

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR

With a new year at hand I have one resolution: not to make New Year's resolutions. Ample precedents will testify to the fact that vast improvements could be established in my mode of living, but the twig has become a gnarled and rather little tree. The husbandry of my degree has been neglected to such a degree that it is safer to leave that which may be of value, instead of seeking melioration. Perfections require a more drastic treatment than resolutions, however they provide a frequent-startling inspection.

Steeled like the frozen spray of an angry sea and our horses stumbled as their hoofs slipped on the trail that followed a cedar cracketed shelf on the canyon's side. Ice covered the conchos and cowbands of our bridles and there was a crust on the brims of our hats. Our camp lay ten miles head and darkness was at hand.

My companion was a slim, raw-boned man who had spent too many years in the saddle to change his work, but he had bought a trip of hilly land three years before and tried to farm it. His proceeds netted several acres of restless tumbleweeds, two hound pups and a one-eyed bull calf. We ran a line of traps with slight improvement in returns after the girl he hoped to marry ran away from some with a nursery salesman.

We had discussed the futility of marriage in general during the day and he had expressed his faith in women without reservations, but his voice lacked conviction. As the trail topped a ridge that had been breaking the north wind, he reached back in the saddle bag and removed a large faded silk handkerchief to tie over his freezing ears. In one corner of the cloth a colored thread had followed a needle to shape a heart encircling four initials. Arresting his plans, he studied the token as a man surveying a worthless certificate of bankrupt dreams, then folded it carefully and tucked it in the bosom of his shirt.

Brick-walled streets are chutes that lead to life's crowding pens. Each passing destiny stirs the fulsome miasma in these narrow streets where men are prone to walk in silence and talk with their souls. None dare to speak of the departing hope to leave footprints for posterity on concrete banquets.

Youth was in her eyes like the dancing flames of a distant campfire and each note of her song hurried away lest it should shade the beauty of a subsequent one. When the last sound had been absorbed by the blotter of space and the charged silence returned its final echo, she had vanished.

Shortly thereafter she ceased her singing forever and closed her eyes to the small world that had known her presence. Her passing was like the end of a psalm, with the memory of her sonant words clinging to the stars.

Beneath the froth of life whipped on the shore of time, is the rock island of reality: God, a mother's love, fresh turned soil and white frost in the shade on a winter's morning.

Tragic tidings, like black dew on the garden of night, have named the hour when my friend's soul was summoned from its temple of clay. A strange, new distance enforces our estrangement; a drift fence barbed with memories across the unmeasured scope of eternity.

His voice is in the wind and his laughter echoes through the empty flume of years. His course is in the bold sunlight kindling gray clouds at dawn. His respect for the world which could never faze him is a monument to exultant contentment.

My insignificant words are too flimsy for his tribute now that the broken strands of association

Series Of Fires Strike Matador

SANTA LETTERS PRIZE WINNER IS ANNOUNCED

After extra deliberation, the Tribune announces that eight-year-old Margaret Sanders will receive the \$2 cash award in the Santa Claus letter writing contest sponsored by the newspaper. While the response was less than anticipated, all the letters received were well-written and presented a problem in awarding the prize.

The winner was selected because of the unselfish spirit in the message which offered to surrender her own request for a doll that other children in the world might receive.

Mrs. Edith Sanders declared that her daughter wrote the letter without outside aid. The prize letter is as follows:

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope there are no screws missing from your sleigh so that you can get around the world, and that all the children will get some toys.
I am eight years old and in the third grade. I want a baby doll for Christmas, and some clothes for it too. But I can do without them so there will be enough to go round over in the other countries. Mother wants a kodak and my brother Thomas wants a chemical set, and some boxing gloves.
Please don't forget the other children in England.
Yours truly,
Margaret Sanders

District Official To Preach

Visiting pastor at the Sunday evening service at the Methodist Church will be Rev. L. N. Lipscomb, new District Superintendent, according to Rev. W. B. Vaughn, pastor. The service will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Lipscomb, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lubbock, for the past six years, is a strong preacher," stated Rev. Vaughn. "He will be given a hearty welcome by members of the local church."

The Quarterly Conference will be held at the close of the preaching service. The pastor and church members extend an invitation to all to be present at this service.

Frances Hawley Is Pneumonia Victim

Frances Ledell Hawley, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hawley, passed away here Friday night at 11 o'clock, following a short illness of pneumonia.

The child was born December 2, 1940, and died at the age of 25 days. Besides her parents, she is survived by one sister, Lena, 5, and a brother, Johnnie, 2.

Final rites were conducted in the Hawley residence by Rev. T. H. Browning, pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Interment was made in East Mound Cemetery.

ARE HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests in the home of Mrs. Leonard Luckett during the holidays included her three children and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Rowe L. Sams and daughter, Julia Marie of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey of Spur; and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Luckett of Roaring Springs. Mrs. Luckett accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey home for the week-end.

dangle at life's wharf. Minute details of our last parting are reflected on the screen of closed eyes. The warmth and strength of his handshake returns with the memory of his smile as he rested on the crutch and witnessed my departure. Part of life must perish in the passing of a friend.

Brick Residence Is Total Loss Late Thursday

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Ed Russell home north of the Matador city limits late Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Russell had left the house a short time before the fire was discovered by passing motorists. Answering the alarm, the Matador Volunteer Fire Department was unable to combat the blaze because of the house's location beyond the city limits and reach of a hose connection. Hose was strung but was short of the nearest fire plug by about two lengths.

Fanned by a strong north wind the flames quickly destroyed one of the best and most modern homes in the section. A few household effects were removed from a north room before they were reached by the flames. Besides furniture and clothing, many treasured keepsakes were lost. It is declared that the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Russell has purchased the J. C. (Doc) Burleson home on West Hackberry street and will make that his future home.

Negro House Burns

Wash Monroe's one-room bachelor negro quarters located at the back of the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Fulfer, was destroyed by fire about nine o'clock Thursday morning. The negro had left a heater going while he went outside to milk. He had left paper wrappings from Christmas presents near the stove, he declared.

Altho the small building was almost a mass of flames before the alarm was sounded, the fire department arrived quickly and prevented flames spreading to other nearby buildings.

Third Fire Tuesday

Fire struck Matador the third time within a week Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock when the servant house at the former J. C. (Doc) Burleson home, was discovered in flames. The property had recently been purchased by J. E. Russell, whose home was destroyed by fire Thursday.

The one room house was reduced to a hull and all contents destroyed but efficient action of the Matador Fire Department prevented the spread of flames to the adjoining servant house at the Douglas Meador home. The fire was believed to have started from a heating stove.

Cupid On Jump For Past Year

If births and deaths alone governed population figures, Motley County would have a gain of some 62 persons for the year which drew to a close Tuesday night.

According to vital statistics reports released by County Clerk Richard A. Seay this week, 107 births, including 55 boys and 52 girls, occurred in the county during 1940, as compared to a total of 110 births for 1939.

Forty-five deaths are recorded for the past year. Only 35 occurred during 1939.

Cupid also was more active in 1940, there having been 60 marriages reported, as compared to 49 the previous year.

VANDALS TAKE TREE LIGHTS

Vandals removed lights from outdoor Christmas trees and decorations according to reports received since the holidays. Fourteen colored light bulbs were removed from the tree at one home and others report similar losses. Home owners declared they would not replace decorations in the future since the expense of replaced bulbs would be too high.

IS TRANSFERRED

Miss Dora Ratcliff left today for Levelland where she has been transferred as telephone operator for the Southwestern Associated Telephone Company. Her successor in the local office has not been announced.

Epidemic Of Flu Hits City

Almost half the population of Matador and vicinity is either ill or recovering from an influenza epidemic, and few homes have escaped the illness, according to reports from local physicians.

The cases, usually running from three to four days, are not so serious as in previous years, and no fatalities have been reported.

The flu epidemic which has swept the nation during the past two weeks is believed to have passed its zenith.

Dr. A. C. Traweek, Sr., County Health Officer, urged everyone to take the necessary precautions in order to prevent further outbreak of the epidemic. Dangers of pneumonia were also cited.

W. J. Smith Rites Held Thursday

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for W. J. (Bill) Smith, 61, who died suddenly Christmas Eve at the home of his niece, Mrs. Catherine Register, of Dallas. He was unmarried.

Rev. Charles Brooks of Roaring Springs was in charge of the last rites held at the Flag Springs Church. Interment was made in East Mound Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was a well-to-do farmer of the Tee Pee Flat community, where he had resided for about 23 years. During the past year he had been in ill health and suffered from failing eyesight.

The father of Mr. Smith was buried in an unmarked grave in East Mound Cemetery during the early days.

Pallbearers for the funeral were I. D. Merrill, W. J. Hicks, Lynn Roberts, J. F. Bridges, Marvin Webb, and Lee Marshall.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Register and Mrs. Vaula Riddle of Clovis, N. M.

Formby To Speak

Marshall Formby of McAdoo, Senator-Elect of the 30th Senatorial District, will address the Matador Lions Club Tuesday in its first 1941 meeting.

Mr. Formby was formerly judge of Dickens County. The young senator-elect has had a spectacular rise during his political career and is well-known in this section.

Luncheon will be served at the Methodist Church at 12:30. Henry Pipkin, District Deputy Governor, and Boss Lion G. E. Hamilton especially urge all members to be present.

To Show Tractors In Field

New Farmall tractors will be shown in a tractor demonstration at the John Irwin place, Friday, January 3rd, according to an announcement made this week by the Matador Hardware and Furniture Company, Farmall dealers. The demonstration will start at 1:30 and continue until 5 p. m. All farmers and others interested in modern farming are cordially invited to attend the demonstration. Mr. Irwin's place is located at the northwest corner of the town section.

Models "B" and "H" of the Farmall line may be seen under actual operating conditions, with the Model "B" pulling a 2-row lister.

In event of unfavorable weather, the demonstration will be conducted on the first fair day following the announced date.

Go To Church Sunday

Volunteers Are Needed For Sewing

The local Red Cross sewing project is underway with headquarters next door to Sheats Hardware, according to Miss Mary Keith, general chairman. All materials have arrived and volunteers are needed to construct the garments, which will be used for relief in bomb-ridden England.

Included in the project are ten layettes, thirty-five dresses, twenty bed-shirts, and forty sweaters. Mrs. D. P. Keith is in charge of the sewing and Mrs. Albert Daffern is knitting chairman. The garments are cut out by Mrs. L. R. Bishop.

Materials are issued each Wednesday and Saturday from 2 until 4 o'clock at the Red Cross sewing room. Thursday, only a few persons have offered to make clothing. Other volunteers are needed immediately as the garments must be completed by January 25.

Financed By Government

Similar projects are being conducted thruout the United States, and the clothing will be sent to the European War Committee of the Red Cross upon completion. The work is financed by a \$50,000,000 Congressional appropriation for European war relief, with the Red Cross in general charge of the funds.

Fifteen per cent of the local donations to the national emergency Red Cross drive conducted last summer was retained here for the sewing project. The money is used to purchase patterns, buttons, thread, socks, and other materials, according to Homer Sheats, county Red Cross chairman.

Legion Head Will Visit Panhandle

National Commander of the American Legion Milo J. Warner of Toledo, Ohio, will arrive in Amarillo early Tuesday morning, January 7 and is scheduled to speak at the Amarillo high school, according to an announcement received yesterday.

Amarillo American Legion Post has arranged a program to entertain Commander Warner and visiting buddies of the 18th district. The post extends a cordial invitation to all Legion members to attend the meeting. A luncheon will be served at noon at the Amarillo Lions Club at 60c per plate, which will be attended by Commander Warner. The general public will also be invited to attend the luncheon. Legion members are also urged to bring their ladies.

Commander Warner will leave for Lubbock by auto early in the afternoon and Legion members are urged to accompany him on the trip in an impressive caravan.

CHARLES PIPKIN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Clyde Pipkin left Friday night with her seven-year-old son, Charles, for Dr. H. E. Hipps' Crippled Children Hospital at Marlin, for a check-up on Charles' leg, crippled by an attack of infantile paralysis nearly a year and a half ago. His leg has been making satisfactory progress and on this trip more braces may be removed. He and his mother probably will return Tuesday or Wednesday.

Charles has been among those whom the Dallam-Hartley Counties Chapter for Infantile Paralysis headed by Jim C. Hammack of Dalhart and Sheriff Ralph Queen of Channing, has been privileged to aid. Among other things it helped, with full cooperation of local doctors and health authorities in arranging for his treatment at Marlin institute which is 100 per cent approved by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The boy is a grandson of Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Pipkin of Matador.

MOVE TO McLEAN

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McMahan left this week with their family, for McLean, Texas, where they will make their future home.

They have been residents of this community for a number of years, and their many friends here regret their leaving.

Four New County Officials Take Oaths Of Office



H. H. (Cy) Courtney



Lois Cook

(SEE STORY AT RIGHT)

Cowboy Is Buried Sat.

CHANNING, Dec. 29.—Funeral services were held here Saturday for Joe Mitchell, 52, a former XIT cowhand who died in an Amarillo hospital Thursday night.

In two hitches, he had worked for the Matador Land & Cattle Company, famed Colorado and Texas firm, more than 35 years. He was an employe at its Popham camp, 15 miles west of Channing, when he died.

Born in Tennessee in 1888, he came to the Texas Panhandle in an early day and went to work for the 3,000,000-acre XIT ranch, then the largest spread in the world under fence. Later he worked for the LIT's and then joined the Matadors.

For a time he lived in Amarillo, operating two cafes. Several years ago he returned to Matador employment.

He is survived by his widow and a sister, Mrs. Mel Armstrong of Channing.—Star-Telegram.

Child Welfare Meet Announced

First Child Welfare meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Matador Grade School.

The program will include a piano selection by a pupil of Miss Mable Jameson; and two talks, "Why Boys and Girls Go Astray," by Mrs. George Springer, and "The Unadjusted Girl or Boy," Mrs. Earl Laughlin.

BAPTIST CONFERENCE WILL BE AT QUITAQUE TUESDAY

The Floyd County Baptist Conference will be held at the Baptist Church, Quitaque, Tuesday. Theme of the program will be, "The Enlarged Program for Texas Baptists." Rev. W. M. Joslin, local pastor, will address the group on "Our Part in the Association."

GINNING REPORT RELEASED

Census report show that 9,978 bales of cotton were ginned in Motley County from the 1940 crop prior to December 13 as compared with 6,675 bales during a similar period in 1939.

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Courthouse Gets New Tenants For Two Year Lease

H. H. (Cy) Courtney assumed duties as sheriff, tax collector and assessor of Motley County yesterday morning in a New Year's Day procedure of oath-taking before the county commissioners court.

Other new officers sworn in were Lois Cook, county treasurer; J. M. (Malcolm) Jameson, commissioner, precinct two; and H. L. Smith, commissioner, precinct four.

Returning officials included District Judge Alton B. Chapman, District Attorney John A. Hamilton, County Judge W. R. Cammack, District and County Clerk R. A. (Dick) Seay, County Attorney Howard Traweek, Commissioner J. S. Lambert of precinct one, Commissioned A. B. Simpson of precinct three, and Justice of the Peace H. F. Pipkin.

Retiring officials are L. A. Carlisle, sheriff, tax collector and assessor; Mrs. Metta Sanders, county treasurer; A. K. (Kim) Wilkinson, precinct two commissioner; and T. E. Long, precinct four commissioner.

Retiring sheriff L. A. Carlisle moved from Matador Tuesday to his farm in the Flomot community where he will engage in agricultural pursuits. Deputy sheriff Elbert Seigler will assume interests at the Seigler ranch while retaining residence in Matador. Mrs. Metta Halford, former county treasurer, who did not enter the last political campaign, will assume her duties as a housewife.

Deputies John Stotts and Ward Rattan were sworn in Wednesday with Mr. Stotts as active deputy sheriff and Mr. Rattan in the tax assessing position and assistant deputy sheriff.

B. F. Tunnell Is Enrolee In U. S. Air Corps

B. F. Tunnell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tunnell, enlisted in the U. S. Army at Childress recruiting station Monday.

The youth was assigned to the Air Corps Division at Kelly Field, San Antonio. He will be sworn into the service at Lubbock today and will leave for San Antonio this afternoon.

Mrs. Vaughn's Cousin Killed In Wreck

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn received an emergency message Christmas night from Knox City to be at the bedside of Mrs. Vaughn's two cousins, Joe Davis, 23, and Fulton Davis, 28 who were seriously injured in an automobile collision six miles west of Benjamin. A. B. Davis, Lubbock cotton buyer and father of the injured boys, was killed in the wreck.

Joe Davis suffered fractured ribs, possibly slight internal injuries, and Fulton Davis suffered a fractured left shoulder and cuts and bruises. Two Wichita Falls men were also injured in the accident. Mrs. Vaughn's two cousins are now in a Wichita Falls hospital.

LAST RITES HELD HERE FOR NEGRO

Funeral services were held at the Macedonia Baptist church in the negro section of Matador Saturday afternoon for Dock Terry, 21-year-old negro, who died here Saturday morning. Death was attributed to tuberculosis.

He was born on February 1, 1919. Interment was made in East Mound Cemetery.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cammack during the holidays were their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McDowell of Godnight. Mr. Cammack accompanied Mrs. McDowell home Sunday.

Matador

Ruth Rushing, Editor

We Look Back on Old 1940 . . .

... past year—1940—was a year with lots of excitement; now, as 1941 has just turned corner, we look back on it with regrets because it is gone. The first place, we had some of the coldest weather we M. H. S. has ever known. On St. Valentine's day, you never saw exchanged among our loved-ones and one certain lad (could he be Jawbone?) boasted he spent \$2.50 on a pretty remembrance for a pretty lassie. The "exes" were home and we all had a gala-time rolling candy eggs with roses at one of the most successful parties of the year. March 4th attended the 4-H calf show which was held on the house lawn. The calves were a beautiful sight for us West-erners and we actually felt like audience of one of those fa-rious Fat Stock Shows. On 19th, the Seniors of '41 gave a radiating class an annual Senior banquet, after which the board of trustees, to-gether with the faculty, arranged for first all-school dance in gymnasium of the grade school.

...er the graduation of that class of '40 Seniors (there 45 or 46 of them, weren't they?), school was turned out for vacation on May 17. Also on 17 (through the 18) we all dressed in wide-brimmed hats, shirts, and cowboy boots for our first Matador Rodeo and did we have fun! Then—three whole months of school! We who are lucky to have a farmer dad had a "gooseneck" for at least a day for more than two weeks; but on Saturday nights of the town. Those who live in either attended summer school or were shipped off to a tent, or somebody else, for a "real vacation."

...early July, the Death Angel, Pauline Vivian, one of our dearest classmates, home to us. We have missed her more words will ever say, for per-nature's such as hers is that we need to help us along all of life.

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You can't take it with you. No sir-e-e-e! It stays right here on this campus and grows with the years. If you don't take advantage of its service right NOW—you don't get a second chance. The library of MHS is one of the most vital and essential spots on this campus. Without it—well, we would just have to pack up and go home for an indefinite holiday. Now's the time for all good Matadors to come to the aid of their own intellects. Those students who haven't checked out one book since the start of school are in dire need of a mental bromide. The doctor of mentality prescribes a good book.

Don't be a high school graduate who can't discuss with a showing of intelligence at least three of the year's ten best sellers. Cultivate books now; they won't let you down and they are guaranteed insurance policies on the future of your position in whatever field you choose.

Learn good books, good authors, and know worthwhile reading when you see it.

KAMPUS KLATTER

Howdy, folks! Gee, but we missed you last week—and we promise that from now until school is turned out for summer vacation, we'll be with you on every Thursday; so be watching for us. It is a deal!

Dear old Santa Claus surely was good to all the M. H. S. students! My, my, some of these lassies and lads are really decked out in finery this week. . . . Leroy, did Frances appreciate your gift? We hope so—for we know how hard you worked to get it. . . . Billy and Dorothy really did the town Christmas Eve; but can we blame them? . . . It seems as though Justine has been getting around, too. She's been seen several times lately with an "ex."

Ida Belle Armstrong is as cute as the cat that ate the canary when she even thinks of her good-looking boy friend. But she won't tell us who he is! . . . These Pitts brothers and Nelson sisters are on good terms again. . . . L. M. and Mavinee seem to be doing all right in study hall. Just ask Mrs. Martin!

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back visiting again last week. Mavinee's heart is softening, we hear. Could it be over that Paducah boy?—she flatly refused H. L. a date. . . . That sizzling romance between Jawbone and Wanda is All Off. . . . Aren't Tom Ed and Betty the sweet couple? . . . Algie and Joyce are frequently seen sitting together in all their classes. . . . The "C. C. L. Boys" report that W. E. and Alla Mae have found each other swell company.

Since Guy turned down Bennie Wayne (that's her own words, folksies!), she and Billy B. have a pretty good Case of Romance. . . . Somebody is mighty jealous; and whoever she is, she put no less than ten notes in our news-box, telling us she used to think Spot had a few brains, but since he fell for a certain blonde Freshman—well, she has her doubts. . . . We know a certain Senior miss who plans to be sniffing orange blossoms next June. . . .

"Mother!" called Vance. "Mother, I got a hundred in school today."

"Fine," said Mrs. Campbell. "What subject did you make one hundred on?"

"Two," Vance said "60 in Junior Business and 40 in Math."

Have you been making New Year resolutions? We have, and here ours is: To make ourselves free from hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness, and to labor unceasingly for the welfare of the United States and the maintenance of its ideals.

MID-TERM EXAMS FACE STUDENTS!

Mid-term exams! Why must we have them? That is the question nearly every student asks. Well, for the answer just ask the teachers; they will tell you exactly.

Since week after next is the week set aside as the week for mid-term tests, everybody is busy getting notebooks in order, book reports ready, and, most of all, "craming."

Those who have been playing around for the last five weeks will probably be burning the midnight oil, trying to learn who discovered America or who wrote "The Deserted Village." Just remember though, after these tests are over, there won't be another really hard one for six whole weeks.

MEET A SENIOR
JAMES RUSSELL NEBLETT
 Pet Hate—English
 Weakness—Football
 Hobby—Hunting
 Favorite Food—Pumpkin pie
 Favorite Movie Star—Mickey Rooney
 Favorite Color—Blue
 Ambition—Anything that will make money
 Ideal Girl—Oneita Whitaker

THIS AND THAT

To Make EL MATADOR a vital, interesting newspaper, as up-to-snuff as tomorrow's news flashes, is the aim of this year's staff. We can do this only with the cooperation of the entire student body.

By cooperation we mean criticisms as well as compliments. Air your grievances and your new ideas around our way. Tell us exactly what you think—we can take it! Help us put out a newspaper you'll be proud of; we have only a semester in which to do this!

A woman whose husband had joined the Navy, gave a note to the minister the following Sunday. The note read: "Mr. Tom Jones, having gone to sea, his wife requests that the congregation pray

GOOD NEWS For PILES SUFFERS

The McCleary Clinic, E300 Elms Blvd., Excelsior Springs, Mo., is putting out an up-to-the-minute 116-page book on Piles (Hemorrhoids), Fistula, related ailments and colon disorders. You can have a copy of this book by asking for it on a postcard sent to the above address. No charge. It may save you much suffering and money. Write today for a FREE copy.

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for his safety." The minister was near-sighted and as he read aloud, the congregation heard: "Mr. Tom Jones, having gone to see his wife, requests that the congregation pray for his safety."

We hope everyone of you Lions are reading this, because we want you to know how much we thank you for putting a Christmas tree down-town, for the holiday season. Everyone of us admired it, as well as secretly thanked you for it, everytime we saw it. In fact—it helped us have a merrier Christmas!

When someone asked Evelyn Quattlebaum if she knew what mistletoe was, she immediately retorted, "I ought to!" Seeing her mistake she said, "Oh, it grows where I live."

The more you study, the more you know; the more you know, the more you forget; the more you forget, the less you know; so—WHY STUDY AT ALL?

The less you study, the less you know; the less you know, the less you forget; the less you forget, the more you know; so—WHY STUDY AT ALL?

P. S.—By the way kids, week after next is time for the first semester exams, so I wouldn't take this too seriously!

Sports Sidelights

A BACKWARD GLANCE
 Football is over, even the Bowl games! And 8 senior Matadors, who gently hung up their battle-scarred moleskins more than a month ago, are just now realizing that they will never take them down again in defense of the school they have come to love so dearly. But they made history! Out of nine games played, the Matadors came out with seven hides to decorate their arena, and only one loss and one tie.

The crowd roars as the ball is kicked. Can't you picture in your mind the fighting machine of all young men striving for glory? On the bench hardly even noticed is the engineer of this machine. It is the coach. He takes a squad of green boys and makes a body of fighting men of them. Sometimes he wins, and sometimes he loses. When he wins, he has friends—when he loses, he is unknown. He just grins and keeps fighting no matter how it turns.

With the passing of his high school football, many a boy never plays again. But when he enters the game of making a living, he remembers the rules of fair play he learned on the gridiron. If every man had these rules, there would probably be fewer failures.

There's always a place for the man who will fight.

For his place in this strife torn peace,

He will pass from the darkness to the new found light

Of eternal success in the end, and his face

Will light up with a smile of pure joy

As he did in the days when he was a boy.

Remember this motto: pass it on to others, and this world will be a much happier place in which to live.

This year's track season should be the most colorful and sensational in the history of the school. A fast and furious group of experienced boys will return to the never-ending path which will raise the sights of the team to nothing less than a score of trophies from district meets, and at least a county record in the team's specialty, the one mile relay (we hope, hope, hope!).

As most of the boys who will participate in the Track Meet are playing basketball now, they will be in fine condition by March. For Coach Martin is among the few men in the nation who are capable of making champs of boys who have never had a pair of track shoes before entering high school. Most of his best men have been developed by him here on the Matador arena.

Early Freighter Buried Thursday

CHILDRESS, Dec. 27.—Funeral services were held here Thursday afternoon for Burley Pixler, 89-year-old pioneer who died Christmas Day. Harvey Scott of Abilene conducted the services at the Church of Christ, and burial was made in the Childress cemetery.

Pixler operated a freight line from Decatur to Old Mobeetle through the sparsely settled lower Panhandle during the late 1870's and early 80's, and when the Fort Worth and Denver railroad was first extended into West Texas, he operated his freight business from the railroad terminus at Wichita Falls first, then at Harold, into the Panhandle territory.

He moved to Childress when it was first settled in the middle 80's and operated a coal and grain company and a private water well for many years before going into the printing business. He has been retired for several years.

Survivors include one daughter,

Miss Alba Pixler of Childress, and three grandchildren, Otto Pixler of Houston, Scott Pixler of Shreveport, and Mrs. Nada Pesek of Portland, Oregon.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Noel Moore of Quitaque was released from the Traweek Hospital Monday.

E. E. Ellis of Flomot was treated for an injured elbow received in a Christmas Day automobile wreck near Flomot.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor of Quitaque was treated for an injured arm Monday night. Mrs. W. M. Hobbs has been seriously ill at her home during the past week.

Among the more severe cases of influenza, the following are reported: Mrs. J. A. Groves, Mrs. W. T. Patton, Jr., Charlie Morris, James Russell Neblett, and J. T. Spears.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbors of our beloved brother and uncle, W. J. Smith, for the many acts of kindness, words of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings tendered during his illness and death.

It is our wish that the blessings of God shall rest upon each of you.
 Mrs. Vaula Riddle
 Mrs. Catherine Register

Annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers' Association will be held in San Antonio on January 10 to 11.

Brazil's largest cotton crop in 1937 was only two-fifths as large as that of Texas for the same year.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Annual January

CLEARANCE

ALL WINTER MERCHANDISE
 YOU WILL FIND WORTHWHILE REDUCTIONS ON ALL WINTER MERCHANDISE — CHECK THESE TYPICAL BARGAINS!

<p>LADIES' RAYON AND <i>Silk Dresses</i></p> <p>ONE LOT AT \$1.59</p>	<p>LADIES \$3.95 — \$4.95 & \$6.95 <i>Silk Dresses</i></p> <p>YOUR CHOICE \$2.95</p>
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Flomot Couples Are United In Two December Marriages

Amick-Amonett Rites Performed Early In Month

Of interest to many persons in this vicinity are announcements of two recent weddings...

The bride attended Flomot High School and was a student at West Texas State Teachers College...

Mr. Amonett is also a graduate of Flomot High School and attended Texas Technological College...

The couple made an extensive trip through the Southwest including visits to Carlsbad Cavern and Old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Amonett will make their home east of Flomot, where the groom has farming interests.

EDITH GIBSON AND HOWARD AMICK WED

Announcement is also being made of the marriage of Miss Edith Gibson of Amarillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gibson of Alameda, to Howard Amick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Amick of Flomot...

The groom, who attended Flomot High School, was graduated from WSTC, Canyon, where he was a student assistant in the education department...

Following a short trip to New Mexico the couple returned to Floydada, where they will make their home.

Shower Is Given For Mrs. Russell

Mrs. A. C. Trawick, Sr., was hostess at a miscellaneous shower at her home Monday afternoon honoring Mrs. J. E. Russell...

Assisting were Mrs. D. E. Pitts and Miss Mary Keith.

Hot spicy tea and cookies were served from the table covered with a Madeira linen cloth and centered with a Christmas cactus in bloom.

About seventy-five guests called during the afternoon and many other friends sent gifts.

AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY

American Legion Auxiliary of Fleming Post will hold a regular monthly meeting Monday evening, January 4, officials of the organization announce.

The meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. L. R. Bishop, and all members are urged to be present.

INFORMAL TEA GIVEN FRIDAY

Mrs. L. C. Harp entertained with an informal tea Friday afternoon honoring Miss Sue Kathryn Glenn, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Guests included Mesdames J. L. Woodruff, B. F. Tunnell, and D. E. Pitts and Miss Amy Glenn.

Home Improvement Club Has Party

Mrs. Ed Whittaker was hostess with a Christmas party Thursday night for Home Improvement Club members and their guests.

Gifts were exchanged and music was furnished during the evening by Burl Alsup, Less and Lon Terry, and Mrs. Bill Edwards. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served.

Attending the affair were Messrs. and Mesdames C. G. Rankin, M. D. Morris, Fred Bourland, W. L. McWilliams, Ben Keltz, Jay Browning, Victor Smith, Joe Bloodworth, Kim Wilkinson, L. R. Browning, Ben Edwards, Alfred Barton, R. Stapleton, Ernest McWilliams, Bill Edwards, Bob Martin, Malcolm Morris, Jr.

Miss Georgia Bourland, Mrs. H. M. Murphy, Mrs. Jim Jay, Bascomb Murphy, Phil Green, Burl Alsup, Lon and Less Terry, and the host and hostess.

Roy Burleson INSURANCE

BANK BUILDING MATADOR, TEXAS

MARJORIA MOORE IS BRIDESMAID

Miss Marjoria Moore served as a bridesmaid in a holiday wedding uniting Miss Jane Hale of Fort Worth to L. M. Staley, Jr., of Ringgold. The ceremony, held at the University Christian Church, was performed Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

The bride was Miss Moore's roommate at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, last year.

Miss Moore also attended a rehearsal dinner given Christmas night honoring the wedding party. She returned home Friday.

Mrs. Luckett Holds Open House Friday

Mrs. Leonora Luckett held open house Friday evening, honoring her daughter, Mrs. Rowe Sams, Mr. Sams and their daughter, Julia Marie, of Waco, who were her holiday guests.

She was assisted by her other daughter, Mrs. Cecil Godfrey of Spur, who, with Mr. Godfrey were also visiting Mrs. Luckett during Christmas.

Dainty sandwiches, cookies and fruit cake were served with coffee and spiced tea, poured by Mesdames Sams and Godfrey. A wreath of holly and a miniature white tree accentuated the holiday motif in table decorations.

Guests who called during the evening included Messrs. and Mesdames L. C. Harp, R. E. Donovan, B. F. Tunnell, E. C. Stearns, A. L. Fryar, A. C. Trawick, Sr., D. I. W. Birnie, Marvin Patton, A. C. Trawick, Jr., J. Farris Fish, and Douglas Meador; and Mrs. Charlotte Hunsucker, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Hughes and daughter, Anne, of Roaring Springs; Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Calhoun of Mangum, Okla., Mitchell Glenn, M. J. Reilly, and Miss Amy Glenn.

Ceremony Is Performed Christmas

An impressive ring ceremony performed Christmas morning at eight o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Vaughn, united in marriage Miss Mary Ellen Bloodworth of Ralls and Tommie Vivian of Matador.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Dood Darnon.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip to New Mexico. The bride was attired in a soldier blue dress with which she used black patent accessories. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bloodworth of Ralls, Texas, and graduated from Ralls High School in 1938.

Mr. Vivian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Vivian of Matador, and is employed at the City Tailor Shop here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian returned Friday morning and will make this their home.

Holiday Visitors Leave For Home

Mrs. Guy Smyth and children, Peggy and Guy Pitts of Amarillo, and Mrs. Smyth's brother, Joe E. Pitts of Amarillo, returned to their home Monday after spending the week-end with their mother, Mrs. N. B. Pitts, and in the home of their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pitts. Mr. Pitts and his son Douglas Jr. accompanied the visitors here from Plainview.

Also visiting Mrs. N. B. Pitts during the holidays were her two other daughters with their families, being Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and daughter, Carol Ann of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Morrison of Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pitts had as other Sunday guests in their home, Mr. and Mrs. David Battey and children of Floydada.

Pied Pinions BY MR. S. M.

Our vote of thanks this week goes to John Gould of the Wichita Daily Times for his comments on the great Santa Claus classic, in his column, "Roughly Speaking," with reference to his presents this year.

"Not the least appreciated of the gifts was a pair of ear-muffs for me to put on every time there was a Christmas radio program that included the editor's message to little Virginia, and I enjoyed them very much indeed because if there is anything that helps to make Christmas a pleasant occasion it is being unable to hear somebody broadcasting the message to little Virginia who wanted to know if there was really a Santa Claus, and there are lots of other programs that will make the gift a source of pleasure throughout the year."

Personally, I had all I wanted of it last year when a full page blurb was used by this paper, and I let it be known generally how it affected me; but just to prove how much influence I exert around this establishment, "The Thing appeared, not once, but twice in one issue this year!"

Ere another Yuletide arrives, Mr. Gould, will you please lend me your ear-muffs?

All of which calls to mind the recent cartoon in a national weekly in which the children, as they watched their parents St. Nicholas about the tree, whispered to each other, "The poor dears. Let's not spoil their Christmas; let's wait until next year to tell them!"

Well, I don't know yet whether Santa thought I had been a good girl; or whether he had been into mischief and so had a guilty conscience, but he was mighty good to me this year. He brought me among other things, a nice little table washing machine which is proving very handy. Next to a shiny new axe, I can't think of anything that would lighten a woman's home work more than a washing machine.

There isn't any food better than cornbread and turnip-greens with a glass of fresh buttermilk, for dinner (and I don't mean the 6 o'clock variety) or supper; unless it's fresh country sausage and hot biscuits for breakfast.

Every year, long about October, we begin to get tactfully friendly with our favorite sausage-making relatives, and delicately hint that inasmuch as we enjoy their sausage so much, we would like to buy some at hog killing time, that is if they will have some to spare. And each year they generously spare us some, along with some nice backbone and spare-ribs, and we fare like royalty as long as it lasts.

Thus far we have managed to let them out-talk us into considering it a gift, or at least a payment on their subscription.

Of course in matching the values, their subscription is already paid up for life, but so long as they are not convinced, we are sitting pretty.

Folks calling for calendars at the bank reminds one of pig-tail days when a round of all the stores and business establishments netted arm-loads of the annuals, resulting in the walls of practically every room in the house having a generous, though somewhat varied covering for a few months at least.

Then who doesn't remember the elaborate art panels to be ordered with samples of Pompeian cosmetics. These were eagerly awaited from year to year and each one seemed more beautifully romantic than the last, as the adolescent stage progressed.

GET MORE EGGS Dr. Sabbury's AVI-TAB Increases egg production Matador Hatchery 1/4 Mile North and 1/2 Mile East of Court House

Christmas Reunion Held At Whiteflat By Humphries Family

A reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Humphries of Whiteflat was held at their home Christmas Day.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Hub Humphries and children of Box Elder, Noah Humphries of Littlefield, Bill Humphries, Mrs. George H. Pettigrew and daughter, Pete Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Humphries, and Billy Humphries, all of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wallace and children of Crosbyton, M. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell and son of Paducah, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mitchell and daughter of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Wilkinson and daughters of Whiteflat, and Miss Katalynn Humphries of Crosbyton.

Unable to attend were two daughter Mesdames S. M. Smith of Lubbock and Huey Shackelford of De Kalb.

Holiday Reception Is Held Sunday

Honoring Misses Kara and Marie Hunsucker, Mesdames J. R. Moore and Charlotte Hunsucker were hostesses at a holiday reception Sunday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Moore poured coffee and tea from the refreshment table centered with Yuletide decorations.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harp, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Tunnell, Misses Jean Harp, Lela and Frances Carpenter; and Maurice Reilly, Keith Patton, Elmer Gene Jameson, B. F. Tunnell, Jr., James Rufus Fish, Houston Schweitzer, Glenn Woodruff, Fred G. Simpson, and Louis and Leon Wilson of Dallas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of conveying our most sincere thanks to the good people of Matador and adjoining communities for the abundance of gifts tendered us in sympathetic understanding of our recent loss by fire, of home and possessions.

While many of the things destroyed can never be replaced, and will remain with us only in memory, we deeply appreciate the pioneer spirit of friendliness, helpfulness and willingness to all those in distress which is again being evidenced in your many acts of kindness and expressions of commiseration.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Russell and family.

SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE

G. C. Keith and sons, George Crawford and Robert Ed, of Whiteface spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. D. C. Keith, and other relatives. Also a visitor in the Keith home on Christmas Day was R. T. Alley of the Clayton Ranch in Borden County, former resident here.

IS RECOVERING

Miss Onetta Kimbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kimbell of Whiteflat, is recovering from a tonsillectomy undergone Thursday.

Whiteflat News

By Ida B. Armstrong

Miss Camella Wilkinson, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, arrived Christmas morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kim Wilkinson.

Guy Garrison of Amarillo, who is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garrison of Floydada, visited with friends and relatives in Whiteflat during the week.

A reunion of the Kimbell family was held at the C. E. Harris home Christmas Day.

Claude Spray is visiting friends in California.

A community Christmas tree was held at the Whiteflat Baptist Church Tuesday night.

ENTERTAIN THURSDAY

Eugene and Alvin Fisher entertained with a party at their home Thursday night. After playing games, guests were served cocoa and cake.

Attending were Ida Belle and Stephen Armstrong, Gene Sawyer, L. M. and Dorothy Mae Cox, C. D. and Alvin Garrison, Dorothy Jean Casey, Frank, Marshall, Mildred, and Paul Venson, Mary Juanice Wilkinson, Eugenia and Grace Laverne Tilton, Elsie and Gladys Cook, Estelle Morris, Katherine Martin, Elwanda Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Murphy, Mrs. Harry Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cox and Maurice Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Dowell Garrison, Mrs. Bertha Garrison, Bernice Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Casey, Mrs. Pearl Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Fisher and the hosts.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Knoy and children, Holeman and Betty Sue visited during the week with their son, Billy, who is enrolled at McMurry College, Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Wilson and children, Salyan and Robbie Dale, of Crosbyton visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morris, Sr., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Adams and children, Pinkie and Six, of Northfield visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Jameson Saturday.

Teachers returning during the week-end were Miss Evelyn Moore who spent the holidays at Gasoline and Mrs. R. L. Holden who visited at Lubbock and Knox City.

J. C. Murphy, who is enrolled at a flying school in San Antonio, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Murphy.

Mrs. Dessie Fulkerson of Sweetwater visited friends and relatives here during the holidays.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my profound appreciation for the many acts of kindness directed my way during my illness in the hospital here.

I especially appreciate the solicitude evidenced by the people of Matador, as well as that of my neighbors at Northfield who have shown so much concern in my behalf.

The beautiful bouquet of roses from the Northfield school, other flowers, and the many cards of sympathy are among the numerous expressions for which I am thankful. May life's richest blessings be the reward of each of you.

Mrs. J. A. Tiptor

Roaring Springs NEWS

By Mrs. J. D. Mitchell

Mrs. Ila M. King and family moved to a farm recently purchased near Petersburg. They will be missed by their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barrier of Lubbock spent Christmas with Mrs. K. Jones here.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Davis spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Arkansas.

Mrs. M. E. Keahey and daughter, Freda, returned Sunday from a trip to Wichita Falls.

Misses Wanda Liner and Joy Rice arrived Sunday from Brownwood where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Graves of Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. George Clifton of Portales, N. M., spent the week-end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Bowen.

Hoyle Gene Moss of Lubbock spent last week visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. York and children of Morton visited relatives and friends here during the week.

Mrs. Virginia Jackson had as Christmas guests her son, Emmett Jackson, Jr., of Denver, Colorado, and a daughter, Madge, of Sweetwater.

Bruce Freeman of Huntsville visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Davis of Lubbock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Davis during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hotchko and children returned Friday from a visit to Kansas. They were accompanied by Claude Murphy of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Goodwin are moving to the Harold Jones home this week. They formerly lived in Lockney. Mr. Goodwin is connected with the Brownlow Tractor Company.

(Delayed) Miss Juanita Thacker, who is employed in Austin, and G. B. Thacker, volunteer in the Air Corps at San Antonio, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Seiger are parents of a boy, James Patrick, born Sunday. He weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Woods are parents of a daughter born on December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hinds of Flomot are parents of a daughter. The infant was born December 9.

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LIBERTY IS THE blood stream of America. It is what makes this country young, virile, progressive. It builds in people, initiative, ingenuity, resourcefulness. It is the strength of a nation at peace. YET LIBERTY IS fragile as a flower. It needs constant cultivation, pampered care and the constant pruning off of those few malcontents who consistently take liberties without taking Liberty to their hearts. So hard to get—so easy to lose! Retaining Liberty is worth the effort of all of us. First State Bank MATADOR, TEXAS DEPOSITS INSURED BY The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation WASHINGTON, D. C. \$5000 MAXIMUM INSURANCE FOR EACH DEPOSITOR \$5000

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Weekly Band Class EACH MONDAY AT 5:00 P. M. AT THE MATADOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING. TUITION, \$2.00 PER MONTH. ALL BAND INSTRUMENTS WILL BE TAUGHT. M. T. CAMP, FLOYDADA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR.

LOCALS

Roy Amick of Lubbock was a holiday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Amick of Flomot.

LOST: Locket lost at Roaring Springs; engraving on back, "K. J. J.-1939;" picture inside; reward: Tribune Office.

Buddy Davis returned to Ingleswood, Calif., Saturday, to continue studies in an airplane mechanics school. He was accompanied to Lubbock by his mother, Mrs. Jeff Daffern, and Fred G. Simpson, Jr. Miss Zona Beth Faulkner, local teacher, returned here Sunday after spending the holidays with relatives in Childress.

FOR SALE—Several head young Jersey cows, some fresh, all Bangs tested John S. Ferguson, Roaring Springs. 1-9-40 pd.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn spent Christmas Day in Wichita Falls, where they visited her aunt, Mrs. H. C. Shanks, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore and daughter, Billie Beth, of Lawton, Oklahoma, were holiday guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Wisdom and her brother, Fred Lawrence, of Amarillo spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lawrence.

Miss Aileen Russell, who is taking a course in student nursing in the Plainview Hospital, visited Christmas Day with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patton of Hale Center visited Christmas Day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Math Patton.

FOR SALE—Two milk goats—Real cheap. Located at Matador. See Luther Burns. 1-2-40

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burleson visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Burleson of Wichita Falls.

L. C. Groves of Clovis, N. M., returned home yesterday following a visit with relatives here.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Math Patton included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Patton, Buster Patton, and John Patton, all of Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Gray and daughter, Jewell, returned home Sunday after a holiday visit with relatives in San Antonio and Houston.

Mrs. Noble Groves visited last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, of Morton. She accompanied them to Miami for a short visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stearns and daughter, Frances, were Christmas guests of relatives in Abilene.

FARM FOR SALE: 90 acre Sandy land farm in the Folley community. All in cultivation. Would accept some cattle in trade. Willis Walker, Turkey, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fish visited her parents in Paducah during the holidays.

Miss Maisey Reeves, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Reeves, returned to Dallas Tuesday.

Miss Lela Carpenter and W. O. Cox, students at Hardin-Simmons University, returned to Abilene today after spending the holidays here. They were accompanied by W. W. Carpenter and daughter, Frances, and Mrs. Forrest Campbell, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Annie Tudor for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kern and son, Paul, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maxwell and son, Max Kern, of Lyons have spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Maxwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lem C. Jameson, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kern, and Mr. and Mrs. Lem C. Jameson visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jameson and family of Lubbock Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Terrell and son, Jay Patrick, of Portales, N. M., visited friends here Tuesday. Mr. Terrell was formerly football coach in the Matador High School.

Mrs. Julia Cornett visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper, of Plainview during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Campbell of Abilene spent Christmas with relatives here.

E. C. Stearns and J. Rufus Emmons attended the Cotton Bowl game at Dallas yesterday between Fordham and Texas A. & M.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stafford, accompanied by M. M. McBride and Miss Lizzie McBride, spent the Christmas holiday at Roscoe visiting relatives and friends.

BUSINESS RECORDS ESSENTIAL TO FARMERS



No, you're wrong! This farmer and his wife are not writing down their New Year resolutions, but they are, according to Walter D. Coulson, Rural Rehabilitation Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Motley County, taking an inventory of the past year's farm and home operations.

"Every farm family which borrows money from the Farm Security Administration," Mr. Coulson said, "agrees to keep businesslike records and to follow a sound farm and home-management plan, which is worked out with the FSA rehabilitation supervisor for the county."

"This plan," he continued, "usually calls for the production of

enough vegetables, milk, eggs and meat to feed the family and for enough feed and forage crops to take care of the livestock. Ordinarily it also provides for at least two cash crops. The county supervisor is glad to advise borrower-families on crop rotations, erosion control, livestock and equipment purchases, marketing, and other farm problems."

Mr. Coulson said that by keeping accurate records in books furnished by the Farm Security Administration, farm families are able to check their gross incomes and expenses month by month. The record books also enable families to determine where they

make the most money or to check certain phases of the farm operations which are losing money.

"Farm families cooperating with the FSA have learned the value of making plans for the farm and home and keeping accurate records," Mr. Coulson said. "And the first of the New Year finds these people joining successful business men in taking inventory and avoiding mistakes in the future by checking the past year's operations. FSA provides the record books and helps with the plans; the farmers and their wives do the work and keep the records. Businesslike methods on the farms is the result."

Louis Raymond Meier of Kelly Field, San Antonio, was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jenkins and daughter, Kittle Jeanette.

A. L. Clements of Flomot, accompanied by his brother, J. P. Clements of Albuquerque, N. M., left last Sunday for Coffeetown, Miss., to visit their mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ezzell returned home Sunday following a holiday visit with relatives in Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Graham and sons, Billy and Burleson, of Tulsa spent Christmas Day with her mother, Mrs. A. D. Burleson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Calhoun of Mangum, Okla., returned home Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fryar.

Dr. and Mrs. Pascal Fish and daughter, Francine, of Electra spent Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. I. F. Fish, and other relatives. Other holiday guests of Mrs. Fish included her daughters, Mrs. Eastern Nelson and son, Irvin Harris, of Webster, and Mrs. Louis Wilson and sons, Louis, Jr., and Leon, of Dallas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore during the holidays included Dr. and Mrs. Sam G. Dunn and children and Mr. and

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Denison and son, James Dickey, of Albany, formerly of Matador, were overnight guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lula Carpenter and daughter, Rachel, visited last week with her sister and family in Fort Worth. Mrs. Carpenter's son, Rudolph, of Kelly Field, San Antonio, also spent the holidays there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Crider, with their son and daughter, of Amarillo, former Matador residents, visited friends here Tuesday.

Miss Sue Kathryn Glenn returned to Colorado Springs, Colo., Saturday afternoon after spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. C. L. Glenn, and other relatives. She was accompanied to the train at Childress by Mitchell Glenn, Miss Amy Glenn, and Glenn Woodruff.

Mrs. Chas. A. Guy and children all of Lubbock.

Truett Rattan, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Rattan, returned to Abilene Thursday after spending the holidays here with his parents. He is a student at Hardin-Simmons University.

Mrs. Vera Whitten of Carlsbad, New Mexico, visited friends and relatives here during the holidays. Mrs. E. M. Lebow and daughter of Clovis, New Mexico, visited here during the week with her mother, Mrs. Doug Meador and other relatives.

J. Tom Hamilton of Seminole, was a visitor here during the past week with his brother, Judge G. E. Hamilton.

M. C. Green, who is employed at Roswell, N. M., spent Christmas here with his family. He was accompanied by Mrs. Price Hermon and daughter Helen Jane, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pool visited here during the holidays in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jess Stafford.

Visitors here during Christmas in the home of Mrs. Harrison Williams were her daughters and their families, being Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bishop and sons of Dalhart and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bird and son of Midland. The latter also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Bird while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughn of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vaughn and daughter of Spur, spent Christmas here with Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vaughn, parents of the two men.

Mrs. Ken Rector and son Don, and Mrs. Billy Reilly and son Gray Dale, of Tucumcari, N. M., are visiting here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Groves.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burgess and baby daughter spent Christmas with his parents at Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Demson and daughter Hazel Ruth of Amarillo, former Matador residents, visited here during the holidays with Mrs. Demson's sister, Mrs. W. V. McCowan and family, and with friends.

D. A. Fulkerson, who has been visiting his sons in Amarillo and near Channing, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meacham of Paducah, former Matador residents, visited here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kingery and family of Kress, formerly of this community, visited here last week with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Welcom Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Minors son Charles of Floydada, Christmas guests here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day, the week-end visiting relatives of Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howell children of Alanreed visited a short while Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. Groves.

Mrs. Truss Patton and daughters, Bernice Ruth and Margie of Quanah, are visiting here. Mrs. Patton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Renfro, and other relatives.

Marvin English of Morton formerly of Matador, and his friends here Saturday. Mrs. English and children accompanied to Floydada where they visited sister.

Miss Lillian Chapman of book spent Christmas here in the home of her uncle and family and Mrs. W. W. Clements. Visitors in the Clements' home were Mrs. A. L. Clements and Glenn, of Flomot.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reeves of Oklahoma City were Christmas visitors here in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meador daughter Freidd Jo, of Paducah spent the day Christmas, here with her brother and family, and Mrs. Douglas Meador.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Luke accompanied by their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Levelland, visited here Thursday.

Misses Amy and Sue Glenn accompanied by their brother, Glenn, visited relatives in Matador, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dargatzis small daughter of Muleshoe, and friends and relatives here during the week-end. They are former Matador residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nalle Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Patton and small son of Wichita Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis and son Don Carlos of mesa, were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Patton.

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