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The CHRISTMAS STORY...

On that night many years ago, as white stars glittered and angels' voices rang out triumphantly to proclaim his coming, there was born unto mankind, a Saviour. Humble shepherds, gathered in the fields tending their flocks, heard the message and came in haste to visit the babe lying in a manger, and they were filled with joy.

Far to the East, the Wise Men saw the great Star of Bethlehem and they followed it to where the Young Child was, bringing rare and precious gifts in their adoration.

Across the ages, the ever-wonderful story of the birth of Christ inspires mankind with a feeling of new hope. Today, in the spirit of the Holy Season, it is for us to rededicate ourselves to His teachings and humbly pray that the ideal of brotherhood will light the way to a lasting peace in this troubled world.

Let us rejoice in the true meaning of Christmas with sincere reverence and harken to the words of the angel, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



Merry Christmas



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Continued Story Of "Aunt Susan"
As Written By Mrs. Susie Dacus

A PLUM HUNT
We missed the fruit trees in Johnson County. The children, accustomed to the prairie, used to shout happily, "I like prickly pear apples!" They also liked to chew the gum that oozed from cedar posts.
Each summer we took them with us to the old Adobe Walls located on the Turkey Track Ranch south of us in the breaks. We gathered wild grapes and plums, and we used to think the fruit valuable for a cleansing laxative, even as a dose of castor oil. We canned the fruit. In the winter it was used for jelly making and cobbler pies.

and hands clasping the shoulder of the one in front. They moved as a unit and felt that they could help each other if they got into difficulty. They agreed to always keep moving & if one started to sink, for that one to fall flat, and the others would pull him out. Luckily this strategy did not have to be employed.
In later years it amused me to see them take Faye's victrola along on picnics on the river. They set it down in a safe spot and danced to its music on the sand. The victrola was as popular in its day as the radio of today.

PRAIRIE WILD LIFE
There were antelope on the plains. Our boys chased them on motorcycles and captured them at various times. The baby antelope fed from a bottle with a goose quill nipple. They were lovable pets and followed us about the farm.
Bird life consisted of the mocking birds, bull bats, meadowlarks, a few owls, hawks, buzzards, and eagles. Coyotes were plentiful and I can never forget how eerie they sounded on an early winter morning. They were worse during the winter when food was not available. They often killed young calves. They sometimes came close to the house to catch our chickens or young pigs.

Henry and Lawrence once made a trip to the Black Community on a motorcycle. They jumped an antelope and chased him across the prairie. The motorcycle turned over when it struck some rough cow trails in the grass. Henry's nose hit the handle bar and a long slash was cut across his nose and lower face. Regardless of the injury they righted the motorcycle and rode on. Arriving at their destination, the lady of the house washed off the blood and applied iodine to the cut. It healed well but left a scar.

RATTLERS
Rattlers were abundant on the prairie. They lived in the luxuriant grass and were often plowed up with the sod. They crawled into the graineries and into our dugouts.
Tom Coble, well known cattleman of the area, told of an incident that happened in his dugout, when he lived under the cap rock at the head of Adobe Creek. His Uncle Andrew came to visit him and after meeting him at the railroad they arrived at the claim about dark. He had forgotten to get coal oil for the lamp and they had to go to bed by match light. During the night his guest threw his hand against the wall and was bitten by a rattler. Coble got up and split his thumb open with his razor and sucked the poison out as best he could. It

QUICKSAND
In later years our young folk often went to the breaks on the Canadian River on hunting trips and picnics. When they walked across the river bed they went single file with arms outstretched

was pouring down rain outside and the two men spent the remainder of the longest night in the dugout with the snakes.
The next morning Mr. Coble got up and pulled the toesack rattlesnakes. The best part of all, he said was "that uncle Andrew, though violently ill from the snakebite, recovered and was able to return home a well man."
Our son, Hiram, was the champion snake killer in our family. He always wore high topped, high heeled boots. When he spotted a snake, he pulled off his boots and threw them at them until he stunned them. He finished them off with his boot heels. They were left lying belly up on the grass or hanging likewise over the barbed wire fence. This procedure was supposed to bring rain. My theory was better I thought, "that if the wind blew 3 consecutive days from the east, it would rain."

OUR FIRST HOUSE
The men, it seemed, were always busy plowing and putting in and harvesting crops and seeing after our stock. The building of a house and digging a well were put off until a more convenient time. A woman loves a house. A man's love is his land. The Bible says "Prepare thy fields and look well to thy flocks and herds, and afterwards build thine house." The Pioneer was prudent in that respect. After they had searched the ground for a foothold and were securely grounded they let down roots and branched out. Today many fine homes have supplanted the dugouts in Hansford County.
I was very proud of my new house. It was small but furnished substantially and comfortably. Among the things salvaged from our dugout was a dining table that was my pride and joy. It was made of oak and underneath was an inscription—F. D. Wilbanks, Channing, Texas. My small children often lay on the floor beneath the table and read aloud the address there. "Mama, we don't live at Channing, why is it written there?" They wondered about the name under the table and why it was written there. Channing was an old land mark, a place of disembarkation, and I never erased the name from the table. I guess it stayed there until the old table fell into disuse.

A WATER WELL
In 1911, Charlie Day drilled a water well on the homestead. When it was almost finished, a neighbor rode up on horseback and told us that Sheriff Bob Martin was killed in the line of duty the night before. Our men dropped everything and went to Hansford to see if they could do any

thing to help in any way.
The Panhandle Area was saddened by the passing of Sheriff Martin. He was a fine man, a good peace officer, and a wonderful father.
The funeral procession, composed of many wagons, buggies, and horsebackers, wended its way over the dusty "Hansford to Ochilree" wagon road that led by the Black School house and cemetery. The funeral service, assisted by the Masonic Lodge, was conducted in the school house and the remains laid to rest in the old school yard cemetery. Bob Martin's loyal service to our county is remembered still by his old friends and neighbors who wish that some sort of memorial might perpetuate the name of a good and faithful public servant who gave his life trying to help in the cause of law and order.

CHICKEN COOP CARRIAGE
Soon after Charlie Day dug our well, Floyd bought a water well drill. He drilled a well for A. F. Garner on the old Garner place. Southwest of us, Lawrence and Earl La Fon, a boy hired to work on the farm, helped drill the well. Their only way to get home for the week end was in an old buggy built up and covered with wire mesh to form a chicken coop. It was not equipped with a tongue or shafts, but was used to trail behind the wagon when we freighted our chickens to Texhoma. It was filled with camping equipment. Lawrence let Earl drive and he opened the gates. He cautioned Earl not to let the buggy roll against the horses' hocks when they stopped.
Lawrence got out to open a gate, and Earl started to drive through. The buggy rolled against the horses' legs and they took off in a run. Earl yelled and sawed on the lines. He managed to pull them into a circle but the speed and rough prairie ground turned the buggy over. Lawrence says it looked like our old buggy just exploded. Earl went one way and pots, and other artillery went every other way. They both walked home. Earl's feet already sore were covered with blisters. He was glad to discard the new shoes he was wearing and return to his old reliable boots. A good foot soak and Raleigh's liniment and salve application soothed his spirits as well as his sore feet.

OLD BILLY
We had a goat herd on the farm. We called the leader "Old Billy". He was a fine goat, a great pet, and full of mischief. The family knew how to cope with him but the neighbors were all afraid of him. We "just had to live with old Billy" as one often speaks concerning a problem like an illness or an ever present evil of some kind. He often embarrassed me by his antics.
One day I was shocked and surprised at the sudden explosion of the heating stove. It seemed that Henry in playing with Billy, had aroused his ire. In order to escape the goat's horns he ran into the house with Billy at his heels. Henry dodged the goat but Billy's head hit the stove like a battering ram. Henry made himself useful in cleaning up the ash and soot. I could only be thankful that there was no fire in the stove. The boards on the southwest corner of the house were worn and battered by Billy's old iron head. When not busy with his family duties he liked to stand and butt the house until someone came out to feed or play with him.

OLD BILLY VS COUSIN MOLLY
Cousin Molly, a blind spinster cousin of Floyd's, came to visit us each summer. She was somewhat eccentric and middleaged, not too adaptable in the home with children, let alone goats. Our girls led her about the place, and to the little house at the back. Frequently it seemed, Billy gave chase. The girls ran away and left Cousin Molly in the little house alone with Billy standing guard at the door. Every little bit, he butted the walls and shook the place up. As he did so, she let out a loud scream. They Floyd would have to go with a large club and drive the goat away.
Once when Cousin Molly was with us her visits were almost stopped by an incident that follows: The two little girls climbed up to the rafters one evening while their Dad was playing an old folk song on the fiddle. It went like this, "Some one stole my coon dog, wish they would bring him back he chased the big dog over the fence and the dogs through the crack." I was startled to hear them chime from their lofty perch an improvisation of their own: "Somebody stole our Cousin Molly, wish they would bring her back, she ran Aunt Rhoda (Floyd's sister-in-law) over the fence and our Susan through the crack!" Cousin Molly was deeply sensitive, and though I was sure the little girls meant no harm by the new rhyme, they were hauled down from their perch and spanked soundly to teach them better manners, but mainly to prove that their antic was uncoined.

Blind Cousin Molly liked to primp and seemed to know quite a bit about the value of gems. One day Faye was showing her a five dollar imitation sapphire that Lawrence had given her. Learning how much it cost, she handed it back to the crestfallen child, with the remark, "here take it, that's no sapphire!"
She kept her trinkets cached neatly away in a cigar box—with a supply of peppermint candy kept hidden from the small fry. Their mouths watered as they watched her ribble on the candy sticks.

TEXHOMA TRIPS
We traded some at old Hansford, the County seat that was about ten miles west of us, and at Texhoma. The railroad town. We hauled our grain there. Naturally we loaded up with needed supplies for the return trip. The main items freighted were coal, kerosene, and bulk groceries. I went there once or twice each year to shop for the things that women like and need about the home.
I remember one of these trips well. I took the two girls with us to have pictures made. Also Faye wanted to get her hair cut. It was blonde and hung to her waist. The girls prepared for the trip by flipping wreathards on the barbed wire fences. During the heat of the day the birds sat in the shade of the posts and were easy to flip. For the trip we had fifty wheesbird breasts fried for lunch. When we got to Texhoma I had a sick headache. (I guess from eating too much bird). However, we got the pictures made by when Faye got into the barber's chair the barber refused to cut her lovely hair. Her trip was spoiled, but inwards I was glad to continue braiding her hair. "Homecoming" from the railroad was an event with the children. When Floyd and Moon were near home we used to put our ear to the ground, Indian style, and listen for the horses' hooves in the darkness. When atmospheric conditions were right, we could hear Tom Moon singing the old trail songs a mile away.

We traded some with peddlers too, who traveled about the country in their hacks. Albert Ruffin, a young Syrian from Texhoma drove a pair of little mules to his back and often spent the night with us. We got supplies of small "notions" from him. Mr. Cooksey, the Rawleigh man, brought us medicines and fragrant cosmetics that were a great help in concealing our suburban and leathery skins. It was nice to switch from homemade lye soap to complex soap and shampoo, and such items were guarded from waste and used sparingly.
In regard to the peddlers' medicines I remember an incident quite vividly that gave me quite a scare. L. D. Pierce's grandson, Volney Fisher, spent a night with us. Volney was an avid eater and during the night he cried with the tummy ache. I gave him some medicine that I thought was a colic remedy. He staggered around in circles for awhile and acted very peculiarly. However, he soon got alright and went to sleep. They used to include an inscription on the labels, "Good for man or beast"—that you don't see any more, it seems. I had given Volney horse colic remedy!
A German peddler made rounds and fitted patrons with spectacles. My first glasses were bought from him and I thought they did very well.

Freighting was hazardous in winter and sometimes freighters met with fatal accidents. Two of our local men met death on the road. Old timers remember Johnny Opelt and later Lute Walker who were killed in freighting accidents on the way to Texhoma.
Occasionally the freighters got frost bitten fingers, feet and ears. It was not uncommon in winter to get out of bed roll covered with snow.
In spite of the hardships of freighting, there was the lighter side also. Once Floyd and Hiram were on the road with L. D. Pierce, Sr. and his son. We had known him for many years in Johnson and Bosque Counties. After supper at the camp site, the men laughed and told tales and before turning in for the night told a whopping big ghost tale. Later, when the men were asleep, the boys decided to play a prank on them. Clanging trace chains against the wagon wheels and racing around and giving out eerie screams they brought their dad's heads up against the running gear of the wagon with a bang. The men under the wagon rubbed their foolish heads sheepishly when they learned it was just ghosts on the prowl.

COLORADO TRIP
Later when we got our first Model T, Floyd and our boys went to Colorado on a land scout trip. It was spring and the morning they left was cold and misty. At Cold Water Draw, the men decided to stop until the weather cleared. A farmer gave them permission to stay in his barn. The Model T Ford, increased and the men were concerned about spending the night in the cold barn. They got an old cook stove that set in the yard was hauled into the shack. The men gathered loose scraps of post and lumber and built a fire in the stove. The smoke was bad but better than the bitter cold in the barn, they thought.
Next morning, the sun was out and the men went on their way, glad to get out of the smoky shack. They travelled over rough country and steep mountain roads on their trip. They often said it had not been for the high good humor and laughing banter of Mr. Pierce the trip would have been very uncomfortable and boring, but he made it fun whenever he was present.

A VISIT TO IDAHO
In 1909, Floyd took the girls and me to Guymon in the buggy where we entrained for Idaho to visit my family. I had not seen them since they left Bosque County, years before.
We corresponded, however, and I had learned that my sister was married to a Congressman who later became Secretary of the Interior, under President Wilson. My brother, Will, was sheriff in Weiser, Idaho for about twenty years.
I was looking forward to the trip that offered the change from a jolting wagon and prairie trails, but the train trip also had its draw backs. The girls were excited and pleased with everything especially the fruit vendor's basket. They asked for so many bananas that I was embarrassed. Vainly I tried to divert their attention to the lovely boxed lunch brought along.
They were thrilled over the mountains and scenery, but that faded too. I caught Spray with her hands over her face and heard her say peevishly, "I'm tired of mountains, I want to see some place!" She meant of course the unlimited vista of the plains.
Mother met us at the station in Boise in her electric car. She lived in a nice two story home and the children ran up and down the stairs in high glee. They were their first taste of different foods and ice cream cones. They saw their first movie in Idaho. The movie fare was five cents!

PICKING COTTON
My boys tell me there was no sense in this trip, but to Floyd and me it made sense. We had good crops, horses, and cattle, but needed cash to hold onto our land. We had "man power", so Floyd loaded us all into the wagon for a trip to Fredrick, Oklahoma, to pick cotton. I remember the trip well. We crossed the Canadian River and it was up slightly. Milo Blodgett, our neighbor, was at the crossing. He tied his lariar rope from our neck yoke across the river. We camped for the night near the river. A half hour later, the river crested with a trembling roar, that brought down old limbs and trash in its wake. I was deeply thankful we had escaped the rise.
We returned from the cotton field with five hundred dollars in cash. I mention this fact because it was important in our stay on the plains. When a thing seemed necessary to do, we just did it and didn't waste much time worrying and talking about it.

GOODWELL
We moved to Goodwell in 1911, to send our children to school. We moved into a four room house and soon our home was the meeting place of many young people.
A niece, Lonnie Wilbanks, came from Cleburne, and stayed in our home and attended school the first year. Young people from Hansford County were Clem Pierce, Vina, Josie and Eva Cator, Ruth Dressen, Gladys Caldwell, and Wanda Wilbanks. They also attended the school and often visited us there.
The first day of school, Faye told her teacher that she thought she was in the third grade instead of second. The teacher gave her three arithmetic problems to work on advanced her to the third grade. Later on, we won a spelling contest and got to go to Guymon to the Interscholastic League Meet.
The girls took piano lessons and their brothers used to tease them, that Old Billy taught them how to play the piano.
We returned to the farm each summer. After several years the boys decided they had enough schooling and dropped out. We boarded the girls at school until they finished.
HAPPY TIMES
This era for the girls was the happiest time in their lives, they say. They were growing up with the opportunity to be with young people of their own age. Faye was made happy by being voted the most popular girl in school. For her prize, a Goodwell drug store gave her an Upright Victrola and records which she still has today.
Our boy, Virgil had his motorcycle at Goodwell. Once I had a choice of riding home with him on the motorcycle or going by wagon a day and a half's journey. I rode the motorcycle and still remember how sore my muscles were an how I hobbled stiffly about for several days.

Other changes came too. Virgil met and married Nellie Wilbanks at Goodwell College. She was a lovely and beautiful girl and they were happily married until Virgil separated them in death. Virgil and Nellie had no children of their own. When her sister died and left an infant daughter, they took baby Margaret and raised her on their own. Virgil is now married to Hazel and they live in Hansford County where oil wells were brought in on his land recently.

HORSELESS CARRIAGE
The Model T changed our lives. It made our world smaller and it was fun seeing the children learn to drive. One old fellow, Confederate veteran, amused by hollering "Gee" or "Haw" "Whoa!" He went through a gate once yelling "Whoa." He got to put his foot on the brake.

CIRCUS
We rarely saw a circus in our old days. Shortly before World War I our families and the Erns Wilbanks' family went to Guymon in our new cars. When we got to the Cold Water Draw it was raining and washing over the bridge. The boys were anxious to get across. They put the two couples of the and the girls in one car. One of the boys steered the first car one while the others pushed. The secured a lariar rope from the rear end of the car already across to the one we were in. They pushed us across with the boys pushing again. It was a bit scary, but the next day when we returned home the water had receded and the draw to auto normal.

PRANKS
Our nephew, Hix Wilbanks, was sheriff of Hansford County, and I remember once how he took care of one of my pranks. My children loved to play pranks on the family. They dressed up in diaphanous and put them in my bed to scare me and often tied each other's pants legs together as a joke. Hiram's grandpa backed up in a bonnet and matted hair in a humor and excitement. It was reported that a woman was wandering about over the county side, and for everyone to be a lookout for her.
If seen, they were to report to the sheriff's office at Old Hansford immediately.

The sheriff drove up on Hiram about a quarter of a mile from our house as he sauntered toward us, thinking, "Boy, he gonna have fun out of Ma and the girls. They will think I'm the man that's rearing around." The Model T rolled to a stop. The sheriff opened the rear door and said, "Get in, lady". Hiram, ashamed, stammered, "I ain't no lady. I'm just Hiram Wilbanks." Talk off your duds, then," the sheriff replied. Hiram was only too happy to comply. We had a lot of fun teasing Hiram about his pranks for a long time. I think it was his last try.

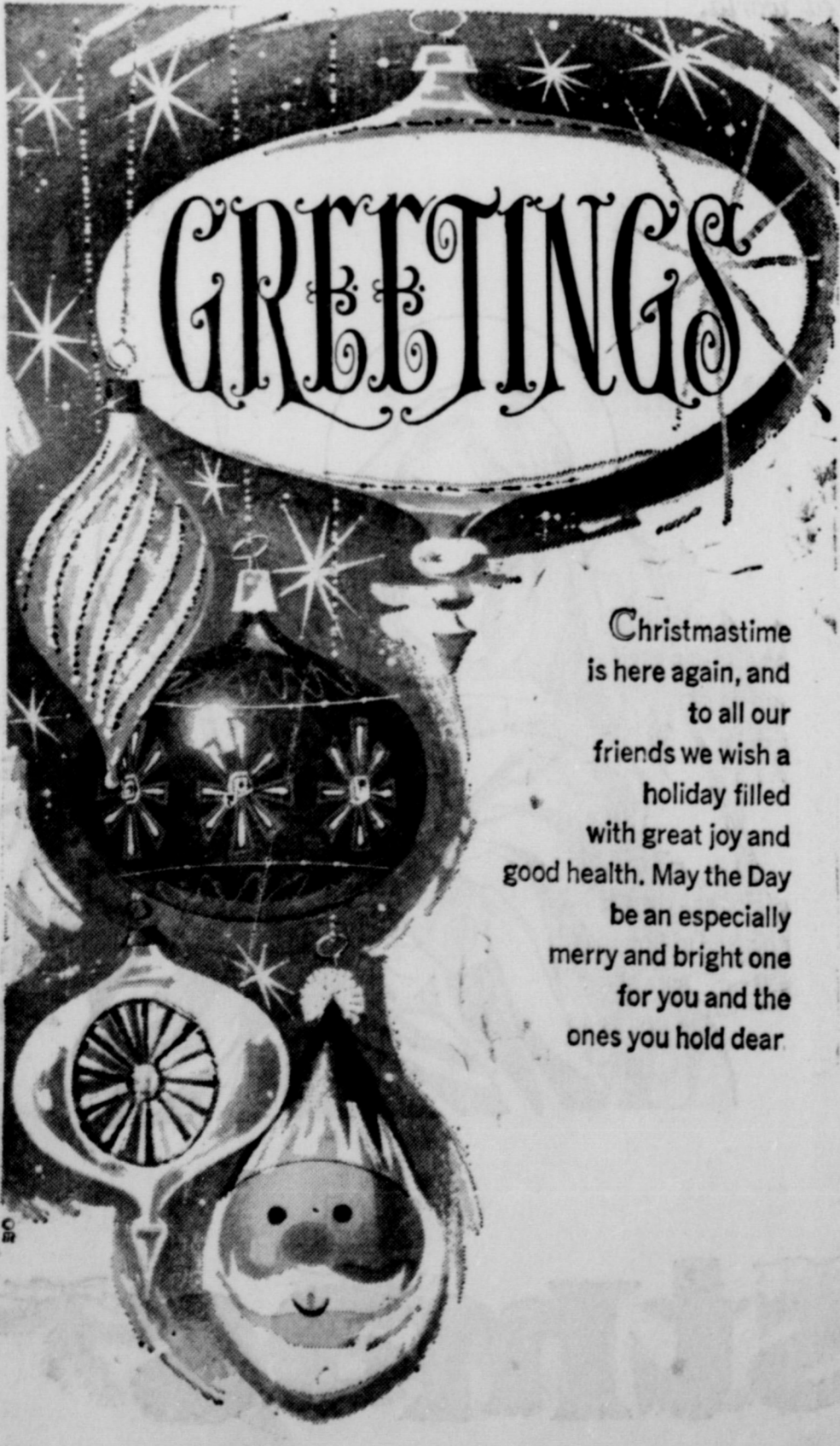
Newcomers or tenderfeet were sometimes taken on snipe hunts or "badger fights", where they were allowed to pull the string that yanked the badger out. Newlyweds were chivared. If the couple invited the guests in for refreshments, all went well, not, the groom might be thrown into the pond.
Masquerade dances and parties were usually held at the loween and Mrs. J. H. Buchanan and Mrs. Sally Clark were party givers.

I think trick or treat the young folk practice now is much better than the once favored pranks of turning over outdoor toilets, changing of the wheels of the buggies and wagons and pulling the saddles on backward. Some unsuspecting individuals' Sometimes cocklebur and under a saddle blanket made the horse buck when the rider mounted. One year the boys at Old Hansford managed to place an old buggy on the porch roof of the bank building. (I am reminded of the bank, when I see a minute shop with a buggy or sleigh placed as a sign post). The Hansford kids were just normal mischievous boys.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DECORATED COOKIES
Mrs. Mike Holt entertained her First Baptist Sunday School class Saturday afternoon.
Mrs. Holt and the girls spent the afternoon baking and decorating Christmas cookies.
A gift exchange and supper was enjoyed by Lisa Hutchinson, Donna Jones, Julie Sanders, Sara Cunnely and Leslie Nollner.
Having Christmas together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Groves will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groves, Miss Thelma Groves from Dallas and Mrs. Patty Sparks and children.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groves have purchased the Western Auto Store in town, they will be in Dallas from January 3 to the 13th to attend Western Auto's training school there.

CHRISTMAS TREATS
The ladies of the Presbyterian church gathered recently at the church to make Christmas arrangements which were given to Pioneer Manor, residents.



GREETINGS

Christmastime is here again, and to all our friends we wish a holiday filled with great joy and good health. May the Day be an especially merry and bright one for you and the ones you hold dear.

Draft Boards May Have To Go 35 Age Range To Fill Quotas

State draft boards are scheduled to induct 1475 men into the armed forces in January. This compares with a quota of 1523 in December 1962. The local draft board called 28 men for physicals for the month of December. Eight of these men were inducted on December 21, to be inducted on the service.

Word was received this week by draft boards, that they might have to go up to the 26 to 35 age range in the near future to help fill quotas for the armed forces. Letters have been sent to all college and university registrars, asking them to let Selective Service know "at the earliest possible moment" when draft-age male students drop out of school, as the nation can provide useful occupation for the perennial student who shows no progress. They also will report "rapidly" the male students whose academic load drops below full time. "We want to do everything we can to leave the SERIOUS, DEDICATED student in school to complete his work", draft officials said. Reporting at once on the drop-out and the man who drops below full-time immediately will help them to achieve that end.

The children presented a Christmas program and each received a treat. Guests joining approximately fifty members were Mr. and Mrs. Cherry of Lubbock, the parents of Jim Cherry, Mrs. Thomas E. Richard's nephews, Phillip and Steven Richardson, and Mr. Leland Wood's mother from Phoenix.

Home Blessed At This Season

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dossett has truly been blessed at this Christmas season, for a little girl has come to live with them.

Baptist W. M. U. Circles

The Kezzie Mae Seagriff Circle of the W. M. U. Met in the First Baptist Church December 15. Mrs. McIver read the prayer calendar and led in prayer. Mrs. Kilgore was in charge of the circle program, "My Church-Sending and Telling".

Lovett, Sue Holt, Frankie Brandt, Wanda Widener, Barbara Sampson and Eleanor Douglas. The Betty Merris Circle of the WMU met in the First Baptist Church December 15. Mrs. Howe presided over the business session. Mrs. Golightly gave the Bible study "Missionary Message of the Bible".

Mesdames Owenhey, Garnett and Adkinson lead in prayer. Attending were Mesdames Abby Ownbey, Gowanda Golightly, Magda Garnett, Eva Adkinson, Peggy Archer and Barbara Howe. The Alma Reid Circle met in the First Baptist Church December 15. Mrs. Boone gave the prayer calendar and Mrs. Holt lead in prayer.

Miss Barbara Barnes of Midland has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Hull while here she enrolled in college at Goodwell.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Trindle and family Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Jack McWhirter and family and Geir Overland.

Visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lenzie Anderson over the holidays is his sister from Wetumbe, Oklahoma, Linda Anderson.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS AND FARMERS ENJOY HOLIDAY SOCIAL DECEMBER 17

The Spearman Chapter of State Association of Young Homemakers of Texas and the Young Farmers had a joint Christmas party Friday night, December 17 in the Hospitality Room of the First State Bank.

A covered dish supper was served buffet style and on each dining table were candles. Games were played after dinner along with visiting. Attending were Messers and Mesdames Claude Pearson, Albert Clark, Harold Groves, Eddie Gates, Ralph Straw, Fred Groves, Darrell Longley and Mrs. Frances Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wemble will have their family home for Christmas and they are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wemble and family from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Steinkoenig and family from Borner and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Steinkoenig of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Presbyterians Had Christmas Social

Members of the Presbyterian church gathered Sunday night for a covered dish dinner with the main entree of sauerbraten.

Hansford county men reporting physicals on January 12 will include: Victor Fulfer, Benny O. George, Fred W. Groves, Jimmy Rayson, Donald R. Prater, James Martin, Tommy D. Whitson, Roy Kelly, Homer Lee Miller and Martin W. Hart. Several of these men are married.



The guides for the Windy Acres open house, dressed in pioneer fashion are from left to right: Maude Henderson, LaVern Parks, Louvenia Thompson, Ruth Chisum, Edna Owenbey, Linda Lieb, Henrietta Johnson and Dee Carp.

Traditional Windy Acres Open House Draws A Crowd Of 312

The traditional open-house Christmas party held each year by Mrs. Maude Henderson and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carr, at their "Windy Acres" ranch home, drew some 312 people on Sunday December 12. Guests called between the hours of 2-9 p.m.

The beautiful two-story ranch home, north of Stinnett, was gaily decorated without and within. The yard featured a manger scene with live sheep. The beautiful antique furnishings made the farm home a spectacle for everyone.

Christmas carols played over the amplifier filled the air all afternoon. A candy-cane walk led to the lovely 12-room home where guests were escorted through the spacious interior. The guides were attired in long dresses from the pioneer era. Gay Christmas decorations were in every room. The stairway was entwined with holly and pine branches and glittered with tiny lights.

The serving table was draped in a pink felt cloth covered with pink net. The bottom scallops were edged with pearls and sequins, with angelic figures adorning each

corner. White milk glass candelabras with a matching vase of pink flowers centered the table. Home made candy, cookies and coffee were served to guests. Santa Claus made his appearance during the afternoon & took orders from all the children present.

The open house has been an annual affair for the past several years and is always enjoyed by many of the old timers who enjoy visiting and meeting their friends at this festive occasion.

Mixed Precip. Measures .35

The first snow to cover the ground this season came on Wednesday, December 15, with flakes beginning to fall that morning. Some snow fell on Tuesday but melted as it fell.

Snow and colder weather, even though neither was excessive had a quickening effect on the Christ-

mas shopping spree, and Spearman stores began to feel the increase of business. Winter clothing and snow-boots purchases picked up also, with this being the first time that residents had any great need for anything more than light coats.

With an overnight low of 16 on Thursday night and 14 inches of moisture, the Spearman area was greeted by a freezing mist on arising Saturday morning. Combined moisture and cold temperatures plastered a coating of ice on just about everything until the thermometer climbed just enough to reach a balance between pure wetness and ice. Another 29 moisture was recorded from the Saturday's rain, snow, sleet mixture. The past week's weather chart follows:

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.
December 13	54	33	
December 14	43	29	
December 15	30	21	
December 16	29	16	.15
December 17	35	15	
December 18	36	26	.20
December 19	55	16	

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Hill of Spearman, and their son Joe Mack Hill of Stratford, will leave Friday for Dallas to spend Christmas with the Hill's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gwinn and family.

OFFICE CHAIRS ON SALE



The Christmas Story

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." May the glorious Christmas story lift up your hearts and may its message bring to you enduring comfort and joy.

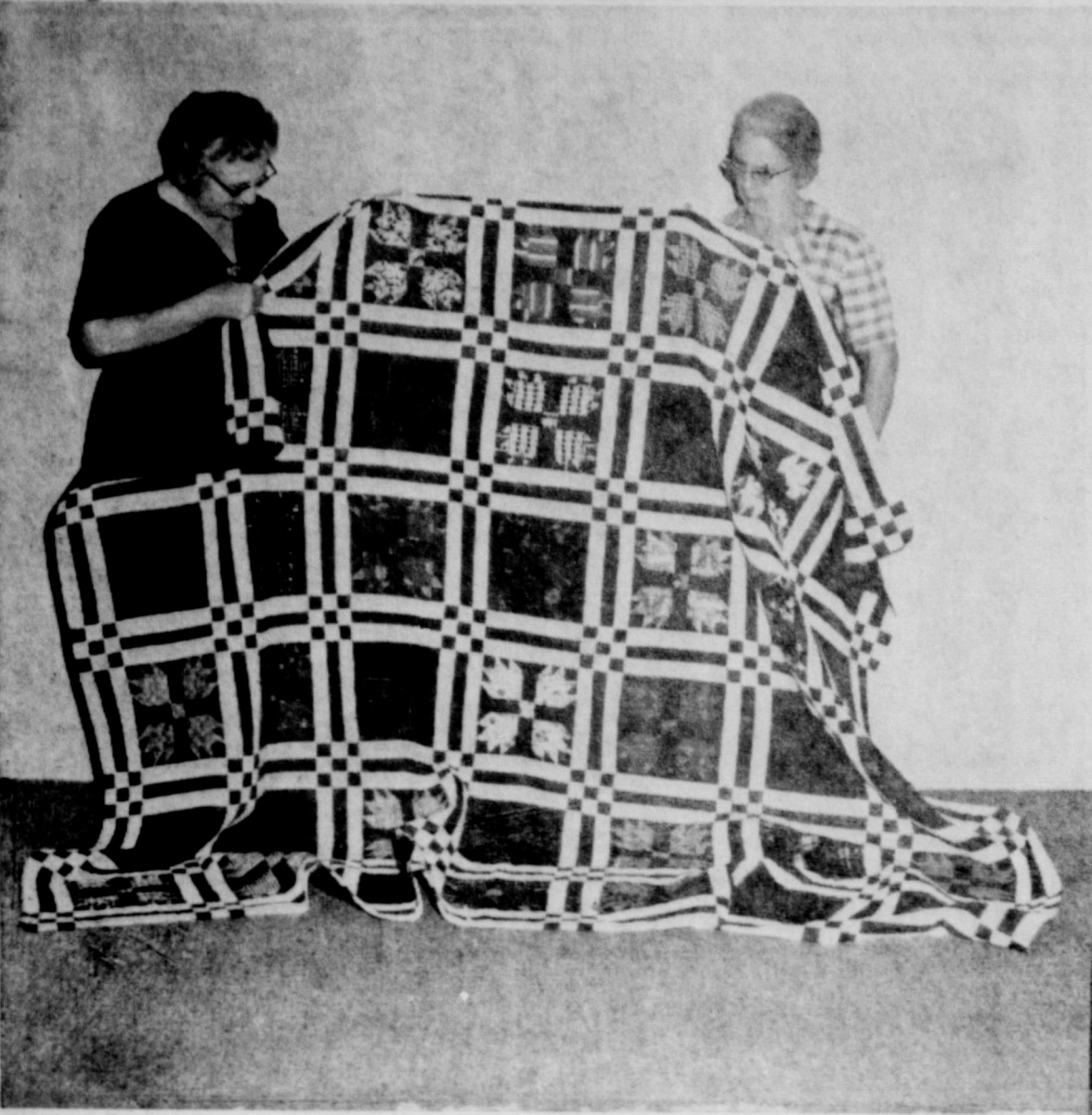
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We want to Take This opportunity to thank each and every one of our many friends and costumers for their support in our 12 years of successful service station operation, we would also like to wish each and every one of you a MERRY Christmas and Happy New Year

James, Lomela, Larry, Jerry and Evan Sparks

Anthony Electric

James Sparks



Quilt Project Nets \$390.00

Tarbox and Mrs. H. H. Crooks in last Saturday's drawing. When who made this beautiful quilt and the ladies took the quilt, she said "donations" for the purpose presented them with \$10.00. of raising money to help swell Mrs. Tarbox and Mrs. Crooks the building fund for the Home said they wanted to thank every- Demonstration club meeting house, one for helping them with this. They made \$390.00 on the quilt project. The Spearman Hardware, Mrs. Cookston won the quilt Cut Rate and Ideal Grocery stores,

Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. Gladys Richardson will be her two grandsons, Phillip and Steven Richardson. They're going to Texas Tech, but since their home is in Maine, they'll spend Christmas with Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. MacLaughlin and family left this week for Nevada where they will spend the holidays with his sister. They plan to visit relatives in California before their return home.

OFFICE CHAIRS ON SALE

The HD club ladies, and everyone who donated, was on their list to receive a special "thank-you". The two women are members of the Spearman Home Demonstration club.

The parents of Bud Welch, who live in Dewitt, Nebraska, arrived this week to spend the holidays in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Welch and daughter.

The Way I 'C' It!

Robert Cordes, Pastor Oslo & Faith Lutheran "LOOK HOW YOU WALK" A friend told of a half-grown cat. His name was Clem. When summer was around, the grasshoppers on the lawn were grabbed by Clem and eaten. Often this made him sick. Yet Clem never seemed to learn to quit chasing, catching and eating these sickening insects. But when he drank his milk and meat-scrap, the kitten stayed healthy, gay and playful.

People often act like Clem. They chase after things they should not have. It may be a good time that starts out as a nice party but ends with bad taste, sick stomach and headaches. Perhaps Father and Mother are gone so much at work and social life that the youngsters get sick from lack of love. Maybe we are so busy with lawn, cows, TV on Sunday morning that we neglect the good food of God's Word and the warm fellowship of Christian people. Without the Word, God cannot grow in our hearts. Maybe we are spiritually sick because we choose week-end trips rather than Sunday worship and rest with the family. Possibly we run after the jumpy habits of quick tempers, bad words, gossip, pouting and jealousy. Sickness follows close on our bad habits, usually the sickness of guilt and fear which nothing seems to remove. You may have that sickness of guilt and fear right now.

The Spirit of God, Paul says in Ephesians Chapter 5, can fill us with better tastes and better habits. When we open our minds to receive the Word of God, His Spirit will keep us from skipping along into reckless chasing and eating. God's Word is our good food. Why do we chase after "grasshoppers"?

God, help us to get the right food for our minds and bodies each day. Give us Thy Word and spirit and especially on Sundays help us to go where Your good food, the Gospel, is offered. Move on to go and eat Spiritual food his Sunday at Church, and today o open my Bible.

In the Name of Christ, Amen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howe had as dinner guests Thursday evening her niece and her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Don Hufaker of Pampa.

The Christmas Story

While shepherds watched their flocks, and angels sang, Christ was born in Bethlehem. May the inspiration of the Christmas story give you long-lasting happiness.



R. L. McClellan Grain Co., Inc.

Greetings



We wish you the greatest joys of the season... a festive holiday in a happy home where family and friends gather to exchange gifts and greetings, to light the fire, trim the tree, bask in the warmth of real affection.

Massad's



Season's greetings

May your name be right up at the top of Santa's list to receive a bountiful measure of all of the good things that make this joyous holiday season so richly rewarding... love and laughter; good fellowship and good cheer; friendships strengthened; cherished memories rekindled; and this above all: a sense of deep contentment. Yes, may your Christmas be a truly merry one!

J. L. BROCK INS. AGENCY

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Jake, it ain't the germs I'm worried about, it's them things I can see!"

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Don't bother about the skunk now, that last shot jist put us outta the chicken business."

County Agent's Report

By Robert Adamson, Agent

The 1966 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide is now available at my office. This guide will assist farmers in preparing and filing the 1965 Federal Income Tax Return. Pertinent provisions of the tax law are explained as simply as possible, with examples to illustrate how farming transactions are treated for Federal tax purposes. Matters which normally occur in farming are covered in this booklet and it should provide answers to most questions and problems you may have in preparing your tax returns. Come by my office for one or let me know and I will mail you one.

BERMUDA GRASS VS. HYBRID SUDAN

A question that confronts me quite frequently is the one of comparing hybrid bermuda grass with hybrid sudan and sudan-sorghum crosses on a gain per acre basis. This question is a hard one and there are a lot of implications involved. However, some recent research conducted by Texas A&M and reported in Beef Cattle Research in Texas, 1965 has shed a little light on this subject. Following is a summary of this information.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station demonstrated through two grazing seasons that Coastal Bermudagrass irrigated and fertilized with 84-336 pounds of nitrogen carried large numbers of animals per acre, but light weight steer calves and yearlings did not produce satisfactory weight gains when grazing it alone. Supplementing the pasture with one pound of cottonseed meal and two pounds of ground sorghum grain per head daily improved cattle gain markedly. Steers fed good quality Coastal Bermudagrass hay free choice in drylot little more than maintained their weight.

Cattle grazing Sweet Sioux, a hybrid sudan, irrigated and fertilized with 312 pounds of nitrogen per acre made 126 percent greater daily gain and 92 percent greater gain per acre than the average from three plots of Coastal Bermuda in 1964 and carried the same number of steers per acre.

Sweet Sioux, fertilized at the rate of 312 pounds of nitrogen per acre, carried 1.5 steers less per acre than did Coastal Bermuda-grass fertilized at the same rate, but it was by far the superior grass based on both daily gain and gain per acre. Although the grazing period for Sweet Sioux was 75 days as compared with 99 days for Coastal Bermuda, Sweet Sioux produced 897 pounds of weight gain per acre on 256 pounds more than Coastal.

1966 OUTLOOK - CATTLE

Prices of cattle next year will likely average higher than in 1965. And cash receipts from livestock marketings should advance despite little change in the volume of marketings.

The cattle inventory at year-end will probably be down more than a million head, ending 7 straight years of buildup. Herd rebuilding may begin next year. This would reduce cattle and calf slaughter slightly from 1965 levels, but probably would not keep the inventory from declining again. This would point to less beef production per person for several years.

Fed cattle prices next year are expected to continue strong and average at or above 1965 levels. Output of fed beef may be up somewhat, but there will probably be less nonfed beef and other red meats. Any bunching of fed cattle marketings, however, would depress prices for short periods.

Grissam Tried On Habitual Criminal Act

Ernest (Buddy) Grissam, 28 year old accomplice in the burglary of Westerfield Clothing Store in Gruver last February, was tried in District Court in Sisseton, Texas last week on a charge of venue.

Grissam was tried on the Habitual Criminal Act, and after a day and a half of court proceedings, the Jury found him guilty. The guilty charge draws an automatic sentence of Life Imprisonment. He had three previous felony convictions in Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Ernest Grissam and John Lincoln Grissam were arrested after the burglary of Westerfield Dry Goods store in Gruver. John Grissam has been convicted of the murder of Mr. Westerfield and was sentenced to die in the electric chair. His conviction is being appealed.

Pampa SS Office Serves Spearman

"Our Pampa Branch Office opened this past Monday to serve the people of the Northeastern portion of the Texas Panhandle," Hal Geldon Amarillo Social Security District Manager announced. Field Representative Virgil J. Holloway is Officer-in-Charge.

The Pampa Office will provide social security service for the residents of seven counties. These are Gray, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Hansford, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb. The larger communities of Borger, Perryton, Canadian, and Spearman, will continue to be visited by a representative on a regularly scheduled preannounced basis. Representatives from the Branch Office will provide this service.

The office is located at 400 West Kingsmill Street, on the ground floor of the Hughes Building. It is open from 8:30 A. M. to 4:45 P. M., Monday through Friday, except national holidays.

Geldon pointed out that the office has been opened so as to provide faster and better service to the residents of the area. The office is under the supervision of the Amarillo District Office.

The Way I See It

By Rev. Robert Cordes

CHRISTMAS
"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son,

born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." Gal 4:4 And He was laid in a manger! Christmas is a miracle, so great that we cannot grasp its complete meaning. But we can let it fill us with marvel. What is there to marvel over? That there was a manger at all! That the manger cradled God who was made man. That the manger should have power to draw the attention of mankind, even hardened persons in sin, that the manger event should have power to transform men.

We worship, not the manger, nor a relic, but him who once lay in a manger. Worshipping Jesus as King and Savior, we go forth, glorifying and praising God. This makes Christmas a blessed event. It was the mighty act of God. We read in the Bible how God created the world and people. We read of His mighty flood engulfing the world, or about delivering His people from Egypt. But the Christmas story is one of the mightiest acts of God.

This baby was born to fulfill the promises God made again and again. Here is the God almighty carrying out His plan to destroy evil and adopt us as His children again. It would take a cross and a Supreme sacrifice to be offered on it. He had to send His Son to earth, to take on human form that He could suffer, die and be raised again. This is Christmas — the beginning of this redemption plan.

"The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

Make this a real Christmas by accepting God's great GIFT, Jesus. "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15).

God's salvation plan began in a manger, continued on a cross and now seeks to be born in your heart. Will you respond to this Gift of love? May your Christmas this year be true Joy! Personal Greetings!

Cheri Bollinger Surprised With Birthday Party

Mrs. George Bollinger surprised her daughter Cheri with a party for her 17th birthday Friday, December 17.

Cheri was delighted when she returned home from a tree trimming excursion to find the living room filled with guests who shouted happy birthday as she came in.

Guests enjoyed a pizza supper complete with birthday cake. The

Dahlia Members' Yule Party 14th.

The Dahlia Flower Club met in the hospitality room of the First State Bank December 14 for their Christmas party.

The beautiful decorations included a silver Christmas tree with red ornaments.

The refreshment table, covered in white held a beautiful poinsettia in a crystal compote.

The quartet tables were also covered in white and centered with ceramic Christmas figures. Mrs. Allen, in charge of the pro-

gram told the Legend of the "Christmas Rose" and told of Christmas customs in other lands. Mrs. Womble was presented a gift for having brought the greatest number of arrangements to club during the year.

Delicious refreshments, carrying out the Christmas colors were served.

Santa presided at the gift exchange.

Attending were Mesdames R. W. Morton and F. J. Hoskins, honorary members and Members, Mesdames Olin Sheets, H. H. Crooks, J. W. Walker, J. E. Womble, H. M. Shedeck, Garrett Allen, Deta Blodgett, Frank Davis and the hostesses, Mrs. Earl Riley and Mrs. E. R. Hester.

Mrs. Will Sanders of Oklahoma City visited recently with her sister, Mrs. George Buzzard and Mrs. Jimmie Hester and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bulls and family will be in Amarillo for Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benton.

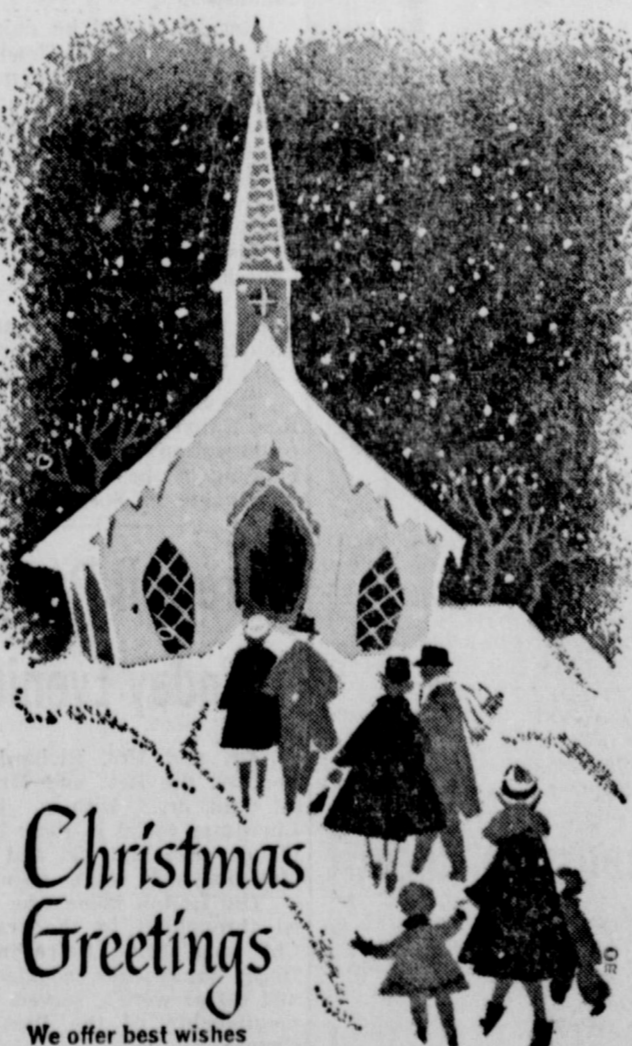


Announcing Wyatt Adkins as new Manager of Phillips 66 Serv. Station formerly operated for the last 12 years by James Sparks.

We regret very much to lose James and will assure all his customers the same service and treatment. Wyatt is well known as a service station operator, and he solicits a chance to service all former customers, friends and the public, with a complete line of Phillips Products. Gas, Oil, Tires, Batteries and Accessories.

R. E. LEE OIL CO.

Phillips Jobber



Christmas Greetings

We offer best wishes and sincere appreciation to all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.

to all my friends and patrons
MARETA'S COFFEE SHOP

Spearman Industrial Engines
1000 West 7th Spearman

"Tina" From Sweden Wishes Local Friends A Very Merry Christmas

Remember Tina Hellstrom? She was the young lady from Sweden who spent a year in Spearman (1962-63) in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crawford. Tina was in the USA on an "exchange" training program. She was learning to be a Veterinarian, and commuted to Perryton where she worked in the Animal hospital there.

The Postmaster received this letter from Tina this week:

I wish you all at the post a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Would you please put this card on a place where everyone can see it and read it. It would be a pleasure. It's the only way I can reach my friends. If anyone remembers me and wants to write please do. I should like to have contact with someone. My Address is: Christina Steen, Bergaholm Sodertalje, Sweden. My last name was Hellstrom when I was in Spearman. To all my friends in Spearman, Best Wishes, from "Tina"

TRAP SHOOT THIS SUNDAY DEC. 26

Messiah Choir To Be Praised

Members of various church choirs of Spearman combined their voices in presenting "The Messiah" Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the School auditorium.

Mrs. Max Baggerly, pianist, showed professional skill with her accompaniment, as did Mrs. Verna Lee Schnell, organist.

Under the leadership of Mr. Lewis Tilford, these local people performed with a skill which both surprised and thrilled the good crowd in attendance. The soloists were: Mrs. J. L. Brock, Mrs. Dick Countess, Jim Cherry, Mrs. Lewis Tilford and Mr. Tilford. Mr. Jim Cherry stated that he was the only un-trained voice in the group, but with his performance Sunday afternoon when he opened the program with beautiful Tenor solos, no one be-

lieves his voice is un-trained! There is no Christmas choral music so beautiful or exalting as this magnificent work by Handel, and the 40 Spearman men and women did a professional job of it Sunday.

Those who love good music wish to thank these people for their efforts in presenting this, it took much practice time and work, but it was worth it all!

City Employees Cited For Work

An official State Health Department citation for work proficiency has been awarded to Billy Gene Lowry and Frank Kirk, both representatives of the Spearman water system. The citation reflects the high regard in which the men are held by state water officials.

Signed by the State Health Commissioner and authorities of the Texas water and Sewage Works Association, the certificate of competency is awarded on ly to those utility plant operators who have successfully demonstrated their skill and knowledge in modern principles of plant management.

To qualify for certification, a plant operator must have accumulated a prescribed amount of actual work experience. He must also have attended both regional and statewide short schools at which the techniques of water treatment and waste water disposal are taught, and must have passed an examination given by State Health Department sanitary engineers.

State law requires that at least one operator per shift be certified for competency by health department engineers, but many operators seek certification on their own time and at their own expense to increase their efficiency as key public servants.

The engineers said the attainment of the citations is evidence of the continued efforts of the men to better educate themselves within their profession.

Christmas Eve Communion At Local Church

The traditional candle-light Communion Service, held each year in the Presbyterian Church is scheduled for Friday evening, December 24, at 7 p. m.

The pastor, Rev. Everett Cain, Jr., invites the public to attend this special Christmas Eve service.

RAINBOW GIRLS MEET SCHEDULE PARTY

The Rainbow Girls met December 9 in the Masnic Hall for their regular meeting.

Cindy Henderson presided at the business session when they discussed their charity money-raising projects and planned the mother and daughter tea. Plans were also made for the silver march so that they may give flowers to their sick members and the leaders. Their Christmas party will be held tonight in the Kon Tiki.

Attending were Cindy Henderson, Debbie Standifer, Linda Hall, Betty Mathis, Gail Hopper, DeAnn Sheets, Carol Booth, Glenda Roberts, Toni Hudson, Susan Barnes and Sherry Messer.

County 4-H News

4H Members Learn to Cook

A Busy Bee 4-H Foods I group met in the Home of their Junior Foods Leader, Cindy Hutchison, on December 17. The lesson was on making cookies. Cindy demonstrated using the Cookie Press to the group. Each girl took home a box of colored Christmas Cookies which she proudly made!

Members present were: Paula Haggerman, Lydia Reed and Janice Whitefield.

Busy Bee 4-H Club met Monday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Home Demonstration Club Room. Daria Weston, president, presided over the meeting.

Leann Shieldknight led the 4-H pledge and Pledge of Allegiance. The group sang "Jingle Bells" led by Phyllis Randall.

Brenda Thomas read an entertaining poem entitled "I like Bugs".

Agent Linda Webb explained the use of the 4-H Yearbook,

Christmas Makes Fools of Those Who Claim That God Is Dead

(AN EDITORIAL)

On Christmas Day a soldier in Vietnam, dirty with jungle mud and blood, will tear open a letter from home. For a few moments he will forget his bone-aching fatigue, remembering boyhood days with his family and the excitement of getting and giving gifts.

The sour-sweat smell of barracks and the dank green odor of jungle camps will be replaced by the smell of white sheets on the old bed at home on Christmas Eve, the pungence of Christmas trees and the aroma of food from mother's kitchen. The illusion will be gone before the letter is finished and that soldier will long for peace, more than you or I who have never lived on a battlefield can ever long for peace, and he may weep for a meaning that has gone out of his life.

As long as that soldier feels joy from no more than the reading of a letter on a battlefield or has hope expressed as a longing for peace, or repents through tears for lost meaning, we know that God is alive

Decorators shop at 208 Hancock street.

Fifteen entries were listed for the residential contest. First place went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kunkle at 523 West 3rd Street. The two finishing next to the winner were Miss Caroline Davidson, 716 Cotter Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shaver, 1100 S. Townsend.

Make it a point to drive by these places at night and tour the entire city to see the many and beautiful decorations.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tracy at 607 S. Endicott has interesting decorations, all designed by their son, Richard. Also, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McWhirter, 615 S. Barkley, features a large greeting written by the Swedish exchange student, Geir Overland, who lives in their home.

Decorating Contestants Named Monday

Chamber of Commerce officials named the winners of the Christmas Decorating contest Monday evening when out-of-town judges made their decisions.

Five Commercial entries were listed. The winner was Beedy Furniture Company, in the shopping center. Those listed as runner-up were Alton's Gulf Service Station, (for his oil-can Christmas Tree) and Charlene and Barbara

Christmas Tea Honors Mothers

The Rainbow Girls honored their mothers with a tea on Dec. 12 from 3 to 4 p. m. in the dining room of the Masonic Hall.

The serving table was set in a Christmas motif with a red and white cloth and centered with an arrangement of candles and angels. Mothers were served cookies, punch, nuts and mints.

Attending were: Mother Adviser Faye Palmer, Lois Henderson and Cindy, Nelda Sheets and DeAnn, Marva Hohertz and Lynn, Nina Hendricks, Lolree Booth & Carol, Virginia Mathis and Betty Carolyn Messer and Sherry and Frances Hudson, Toni and Terry.

Presbyterian Minister Will Leave Jan. 1

Rev. Everett Cain, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church since July of 1963, has resigned his duties here to accept a Fellowship for study at the University in Austin.

Rev. and Mrs. Cain and their daughter Leslie will leave about January 1 for Austin in order to find a home and get settled before he enrolls in the Seminary January 15.

Rev. Cain will be doing graduate study work in Theology and Pastorate Care for the next year at the Austin Seminary and the Seminary of the Southwest. He plans to complete his Masters degree also.

The Rev. and Mrs. Cain stated that they certainly did have mixed feelings about leaving the Church in Spearman, and their many friends; however, fellowships for special study are not granted often, and the opportunity could hardly be turned down.

The Spearman Church was Rev. Cain's first pastorate. The congregation had just started the building of the new Church when they came to Spearman.

Farewell Party Monday Evening

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holton honored the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Cain, Jr., with a Farewell Christmas social in their home on Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Max Baggerly were co-hosts.

The Holton home was decorated throughout in the traditional Christmas theme. Refreshments of finger sandwiches, cookies, candy and coffee were served to the membership of the Presbyterian Church.

Members of the Church called throughout the evening hours to wish Rev. and Mrs. Cain "Bon voyage". The Cains are leaving for Austin January 1st, where he will complete his Masters degree in the seminary there.

Approximately twenty-five of the First Baptist youth met Sunday evening after services for fellowship. Richard Fancher led the group in carolling at the hospital, Pioneer Manor and several homes. After carolling they returned to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a decorated cake.

Hospital News

Patients in Hansford Hospital are: Carmen Walker, Steven Crawford, W. S. Jones, Bobby DeArmond, Clarence Pettitt, Joe Day, Dennis George, Rock McLeod, Jim Pingleton, Carolyn Marie Pearson, Sarah Townsend, Harold Wood, Joan Gilley, Loanna Wagner.

Patients dismissed were: Inez Kirk, Sandra Russell and daughter, E. J. Calloway Sr., W. D. Spradling, Evelyn Lemmons, Judy Thompson, Lucille Morgan, Sue Hix, Bonnie Fellers and son, Sherry Ann Sasser, Beverly Dillard and daughter, Carrie Guinn, Sonya Jo Ooley, Dena Mae Douglas, Ada Ann Rex and Santos Gonzales.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wagner at 2:25 p. m. December 20th.

Methodist SS Class Had Party

Members of the fifth and sixth grade Sunday school classes

of the First Methodist church enjoyed a Christmas party in Fellowship Hall December 17 at 4:00 p. m.

Robert Admison led the group in games and they had refreshments of cakes, sandwiches, potato chips and ice cream bars. Everyone shared in the gift exchange.

Leaders present were Mr. John Trindle, Mrs. Donald Stalder, Mrs. Gene Sutton and Mrs. Robert Graham.

Some Will Not Return From Holiday Trip

Everywhere bells toll and music applauds the entrance of the Christmas Season. We are constantly reminded of the joy and happiness extended at this time of year. It would be miraculous if ALL could enjoy the remainder of the year. But being realists, we know that all will not; some will not reach their destination; some will not even begin the journey; others will not return from the

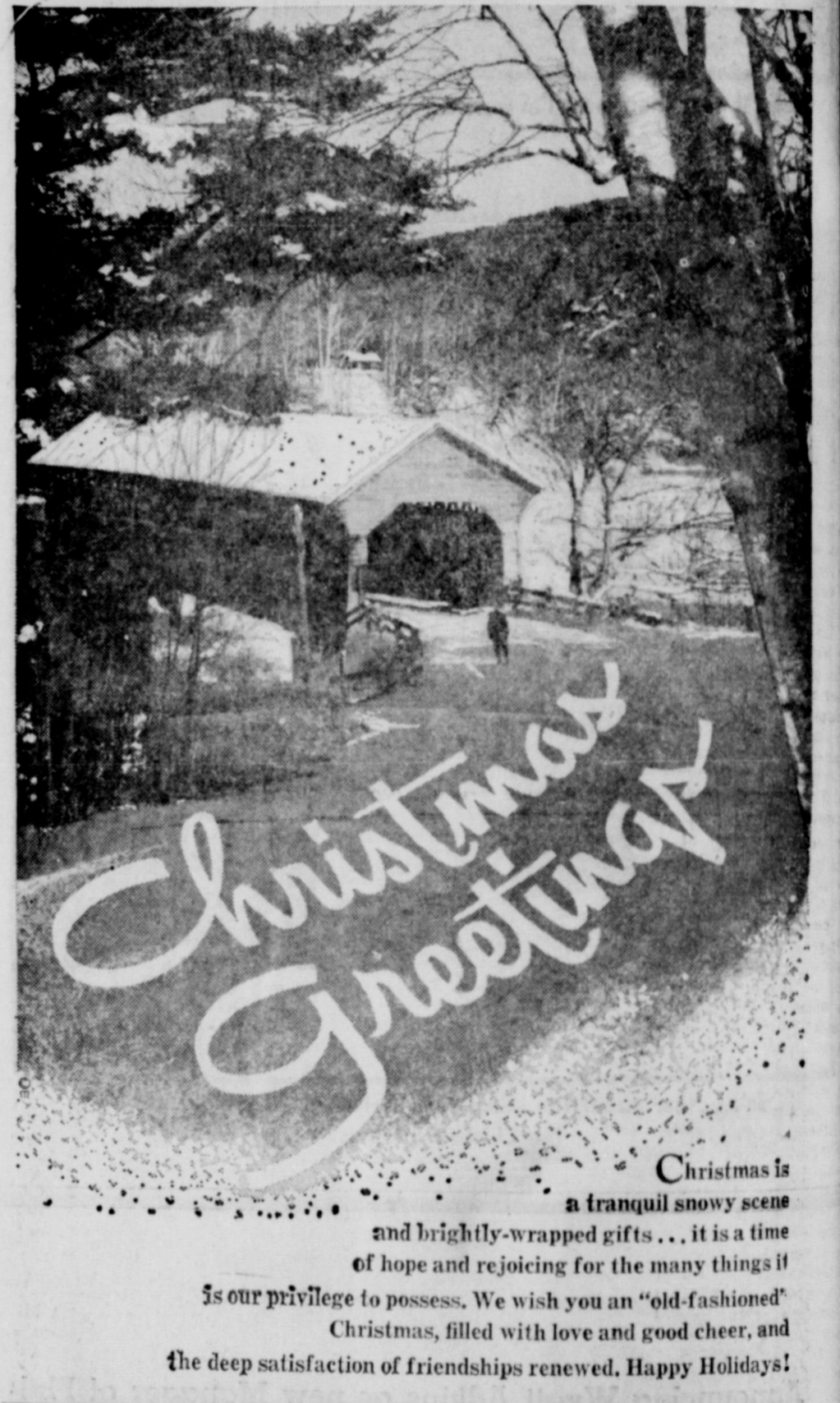
trip. Why? Because the vehicle traffic accident will part of the holiday season, again take its toll. The figure represents the number of people who will die in Texas traffic holiday period.

Sergeant W. J. McLean of Texas Department of Public Safety appeals to the driving public to join him and his personnel in an effort to curb this toll. Obey all traffic laws, rules of safety and go a further, extending courtesy and patience to other drivers, them the right of way at all times.

Sergeant McLean stated, available patrolmen will be on duty. These men are on the to protect and serve all users. All the uniformed of the Texas Department of Safety will be making effort to see that the highways are safe for all to use. We supplement their efforts and safely?

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Colyer in Berger Sunday with her Mrs. A. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jordan children of Tyler are guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sausing.



Christmas is a tranquil snowy scene and brightly-wrapped gifts... it is a time of hope and rejoicing for the many things it is our privilege to possess. We wish you an "old-fashioned" Christmas, filled with love and good cheer, and the deep satisfaction of friendships renewed. Happy Holidays!



Christmas in our community is a special time, when friends and neighbors get together, and time spent with our families is precious. May we wish you a Christmas season that's filled with joy and love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Hansford Implement Co.

Highway 15 --- Spearman, Texas



R. L. McClellan and Sons, Inc.



Mrs. Dennis Kim Copeland

Brenda Joyce Willis and Kim Copeland were united in marriage Saturday, December 18, 1965, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in a double-ring ceremony at the Calvary Baptist church in Canyon, Texas. Rev. L. Boyett, Pastor, officiated. The bride and groom were the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Copeland of Spearman. The bride was accompanied by her bridesmaids, Mrs. W. D. Watson of Park, Texas, and the groom by his best man, Mr. Stanley Martinez of Amarillo. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. L. Boyett. The bride wore a two-piece suit of gold wool tweed, trimmed with tan suede on the jacket front. She chose brown lizard shoes, white kid gloves, and a natural color fur hat worn with the orchid lifted from her bridal bouquet. The couple honeymooned at Red River, New Mexico and will take up residence in Canyon, Texas until January 17, 1966 when Kim will enter the U. S. Army for a two year period. The bride is a Junior at West Texas State University in Canyon majoring in Elementary Education. Mr. Copeland is a 1965 graduate of West Texas State University and received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry. Out of town wedding guests included the bride's parents M. S. and Mrs. W. D. Watson and Keith of Iowa Park Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead of Pennsylvania Florida grandparents of the bride and Mrs. Nona Whitehead of Orlando Florida great-aunt of the bride, Mrs. H. C. Brown Sr. of Perryton, Grandmother of the groom, Mrs. O. S. Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Osborne, and Gayla Raye, Linda Clay, and Tammy Jaye of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brown, Barbara and Kelly of Farnsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Juarez and Mrs. Ramona Lynn of Dumas, Mrs. F. P. Copeland of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Clifton and Jo Lynn of Clayton, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reid of Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Eris Pittman and Bill of Morse, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pittman and Chet of Stillwater, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rivers and Sally of Amarillo.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Mark, and I am 5 years old. I've been pretty good this year. I would like to have a bicycle and a crazy foam Santa Claus. My little sister is Joanne, and she is 3 years old. She would like a bicycle and a baby doll and a crazy foam Santa Claus also. She has been a pretty good girl too. Please don't forget our little friends on Christmas Eve. Love, Mark and Joanne Hays

School Favorites Announced At Coronation Ceremonies Tuesday

"Dress-up" day for Spearman High school was concluded Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. with coronation ceremonies revealing students receiving these special honors:

CLASS FAVORITES:
Freshmen: Marsha Shieldknight, Bobby Smith.
Sophomores: Cindy Cochran, Chris Babbs.

What's Trumps?



TUESDAY BRIDGE
Mrs. J. R. Keim was hostess December 14 for the ladies Tuesday luncheon bridge club. Gifts were exchanged and a Christmas luncheon served. Prizes were won by Margeret Womble and Georgia Cox. Attending were Rosa Lee Butts, Margaret Womble, Georgia Cox, Fern Bell, Pit Oakes, Eloise Renner and Estelle Jackson.

BLUE MONAY BRIDGE
Mrs. Delon Kirk was hostess Dec. 13 for the Blue Monday bridge club. They had their gift exchange and refreshments from a buffet table. Mrs. Morton held high score for the day. Attending were Mesdames W. J. Miller, Bill Gandy, J. E. Womble, Pope Gibner, Buster Hill, J. J. Dailey, E. D. Clements, J. W. Morton, Sam Graves, Gwendred Lackey, Deta Blodgett and the hostess.

HI LO BRIDGE
Members of the Hi Lo Bridge club met December 16 in the home of Mrs. Faye Lynch. They had a gift exchange and Mrs. Lynch's home was decorated in red and green with the mantle draped with greenery. Mrs. Lee won high and Mrs. Sheet had low. The traveling prize went to Mrs. Hicks. Attending were Mesdames Bruce Sheets, R. E. Lee, John Berry, Joe Dan Bryan, Jimmy Hicks, Leonard Jameson, W. H. Gandy and the hostess.

TUESDAY BRIDGE LUNCHEON
Mrs. Thomas Etter was hostess December 14 for her luncheon bridge club with the assistance of Mrs. Oscar Donnell. Members also enjoyed a gift exchange. Mrs. Bob Skinner won high score and second high went to Mrs. Etter. Attending were Mesdames Bob Skinner, Max Baggerly, Henry Cornelius, Oscar Donnell, Roy L. McClellan, Virgil Mathews, Sam Watson, Garland Head, Richard Holton, Hall Jones and 1 guest, Mrs. Vi Whitson.

COUPLE'S BRIDGE
The couple's bridge club met Saturday night in the Home Demonstration Club Room for their Christmas dinner and an evening of bridge, with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Head as hosts. Mrs. R. C. Porter won the women's high and Garland Head won high for the men. Attending were Messers and Mesdames Billy Miller, R. C. Porter, Garland Head, Ray Robertson, Irvin Davis, Don Knox and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hicks. A dinner of baked ham and all the trimmings was served buffet style from a gaily decorated table. Home made candy was the dessert.

DRAFT BOARD COULD CHANGE BUSINESS PLANS
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groves of Spearman have filed an application with the Western Auto Association for the purchase of the local store, which was owned by the late Freddie Jackson. Almost immediately after Mr. Groves made the business decision, he received his notice from the Draft Board to appear for his examinations! However, if the Association accepts the Groves' application for purchase, they will be named the new owners in the near future. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Groves of rural Spearman. His wife is the former Marilyn Schubert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fendorf Schubert, also of Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Massie and children spent the past week end in Plainview with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough. Mr. Massie's brother and wife from Chicago will arrive this week end to spend the holidays in their home. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Womble were recently in Shamrock for a Sunday visit with their relatives.

WHO'S WHO: (These were selected by Faculty members) Karen Gibson, Bethony Donnell, Susan Hutchison, Francis Whitson, James Ownbey, Kathi Pattison, Harold Adkison, Mart Brillhart, Rennie Berry, Lynn Buzzard. F.H.A. BEAU: Larry Holt. F.P.A. SWEETHEART: Bette Brown. Mr. and MISS INTELLECT: Francis Whitson, James Ownbey. MR. and MISS DEENDOBILITY: Janie Kirkland, Harold Adkison. MR. and MISS SINCERITY: Gwen Hanners, Mart Brillhart. MOST BEAUTIFUL: Robbie Ownbey. MOST HANDSOME: Larry Butts. MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED: Kathi Pattison, Larry Holt. MR. and MISS PERSONALITY: Sue Stubblefield, Rennie Berry. MR. and MISS S.H.S.: Bette Brown, Lynn Buzzard. Mr. Jim Cherry, Principal, was master of ceremonies for the coronation. Gennie Warren wrote the script and planned all the details. Following the coronations, the Royal Court formed a receiving line and greeted all visiting friends, parents and friends. Then the entire school attended a party given by the Student Council and the F.H.A. Cakes and cookies were enjoyed by all before being dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Final Rites For Sam Faus Held Wednesday, 22nd.

Funeral services for Samuel Norman Faus, 76, were conducted from the Apostolic Faith church in Spearman at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, December 22. The pastor, Rev. N. F. Blythe, and Rev. Robert Girouard of Pampa conducted the services. Interment was in the Old Ochiltree Cemetery, next to his parents. Mr. Faus passed away December 20 in Canon City, Colorado, which had been his home for the past 10 years. Born August 2, 1889 in Runaway Springs, South Dakota, to George and Sarah Faus, he moved with his parents to Old Ochiltree in 1904. In 1910 he married Myrtle Hale, (who preceded him in death in 1957). The family later moved to Old Hansford. Sam Faus worked as a meat butcher in the Hill Brother's Grocery, operated by Vester Hill and his brother back in the 1920s. The Faus family have lived in this community since these years. Sam had moved away from here about 12 years ago. Survivors include three daughters: Mrs. Opal Scroggs and Mrs. Ona Mae Byers, of Spearman and Mrs. Emelia Tomblason of Lamar, Colorado. Two sons: Frances of Hutchison, Kansas and Jack, of Las Animas, Colo. Three sisters: Mrs. T. M. Minton of Canon City, Mrs. Effie Cox of Boise, Idaho and Mrs. Ella Buschman of Spearman. Two brothers: Ruben Faus of Spearman and Bill Faus of Boise, Idaho. Pallbearers were grandsons: Bennie Byers, James, Tildon and Ted Scroggs, Wayman Edwards and J. W. Pirkin.

Homemakers Notes

December 23, 1965 BY LINDA WEBB County Home Demonstration Agent. When the Christmas holidays arrive, my thoughts along with everyone else, turn to holiday foods and parties. Of course, mail coming across my desk is loaded with good new recipes. For the punch bowl, here are a couple of very good sounding recipes featuring fresh citrus fruit.

CAROLLER'S PUNCH
1 quart boiling water
4 teabags
2 sticks cinnamon
Three quarter teaspoon ground allspice — Three quarter cup sugar — One cup fresh orange juice — One fourth cup fresh lemon juice — 1 pint cranberry juice cocktail — California orange or lemon slices
Pour boiling water over tea bags add cinnamon and allspice; steep for 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and cinnamon. Add sugar; stir until dissolved. Add fruit juices; heat but do not boil. Serve hot in individual mugs. Garnish with orange or lemon slices. If desired, serve cold over ice. Makes approximately 2 quarts.

FIRESIDE PUNCH:
1 egg — one fourth cup sugar
1 pint cranberry juice cocktail, chilled — 2 cups fresh orange juice, chilled — two-third cup fresh lemon juice, chilled — One 12 ounce bottle ginger ale, chilled California orange slices. Place egg, sugar, cranberry juice cocktail and citrus juices in electric blender. Cover and blend at low speed for one minute. Or, beat egg and sugar with rotary beater; add juices and beat until frothy. Pour into pitcher and

add ginger ale. Pour into ice filled glasses; garnish with orange slices. Makes 1 one-half quarts! And if our hurried, hurried preparations for this holiday season won't stop for a reflection of the true meaning of Christmas. I wish all of my readers the merriest of holidays and best wishes for a prosperous New Year!

THE LAST NOTE: When fate knocks you flat on your back, remember she leaves you looking up!

Too Late To Classify

Sealed bids will be received in the office of E. E. Reeves, Superintendent, Spearman Independent School District, 403 East 11th Street, Spearman, Texas, on January 10, 1966 not later than 4:00 P. M., on one 1958 model Chevrolet school bus with 36 passenger Superior body. This equipment may be seen at 403 East 11th Street, Spearman, Texas. Bid proposals may be secured by contacting Orville Latham, Business Manager, Spearman Independent School District, 403 East 11th Street, Spearman, Texas.

FOR SALE: Sweet Shop. Netting better than \$5,000 yearly. Will finance. Other business reason for selling. R. R. Carter, box 935, Spearman, Texas. 4-rtm

FOR SALE: Home, with 132 1/2 foot front, 311 N. James. Also lot 7, Block 14 on main street. Between Hays Barber Shop and Pool Hall. Contact Raymond Sparks or Box 633, Spearman. 4-RTN

FOUND: silver Cub Scout ring. Claim at Reporter Office. 2TC

REWARD: for return of key ring with several keys attached. Return to Reporter office and collect. 43TC

FOUND: Ladies watch. Identify and claim at Cates Men's store in Spearman. 42TC

Kindergarten Had xmas Party

Children in Mrs. F. J. Hoskins' two kindergarten classes had their Christmas party December 16. Decorations had been made by the children who gave a program of songs & exciting verses. They enjoyed a gift exchange and refreshments. One member, Annette Sheets, was unable to be there due to illness, but was happy to share in the gift exchange. Assisting Mrs. Hoskins with the refreshments were Mrs. Bill Martin for the morning party and Mrs. Wayne Bryant in the afternoon.

Courthouse Yule Party

Employees of the courthouse and their families enjoyed a Christmas party December 14 in the Junior High School cafeteria. Approximately 90 guests had a dinner of turkey and ham and all the trimmings. Santa Claus appeared and brought candy to the children and received their orders for Christmas.

Children Perform For Their Parents

The children in Mrs. J. E. Womble's kindergarten had a Christmas party December 14 and gave a program for their parents. They sang songs and recited rhymes which was followed with refreshments of cookies and punch.

Forger Returned To County Jail

Hansford County Sheriff, J. B. Cooke, went to Shreveport, La. last week where he picked up a man being held by the police there, and returned him to Hansford County. Isaac Robert Justice is being held under \$1,000 bond for Grand Jury appearance on a charge of forgery. Justice allegedly forged the name of Rex Jones to a check he passed last July at Cates Mens store in Spearman. Mrs. Faye Lynch and Arthur will be spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David Reid in Morse,

C Y F Program On Worship

The Christian Women Fellowship of the First Christian Church met December 16 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a program on worship. Jenny Lynn Massad opened the meeting by reading the story of "Littlest Angel." The program "Let Us Worship and Bow Down" was introduced by Virus Wilbanks. Dorothy Pugh presented "Daily Devotions" and Hazel Wilbanks presented "Prayer." Closing the program were Mrs. Mundy with a thought on worship and Margaret Evans with the closing prayer. Refreshments were served by the Tuesday night circle to Eleanor Reed, Jean West, Marilyn Groves B. Davis, Mrs. Mundy, Margaret Evans, Hazel Wilbanks, Dorothy Pugh, Virus Wilbanks and Jenny Lynn Massad.

Former Spearman Girl Is Improved

Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks were in Amarillo Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. Jimmy Talley. She is the former Shirley Sparks. Shirley has been under the special care of Neurologists in Amarillo for the past several months. She has been quite impaired unable to walk alone, care for her small daughter, do house work, etc. Doctors determined she had had a spinal infection at some time, which destroyed some vital nerves in the back of her neck. Her complete recovery will take from 2 to 3 years. Mr. Sparks said she was beginning to be able to get up and around some, with help. She receives therapy treatments regularly at the hospital there.

Christine Rosson Funeral Service Conducted Sat.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Methodist Church

at 2 p.m. Saturday December 18. Beta Sigma Phi and had been actor Mrs. Vernie Rosson. The passive in the sorority for several years. Rev. Weslie Daniel officiated. Never having children of her own, she sponsored the education of several young men and women. Christine Rosson passed away Thursday morning in Hansford Hospital. Survivors include her husband, Vernie of the home; a niece whom she and her husband raised, Mrs. Laura Ann Dodson Berry of Texoma, Oklahoma; two sisters, Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Lorraine See, both of Lindsay, Oklahoma; a nephew, C. E. Dodson Jr. of Dalhart. Pallbearers included Dick Kilgore, Louis Schnell, Bob Schnell, Sam Patterson, Emmett Sanders, Bill Wilmeth, Peyton Gibner and P. A. Lyon Jr.



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Exchange Student Talks On Norway

A general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held in the Methodist Church December 15.

Mrs. Daniel gave the prayer devotional. Geir Overland, American Field Service student from Norway presented the program by showing many beautiful slides of his country and telling of Christmas customs in Norway.

Mr. Sammy Bishop, Elvin Martin, Jack McWhirter, Nickell and Geir Overland and members Mesdames Margaret Adamson, Patty Shepard, Myra Grimes, Donna Baxter, Grace Lyon, Mary Lee, Frances Williams, Mary Brown, Marie Hayes Beth Daniel, Doreas Collard, Frances Rhodes, Judy Martin, Virginia Trindle, Virginia Sell, Martha Coursey, Linda McLain, Margaret Stubblefield, White, H. M. Sheddick, H. H. Crooks and W. H. Tarbox.

Mrs. Trindle Hosts SS Party

Mrs. John Trindle hosted a

party for her Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church December 16 at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The party was opened by singing carols and this was followed by games. The Hall was decorated with a lighted tree and approximately 22 guests attended. Mrs. Trindle was assisted by Mrs. Garland Head and Janice Trindle with the serving of sandwiches, cakes and cookies.

Mrs. Inez Kirk, whose home was destroyed by a gas explosion recently was released from the hospital Tuesday. Mrs. Kirk is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howe until she can secure a new home.

OFFICE CHAIRS ON SALE

Senior MYF Decorate Tree

The senior MYF met December 13 in Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church for their annual get-together of decorating the church Christmas Tree.

The group enjoyed refreshments of punch and a birthday cake in the honor of Lloyd McWhirter's birthday. Leaders present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stalder, Mrs. Jack McWhirter, Rev. Daniel.

After decorating the tree, they went in to join the Music Club to see the slides shown by Geir Overland on Norway.

Homemakers Had December Meet

The Spearman Chapter of State Association Young Homemakers of Texas met December 14 in the home of Mrs. Thomas Reed.

Penny Pearson presided at the business session.

The two advisors were present and received corsages. Frances Hudson was presented with a red carnation corsage and Claudine Clark received an orange carnation corsage. During the social hour, the Christmas motif was carried out in living refreshments of ginger bread topped with whipped cream, coffee, tea and candy.

A gift exchange was enjoyed by Penny Pearson, Marilyn Groves, Patsy Gates, Martha Straw, Shirley Buzzard, Bobbie Jennings, Vera Longley, Dorothy Groves, Georgia Gaither, Joan Gilley, Barbara Granada, guest Rose Cummings and advisors, Claudine Clark and Frances Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hull visited in Knowles, Okla. Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James McDaniel. It having been Mr. Hulls birthday they all enjoyed a birthday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull were guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Darbro of Goodwell on Saturday to help Mr. Darbro celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Perry Sheets and children of San Antonio are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Novak and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheets. Perry will join his family for the holidays.

Newcomers To Our City

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil W. Ratzloff, 301 S.W. 12th, 5 children 2 girls and 3 boys. Employed by Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Former Residence of Gruver, Texas.

Mr. R. S. McKnight, 220 S. Roland, Employed by Gifford-Hill Western. Former residence, Dallas Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie W. Ogden, 18 Hoskins. Former residence, Whittier, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron F. Davis, 806 S. Haney, they have one boy. Former residence of Gruver, Tex. Mr. Davis is employed by Taylor Evans, Gruver, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kloss, 1008 S. Haney. Mr. Kloss is employed by Excel Motors. They have two boys and two girls, and are former residences of Glasgow, Montana.

Mrs West Hosts Holiday Affair

Members of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. A. F. West Tuesday evening for their Christmas party.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Smith.

The Buffet table was laid with a white cloth and centered with a beautiful Christmas arrangement. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served.

A gift exchange was enjoyed by Mesdames W. W. Smith, Johnnie Miller, Dee Deere, Joe Entrekin, Hall Jones, J. C. Cates, C. E. Blackburn, A. F. Loftin, Carl Hutehison, R. E. Bradford, Wesley Garnett, J. W. Jenkins and guests, Mrs. Luther Berry and Mrs. Christie Carson.

Those who will be seen in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Schubert on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill McLanahan of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lane of Balko, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne McLanahan of Canadian, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Schubert and Margie and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groves.

Ruth Class Met With Mrs. Lackey

The Ruth Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Major Lackey Tuesday evening for their Christmas party and business meeting.

Mrs. Wallace opened the meeting with prayer and gave the devotional. Mrs. Edwards presided

over the business meeting. The refreshment table held a beautiful arrangement of red candles.

The meeting was closed with the reading of the Prayer for Peace.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lackey to Mesdames E. S. Uptergrove, Mable Edwards, W. L. Russell, F. J. Hoskins, Rex Sanders, Willie Wallace, Abbye Ownbey, Viola Hutton and W. H. Gandy.

The next class meeting will be January 4.

Mrs. F. J. Hoskins will have a family home for Christmas. Her will be Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Head and daughters from Texline, and Mrs. F. J. Hoskins, Jr., baby from Nebraska, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Thompson and children from Friona her grandsons Bobby and Craig Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Gore and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lee and children in Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wright Amarillo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Buzzard last week.



May this Christmas find you surrounded by those you love, enjoying to the fullest all the pleasures of a joyous Holiday Season.

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GREETINGS

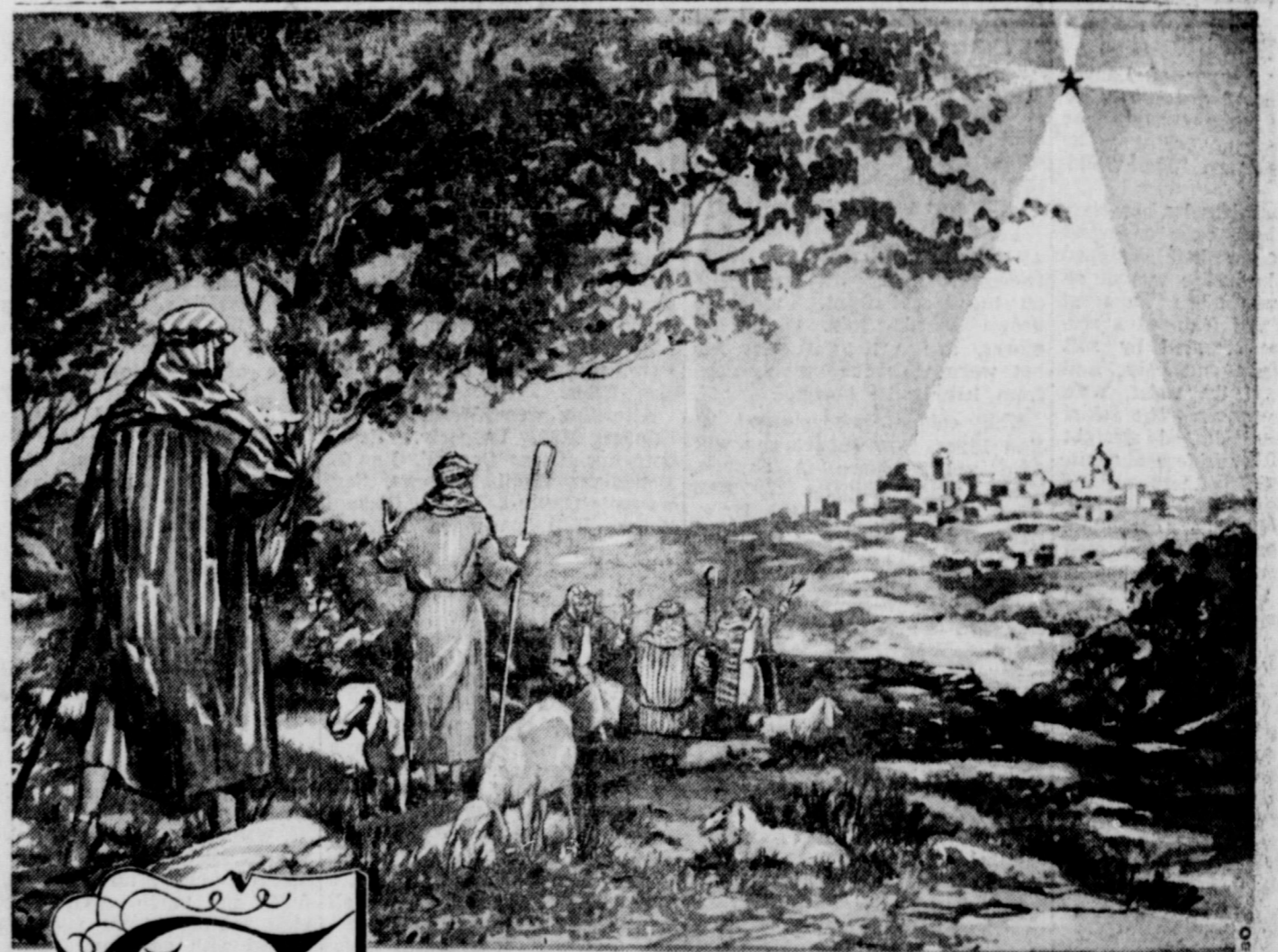
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Christmas Greetings

Good cheer to you and yours! We're wishing you the merriest, brightest Christmas ever. May you enjoy all the pleasures of giving and receiving... and may your heart and home be warm with the lasting treasures of love and fellowship.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

As we experience anew the glory and wonder of Christmas, may the radiance of the Star that shone on Bethlehem bring peace and happiness to every heart. A joyous Christmas to all!

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HAND & TYPING TESTS DOING WELL

Nancy Felder, head of the department at SHS is doing the success of the short-hand typing II classes. Hudson, senior shorthand is working on seventy minute for three minutes. Also scores high in Typing recently typed seventy a minute, which is excellent according to Mrs. Felder. Harbour and Gaylene Yaner working on 60 words per in shorthand.

STUDENTS RETURN FROM TOURNEY

Frank Porter and 27 students returned home Saturday. The group left early morning and were in Denton to begin the contest at noon. They traveled by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Porter. Brock, who was entered in was the only student to place in the finals but did place.

SHS chapter of Future Farmers of America met with the Homemakers for a Christmas party.

The party was so the Junior team could show the parliamentary way of conducting business. The team consisted of: Dallan Scroggs, Donald Hart, Roy Russell, Stanley Daniel Smith, Ronald Preston Payne, Don Sunda and Warren Tindal. Brock and Thel Daniels are group in singing Christmas carols. Hundred members were present along with Mrs. Boone and Felder.

PARENTS MAY SEE COUNSELOR ABOUT CHILD'S TESTS

Mr. Laws has received the scores on the PSAT and ACT tests. If any parents want to go over their child's scores, he will be happy to help them.

CHEERLEADER OF THE WEEK

The cheerleader of the week is Sue Sloan. She started out being cheerleader in the 6th, 7th, and was head leader in the 8th. She says, "I consider being a cheerleader, one of the greatest privileges I have. If it wasn't for cheerleading, my freshman year wouldn't be complete. I love it and think its great and am convinced it helps the school spirit."

SCIENCE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Catherine Lyon, our science student of the week, is studying sex gas for her project. The purpose is to study the reproduction of hydra. When you bubble carbon dioxide through the water in which the hydra are living it caused them to reproduce sexually. I am going to experiment by bubbling different gases through the water to see if they reproduce sexually or asexually since they have the ability to do both.

Catherine has never had a science project before, but says she is enjoying it very much. She has been in science for 7 years and gets her information from a former student of her science teacher. When she graduates she plans to study Home Economics.

Dear Kilroy - - -

Dear Kilroy I have a problem there is this girl that I have dated several times, we sort of broke up "I like this girl very much," but I don't know why she doesn't like me any more. What would you suggest I do to get back together with her again? Lonely

Dear Lonely Ask her to go out with you. Kilroy

Dear Kilroy I am crazy about a certain girl (name withheld by Kilroy's staff), but if I told anyone they would laugh because she is so ugly. I can't keep it a secret forever. What should I do? Yours truly, Silent Lover

Dear Silent, "There are no ugly women; there are only women who do not know how to look pretty" said La Bruyere. So go ahead and date your girlfriend. Emerson said, "There is some good in everyone; find it!" Who knows? Perhaps you would find exactly what you want in this so-called ugly girl! Kilroy

Dear Kilroy I wear a wig, and I don't have any hair under it. It looks so real that nobody knows it. When I go on dates and we go parking, he always rubs his hands through my hair. I'm afraid it will come off, and then my secret would be out. I would be the laughing stock of the school. Should I tell my boyfriend my problem, or just tell him to quit messing up my hair? Signed Hairless

Dear Hairless, If you are embarrassed by the lack of hair, do something to stop it. It's not pleasant to think about, so if yours, like thousands of others, is unhealthy scalp, then simply send for your bottle of (COO-COO) Hair Formula today! Kilroy

Dear Kilroy, There's these two little punks in my study hall that just won't leave people alone. What should I do to these little rats? (Unsigned)

Dear (Unsigned), Give them to Mr. Barker and his science classes. I'm sure they could use them, and it would not only solve your problem, but also cut down on expenses, as it would be two less rats that he would have to buy. Kilroy

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM KILROY AND THE JOURNALISM STAFF !!!

Spearman HD Club Had Family Social

Members of the Spearman H.D. Clubs, and their families, enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner in the club room December 9.

The tables were decorated with beautiful Christmas arrangements. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. A gift exchange was held after dinner. Christmas music was played by Elizabeth Hohertz and Nancy Lair during the evening.

Attending were Messrs and Mesdames H. H. Crooks, W. E. Fielding, Carl Hutchison, B. J. Garrett, W. H. Tarbox, Frank Davis, Richard Reimund and Family, Byron Kenney and Karen, E. S. Uptergrove, Mesdames Velma Kenney, Velma Beck and Gayle, James Lair, Bob Hohertz, W. A. Schubert, Claude Jackson Stella Jones, Eleanor Reed and Misses Linda Webb, Elizabeth Hohertz and Nancy Lair.

Ideal Employees'

Employees of Ideal Food Store and their guests attended a Christmas party in the Farm Bureau Building last Friday night.

The lady employees prepared the sandwiches, dips, cakes, coffee and pie and everyone enjoyed playing card games.

Gag gifts were exchanged by the employees and their spouses and the sack boys and their girl friends. Attached to the gifts were silly verses to make the evening even more fun.

Exchange Student Speaks On Christmas In His Country



ion from us, as his influence has infused into this community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McLain are visiting in Los Angeles with Mr. McLain's sister, Mrs. Florence Razor. Mr. Razor, who has been quite ill was somewhat improved when they arrived.

Geir Berge Overland, from Steinkjer, Norway, 17 year old Senior exchange student in Spearman High school, spoke to members of the Spearman Music club Monday night on "Christmas in Norway."

He showed slides of his country and told of the customs observed there during the yuletide season.

Following his most interesting talk, he sang two Christmas carols in his native tongue. Mrs. Tom Sutton accompanied him at the piano.

The meeting of the Music club, a member of the State and National Federation, was held in the home of Mrs. John Berry. Mrs. Billy Milly was co-hostess.

Members first met at the Pioneer Manor where they sang Christmas carols to the senior citizens who are residents of the home.

Geir Overland, who lives in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McWhirter, is Spearman's first exchange student. He has won the hearts of all who have met him, with his very pleasing personality, kind and courteous manners. He is possessed of wit and intelligence and delights in saying things that make people laugh. Truly he is an asset to our school, and community, and when the time comes for Geir to return to his homeland, it will not be possible for him to take with him as much inspiration from us, as his influence has infused into this community.

Merry Christmas

COW POKES By Ace Reid



"Wake, Mr. Bank Examiner says that after examining your notes he wants to examine my head."



GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

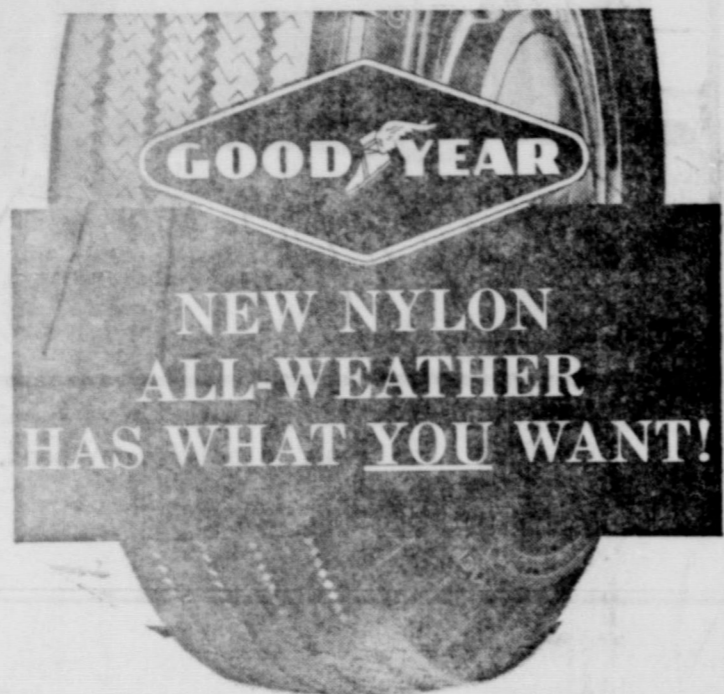
"All of us at

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extend Holiday greetings to all of you, and wish you a very . . . Merry Christmas"



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Hansford HD Club Had Annual Social

The Hansford Home Demonstration Club's annual family Christmas party and buffet dinner was held in the clubroom Saturday evening Dec. 11.

The serving table, covered with a white cloth was centered with a beautiful Christmas arrangement. An attractive arrangement was noted on the piano. A traditional Christmas dinner was enjoyed.

Games of 42 were played after dinner.

Enjoying the affair were Messrs and Mesdames S. F. Ayers and Shirley, Virgil Floyd, Herbert Howe, Roscoe Nelson and Rhonda, Daniel Sheets, Hartley Simmons and Blane, Gordon Parrish, H. H. Chevalier of Canadian, Mrs. L. W. Rosenbaum and family and Mrs. Lena Chapin of Bloomfield, N. M.

Mrs. Sheets Hosts Christmas Social

Mrs. Daniel Sheets was hostess for the Hansford HD Club Christmas Party Monday morning.

Beautiful Christmas decorations were noted throughout the home. Secret pals were revealed during a gift exchange. Names were drawn for secret pals for 1966.

Miss Webb presented each member with a "Holiday Recipes" cookbook.

Fruitcake, snacks and coffee was served buffet style to Mesdames:

F. S. Ayers, Virgil Floyd, Herbert Howe, Roscoe Nelson, H. M. Shedeck, L. W. Rosenbaum, Hartley Simmons, Ellzey Vanderburg, Gordon Parrish, a guest, Mrs. E. B. Rosenbaum of Oswego, Montana, Miss Linda Webb and the hostess.

The club's next meeting will be January 10 in the home of Mrs. Virgil Floyd.

Mrs Charles Eaton Entertained Class

Mrs. Charles Eaton's Sunday school class of First Baptist eleven year old girls met in her home Friday afternoon for a Christmas party.

The group played games, exchanged gifts and enjoyed refreshments.

Attending were Sandra Burke, Nancy Anderson, Debra Smith, Sherry Simmons, Kathy Brown, Sheila Reid, Margaret Hall and Mrs. Eaton.

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be richly filled with the spiritual blessings that come as our thoughts turn to a Holy Night when herald angels sang in triumphant joy, and a Star shown with radiance that endures eternally. May you find, in the miracle of the manger, a deep Christmas happiness and contentment that surpasses all others.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." To humble shepherds keeping watch over their flocks in starlit fields, the triumphant message of the herald angels burst forth in fullest glory. And for the Wise Men from afar, the brilliant light of a Star shone in the heavens, guiding them on their way. Then to the sacred manger, shepherds and Wise Men came, to worship and rejoice. Each year, as we hear the Christmas story and welcome anew the Christ Child in our hearts, we find a new meaning for life, a new hope for the future. For Christmas is not an ancient tale of bygone time. Christmas lives. Christmas is now. Christmas is ever wondrous, ever radiant with joy and promise. May all its blessings be yours.

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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



You shore told the truth when you said this horse never takes his eyes off a cow, 'cause he ain't seen this bluff yet!

Homemakers Notes

by Linda Webb, H. D. Agent
What is on your holiday menu? Possibly it is ham, an all-season favorite and extremely popular during the holiday season.
Ham is available to you uncooked, fully cooked, or canned (also fully cooked).
You have a choice of purchasing ham as whole ham, shank half, butt half, shank end and butt end. The shank end and butt end are the pieces left after the center slices have been removed from a whole ham... while the shank half and butt half are the pieces of a whole ham split in half.
Boneless hams have had most of the external... and sometimes internal fat... removed generally boneless hams have been cured and smoked. Canned hams also have had most of the excess fat removed. They may or may not have been smoked.
Glazes on hams are especially attractive and add a tast-tempter (if tastes need tempting for ham). Here are some glazes you might like to try:

Cranberry glaze-Thaw and drain 1 package (10 oz.) cranberry-orange relish; add 1/2 cup corn syrup. Yield 1 1/2 cups.
Jewel glaze - Combine in a saucepan 1 jar (10oz.) currant jelly, mashed; 1/2 cup light corn syrup, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind, 1/4 teaspoon each of ground cloves, allspice, cinnamon. Bring to a boil over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in 8 ounces (1 cup) of chopped, candied mixed fruit. Yield: 2 cups. Extra glaze may be served with ham.
Golden glaze - Mix well 1 cup light brown sugar, sifted; 1 tablespoon vinegar 1 tablespoon yellow salad mustard, 2 tablespoons strained honey. Yield: 1 cup.
Easy Orange glaze - Mix well 1 cup orange marmalade, 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, dash of ground allspice. Yield: 1 cup.
To glaze any style ham, the top may be scored a half hour before removing ham from the oven. Then spread glaze over the top and return ham to oven.
Bake ham at 325 degrees F. in a shallow roasting pan. Bone-in hams should cook 18-20 minutes per pound; or if they have been cooked, heat 19 minutes per pound. Heating time for boneless hams

(these are already fully cooked) is 12-14 minutes per pound.
THE LAST NOTE: Christmas traditions promises to break all records. Whether or not this is good news depends n whether you are operating a business or a family.
County 4-H News
The 4H Clovers met for their regular organization meeting on Dec. 6. They assembled at the Boxwell Flower Shop for a demonstration on corsage making given by Mrs. Blackburn. The girls learned how to wrap the stems, tie bows and how to use split petals in corsages. They enjoyed viewing various Christmas decorations and arrangements.
Those present were: Connie and Janice Trindle, Cindy Hutchison, Patricia Pond, and H. D. Agent, Linda Webb.
Foods one of Mrs. Davis on Dec. 10. Their Foods Leader, Rebecca Hutchison, demonstrated using the cookie press. Each girl made a box of colored Christmas cookies to take home. The storage of cookies was discussed.
Members present were: Nann-

ette McIntyre, Gloria Lopez, Susie Sell, LeAnn Shieldknight and Donna Reed.
A regular meeting of the 4-H Pals was called Dec. 13 in the home of Catherine Lyon.
The meeting was called to order by the President, Judy Womble. The 4-H pledge was led by Cathy Mackie. The roll was called and minutes read by the Secretary Cathy Mackie.
Coming 4-H events were discussed. Members discussed and filled out guides for their Career Exploration projects. Job qualifications and application letters were discussed.
Refreshments were served to Cathy Mackie, Rebecca Hutchison, Judy Womble, Mrs. P. A. Lyons,

Jr. and leader, Mrs. Dwight Hutchison by the hostess, Catherine Lyon.
Happy Homes Club Entertain Guests
The Happy Homes Demonstration Club had the annual Christmas Party December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the club room.
A Turkey dinner was served buffet style. Each dining table was decorated with homemade white candles and greenery.
Gifts were exchanged and secret pals thus revealed.
Attending were special guests Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mullins, Messers and Mesdames Robert Adamson, Fred Groves, Harold Groves, James Cummings, F. B. Schubert,

Burton Schubert, Mrs. Bernice Barnes, Marie Sparks, Joan Gher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Linda Webb and children of club members.
CHAIR FAIR days are big bargain days! Many models and colors are ready now at money-saving prices. Today is the day to update your office setting. Come in and see!
BIG BARGAINS FROM 9-5-11

The CHRISTMAS STORY...

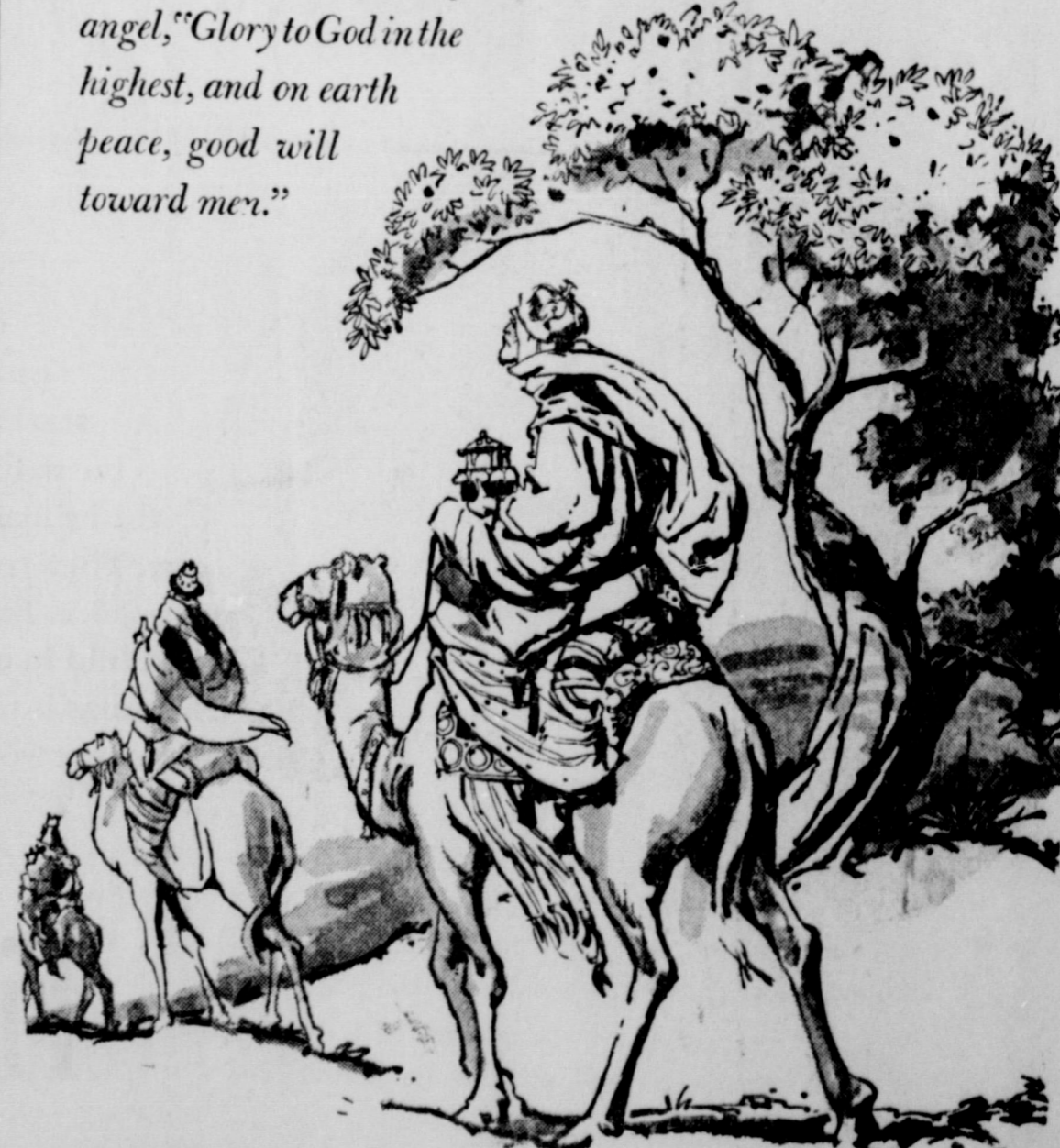
On that night many years ago, as white stars glittered and angels' voices rang out triumphantly to proclaim his coming, there was born unto mankind, a Saviour. Humble shepherds, gathered in the fields tending their flocks, heard the message and came in haste to visit the babe lying in a manger, and they were filled with joy.

Far to the East, the Wise Men saw the great Star of Bethlehem and they followed it to where the Young Child was, bringing rare and precious gifts in their adoration.

Across the ages, the ever-wonderful story of the birth of Christ inspires mankind with a feeling of new hope. Today, in the spirit of the Holy Season, it is for us to rededicate ourselves to His teachings and humbly pray that the ideal of brotherhood will light the way to a lasting peace in this troubled world.

Let us rejoice in the true meaning of Christmas with sincere reverence and harken to the words of the angel, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

May the Joy and Peace of Christmas always be with you



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What's Trumps?

Delon Kirk was hostess for the Blue Monday Christmas party. Christmas theme was carried in decorations and refreshments. Morton won scoring honor.

Gift exchange was enjoyed by Mesdames E. D. Clement, Delta, W. H. Gandy, Pope Gibbs, H. Graves, F. J. Daily, Miller, R. E. Morton, J. E. Vester Hill and Gwen-Lackey.

Next club meeting will be on Wednesday evening bridge.

club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Nollner for their regular meeting. The home was beautifully decorated for Christmas and guests were served dinner.

Men's high was won by Tommie White and ladies' high by Deloris Guthrie.

Attending were Messers and Mesdames Bob Parris, Lawton Guthrie, Tommie White, Bobby Archer, and guests Mr. and Mrs. Kent Guthrie.

BID-ABIT BRIDGE

The Bid-Abit bridge club met December 9 with Vi Whitson as hostess.

Lucille Lewis won high and Mabel Jameson won second high.

Attending were Mesdames Winfred Lewis, Leonard Jameson, R. E. Lee, Gwendolyn Layton, John Berry, Bill Gandy, Nicki Cotter and the hostess.

DON LUDAS BRIDGE CLUB

The Don Ludas bridge club met December 7 in the Farm Bureau Building for an evening of bridge. With Mrs. Larry Jennings serving as hostess.

Attending were Messers and Mesdames Larry Jennings, Jack Gilbert, Joe Granado, Frank Warrin, Cecil Reynolds, George Warren, Jim Davidson, Mrs. R. T. Faries and guest, Mr. Bill Hutton.

Mrs. Martin Hosts Christmas Buffet For Sorority Club

Rho Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met December 9 in the home of Mrs. Ray Martin for their

annual Christmas party and luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

The home was decorated throughout with beautiful Christmas arrangements. The luncheon was served from a buffet table laid with a red cloth centered with an assortment of Christmas ornaments. Members enjoyed a lunch of ham and salads.

Afterwards, secret sisters exchanged gifts.

Attending were: Toni Archer, Peggy Boatwright, Glenda Guthrie, Charlene Jackson, Juanita Kemper, Charlene Tilford, Lil Turner, Peggy West, Sarah Gooch, Deloris Guthrie, Ola Mae Henry, Kay Nollner, Beverly Sparks, Verna Strawn, Jeanette Allen, Dody Beedy, Linda Davis, Beth Fox, Mary Catherine Parris and the hostess.

Rebekahs Elect New Officers

Spearman Rebekah Lodge No. 290 met Dec. 9 in the IOOF hall. The meeting was called to order by Noble Grand, Thelma Kenney. Jackie Hall, chaplain, gave the devotional. Lodge deputy, Dorothy Longley presented certificates of perfection to Carol Lee Frantz and Inez Holland.

Officers for 1966 were elected. Deanna Kenney was elected Noble Grand, Inez Holland, Vice Grand, Frankie Durvey, recording secre-

tary, Gladys Richardson, financial secretary and Thelma Scott, treasurer.

During the social hour hostesses, Grace Nemsgern and Lillian Whitford served refreshments to Thelma Kenney, Deanna Kenney, Ruth Jackie Hall, Juanita Boxford, Nina Hendricks, Ethel Ellsworth, Margaret Kirk, Gowanda Golightly, Helen Condo, Ruth Carol, Lois Gaither, Inez Holland, Zina Longley, Mae Shaul, Bernice Goodrich, Thelma Scott, Virus Wilbanks, Mildred Chamberlain, Gladys Richardson, Frankie Durvey, Rose Cummings, Caro Lee Frantz, Jeanetta Montgomery, Mary Tanner, Ethel Black, Dorothy Longley, Mary Hutton, Hazel Wilbanks, Iva Longley, Vera Woodley, Sylvia Wilcox, Mary Lou Walker, Ina Mae Hughes and Messers: William Whitford, Elmer Longley, Kenneth Longley, Sam Condo, Ernest Newcomb, and Delon Kirk.

The next meeting, December 23 will be a regular meeting and Christmas party with a salad supper and gift exchange.

115 Attended OES Christmas Social

The Order of Eastern Star had a Friendship Night December 10 in the Masonic Lodge with the theme for the evening as Christmas with Friends.

As guests arrived, they were registered by Joyce Lackey at a table by the beautiful white-floored tree. The foyer and tree were decorated in green and blue. The guests were given a

bell with their name and a number on it to be used for the drawing of door prizes.

Worthy Matron, Mary Brock made English coffee rings to be given as door prizes and they were decorated in red and green.

Eleven Chapters were represented from the area and the special guests were Carrie Lee Hodges, Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, Section 1, Grand Chapter of Texas OES; Florencia Rife, member of Glad Tidings Committee Grand Chapter of Texas, OES; Eug Fayler, District Deputy, Grand Master 102, Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Texas.

A meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings was served buffet style in the dining room. The tables were laid with white cloths and centered with arrangements of greenery, candles and Christmas balls.

After dinner, they adjourned to the Lodge hall for a program presented by the Lynx Minstrels and the Lynx Sextette. They sang several selections, led by Louis Tilford and accompanied by Susan Uptergrove.

There 115 guests attending the affair.

Euzalian SS Class Christmas Social

Mrs. Craig Hutchison was hostess to the annual Christmas dinner and social for the Euzalian Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church.

The teacher, Mrs. Fred Holt, and 18 members met for the

dinner at 7 p.m. Monday.

The buffet style dinner was served from the round dining table which was centered with a black iron candelabra holding red tapers, and decorated with velvet streamers, holly and colorful balls.

Guests were seated at a long table in the beautifully decorated country kitchen and den. The fireplace wall was decorated with a large green wreath. Another large Christmas wreath was suspended from the ceiling over the banquet table. Red velvet streamers held the wreath which was trimmed with red crab apples and held burning red tapers.

Members present included Mesdames: Everett Vanderburg, Willie Mathis, Carl Archer, Phil Jenkins, Luther Berry, Bill Masie, Pete Fisher, Glen Day, Ray Lackey, Fred Holt, Alice Smith, Glen Miller, Granville Boyd, Glenn Mackie, A. F. Holland, Everett Tracy, Ray Moore, and the hostess.

Members brought items for a food shower to be given to a family for Christmas.

Methodist WSCS Circles

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the First Methodist Church December 8, with Mrs. G. I. Brown and Mrs. Kenneth Williams as hostesses.

An interesting and enjoyable program "Spiritual Life Through Everyday Living" was given by Mrs. Daniel.

The hostesses served Christmas pound cake and coffee to Mesdames Margaret Adamson, Beth Daniel, Myra Grimes, Marie Hays, Jussy Martin, Sherry Partridge, Patty Sheppard, Virginia Trindle, Pat Reeves, Linda McLain, P. A. Lyon Sr. and Mary Lee.

Mrs. Homer Cluck Hosts B&PW Club Christmas Party

The Business and Professional Women met December 10 in the beautiful home of Mrs. Homer Cluck in Gruver for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Ted McClellan of Gruver gave the program by showing slides on her New England tour. A reading was given by Pat Massad titled "Choirs of God".

Mrs. Cluck's home was decorated in pink and white and she served Christmas treats from a table covered with a red cloth centered with a red glittered centerpiece.

Approximately 30 members attended. Mrs. Cluck was assisted by her daughter, Mae Pretz.

Scouting News

Troop 233 met December 7 to work on their scout tote bags. Each girl took nuts home to sell. The money from these will go to the troop. Those present were: Mrs. Marcus Larson and Mrs. Gary Davis, leaders, and scouts: Dixie Sheppard, Marcia Larson, Peggy Floyd, Karen Stafford, Nancy Lair, Kathy Brown, Vickie Crawford, Debra Davis, Donna Day, Mary Lou DeArmond, Pats Frye, Vickie George, Rhonda Jones, Kelly Laws, Jayne Masie, DeAnn Reed, Becky Reynolds, Song.

Linda Sutton and Brenda Thomas, Brownie troop 80 met December 7 in the home of Mrs. Bert Sheppard. Brownies made Santa Claus candy jars which will be filled with candy at next week's meeting. Each girl took 4 cans of nuts to sell. Nikki Jones served refreshments to leaders Mrs. James Pendergraft and Mrs. Bert Sheppard and brownies: Kim Boone, Pam Connor, Cheryl Gibson, Rhonda Nelson, Stacy Pendergraft, Kim Rylant, Debbie Sheppard and Debbie Simmons.

The meeting closed with the Brownie promise and Goodnight Song.



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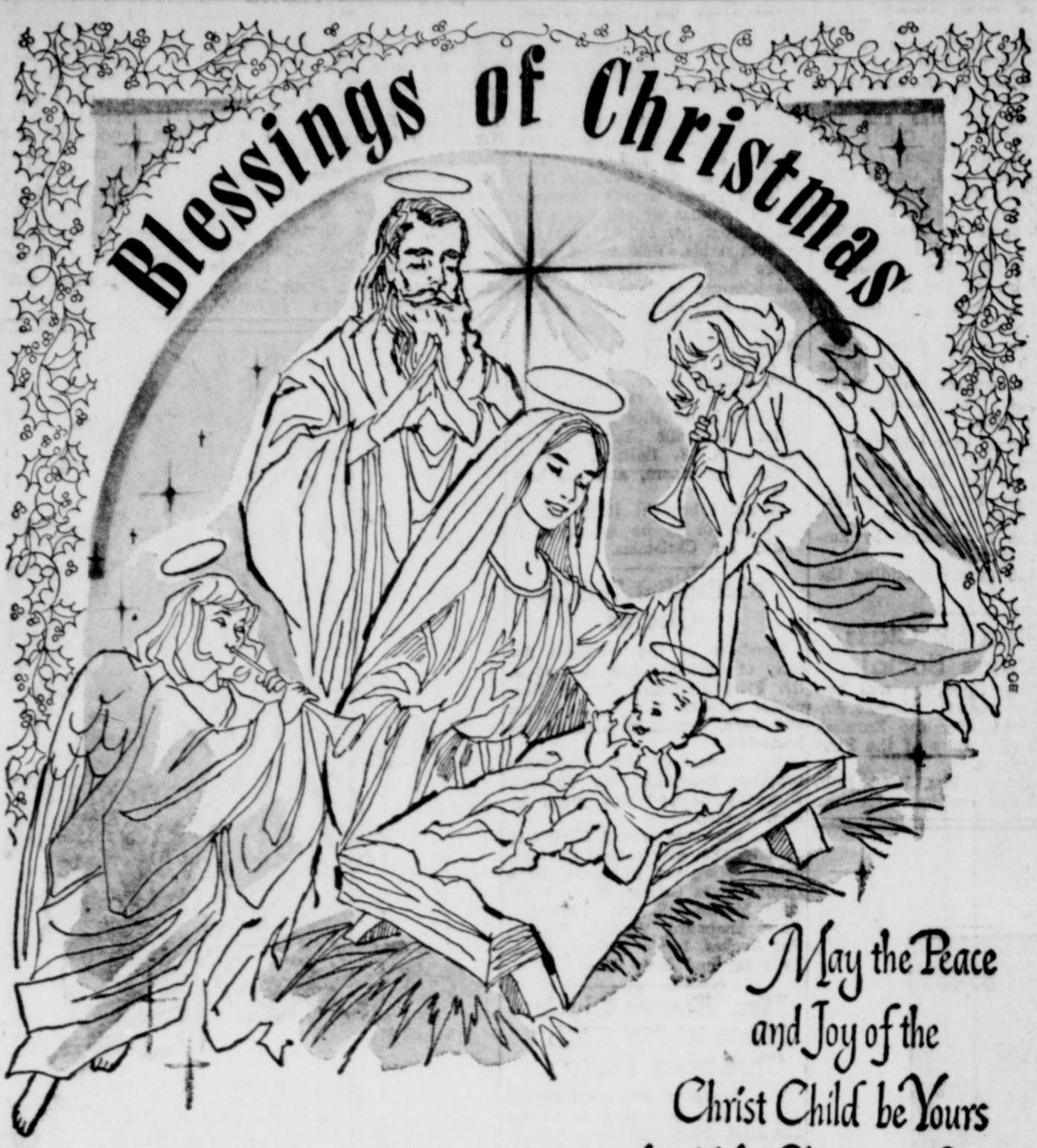
Glad Christmas greetings and good wishes, friends and neighbors! It is our sincere hope that the joyous spirit of this happiest of all holidays will light up your home and your heart with peace and good will. May you ever be blessed by the rich rewards of having friends and loved ones around you. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true meaning and eternal glory of this Holy time. May it bring you inspiration for every day of a more abundant life.



In the spirit of a good old-fashioned Yuletide, we wish for you and your family all of the traditional joys of the season. May your days be bright and your hearts light, as you store up a rich treasure of happy memories.

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May the Peace
and Joy of the
Christ Child be Yours
this Holy Christmas Day

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County Agent's Report

By Robert Adamson, Agent

Research done at Texas A&M University's Coastal Bend Experiment Station near Beeville, indicates the cost of cattle feeding goes up considerably after cattle have been on feed for 112 days.

Why does the cost go up? Ed Neal and Bill Conrad, in charge of beef cattle research at Beeville, say their tests show a sharp decrease in conversion of feed to gain in the cattle after 112 days. This means an increase in the amount of feed required to make a unit of gain—with the end result, a higher feed bill for the cattlemen.

In the experiment at the A&M field station, after 112 days in the feedlot, cattle in one group required 684 pounds of feed to make 100 pounds gain. At this conversion ratio, the researchers figured a selling price of \$19.68 per cwt. was needed to break even on cost of the ration and purchase price of the cattle.

But, as the feeding time for the same group was increased to 140 days, feed required to make 100 pounds of gain jumped to 785 pounds—and a break-even price of \$20.52 per cwt. was needed (an increase of \$.84 per cwt.) the researchers point out that the price of cattle may not increase this much in 28 days, in fact, it may decrease or stay the same.

This was just one case, others produced similar results. And in every instance, an increase in selling price was needed to break even, as the cattle were fed to 140 days instead of 112.

The A&M researchers hasten to point out that 112 days on feed isn't a magic number, by anyone's standards—but in their tests, a significant jump in feed requirement to make a unit of gain began at 112 days. To a cattlemen, this means an increase in feeding costs when he feeds his cattle longer.

In view of this, there are times when it may pay to sell at about 112 days. "Other times it would be a mistake to sell," said Bill Conrad. It's up to the individual cattlemen to evaluate his own situation and make the best possible decision. Conrad offers these guidelines for the cattlemen to check at the 112 day mark to help him decide whether to sell, to feed on to 140 days or perhaps an even longer period.

The guidelines at 112 days are:

1. Use all available sources to estimate the price trends for the next 28 days. Is the price going to be stable? Will it go up or down? Remember, a cattlemen will need a higher price or a better grade to offset the extra feed requirement.
2. Are the cattle ready to sell? Do they have the finish required? If the answer is yes, and the market doesn't promise to get much better, it may be wise to sell.
3. Is there a premium paid for higher grades of cattle in the market where you sell? Will another 28 days on feed increase the grade of the cattle? Usually about one-third of a grade in

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ALLOTMENT CHECKS NEAR \$150,299.05!
Christmas shopping should receive considerable aid this year from Santa AAA. The government program has been shipping allotment checks to Hansford county for the past few weeks until a total of 821 have been received bringing nearly \$151,000.00 to the county. County agent Hatton estimates that approximately \$235,000.00 will be received in allotment

checks before the payment is completed.
ELSIE PORTER IN TCU CHOIR
Miss Elsie Porter of Spearman is one of the 100 Texas Christian University students who will sing in the TCU mixed chorus presentation of Gail's Holy City in the University Christian Church on Sunday December 15.
Miss Porter is a junior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Porter of this city.
Wayne Hutchinson went to Amarillo Tuesday where he enrolled in Amarillo Commercial College.
YOUNG SPEARMAN SOLDIERS MAKING GOOD
Word was received this week by Dr. Gower to the effect that Carl Gower and George Oakes

both Spearman boys are making good in the U. S. Coast Guard.
Dr. Gower learned that the two Spearman soldiers made outstanding grades in rifle and artillery practice. George Oakes scored 97 and Carl Gower scored 96 in recent rifle and artillery range practice.
Only seven others of the 63rd artillery regiment were able to make such scores and only one bettered the score of 97.
ADELAIDE SHEDECK
It was announced Monday afternoon at the County Home Demonstration Council meeting that Adelaide Shedeck had been selected from the county as 4-11 Club work winner, making a score of 96 percent.

Not only will Adelaide be awarded a gold star pin but the H. D. Council will send her to The Farmers Short course at College Station this summer.
CRAWFORD COMPLIMENTED
Constable Bob Crawford was complimented by members of the Lions Club in open discussion at the meeting Tuesday. The members were so impressed with his efforts to enforce the traffic laws and other local regulations that the secretary was instructed to present him a resolution of endorsement from the club.
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Baptist W. M. U. Circles

The Alma Reid Circle of the WMU met in the home of Mrs. Eddie Gates Dec. 6.
Mrs. Don Jones gave the prayer calendar meditation and Mrs. Don Denham lead in prayer.
Mrs. Denham, in charge of the program "My Church, Telling and Sending" was assisted by Mesdames Luther Berry, Eddie Gates, Don Jones and A. F. Loftin.
Also attending was a new member, Mrs. Ray Moore.
The Betty Morris Circle of the WMU met in the home of Mrs. Carl Archer December 8.
Mrs. Howe presided at the business session. As a community missions project members sent a

gift of money to a college girl, a hat to a service man and a basket of food to a needy family.
Mrs. Howe was in charge of the lesson "My Church-Telling and Sending". Each member had a part in the program and lead in prayer.
Mrs. Archer served sweet rolls and coffee as the ladies arrived.
The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met recently in the home of Mrs. J. D. Helms.
Mrs. Holderman, chairman, presided. Plans were made for a Christmas party December 20. Future projects of the class were discussed.
Attending were Mesdames Ann Frye, Doris Holderman, Melba Rook and the hostess, Donna

Helms.
The Kezzie Mae Searight Circle of the WMU met December 8 in the home of Mrs. G. R. Kilgore. Mrs. Kilgore presided at the business session. A discussion concerning buying gifts for a college girl and service man was held.
Mrs. Eaton, in charge of the program gave the first chapter of the Mission study book "Which Way Is Brazil".
The Winnie White G. A.'s met in the First Baptist Church Dec. 8 with counselor, Mrs. Dor Denham in charge.
The prayer calendar, read by Brenda Thomas was followed with prayer by Rita McMahan. The group sang "We've A Story To Tell". Karmla Bryan gave the scripture reading.
The program "Go and Tell" was lead by Karmla Bryan with the other girls dressed in costumes representing the countries they told about taking part.
The closing prayer hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung.

Jones, Betty Hazelwood, Wanda Widener, Betty Thomas, Wanda Brown, Lavita Shelly, Patsy Gates, June Jackson and the hostess.
Circle Will Give Candy Wreaths To Manor Residents
The Louise Mitchell Training Circle met December 8 in the home of Mrs. Gary Jones.
Donna Helms presided over the meeting and brought the mission books which were displayed on the mantle over the fireplace. Vicki Adkison read the minutes, the prayer calendar was read by Jane Moyer with Sharon Freeman leading in prayer. A report on the missionaries in the Dominican Republic was given by Barbara Pingleton.
Members signed the book, "Angel at Her Shoulder" to be given the church library in memory of Mr. Jake Lamb. Members also signed the book, "The Sword and the Switchblade" to be given Brenda Cox who is moving away.
A demonstration was given on how to make candy wreaths so that members could pair up and make them at home. The wreaths will be presented to Pioneer Manor on December 15.

SS Class Had Catered Dinner

The Charity Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church had the Christmas party and a dinner catered by Ross Catering Service in the home of Joan Crawford, December 13.
Members ate their bar-be-que dinner from tables laid with white cloths and centered with arrangements of greenery Christmas balls and candles.
After dinner, Dorothy Wooley presided over the business session and the class presented their teacher, Betty Hazelwood with a gift. Mary Faith Nollner and Joan Crawford led in games followed by a gift exchange.
Wanda Brown gave the devotional on "No Room" and Mrs. Hazelwood closed with prayer.
Attending were Mary Faith Nollner, Millie Craig, Day McClellan, Juanita Kemper, Jonell Grayson, Dorothy Wooley, Wanda

Baptist GA's

The Gladys Hopewell GA's met in the First Baptist Church Wednesday for their Christmas party.
After the circle program "Go and Tell", the group exchanged gifts and played games.
Edrie Jones, representing the fostering circle served punch and cookies to Cindy Dear, Sherry Simmons, Pat Wells, Patty Morris, Shiela Reid, Debbie Burk, Kathy Brown, Nancy Anderson, Karen Waggoner, Rose Mary Burkhardt, Mary Sue Hazelwood, Rita Simmons, Donna Walls, Sheryl Craig, a visitor, Trna Boese and counselors, Wanda Widener and Wanda Melver.



BLESSINGS at Christmastime

"And when they were come into the bouse, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him, gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh." May the sacred story of Christmas and its wondrous message bless you with spiritual joys and quiet contentment...

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TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAXPAYING VOTERS OF GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and for GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER IN TEXAS, on the 11th day of January, 1966, at the polling places hereinafter set out, within said District, in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said District, as follows, to-wit:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River:

I. That an election shall be held within and for said Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River (hereafter referred to as "The District") on the 11th day of January, 1966, in the election precincts hereinafter set forth and at the polling places hereinafter set forth, all within said District, at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpaying voters of said District the election of three (3) precinct Directors for Precincts One (1) Two (2) and Three (3) of the District, and the election of two County Committeemen from each county composing the District for a two year term.

II. Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for Precinct Director to be elected as follows:

Director's Precinct No. 1 Territory within the District which is situated in the following county: OCHILTREE Harlan Hawk

Director's Precinct No. 2 Territory within the District which is situated in each of the following counties: HANSFORD, HUTCHINSON, N. F. Renner Director's Precinct No. 3 Territory within the District which is in the following county: SHERMAN Luther Browder

III. Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for County Committeemen to be elected for each county composing the District, as follows:

HANSFORD COUNTY
 T. C. Harvey
 Everett Vanderburg

HUTCHINSON COUNTY
 Noble Watson
 Buster Kirk
 Jim Womble

OCHILTREE COUNTY
 Don Manning
 Dean Slaughter

SHERMAN COUNTY
 Arlyn Haile
 H. H. Caraway
 Walter Lasley

IV. Blank spaces shall be left in order that the names of other persons may be written in. Each person (voter) residing in Directors Precincts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, as set forth above, shall vote for only one Director, namely the Director for the District Precinct in which the voter resides. All voters may vote for the candidate of their choice by placing an "X" in the square beside the name or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of such Director on the ballot. All voters desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an "X" in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all but two candidates appearing or written in on the ballot.

V. The area comprising the District is hereby divided into the following election precincts, to include all or that part of the county designated which lies within the district, such election to be held at the polling places indicated and conducted by the following election officers:

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1 - OCHILTREE COUNTY
 Polling Place: Courthouse, Perryton, Texas
 Presiding Judge: Ivan Day
 Assistant Judge: J. H. Kershaw
 Clerk: Lena Regier

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2 - HANSFORD and HUTCHINSON COUNTIES
 Polling Place: Courthouse, Spearman, Texas
 Presiding Judge: Joe Day

Assistant Judge: Merle Washington
 Clerk: Mrs. B. J. Garnett
 John P. Vernon
 Fringle Schoolhouse, Pringle, Texas
 Presiding Judge: L. F. Porter
 Assistant Judge: J. B. Buchanan
 Clerk: Mrs. R. E. Robertson
 Dora Lee Jarvis
ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 3 - SHERMAN COUNTY
 Polling Place: Courthouse, Stratford, Texas
 Presiding Judge: Mrs. Joe Billington
 Assistant Judge: Mrs. W. J. Lowe
 Clerk: Mrs. Earnest Cummins
 Mrs. Ira D. Devine

VI. That such election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of the District, in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

VII. That the President and Secretary of the District shall give notice of this election by causing a substantial copy of this resolution or notice containing the same to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation published in the bounds of the District, the first publication to be not less than twenty-one (21) days nor more than thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the election.
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st day of November, 1965.
 S. Gaston Wells
 President, Board of Directors
ATTEST:
 S. Robert Thompson
 Secretary
 No. 33T-c

HOLT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Holt left Friday on a business trip to Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Jake Lamb and Mrs. Howell Sampson and son spent three nights last week visiting the Ervin Lambs at Springer, N. M.

Mrs. Berda Holt was honored with a birthday party Friday afternoon December 10. Gifts were given and refreshments were served to Mmes. Abbye Ownbey, O. C. Holt, Raymond Kirk, Bertha Jenkins, Owen Pendergraft, Maude Rosson and the honoree.

A group of 42 people from Gruver, Spearman, Perryton and Pringle caught a continental Trailway bus on December 11 at 3:30 for the Magic Music of Fred Waring concert in the Amarillo city auditorium. The group ate dinner at Wyatts Cafeteria, then went to the concert. There were 33 members of the cast. Bertha Jenkins and Maude Rosson of the Holt community were with the group, and enjoyed the versatile musical program.

Hospital News

Hansford Hospital patients are: Santos Gonzales, Inez Kirk, Sue Roberts, Sherry Ann Sasser, Bonnie Fellers and son, Sandra Russell and daughter, Joe Day, Dennis George, Rock McLeod, Nancy Thomas and Beverly Dillard.

Patients dismissed were: William Phillips, John Pemberton, Helen Langenheim, Dorothy LaFever, Bertha Rivers, Sandra Woody, Eleanor Sands, Annette Sheets, Marvin Bryan, Lois Maupin, Rhonda Taylor, Lois Hays, Louise Thomas, David Cheek, Willie Mathis, Orville Mathews, Hodie Porterfield, Lloyd Ludlow, Evelyn Lemmons, Eva Hale and Glen Mackie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Russell are parents of 6 lb. 13 1/2 oz. daughter. She was born at 10:30 p.m. December 10.

Johnny Grimes Was Birthday Honoree
 Mrs. Doug Grimes honored her son, Johnny with a birthday party December 11.

A Christmas tree birthday cake and red punch was served. Candy filled Santas and candy canes were given as favors, carrying out the Christmas theme.

Helping Johnny celebrate his birthday were Keith Adamson, Terry Burke, Stinson Gibner, Scot Martin, Neal Healer, Paul Hays, Kerry Adamson and Billy Grimes. Mrs. Robert Adamson assisted Mrs. Grimes in entertaining the little boys.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
 Bring me a doll that walks Baby First Step and some presents. Lisa and Donna are very good. Lisa wants a parrot that talks and Donna wants a bunny abbit and I want Herman Munster. Daddy wants a shirt. We have been very kind and I love Donna and I want to sit on your lap. We'll give you some cookies.
 Julie Douglas

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