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Davidson Rodeo Shows Top Talent Roping World

Display of Cow Art Witnessed Thousands

Hundreds of spectators who filled the big arena at the fourth Joe Davidson ranch rodeo, which occupied major part of the week, saw some of the best roping done by the world's best ever seen in even the shows of the country.

More than a hundred roped up for the calf roping, and down and team roping shows were lived up to the expectations of followers of the rodeo who predicted this year's top all previous performance of the unique show.

The three-day show wound up with a zizzling calf roping between composed of John D. Hollifield of Ozona and James Kincaid of Carlsbad, N. M., against Champion Toots Mansfield of Spring, and Troy Forte of Sonoma, N. M., for a \$1,000 pot.

Each cowboy roping six Holleyman and Kinney nosed Mansfield and Forte with 1.8 seconds in total time. A time for six calves was 89.9 seconds and Holleyman's 89.9 seconds, for a total of 181.7. Mansfield won his championship with the best total time of 89.3 seconds. Forte's total was 94.2 on his six calves to the team total to 183.5 seconds.

The two-day average calf roping contests, Buddy Gross of Rancho, the best in the land to take place with a two-day average of 28.5 seconds. John D. Mansfield of Ozona was a close second with an average of 28.5 seconds, and Lewis Powers, also of Ozona, was fourth place with an average time of 31.2 seconds.

The team tying title went to two cowboys, Buck Sorrels of Rancho and John Rhodes of Orange. Their two-day average was 26.2 seconds. Rude of Newhall, Calif., was the steer tie-down champion with a two-day average of 26.2 seconds. Buddy Neal of Fort Worth was a close second with a 26.2.

The cowgirls clover racing event was won by Mervin Mertz of Merton. The event with first place was won by a two-day average of 26.2.

In addition to the Holleyman and Mansfield-Forte calf roping match, Friday, the final of the show, saw other features and some of the most spectacular performances ever seen in any ring. For instance, the performance of the vetlock Sorrels of Tucson, Ariz., and branded his steer enough the big animal was roped only by a rope tied to a saddle. Sorrels' cinch broke and he threw the steer and rider ploughed into the arena. Sorrels, who landed on his stomach, pumped to his feet and almost record time, 16.2 seconds.

McIntire of Kiowa, Okla., won the final day jackpot steer roping and branding event for a total of \$2,750. Choat Webster (Continued On Last Page)

Ham Dance Club Christmas Dance at House Sat. Night

Members of the Rhythm Dance Club will enjoy the annual club Christmas dance at the Court House Saturday night, December 26. Jimmy Klein and his orchestra from San Antonio furnished the music.

Members who have not yet paid their dues will be expected to do so before the Christmas dance. Officials announced. New members who wish to join the club should attend the Christmas dance and enroll for club membership on that occasion. Taylor is the club treasurer and receive dues payment at the Butane Co. office.

Lack of Materials May Delay Delivery Of New School Bldg.

For want of a shipment of molding for use at the base of the walls at the floor level, delivery of the new elementary school building to school authorities, scheduled for Christmas day, may be delayed.

Contractors told Supt. Jack McIntosh early this week that the molding had failed to arrive and that the delivery might be delayed a few days. In fact, this unexpected shortage plus difficulties in finishing the floors may prevent classes from meeting in the building on the first day following resumption of school after the holidays, the contractors said.

Meantime, many of the teachers and pupils of the kindergarten and first three grades, each double classes, prepared their desks and equipment for removal during the holiday period, expecting completion of the building. Supt. McIntosh said that he planned to spend most of the holiday period here to be in readiness to make the move at the first possible moment.

College Students Back for Christmas Holidays at Homes

Christmas holidays bring the annual return of students from colleges to spend the holiday period at home with parents and families.

Dozens of the college crowd are to be seen on Ozona streets this week. From Teaxs Tech at Lubbock will be Jimmy Read, Bill and Jackie Womack, Lowell and Marshall Sweeten and Red Harrison. A & M College is represented in the returning students by Bill Forehand, Bernard Lemmons, Joe Perry, Max Word, and Don Cooke. From the University of Texas comes Kerry Tandy, John Fussell and Byrd Phillips. Southern Methodist University students here include Joyce and Ann West, Benny Gail Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Moughan and from Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., are Lillian Schneemann and Mary Kathryn Flowers.

Mary Ann Krause is home from Texas Lutheran College at Seguin and Ralph Carden from the Texas School of Mines in El Paso. Corinne Phillips is back for the holidays from Gulf Park College in Gulf Port, Miss., and Joe Ross Hufstetler, Charles Snyder and Edith Lou Piner from West Texas State in Denton. Nat Read is home from North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington and Carlton Smith from San Angelo College. There may be others who have been overlooked. If so, their names will be included next week.

Loan Authorized To Complete Payments On Church Contract

At a church conference Sunday, members of the Ozona Methodist Church voted to authorize the building committee and the trustees to secure a loan to complete payments to contractors now engaged in construction of the church. The amount to be borrowed will be the difference due above present pledges and new subscriptions.

A special solicitation is being planned between now and January 1 so that those who wish to make new donations on this year's income may do so before the first of the year, the pastor, Rev. Horace M. King said.

Literary Club's Project Fund Gains \$275 from Benefits

Ozona Literary Club's project fund was enriched a net total of \$275 from the recent one-act play program presented in the high school auditorium and from the sweet sales held the past two Saturdays at Williams Grocery.

The club has adopted as projects this year the furnishing of a room in the new Ozona hospital now in process of completion and the erection of a bulletin board in the new elementary school building.

Phone News to the Stockman

Four Men Held In Alleged Theft Of Oil Field Pipe

Four Strings Tubing Lost from Leases in 2 Counties

Officers in several West Texas counties plus special Rangers are believed to have broken up an oil field pipe stealing ring with the arrest during the past week of four men in connection with thefts of over 10,000 feet of oil field tubing from locations in Crockett and Upton counties.

Sheriff V. O. Earnest and Deputy Hearst Laws of Crockett county obtained first clues of operation of the ring following the theft of approximately 2,400 feet of tubing from a location on the Shannon estate lands in this county of John I. Moore, Midland independent oil operator.

On information supplied by local officers, K. S. Mikeworth, employed for several years by the Production Service Co. of Seminole, was arrested in Robertson, Illinois, and charged here with theft of the pipe from the Moore location. Sheriff Earnest went to the Illinois town and brought Mikeworth back here to face the charges. Mikeworth was released during the past week under \$1,500 bond.

Arrest of Marvis Simpson of Iran on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property, was announced this week by Sheriff Earnest. Simpson is charged with receiving the 2,480 feet of oil field tubing stolen from the Moore lease. Officers said they had secured photostatic copies of a check for \$1,024.80 allegedly given by Simpson to Mikeworth in payment for the tubing. The stolen tubing was located by officers in Odessa where it had been purchased by an Odessa dealer, Jot Tucker. Tucker told officers he had paid \$2,065 for the pipe, stopping payment on the check given in payment, and had an agreement for resale of the lot for \$1,10 a foot, or approximately \$2,700.

Similar thefts from three other oil fields in Upton county were linked in the investigation of the theft in this county and officers here reported the arrest in Rankin of two other men in connection with those thefts. The men held are N. D. Hoyle and Neil Emory, both charged in Rankin with theft of pipe. Both men are said to have lived in Big Lake.

Progress Being Made Toward Completion Of Hospital Building

A crew of workmen under supervision of Kay Johnson is making rapid progress toward completion of the top floor of the hospital building this week.

A \$25,000 gift toward the hospital's completion made by the late Roy Hudspeth is being used under supervision of the Commissioners Court to complete the building. County Judge Houston Smith reports that the Court is investigating costs and other data on a suitable elevator for the building and it is hoped that present funds will be sufficient to complete the hospital floor finishing and install the elevator. If such is the case, the present program will put the hospital in readiness for furnishing and equipping.

Several local organizations and individuals have indicated an intention to donate furnishings and equipment for the hospital and many groups have already accumulated money for such a project. Cost estimates on furnishings and other equipment are to be secured in units for the convenience of individuals or organizations who might wish to adopt one or more units as projects. The hospital is to have five private rooms and three wards, with the usual operating room, laboratory and other necessary units.

REWARD
I will give \$5 for information to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons destroying, defacing or removing signs of Sander's Nursery and Flower Farm.
A. W. Saunders.

Fire Destroys Garage, Store Room at Paul M. Hallcomb Ranch Tues.

Fire, started from a burning trash pile, gutted a four-room concrete structure, used as a bank-house, storage room, barn and car shed at the Paul M. Hallcomb ranch Tuesday morning.

The fire was discovered in time to save a quantity of livestock feed stored there, but ranch tools, the light plant and other valuable equipment was lost in the blaze, Mr. Hallcomb said.

The fire is believed to have started from a trash pile of the lumber and thence to the building. The building was of concrete walls, the fire burning out the interior and destroying the roof, doors and windows. The walls are not believed damaged.

Former Ozona Oil Worker Is Killed in Crash

Wayne H. McRaney Dies in Accident 21 Mi. North of San Angelo

Wayne Hodge McRaney, 21, employed here by McQueen and Clevenger in oil field work until his recent transfer to operations in the new Coke county field near Bronte, was killed Sunday night when the automobile in which he was riding struck a culvert on the Sweetwater highway 21 miles north of San Angelo.

In critical condition in a San Angelo hospital as a result of the crash is Herbert Ables, 25, also of Ozona. Ables has been given blood transfusions in the San Angelo hospital and reports from his bedside the middle of this week indicate that his condition is still grave. Ables suffered a fractured left hip and right leg and possible internal injuries.

John D. McRaney, 28, a brother of the dead man and driver of the crash car, was less seriously injured, suffering facial lacerations and other injuries.

Wayne McRaney's body was sent to Kerens Monday afternoon for funeral services there. He is survived by his father, J. E. McRaney of Fort Worth; three sisters, Mrs. A. E. Gilliam of Ozona, Mrs. W. Z. Sessions of Fort Worth and Mrs. James Sloan of Athens, and three brothers, the injured man, Max McRaney of Fort Worth and Lucian McRaney, in the United States Navy and recently stationed in Japan.

The fatal accident occurred when the driver of the car apparently went to sleep and the 1946 Pontiac swerved and crashed head-on into the culvert. All three of the men were employed in oil field work in the Bronte field.

Schools Dismissed At Noon Wednesday; Teachers to Homes

Ozona Public Schools were dismissed at noon Wednesday for the Christmas holidays and pupils and teachers alike quit the premises with unusual speed.

The teachers, most of them planning to spend Christmas at their respective homes, left after hurried lunches in order to gain a day of the vacation period by getting their travels behind them Wednesday afternoon and night.

Classes will be resumed Monday morning, January 3.

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

This issue of The Stockman brings you Christmas greetings and well wishes for your happiness at this season from the business firms of Ozona. Each is a sincere message of good cheer sent your way by the merchants who serve you throughout the year and who appreciate your patronage. Turn through these pages and read their greetings to you. And to their messages, may The Stockman add its sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas to all its readers.

ACA Committee For 1949 Named In Vote Friday

Flowers, Black, Jones To Compose Conservation Board

Fifty Crockett county ranchers cast their votes in the selection of the new county committee of the Crockett County Agricultural Conservation Association which will administer the Agricultural Conservation Program in this county during the coming year.

The election closed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and ballots were counted in the office of Miss Mary White, secretary, by a committee named by the retiring chairman, Ira Carson.

Elected chairman of the committee for 1949 was Richard Flowers. Charlie Black, Jr., was selected as vice chairman and Dempster Jones as regular member. First alternate member on the new committee will be Jess Marley, Jr., and second alternate, Marbury Morrison. Participants in the conservation program were eligible to vote in the election.

The new committee will take office January 1. A total of 5,424 committeemen have been elected this year to administer the 1948 farm program in Texas. B. F. Vance, chairman of the Texas PMA Committee has announced. "Through the conservation program these committeemen are key figures in the nation's efforts to encourage soil and water conservation to maintain current and future production," Mr. Vance said.

A total of \$34,299.65 was earned by Crockett county ranchmen under the ACA program in 1948, according to final figures compiled by Miss White. Prickly pear eradication work in the county accounted for most of this total, 23,901.7 acres of range land being cleared of this noxious plant for which the government paid participating ranchers \$22,670.55 in this county. Cedar eradication work resulted in the clearing of 2,064 acres for which a total of \$8,494.37 was earned by ranch operators. Lechuilla was cleared from 309 acres for which payment of \$999.15 was made. Four water wells were drilled during the year for new livestock waterings, a total of 980 feet being drilled in the four wells. One pipeline was laid a distance of 852 feet and deferred grazing was practiced on 4,990.0 acres for reseeding.

Funds Allocated For Seal Coat On 290 West Of Ozona

9.5 Miles from Bachelor Hill East to Be Resurfaced

Announcement was made by the State Highway Commission at Austin this week that authorization had been made for placing seal coating on approximately 9 1/2 miles of Highway 290 from Bachelor Hill east to a point 10 1/2 miles west of Ozona.

The Commission's minute directs the highway engineer to proceed "the most feasible and economical manner with the work of placing seal coat at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Due to the unpredictability of winter weather and the reaction of asphalt to extremes of cold, none of the projected asphalt work will be done until Spring, it was announced.

Resurfacing of the section of Highway 290 is part of the department's new asphalt program calling for a total expenditure by the Highway Department of \$3,000,000, including new and relocated routes and repairing or resurfacing of existing routes.

District Meet To Be Held In Ozona In April

Basketball Schedule Arranged; Season Begins on January 7

Schools composing District 22B will hold the annual Spring District Meet in Ozona starting April 7 and continuing three days. Ozona's invitation, extended by Supt. Jack McIntosh at a recent meeting of the district committee to frame the basketball schedule, was accepted unanimously. Mr. McIntosh was elected district director general for the meet. The Spring meet will start with the one-act play contests and tennis meet on April 7 and other events will follow on April 8 and 9.

The district committee organized the district basketball schedule for the 1949 season which starts January 7. As in former years, the district is to be divided into East and West divisions, with Eldorado, Ozona, Reagan county and Sonora forming the West division and London, Junction, Menard and Rocksprings forming the East division.

A double round-robin is to be played in each half with the winner in each half meeting to play for the district championship in a two-out-of-three game series on a home and home basis. A flip of the coin is to determine location of the third game if necessary. In case of a tie in either half of the district, only one game will be played to determine the winner, the district fathers ruled, a coin toss to determine the place for play. Winner in each half must be determined by February 8.

Member schools were assessed \$7.50 each for basketball trophies and \$5 for volleyball trophies. These trophies are to be awarded the winner and runner-up in basketball and volleyball. It was agreed that no all-district team be selected and that two officials be used each game, such officials to be satisfactory to both schools.

The district committee encouraged the playing of basketball in the grades by sponsoring the formation of an Elementary League of an Elementary League of 7th and 8th grade boys to follow the same schedule as the Senior basketball teams. Players in this league must be under 15 years of age according to Interscholastic League rules. Girls volleyball also is to follow the same schedule as the boys' basketball, with the season to start Friday February 25.

The following basketball schedule was worked out by the committee for the Western half of the district.

- Jan. 7 — Eldorado at Ozona
- Jan. 11 — Reagan at Reagan
- Jan. 11 — Reagan at Eldorado
- Jan. 14 — Ozona at Sonora
- Jan. 14 — Eldorado tournament
- Jan. 21 — Reagan Co. tournament at Big Lake
- Jan. 25 — Ozona at Reagan
- Jan. 28 — Eldorado at Sonora
- Jan. 28 — Ozona tournament
- Feb. 1 — Ozona at Eldorado
- Feb. 1 — Reagan at Sonora
- Feb. 4 — Eldorado at Reagan
- Feb. 4 — Sonora at Ozona
- Feb. 8 — Sonora at Eldorado
- Feb. 8 — Ozona at Reagan (Winner to be Decided)

E. R. Stewart Plan To Build Motel Here

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stewart have purchased the southwest corner of the Frank James lot on Highway 290 just west of Johnson Draw and plan construction of a modern motel on the site.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, who have had 18 years experience in operation of tourist courts and motels, built the Alamo Courts in Del Rio which they operated until selling out a few years ago. The site on which the motel is to be built here is 190 by 230 feet. The Stewarts plan to build their own living quarters at once, to be followed by construction of the motel. In the meantime they are searching for a furnished house or apartment.

WANTED — Furnished house or apartment by couple. Call Mrs. Stewart, Room 211, Hotel Ozona.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brock Jones and children are in Houston for a Christmas visit with Mr. Jones' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Smith are here from Big Spring to spend Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baggett.

FOR SALE — 10 yearlings and 2-year-old registered Herdford Bulls. Ready for service. Range raised, not stall fed. Troy Williams. 36-3p

POSTED — My ranch in Crockett county. Hunting, trapping, wood hauling without permission forbidden. Trespassers will be prosecuted. James Baggett. 30-12p

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Wishing All a Happy & Merry Xmas

THE LION'S ROAR

Cagers Beat Mey and Mertzson

Lions defeated McCam Mertzson in basketball dur- past week. The Lions beat y 31 to 22 Friday night ed Mertzson 40 to 22 Tues- at on the local court. The B squad defeated the Me- B's 29 to 21 in the Friday ard.

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thru the Keyhole
y Cooke, where were you a- :45? Bout 36 miles east of
as that Kay K. had a back unday morning. After the Saturday night which Mary ed Lin, Kay and Buddy dou- ed. Seems Buddy slammed en door on Kay that night. e were quite a few students

seen at the rodeo Friday — teach- ers, too! Isn't that right, Pelto, Holland, Bramlet, Taylor, Brown and a few more?

Hallie is home from San Mar- cos and looking better than ever. We sure did miss her — didn't we, Ted?

Exes, we are glad to see you home for Christmas holidays. You can go back to college afterwards though, zecause you make us all lonesome for you back in school. Good old Ozona High School. Seems a few of the students of col- lege want to come back to school anyway. Could dit be our nice look- ing teachers?

Kay was seen with Red, Sunday night. Have fun?

Bill seems to be really happy now — but, he sure was a little worried Friday. "Sick Saturday." "Well again Sunday."

Rosalie, we hear you've been mad at Jask. What on earth hap- pened. Who is Baby?

Mary Ann went with Lin to the dance Saturday. Kay, what is this about your being stubborn?

Buddy, Mak, Joan and Chris, all went to League Sunday night.

Ann and Billy Oden, Judy and J. G. were also seen at the dance Saturday night. And that ain't all.

Rossie, what's this about a week you had Saturday morning? Sue, you looked mighty purty at the rodeo. Nat's home, isn't he?

Judy has been reading a mag- azine on Oklahoma. Judy, are you thinking of moving up there?

Sue, whim did you go to the op- eretta with Monday night? Could it have been Nat?

Mary Kay and Don, Mak and

Sammy, Joe Perry and Dot Bow- er are all supposed to go to the Aggie dance Tuesday night.

Mr. Hearne, why was your face so red Tuesday at the gym?

GIRL BAND PERFORMERS

By Ramon Gonzales
Carmen and her westerners put on an assembly program at the Ozona High School auditorium Wed- nesday afternoon. The band was sponsored by the Junior High Student Council.

Carmen and her westerners play- ed at the Pioneer Club dance and at the football banquet. In addi- tion they played for the rodeo which was held at Mr. Joe David- son's ranch Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appre- ciation to all the people of Ozona who sent flowers and otherwise ex- pressed their sympathy and who attended the funeral services for our sons and brothers, Manuel and Pablo Diaz.

Mrs. Enemencia Diaz and family

BROWNS ADOPT SON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Brown announce adoption of a son, born December 4. The baby has been named Marvin Ray Brown. Mr. Brown is employed with the Gulf Research crew stationed here.

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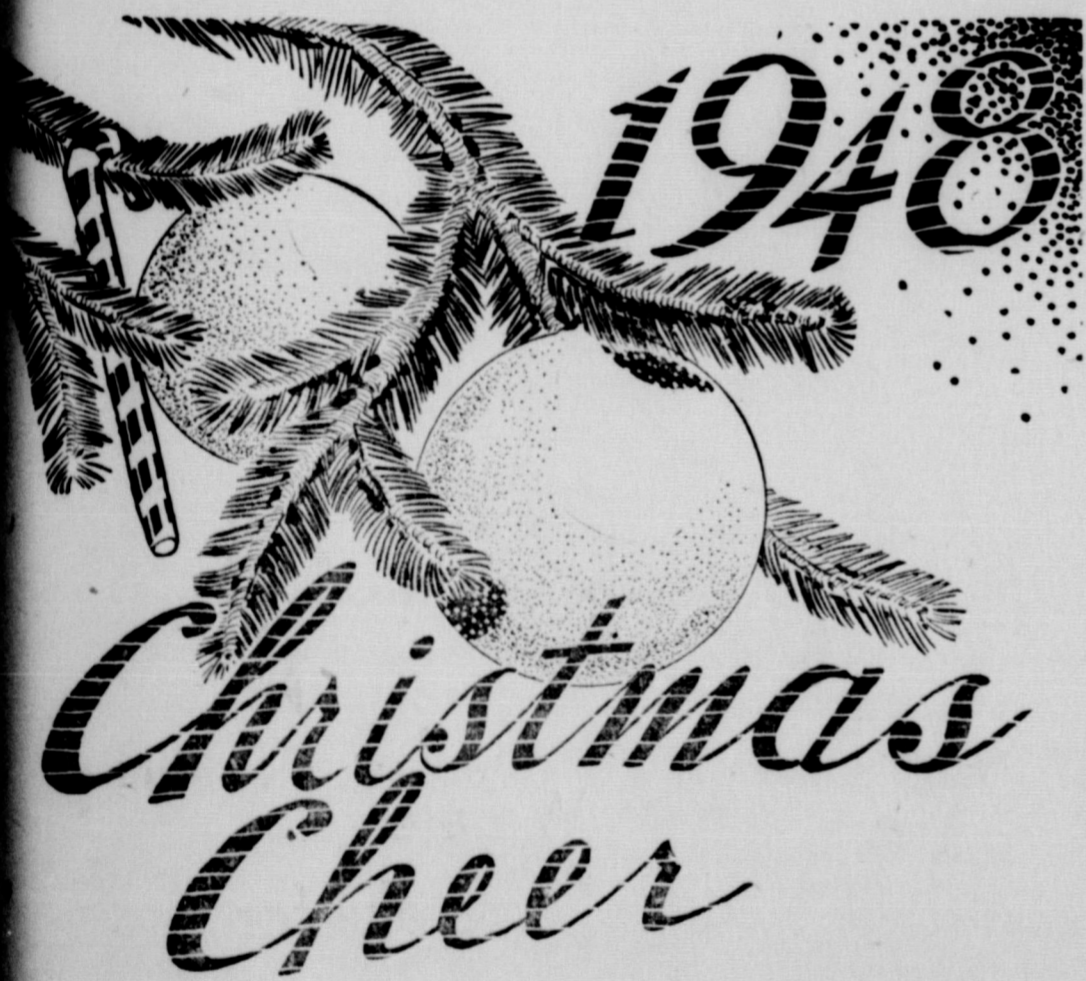


Christmas Cheer

As Christmas approaches, ties of friendship grow stronger and we open our storehouse of memories. We like to re- member our friends at this time with a MERRY CHRISTMAS greeting and a word of thanks for their kindness.

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Christmas Cheer

It's Christmastime, and we are happy once more to extend our heart- iest Yule greetings to a host of good friends, young and old, old and new.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH
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Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS, WITH ITS MOMENTS OF WIST- FUL SOLEMNITY AND PRAYERFUL RENEWAL OF THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, IS MUCH MORE THAN A DAY. ALL HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS ON THIS DAY OF DAYS!

Melton Motor Co.
Ozona, Texas

1949 Oldsmobile Now On Display Features New 'Rocket' Engine

Highlighted by the debut of the new "Rocket" engine, and featuring new "Futuramic" design in all models, throughout, the new 1949 Oldsmobiles are now on display in the showrooms of more than 3,500 Oldsmobile dealers throughout the nation. The new model is now on display at North Motor Co., Ozona dealer.

For 1949, all series of Oldsmobiles will be "Futuramic" according to the announcement. The new "Futuramic" series "76" will introduce Fisher's newest body, which along with newly-styled front and fender treatment, gives it Oldsmobile's characteristic "Futuramic" look. The "Futuramic" Series "98" will be newly styled outside, and newly appointed inside. Both series will offer new engines — the "76" powered by an improved "Big Six," and the

"98" featuring an entirely new high-compression power plant — the Oldsmobile 1949 "Rocket" engine.

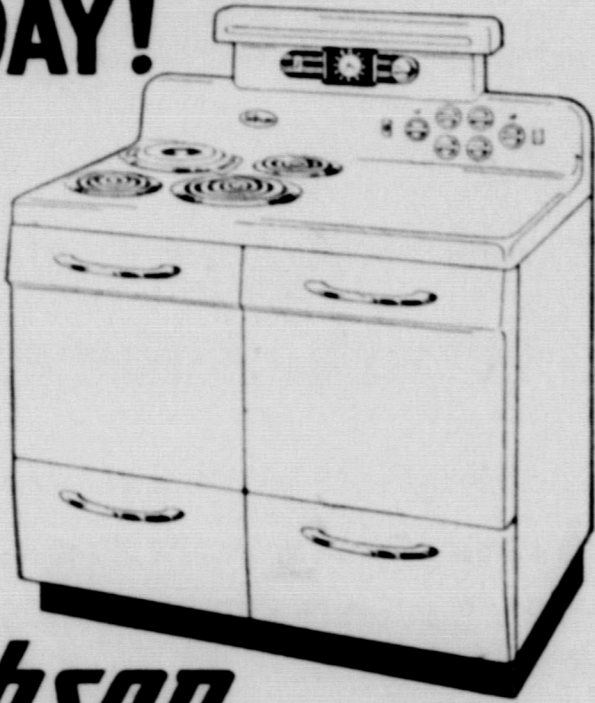
The Futuramic "76" Series will consist of six body types. In addition to the Four-Door Town Sedan, Coupe and Convertible Models, there will be an entirely new streamlined Four-Door Town Sedan, Club Sedan and Convertible Coupe. The "Futuramic" series "76" will occupy a substantially lower price range than the Series "98."

The new "Rocket" power plant is the same high-compression, eight cylinder, valve-in-head engine which General Motor engineers and research experts have had under process of development for several years. It is the product of an entirely new engine plant in Lansing, Michigan, which Oldsmobile calls "the newest, most modern motor plant in the world."

LOST — Diamond wrist watch with black band. Reward for return to Mrs. Boyd Clayton. 1p

Come in and see it now...

TODAY!



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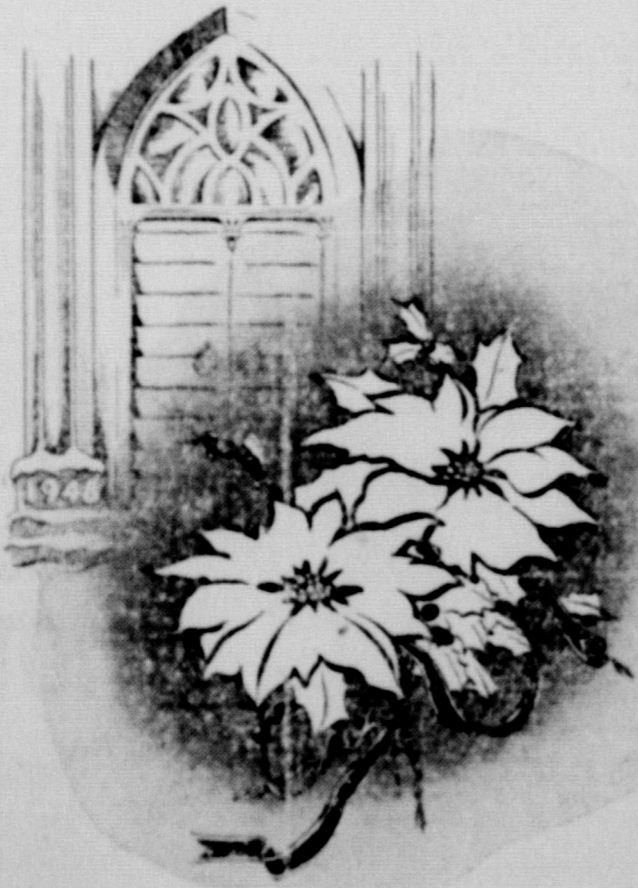
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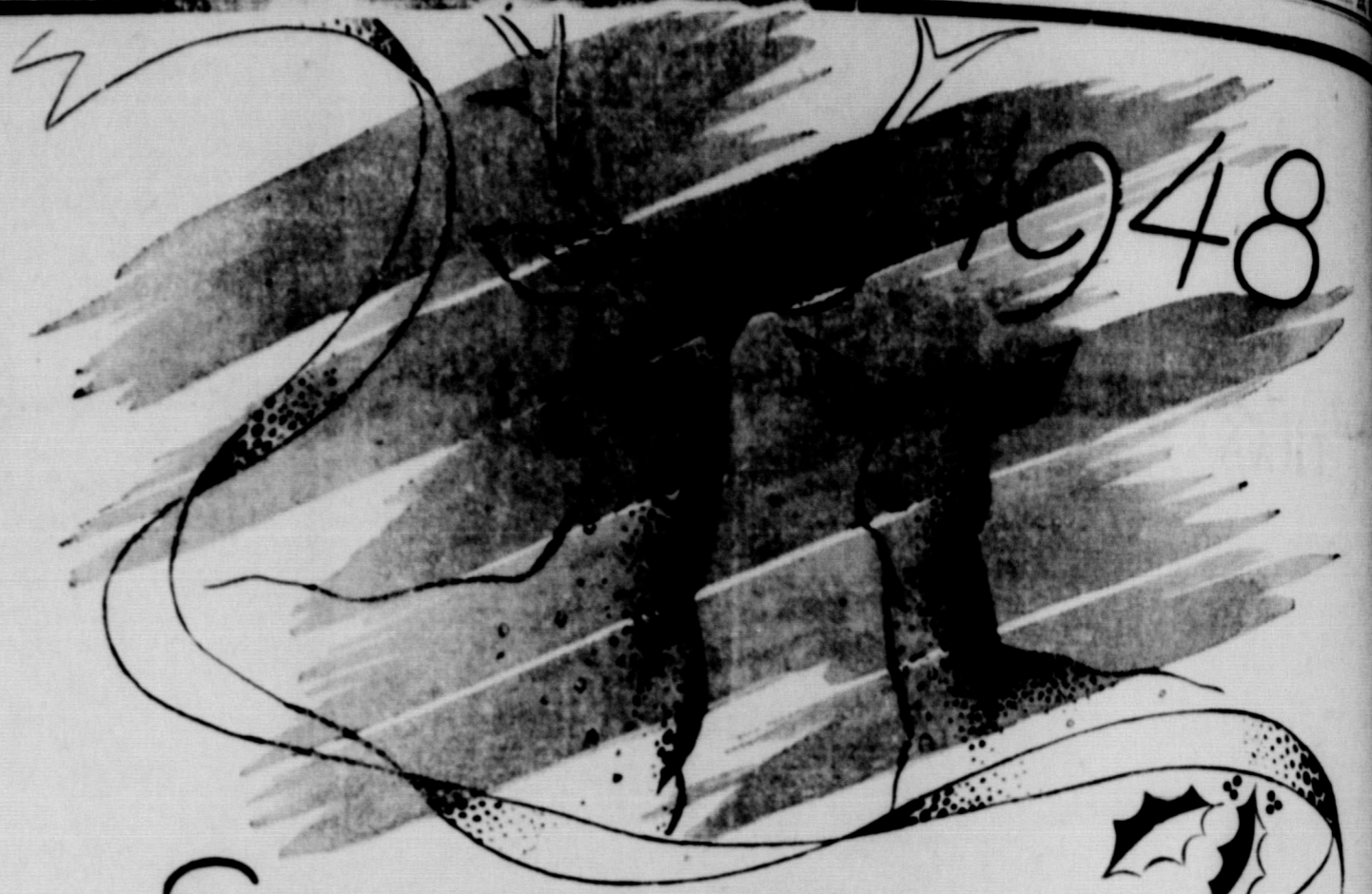
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Now, when the glow of hollyberries brightens the windows... we extend to you, our friends, sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas.

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Season's Greetings

Christmas, with its glorious traditions, its gift-giving and family reunions, is here once more. It's the same old season, and we're making the same old wish —

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BAPTIST W.M.U.

The Baptist W. M. U. met Wednesday afternoon at the church for a Christmas program, led by Mrs. Ben Williams. Mrs. H. A. Gustavus gave a reading, "There Is Indeed a Santa Claus" and the Christmas Story was told by Mrs. Pleas Childress. Hostess was Mrs. J. T. Patrick. Others present were Mesdames Roy Thompson, J. T. Keeton, Jack Brewer and O. C. Webb.

**WEEKLY SWING OF
 SOUTHWEST FARM MARKETS**

(USDA)—Many southwest farm products sold lower during the past week, offsetting steady to higher trends on others, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Corn eased slightly for the week, as barley and sorghums advanced 2 cents and wheat and oats gained a cent or less.

Most wholesale feed prices turned downward again. Good hay fell short of demand at firm prices, but medium and low grades moved with difficulty.

Hogs lost 25 to 50 cents for the week at Texas markets and \$1 to \$2 at most other terminals. Sows took the greatest loss.

Cows and calves sold a little higher for the week at most markets, while stockers and feeders eased at Kansas City. Other southwest cattle classes held about unchanged. San Antonio moved good yearlings at \$25 Monday. Common and medium steers and yearlings clearing from \$17 to \$23.50 at Fort Worth. Good heavy steers reached \$27 at Oklahoma City, while Kansas City turned average medium and good kinds at \$23 to \$26. Denver bought medium to high good steers at \$23 to \$26.50.

Sheep prices averaged slightly lower at Kansas markets but showed little change at other points. San Antonio took medium wooled ewes at \$8 to \$8.25 as Fort Worth

turned cull and common grades in the same range. Ewes sold from \$9 down at Oklahoma and Kansas markets. Goats recorded little change at San Antonio.

Buyers contracted wool in Western Colorado at 54 to 55 cents per

grease pound, and in New Mexico at 57 to 62 cents for choice lots of fine staple. Mohair sales lagged at unchanged prices, with adult at 40 cents and kid 60 to 75.

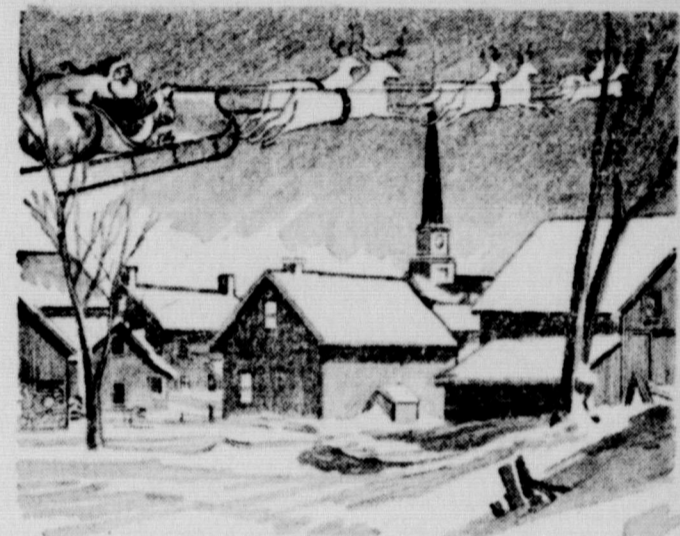
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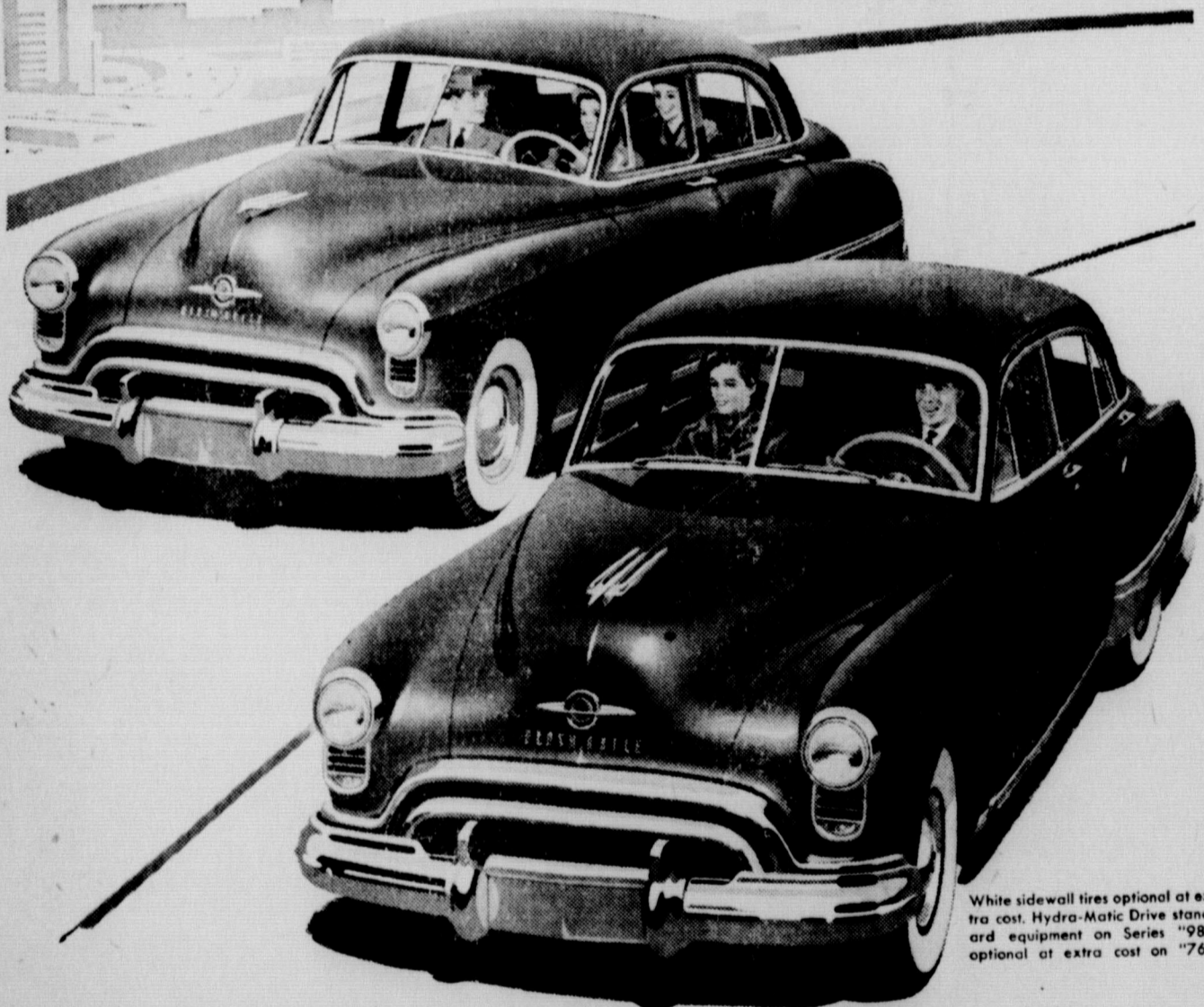


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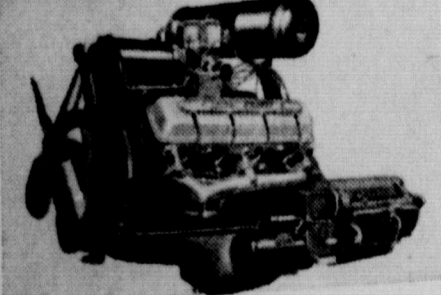
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Christmas Program Featured at Meeting Of Literary Club

Members of the Ozona Literary Club enjoyed the annual Christmas program and party at a meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Lee Worthington. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. W. S. Hatchett and Mrs. R. J. Adams.

Mrs. Glen Edwards was the program leader. She gave a Christmas story and a poem. Mrs. Ben Butler gave a talk on the great women of the Bible which was illustrated by Mrs. Byron Stuart as Esther, Mrs. M. Parker as Ruth and Mrs. Wayne Matthews as Mary.

Carol singing was led by Mrs. Ben Butler, with Mrs. J. P. Pogue accompanying the singers at the organ. Christmas decorations were

used throughout the home, bright wreaths, flowers, candles and a gaily decorated tree which held presents for members, later distributed in a musical game.

Present were Mrs. J. P. Pogue, Mrs. Byron Stuart, Mrs. John Futral, Mrs. Cleophas Cooke, Mrs. Glen Edwards, Mrs. John Hollingsworth, Mrs. E. P. Kettner, Mrs. Garland Marshall, Mrs. Wayne Matthews, Mrs. George Schulz, Mrs. J. D. Sheridan, Mrs. C. O. Spencer, Mrs. Pat Taylor, Mrs. Ben Williams, Mrs. M. Parker, Mrs. Harold Fomby, Mrs. B. Coates and Mrs. Lee Worthington.

John Hollingsworth has leased the Bert Couch ranch west of Ozona and has purchased the livestock owned by Mr. Couch and son, Joe Couch.

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The Youth are including in the Christmas Season plans a Youth Meeting which is to be held in Eldorado, December 29. The session opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. College students, high school students and intermediate groups will have committees and program features which will ac-

quaint each with the things which Youth can do and will do in the coming days.

Worship, Inspiration, Recreation and Quest Groups directed by qualified leaders make an appeal to Youth. Reverend C. A. Greenwalt, the Conference Director, will aid in promoting the activities of the day.

Another date on the calendar for Youth in Ozona is that of Decem-

ber 31 when the Watch Night Service will be held.

Sunday, December 26 is Student Recognition Day. All College Students will find a friendly welcome. Theme: "The Dawning Light and the Perfect Day." and "The Secret and the Source of Smiles" is the theme for the evening hour.

Mrs. Bascomb Cox is in Dallas to spend Christmas with her son-

in-law and daughter, Mr. and Ed Reynolds and family.

LOST — Boy's short black coat. Left under tree in city. Finder please return to the Stockman.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Chapman as holiday guests Mr. Chapman's mother and sister, Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. John E. Hill of San Angelo.

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Miss Elsie Hummel And Wm. Bergfeld Married in Ranger

In a beautiful setting at the First Methodist Church in Ranger, Miss Elsie Ellen Hummel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hummel of Ranger became the bride of William A. Bergfeld, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bergfeld of Seguin, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jones, pastor of the Cisco Methodist Church. The church was decorated in white and green, with white gladioli and fern banking the altar, which was flanked by tall white candelabra.

Miss Marie Gistad of Ozona was maid of honor and Mrs. E. G. Bower of Ozona was matron of honor. Miss Janice Woods of Seguin, niece of the bridegroom, was junior bridesmaid, and Mrs. M. Honey of Dallas and Miss Wedda Brown of Ranger were bridesmaids. Joan Bower of Ozona was the flower girl. All the bride's at-

tendants wore taffeta dresses of identical design, the maid of honor and matron of honor in fuchsia the bridesmaids in dusty rose and the junior bridesmaid and flower girl in pink. All carried old fashioned bouquets of vari-colored ranunculuses tied with bows of lime green tulle and wore bandeaus of ranunculuses attached to blonde illusion.

Edse Bergfeld of Seguin attended his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Neal Chastain of Brownwood, Charles Ratliff and Taylor Deaton of Ozona. Jack Hummel, a brother of the bride and Scott Forney, a cousin, were ushers.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin trimmed in Chantilly lace, with lace bustle and full skirt extending into a train. Her waist length veil of bridal illusion was caught into a coronet of pearls. She carried a white prayer book topped with white orchids with lillies of the valley streamers.

A reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. The table was laid with a white satin and pink net cover and the centerpiece was of pink carnations and formosa fern flanked by silver candelabra. The three-tiered white wedding cake was topped by miniature figures of a bride and groom. Punch was served with the cake.

Mrs. Bergfeld was graduated from John Tarleton College and attended the New York Conservatory of Music. She has taught private piano lessons in Ozona the past two years. Mr. Bergfeld, a graduate of A & M College, is Crockett county agricultural agent. The couple will be at home in Ozona after a wedding trip.

Ozonans attending the wedding, besides those mentioned as members of the wedding party, were Mrs. Vera Baker, E. G. Bower and Miss Jean Reeves.

Mrs. R. A. Harrell, who has been seriously ill at her home here for the past two weeks, is reported improving.



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of Lenapah, Okla., took second money and third place went to Sorrels.

In a final day jackpot team tying, Joe Glenn and Pete Pasco took first place with a total time on four steers of 65.3 seconds. Buck Sorrels and John Rhodes won second in 79.5 seconds and third place went to Olin Sims and Tommy Rhodes in 82.1 seconds.

In a \$500 matched calf roping,

Rex Beck of Valera bested Tom Powers of Ozona by 2.6 seconds on six calves. Another \$500 match saw Vic Montgomery and Tom Powers of Ozona and Buddy Goff of Bandera in a four-calf event, the score showing 133.5 seconds for the winners against 152 for the losers.

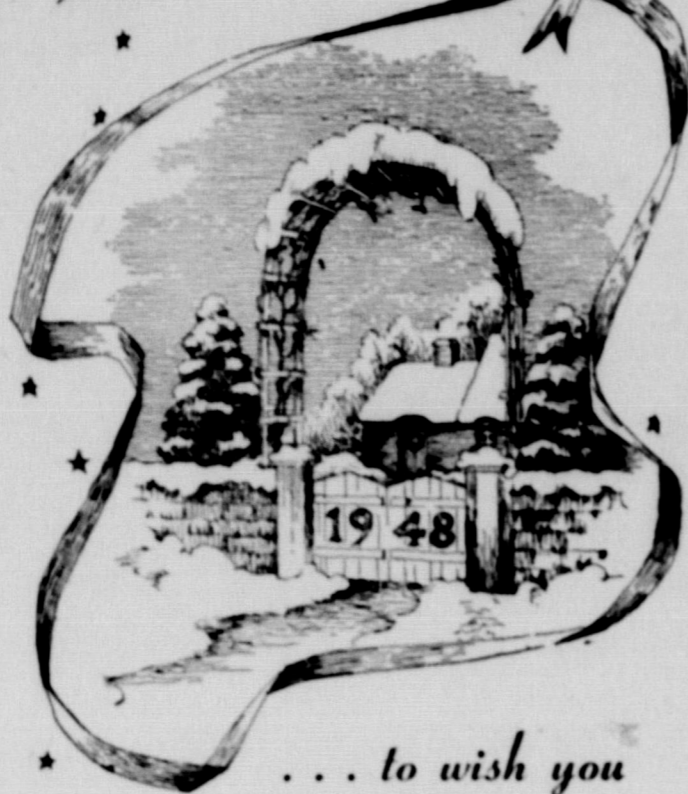
The assembled cowboys, from ranch country all over, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson at the ranch during their stay. They began arriving as far as five

days ahead of the show and were ready by the opening hour, 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer King of Houston are here visiting Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, and other relatives.

Mrs. H. A. Hardberger, who is recovering from a broken hip suffered in a fall at her home in O'Donnell, is here to spend a few weeks visiting her daughters, Mrs. Lowell Littleton and Mrs. Pleas Childre.

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