paper and tinsel, pine needles too,  
Have covered the rug; I cannot wade through.  
The dear moon outside peeps into this room.  
Gives a vision of objects all needing the broom.  
The cat and the pup are sprawled in low gear.  
St. Nick has departed for another year.  
I heard him say as he flew over my roof,  
I've really had it down to my last hoof!  
A tablespoon of greenery: After Dinner House Plants.  
Your kitchen leftovers can be house plants. Oranges, lemons, grapefruits, tangerines and tangelos. The citrus secret is to plant the seeds immediately

after cutting open the fruit. The seed may then be sewn just deep enough to be completely covered by soil.  
All plants in the citrus family require moist soil, good sun, and frequent "misting" or spraying with a household spray bottle. They will burst into blossom—but won't produce fruit as long as they are kept indoors.  
A cup of thought! This has been said before but it is worth saying again:  
Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we plant this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me plant it?"  
"Not I," said the cow.  
"Not I," said the duck.  
"Not I," said the pig.  
"Not I," said the goose.  
"Then I will," said the little red hen, and she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain.  
"Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen. "Not I," said

the duck, pig, cow and the goose.  
"Then I will," said the little red hen and she did. At last, it came time to bake the bread. "Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen.  
"That would be overtime for me," said the cow.  
"I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.  
"I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the pig.  
"If I'm to be the only helper, that's discrimination," said the goose.  
"Then I will," said the little red hen. She baked five loaves and held them up for her neighbors to see.  
They all wanted some—in fact, demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, I can eat the loaves myself."  
"Excess profits!" yelled the cow.  
"Capitalist leech!" cried the duck.  
"I demand equal rights!" shouted the goose.  
The pig just grunted. Then they hurriedly painted "unfair" picket signs

and marched around shouting obscenities.  
The government agent came and said to the little red hen, "You must not be greedy."  
"But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.  
"Exactly," said the agent. "That is the wonderful free-enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But, under government regulations, the productive workers must divide their product with the idle."  
And they lived happily ever after, but the little red hen's neighbors wondered why she never baked bread again.  
This is enough to fill the New Year with thought. Robbie wishes everyone in Lincoln County a wonderful New Year. Until next week.

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"Since the railroads lose money on every passenger, I decided to fly and not complicate things."

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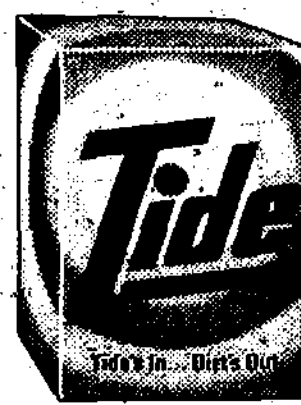
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\$70	144	1 in 24,214	1 in 1,901	1 in 951
\$10	888	1 in 2,125	1 in 169	1 in 475
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The Manny Hernandez home.

### Ski Bulletin

A report as of 10 a.m., Dec. 23 by the U.S. Forest Service on snow conditions at National Forest winter sports areas in New Mexico.

Vehicles used on mountain roads should be equipped with snow tires or have chains available.

**SIERRA BLANCA SKI AREA:** Lincoln National Forest, 16 miles northwest of Ruidoso. Skiing conditions - fair; depth of snow at midway point - 7 inches; new snow since December 16 - 3 inches; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - clear and cold. The beginner slopes are good.

**SANTA FE SKI BASIN:** Santa Fe National Forest, 16 miles northeast of Santa Fe. Skiing conditions - good; depth of snow at midway point - 14 inches; no new snow since December 16; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - clear and cool. The beginner slopes are the only areas open.

**SKI CLOUDCROFT:** Lincoln National Forest, 2 miles east of Cloudcroft. Skiing conditions on the upper slopes - poor; depth of snow at midway point - 0.2 inches; no new snow since December 16; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - clear. Skiing conditions for lower slopes - fair; depth of snow at midway point - 7 inches; no new snow since December 16; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - clear.

**TAOS SKI VALLEY:** Carson National Forest, 19 miles northeast of Taos. Skiing conditions - poor; depth of snow at midway point - 12 inches; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - sunny and mild.

**RED RIVER SKI AREA:** Carson National Forest, Red River, NM, 40 miles northeast of Taos. Skiing conditions - Upper Slopes - fair to good; lower slopes - excellent, depth of snow at midway point - 3 foot man-made base on lower areas; no new snow since December 16; surface snow on major trails is machine packed; weather at time of report - clear and sunny. The upper mountain has one main trail open for good intermediate skiers.

#### Snow play stopped

Cloudcroft District Recreation Staff Officer Art Matthias announced that lack of snow has forced the closure of the snowplay area on the Cloudcroft Ranger District.

Mr. Matthias reported, "There is a little snow on the slopes which has turned to ice and it is no longer safe for sliding. The snow on the runout portion of the slopes is completely gone and sliders are being thrown from their tubes when they reach the bare ground. For safety's sake the slopes have been closed until there is more snow."

Several inches of snow are usually required before the slopes are usable. Snowplayers should be sure the slopes are open before planning a trip. The Forest Service will make another announcement when the area is reopened.

#### Weather

DECEMBER 1976			
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Dec. 22	45	11	8
Dec. 23	53	9	10
Dec. 24	50	14	12
Dec. 25	52	15	8
Dec. 26	48	13	8
Dec. 27	54	16	10
Dec. 28	54	23	10

## State gets FB award

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau's programs will receive the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) highest awards at the national organization's annual convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 9-12.

Awards to be presented to New Mexico at the Tuesday evening general session are for: Quota, Commodity Activities, Women, Young Farmers and Ranchers, Information, Local Affairs, National Affairs and Policy Development.

Allan Grant, AFBF president, will

make the awards to A.W. "Bill" Langenegger, president of the the New Mexico F&L.B.

New Mexico will also be recognized for an every county gain; be represented in the AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet by Brad Christmas of Wagon Mound; and the AFBF "Outstanding Young Farmer or Rancher" contest by Dennis Adams of Ft. Sumner.

The AFBF convention will start January 9 with a Vesper Service followed by the AFBF Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet finals.

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### To Our Many Friends . . .

As you probably know, after 36 years at the Monte Vista, we will be leaving Carrizozo at the end of this month. We appreciate the privilege of having had your business and your friendship during that time; we have enjoyed the visits with you all from time to time and the good times we have shared during the years, as well as the bad times. We have many wonderful friends in Carrizozo and Lincoln County, and we will miss you all, but even the best of machines wear out eventually.

Jack and Jim Payne will be taking over the operation of the Monte Vista. Jack has been associated with us during the past two years. They are both Lincoln County boys and we feel we are leaving the Monte Vista in good hands. We hope that you will give them the same loyal support and friendship that you have given us.

And so, for now,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

And God bless each and everyone of you.

Rich and Pinkie Rickerson

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Springing up with thanks for your support and a renewed sense of promise in the New Year.

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**ANYWAY  
YOU LOOK  
AT IT...**

by Paul

We heard somewhere that the Poloroid SX70 camera would work with black and white film. Letter this week from dealer says 'No', SX70 uses only color film.

There has been so much federal grant money handed out, we'd guess half wasted, that many towns and counties employ people to spend time in Washington getting their fingers on such money. Now the 'give-away' is breeding more and bigger takers.

Schemes to revive floundering economies of northeastern states are in fashion. As business and retail sales shrink, northeastern governments must load heavier taxes on people left behind to maintain essential services like fire and police protection. As protection. As taxes go up and fewer are left behind to pay the way -- sort of a self-feeding destruction. Seven northeastern governors are meeting to draft plans of action -- to help their states.

The day may come when governors of southwestern states may have to get together to plan how to get a few billions, away from the northeastern states. Makes a dim outlook for much tax reduction.

Our family is big on afghans. Kathleen crocheted a pretty one to keep her shin bones warm. Eleanor should crochet that last whatever-you-call it

on beautiful gold afghan this week, a gift for Paul.

One of the best Christmas deals we've eaten comes out of the can of cookies made by Woman's Club members and the several kinds mixed to sell. A real neat deal.

Dandy letter from Polly about content of News. She is right about the fire siren -- people like to know where the trucks go, even the ambulance. Am not sure we can get all court records, maybe yes, maybe no. What Polly could do for us (for a fee of course) would be to get news about people around her area, in fact all around town.

We've started watching actions of Otis, Waldo and Coco more closely, for two reasons. First and most important, one of the three is making a deposit right in the very middle of the sidewalk at the front gate, a bit embarrassing for certain guests at our house. Second, and not quite so important, animal behavior may be key to predicting earthquakes. We read where snakes come out of their holes in winter, birds refuse to land, other animals adopt scare poses. Our dogs howl at the siren, or lifting a leg with no action, might indicate an earthquake.

After reading Robert McNeil (TV commentary) comment that "all the girls have affairs with Democrats but they ended up marrying Republicans," made us think that of the gals we've known back in the years, politics was not what we talked about during an affair.

Swiped from Duffy -- Teenager writing home from summer camp: "Send food! All they serve here is breakfast, lunch and dinner!" Sudden thought: If you could sell your experience for what it cost, you would never need Social Security.

The art of successful diplomacy is reading between the lyrics. Snickersnoot-Of-The-Month: Son: "Daddy, why is a man only allowed to have one wife?" Father: "Son, when you grow older you will understand that the law protects those who are unable to protect themselves."

In the old days the woman who went on a second honeymoon usually went with her first husband.

The ladies are spending the holidays here at home and it is such a pleasure to have them. Their sister Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons arrived Sunday after Christmas to spend some time with them. December 23 is the Parsons 23 wedding anniversary. I do wish them many more very happy ones together.

Jerry Story who had been away in Arkansas on business for two weeks returned home on his wife, Lynne's birthday which was December 18. I wish you many more very happy birthdays.

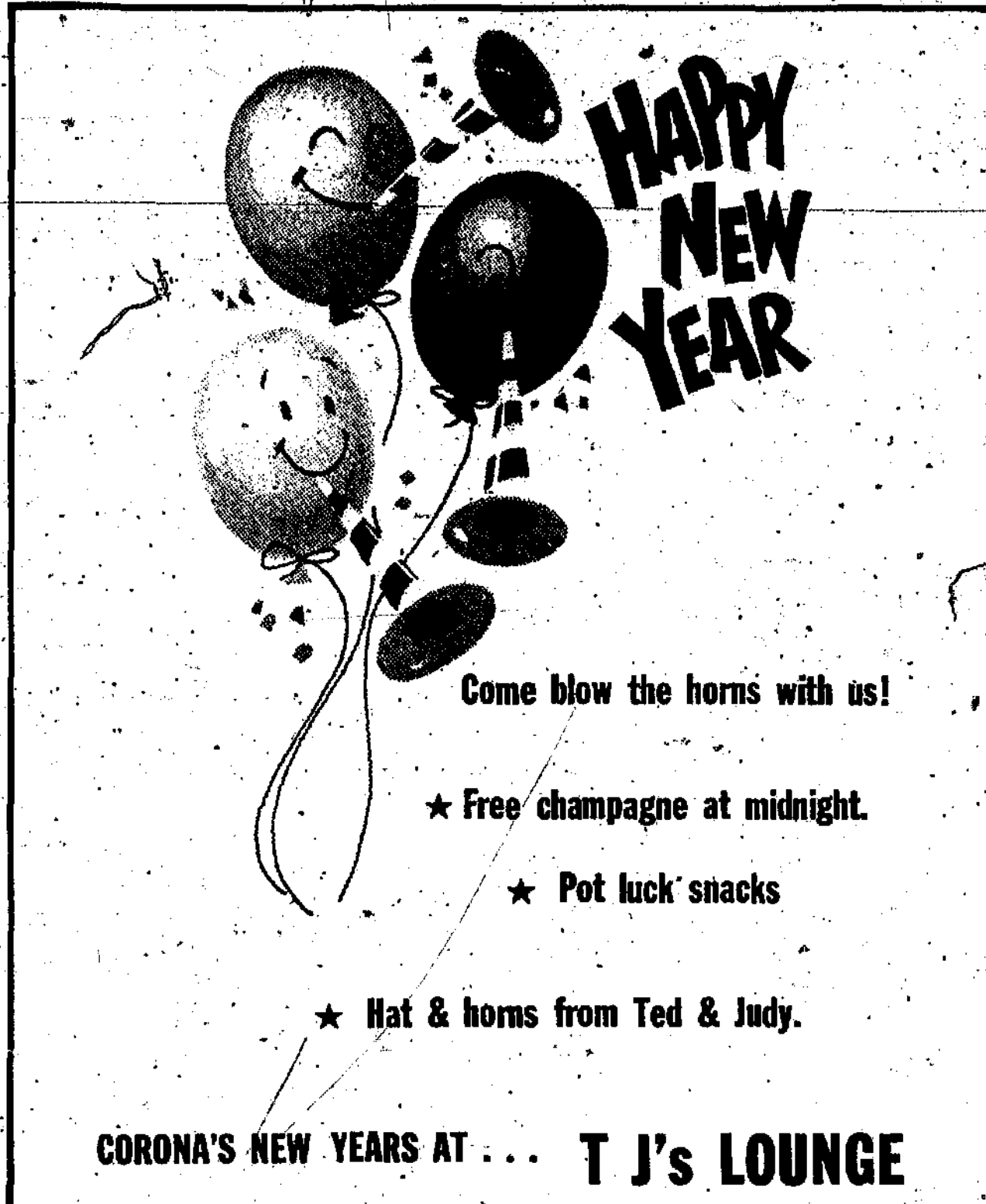
Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Renfro were their sons, Gary and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poarch and family of Houston, Mr. and

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Mrs. Johnny Winningham and family of El Paso and sister-in-law Mrs. Dennis Stewart and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hobbs visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Danig in Abernathy, Texas last weekend. They are doing better in health.

Mrs. Veva Beall underwent surgery at the Ruidoso Hospital last Wednesday. She is doing nicely at this time. Mrs. Jay Johnston is out of the Ruidoso Hospital recuperating at the home of her sister Mrs. L.J. Fulbright in El Paso. She must rest and get her strength. I do wish you a good recovery.




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- ★ Pot luck snacks
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We wish all a **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

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Annette Chavez, Elinor Olson and Sharon Hefker smile for the News at the

Carrizozo Woman's Club Christmas dinner



**Capitan**

By Margaret Reach

My wish for everyone, a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Since this news must be written so early on this December 23, it will be short as it is very quiet.

Santa Claus arrived on our fire truck followed by a group of citizens last Tuesday afternoon to visit the school. The Christmas program was excellent and enjoyed by a large crowd. School closed Tuesday for the Christmas holidays.

Exchange students from France and Venezuela visited the Smokey Bear Museum last Wednesday. There are lots of people traveling at this time and are stopping while enroute.

Mr. and Mrs. David Coleman and children of Portland, Texas visited Mrs. Hobbs last Wednesday. They had been



In the grand tradition we say... **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**THE PENFIELD COMPANY**  
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visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap in Lincoln.

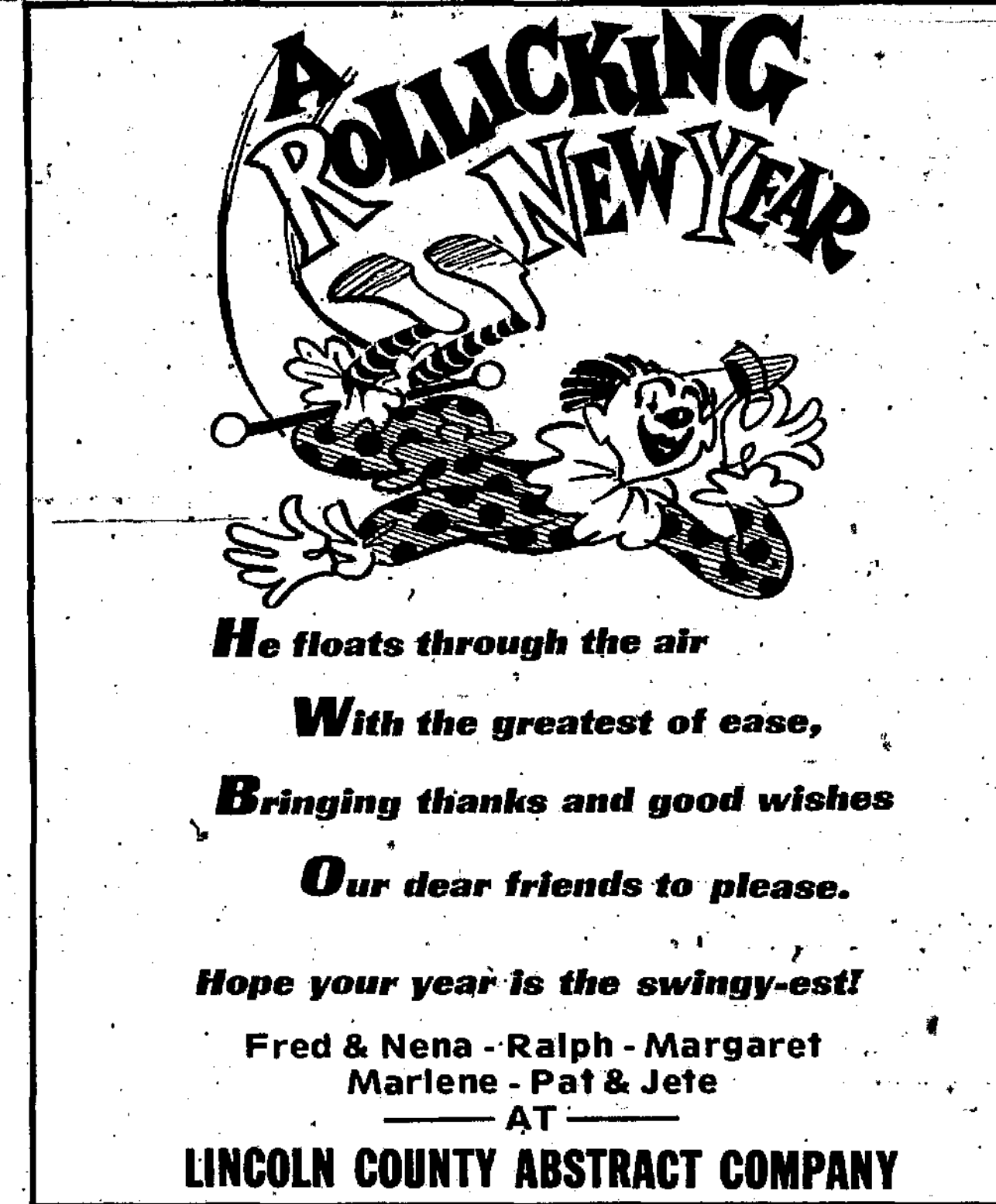
Those lovely young people who so graciously went to homes singing Christmas Carols did a splendid job. I do thank them for stopping at my home for they truly gave big tears of joy. That was a sweet gesture and I did so appreciate it.

Miss Marilyn Cozzens, Miss Jane Cozzens and their mother Winifred Cozzens enjoyed a trip thru the Carlsbad Caverns last Saturday.



May peace and serenity bless your lives this year.

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**A ROLLICKING NEW YEAR**

He floats through the air  
With the greatest of ease,  
Bringing thanks and good wishes  
Our dear friends to please.

Hope your year is the swingy-est!

Fred & Nena - Ralph - Margaret  
Marlene - Pat & Jete  
AT  
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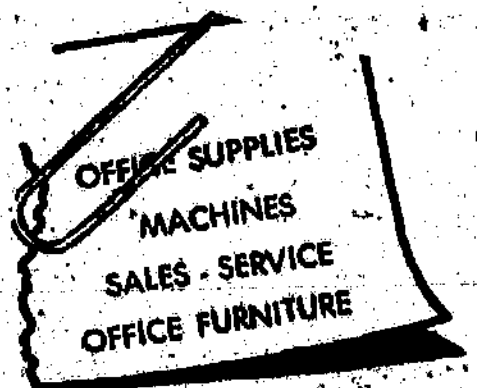
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These happy faces were found next to Santa's Firewagon on Christmas eve in Carrizozo. They belong to D'rese Aguilár, Teresa Lopez, Suzan Saucedo and John Saucedo.



Santa and his Firemen helpers hand out candy to the boys and girls of Carrizozo. Pictured are (from the left) Gilbert Archuleta, Santa, Refugio Najar and Raymond Lueras. (Photo by Peter Aguilár)

## BLM orders fences down

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has announced that some sections of net wire fences on 82,732 acres of national resource land in southeastern New Mexico will be removed to benefit a dwindling antelope population. The net wire fence will be replaced with conventional barbed wire. The proposal has been under study by BLM for several months.

New Mexico livestock operators generally oppose the fence modification, fearing increased predator loss by free roaming coyotes and difficulty in controlling livestock, principally sheep. The area in question is west of the Pecos River and south of Roswell.

The BLM plans to remove short spans of 50 to 200 yards in existing net wire fences and replace these with barbed wire fences 42 inches high. The bottom wire on the fence will be smooth wire placed 16 inches above the ground to allow antelope to crawl under the fences. Antelope do not jump fences, they will crawl under. The modified fences will permit free movement of antelope but will restrict livestock.

Predator movement which will not be restricted by the new fences is the main concern of ranchers. Most say that the modification will lead to increased livestock losses from coyotes. The fence modification will be done by BLM at government expense. Increased predator control programs by the Fish & Wildlife Service in cooperation with BLM will be done along the modified boundary fences.

According to BLM studies antelope herds have dropped from an estimated 3,000 animals in 1940 to 300 today. The decline is due to increased fencing in the area for livestock control.

The BLM has delayed the start of the

## Corona career education set

Corona School Superintendent Mel Root will lead a Career Education Workshop for two half day sessions.

The special programs will be from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on January 4 and January 14. School will be dismissed during those periods.

Mr. Root said that he believes assistance in planning careers is particularly essential in rural environments where youngsters may not be exposed to the full scope of opportunities in modern life.

The program is one of a group of academic enrichment plans that will be present to school children in the Corona area this spring.

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## Bids are invited

Contractors interested in bidding on a project to construct an entrance road and parking area at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Culberson County, Texas are asked to write the Property and Procurement Office, Carlsbad Caverns and Guadalupe Mountains National Parks at 3225 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad,

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New Mexico 88220 or call that office at (505) 885-8884. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and bidding documents are now available at that office.

The project, which is set aside for small business concerns, calls for construction of embankments for an entrance road and parking area at the mouth of McKittrick Canyon, four cattle underpasses, stone headwalls, fencing and cattle guards.

Estimates for the project run from \$900,000 to \$1,250,000 with 200 calendar days to be allowed for completion of the work. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. January 26, 1977.



**LINDSAY WESTERN WEAR** Wes and Margo



Roderick and Matthew Aguilár wave goodbye to Old St. Nick as he goes on his way after giving a pre-Christmas sack of candy and fruit to each boy and girl in Carrizozo. The Volunteer firemen raised the money to help Santa Claus out on this special visit to Lincoln County.



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RECAPTURING DAYS of glory, a St. Bernard and his trainer enjoy an outing atop Great St. Bernard Pass in Switzerland. Honorably retired from rescue work in this age of helicopters, the dogs are still bred at a nearby hospice by the monks for show or sale as pets.

### Famous Saint bernard dogs Bernard are being retired from bartending

Exit the St. Bernard, tail wagging bravely in the sunset, brandy cask at the ready.

The courageous dogs famed for their mountain rescues of travelers lost in the snow near the Great St. Bernard

Pass in Switzerland are now bred primarily as show dogs and pets.

Mercy missions high in the Alps are performed by helicopters, German shepherd dogs, and search parties on skis, the National Geographic Society

reports.

#### Too Big for Copters

"Shepherds are just as good at sniffing out people," explained a helicopter pilot. "Besides, put a St. Bernard in a chopper with me, and I couldn't even find the controls much less accommodate a disaster victim."

Even more disillusioning—it's unlikely the massive, droopy-eyed dogs ever carried kegs of brandy around their necks. The whole thing probably was an artist's invention.

But the idea was so appealing that the public soon began to think of St. Bernards as walking first aid stations, with the traditional keg, a blanket, and a whistle for the victim to attract human attention.

It was no myth that the animals performed heroically, however. For two centuries the powerful dogs searched out lost travelers with their keen ears and noses. They are credited with saving more than 2,000 lives.

One extraordinary dog, Barry, is revered for saving 40 people in his 12-year career. On one mission, Barry supposedly revived a child and somehow persuaded the youngster to climb on his back and ride to safety.

Today, even routine rescues in the area are unusual. Only an occasional skier, traveler, or smuggler ventures in winter onto the snow-clogged pass on the Swiss-Italian border. Most travelers use a tunnel under the pass, opened in 1963.

#### Hospice Still Thrives

But it is unlikely the doors will close at the famous St. Bernard hospice where the dogs are still bred. Founded in the 11th century at the highest point in the pass, it has sheltered uncounted wayfarers. The hospice bears the name of St. Bernard de Menthon, the monk who established it.

Near the end of the 17th century, the monks at St. Bernard acquired dogs. The animals guarded the monastery, were taught to turn spits in the kitchen and carried supplies. Around 1750 the black-robed monks began to train and breed their dogs for rescue missions.

The result was the St. Bernard, a mixture of various bloodstrains that most likely include the short-haired

masiff, sheep dog, Great Dane, and in later years, the Newfoundland.

St. Bernards developed striking size—great paws, deep arched chest, broad straight back, muscular hindquarters, and thick tail. Their hair is thick enough to insulate against the cold, but short enough to shed the snow.

For all its bulk, the dog's exuberance and soulful eyes give it puppylike appeal. But there is nothing puppylike about fully grown St. Bernards. They can weigh more than 200 pounds and have prodigious appetites.

#### Ways to improve your garden

## You can trick mother nature

With the help of a refrigerator, you can trick flower bulbs into blooming months ahead of the schedule, says Doug Bryant, Extension horticulturist at New Mexico State University.

The strategy is simple. Simply put the bulbs in the ice box to make them think it's winter. Then take them out of cold storage to make them think it's spring. This is one way to fool mother nature into providing a window sill full of flowers in the dead of the year, Bryant says.

Tulips, Hyacinths and Narcissus, including daffodils, are popular choices. However, there are scores of varieties and some work better than others. Stick to varieties recommended for indoor use, Bryant says. Check nursery pamphlets and bulb labels to find the bulb varieties suited for indoors.

When choosing containers, the depth and drainage are key factors. To allow sufficient room for root growth, select a container twice as high as it is wide. You can use a coffee can, clay pot or wooden box, but make sure there is a hole in the bottom for drainage.

Bulbs look best when they are planted densely, so don't buy too many containers. A six-inch pot—rim-to-rim

measurement—can hold about four hyacinths or daffodils or six tulips.

When it comes to the potting mix, don't be too fussy. Since plant nutrients are stored inside the bulbs, rich soil isn't essential. Try a packaged potting mix or make your own. Simply combine equal parts of soil, sand and peat moss, Bryant says. Once you have gathered your materials, you're ready to get down to the business of planting the bulbs.

Begin planting by covering the drainage hole of the container with a piece of clay pottery, broken china or even gravel. Add some potting mix and set the bulbs on top. The tips of the bulbs should be level with the rim of the pot. The root tip is delicate, so don't pack your bulbs in the soil. Just set them down gently with the tips pointed up.

If you're working with tulips, turn the flat side of the bulbs toward the side of the container. Later the leaves will form a symmetrical border, the NMSU specialist says.

After you've placed the bulbs, cover them with potting mix until the tips are barely visible. Water thoroughly, let drain and label each container with the bulb name and planting date.

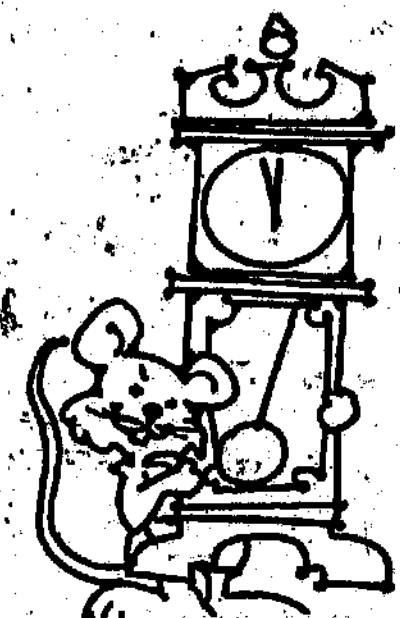
Store these newly planted bulbs in the refrigerator or in a dark, cool place

where the temperature is 35 to 49 degrees Fahrenheit. Cover the containers loosely with plastic wrap or tin foil to prevent drying, Bryant says. Storage time depends on the bulb. Hyacinths and tulips need at least 12 weeks in the ice box or cold storage. Daffodils require 15 weeks or more. The longer the storage, the longer the stems will be.

Bulbs need water during the cold storage period, but too much moisture invites rotting and disease, Bryant says. Therefore, keep the soil moist but not soggy. Leave the containers in the cool storage until the sprouts are at least 3 inches high, then move the plants to a semi-dark warmer area and hold for one or two weeks at 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as necessary.

Finally, give the bulbs sunlight and room temperature 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Time lapse between the end of cold storage and the beginning of blooming is usually about one month. To prolong bloom life, keep the bulbs away from heat and the hot sun. When the bloom fades, pinch off the seed pod but leave the foliage, Bryant says.

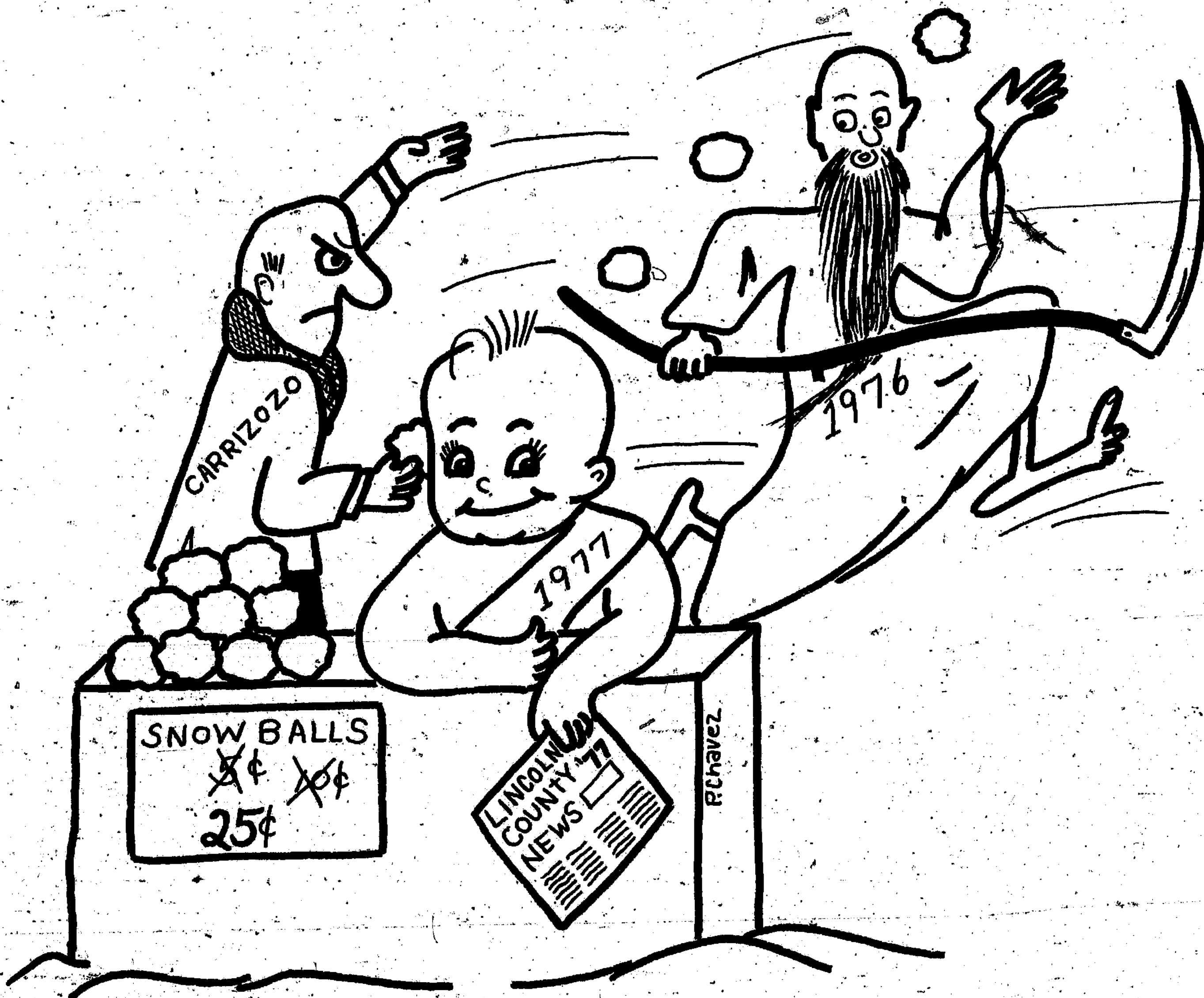
One season indoors is about all the bulbs can take. But, if you transfer them to the garden, they may go on blooming for many years to come.



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# NEW YEAR Greetings



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# Stained glass windows are spectacular art form



The impact of its incandescent splendor and its overwhelming physical magnitude make the stained glass window one of the most spectacular art forms ever. They are at once dazzling and awesome. Since stained glass owes its artistic existence to light, it is directly affected by its environment.

Almost undiscernible from its exterior, the stained glass windows of a

Gothic cathedral, viewed from its interior, reveal tier on tier of dazzling and sparkling windows. The brilliance is intensified not only by the impurities and bubbles within the glass itself, but by the dirt and weathering of the exterior as well. Just as a jewel, its brilliance enhanced by its many facets, glimmers and glows, so do we find the stained glass window dazzles and dances as the position of the sun's rays move through

it. Each mark or scar on its surface further intensifies its brilliance.

Colored glass beads were worn by the ancient Egyptians and glass blowing was known to the Roman Empire, but no one really knows just when and where stained glass was first used. The cathedral window was Gothic in origin, though examples of stained glass that possibly date from the eighth century, were found in France.

Windows that told stories of the Bible and the saints were first conceived in the twelfth century. Five larger-than-life-sized figures, The Prophets, in the windows of the Cathedral of Augsburg, Germany, are the oldest stained glass windows still to be seen in their original setting. One of the greatest existing series of windows, in the Cathedral of Chartres, France, depicts scenes from the Old and New Testaments, the Virgin and Christ, Apostles and Saints. These date from 1200-1240.

Until the end of the Middle Ages stained glass windows, monumental and religious, were so costly that the only buildings deemed worthy to receive them as gifts were houses of God. Stained glass became secular as well as church art with the increasing affluence of the growing middle class.

After a period when interest in stained glass windows waned, the late 1800's brought about new and original designs and color schemes. Artists Charles J. Connick and Wilbur Herbert Burnham became well known for their beautiful windows designed for the Cathedrals of St. John the Divine and St. Patrick in New York City, Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and other churches in the United States. In France, Henri Matisse, Georges Rouault, and Fernand Leger designed windows for churches in Assis and other areas. Rebuilding of churches damaged during World War II, in Germany and England, resulted in new and outstanding stained glass windows in contemporary designs.

Stirring in their beauty and magnitude, stained glass windows inspire and reinforce in blazing glory the message they contain... a message of brotherhood and love and promise, and a renewal of our faith in all mankind.

## Holiday Cooking Fun

by Mary

### White Angel Food

1 c. sifted cake flour  
3/4 c. sugar  
12 egg whites (1 1/2 cups)  
1 1/2 teasp. cream of tartar  
1/4 teasp. salt  
1 1/2 teasp. vanilla  
3/4 c. sugar

Sift flour with 3/4 cup sugar four times; then set aside. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar, salt and vanilla until stiff enough to form soft peaks, but still moist and glossy. Add remaining 3/4 cup of sugar, two tablespoons at a time, continuing to beat until egg whites hold stiff peaks. Sift about 1/4 of flour mixture over whites; fold in. Repeat, folding remaining flour by fourths. Bake in an ungreased 10-inch tube pan in a moderate oven (375 degrees) 35 to 40 minutes or until done. Invert the cake in pan; cool and remove from pan.

### Chocolate Cake

1 pkg. (4 oz.) Baker's German sweet chocolate  
1/2 c. boiling water  
1 c. butter or margarine  
2 c. sugar

4 egg yolks  
1 teasp. vanilla

2 1/2 c. sifted Swans Down cake flour  
1 teasp. baking soda  
1/2 teasp. salt

1 c. buttermilk  
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Melt chocolate in boiling water. Cool. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add yolks, one at a time, beating well after each. Blend in vanilla and chocolate. Sift flour with soda and salt; add alternately with buttermilk to chocolate mixture, beating after each addition until smooth. Fold in beaten whites. Pour into two layer pans, 8 or 9 inch, lined on bottoms with paper. Bake 35 to 40 minutes. Cool. Frost tops only.

### Coconut Pecan Frosting

Combine 1 cup evaporated milk, 1 c. sugar, 3 slightly beaten egg yolks, 1/2 c. butter or margarine and 1 teasp. vanilla.

Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened about 12 minutes. Add 1 and one third c. Baker's Angel Flake Coconut and 1 c. chopped pecans. Cool until thick enough to spread; beat occasionally.

### Prize-Winning White Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees  
Grease and flour two 8 inch round pans  
2c. plus 4 T. sifted flour  
2 teasp. baking powder  
1 teasp. salt  
1 1/2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. shortening  
1 c. milk  
1 teasp. vanilla  
4 egg whites, unbeaten

Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together into large bowl. Add shortening, milk and vanilla; beat at medium speed 2 minutes or until blended. Scrape bowl and beater. Add egg whites and beat 1 minute. Bake for 30 minutes.

Top left - The Flight Into Egypt scene from the Labor Bay of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City. Photo by C. Harrison Conroy.

Left - Passion, Deposition - Carmelite Church of Boppard-am-Rhein, Germany, 1445. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Thomas Leland Fund.

Above - Annunciation - Segment of window from the castle chapel at Ebberhsdorf, Austria, about 1390. The Metropolitan Museum of Art; The Cloisters Collection.

## Fireplace safety urged

With more fireplaces in use because of soaring fuel costs, chimney fires are becoming more common, says Charles Holn, Extension agricultural engineer at New Mexico State University.

Chimney fires start when the soot on the chimney walls burns. When ignited, this soot burns like charcoal. The easiest way to prevent chimney fires is to stop burning soot-producing materials and to remove any soot already on the chimney walls.

Soot problems develop when homeowners burn plastic coated cartons, quick starter resins, leaves, plywood or gift wrapping. The top soot producers, however is green wood. It burns with a slow, smoldering fire which releases running sap. This sap causes a glaze to form on the fuel.

Green wood is heavier than dry wood. If you split a green log, the exposed wood will feel wet. It's best to gather your wood at least six months before the heating season begins. Remember to store the wood in a shed or covered stack so it can dry out.

Check your chimney for soot buildup. Because of their rough surfaces, brick and stone fireplaces will almost always have a buildup problem. However, smooth tile liners are not immune.

To inspect the chimney, open the damper as wide as possible and look up

the chimney. You may need a mirror to help you see. Soot accumulations will usually be heaviest at the lower end of the chimney. You should also use a flashlight from the roof and look down the chimney.

If your chimney has a buildup problem, clean it before you build any more fires. You can either do the job yourself or hire a professional chimney sweep.

Professionals use brushes and high-powered vacuums to remove the soot. Do-it-yourselfers can use an old time solution - a small fir tree tied to a rope. Pull the tree up the chimney to remove the soot. If a fir tree is not available, substitute a burlap bag filled with straw. After weighing the bag with stones, drag it up the flue. You can also use a six-foot heavy chain looped to a rope. Lower the chain into the chimney and swish it against the sides.

When you are finished, put the fallen soot into paper bags and dispose of it. Checking the fireplace now will insure safe and comfortable fires all winter, Holn says.

## Social Security benefits cited

Social security will make about \$92 million available for vocational rehabilitation services for people getting monthly disability benefits during the fiscal year which started Oct. 1, according to Dan Mathis, social security field representative.

Social security pays monthly benefits to eligible workers and their families when the worker is severely disabled and not expected to work for a year or more. In selected cases, social security helps pay for vocational rehabilitation services provided by the State of New Mexico and the other states.

In fiscal year 1975, over 60,000 disabled people in the United States received vocational rehabilitation services that social security helped pay for. Over 11,000 were successfully rehabilitated.

Up to 1 1/2 percent of the total amount of social security disability benefits paid during the previous year may be made available for rehabilitation services.

Additional information about disability benefits may be secured from any social security office.

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# PROGRESS IN THE NEW YEAR

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