

State Capitol NEWS

Austin, Tex. — As the year draws to a close, it's hard to look backward for looking forward to what so many are sure will be the "silver-lined sixties."

But 1959 was an eventful year. Some of the biggest Texas headlines centered on these happenings:

SPEAKER'S RACE

Suppense became almost unbearable in a hard-fought, down-to-the-wire speaker's race.

Waggoner Carr won a second term, 79-71, over challenger Joe Burkett. Now the race is on again with Reps. Wade Spilman of McAllen and James Turman of Gober contending for the job in '61.

TAX BILL

It took a marathon meeting of the Legislature — from January until August — before agreement could be reached on a \$185,000,000 new tax bill. Lawmakers faced, not only the need to cover a \$2,418,000,000 budget for the 1959-61 biennium, but a dismaying \$65,000,000 deficit.

Biggest bones of contention were two of Gov. Price Daniel's key proposals: the abandoned property tax, which did not pass; and the severance beneficiary tax on natural gas, which did. Three-fourths of the new revenue comes from selective sales taxes. A number of old sales levies, on autos, cigarettes and liquor, were upped. New ones including furs, jewelry, air conditioners, phonographs, hotel and motel rentals, were added.

SIGNALS CHANGED

Though it was primarily a "tax session," Legislature passed a number of other laws with wide public effect. Political primaries and conventions will be held in May and June, instead of July and August. Boat owners must register their craft, observe certain safety regulations. City firemen and policemen won shorter hours, and city administrative officials, grumblingly juggled their budgets to meet the extra cost. Truckers finally passed a bill they'd been pushing for some years to raise the truck load limit from 58,400 to 72,000 pounds.

TEACHER PAY

Question of whether a fourth special session should be called

to raise money to increase teachers' salaries was posed but not answered in '59. Governor Daniel said he would leave it to the people to decide. Thus far the decision is not known, except that the governor said if he calls a session, it will not begin until after the Feb. 1 filing deadline for public office.

TIDELANDS

Texas officials went before the U. S. Supreme Court again to fight for state ownership of the tidelands. Texas claims it owns the submerged lands for 10 1/2 miles out. U. S. Attorney General says state ownership extends only three miles. High court's decision is awaited.

NEW BUILDING

A big part of Texas government picked up and moved this past fall from rented quarters scattered over Austin into three new state buildings. Texas Employment Commission Building, State Office Building and State Courts Building were completed within a few months of each other. Earlier the Health Department expanded into a new building. A State Archives Building is in construction, and an Insurance Building is on the drawing board.

AUTO INSURANCE RATES

State Board of Insurance announced new auto insurance rates designed to put the burden of expense on the drivers who have the accidents. Plan has stirred up a beehive of controversy. But it is to go into effect, as scheduled, Jan. 1.

LBJ FOR PRESIDENT

State politics was almost swept aside after Speaker Sam Rayburn announced a Lyndon Johnson for President campaign. Texas party leaders took up the banner, and Johnson clubs spread across the state, covering, at last count, 191 counties. Senator Johnson says he is not a candidate for president. But he has criss-crossed the state in an energetic "re-election" campaign.

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Pollticking was rampant as the year ended, but very few candidates have paid their filing fees for statewide offices. Some put off filing until January to avoid competing with Christmas for public attention. Others are awaiting for Governor Daniel to say whether he will seek a third term before they decide whether to stay put or try to move up.

OIL STILL TRICKLING

Texas oil wells will flow only 10 days in January. This production pattern, the same as during December, was ordered by the Railroad Commission after major purchasers' requests ranged from 9 to 11 days.

THREE MILLION JOBS

Texas will enter the 'sixties with more than 3,000,000 employed in non-farm jobs. Employment gained 7,000 over November to push the total at mid-December to 2,999,800, the Texas Employment Commission reported.

Attainment of the 3,000,000 figure was expected by late December, the report said.

ANOTHER TAX STUDY

State taxes will undergo another study by a nine-member legislative and layman committee. Particular attention will be directed at property taxes and the new taxes adopted in the recent sessions.

Sen. William S. Fly of Victoria, who was chairman of the tax study committee for the past two years, was named to head

Shields News

By Mrs. E. S. Jones

Mrs. Bessie Stewardson, Mrs. Lillian Lewellen, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stewardson and Theola, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Stewardson and Kim spent Christmas Day with the Hardy Stewardson family in San Saba.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cobb spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Jim Watkins and other relatives in San Angelo. They visited the rest of the weekend with their sons, Vance and family of Odessa and Stanley and family at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillingham and boys visited with her sister, Mrs. S. M. Cavin and a niece, Mrs. Roland Dillard and family in Fort Worth on Friday, and with her mother, Mrs. Aikins and brother at Melvin on Sunday.

Christmas Day visitors with Mr. E. R. Eppler were Mrs. Janie Burris, Barbara and Bob and the Wendis Eppler family of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Hiller, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams and boys, A. D. and Audrey Eppler and families and Miss Mabel Williams of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Slusher and Stevie of Odessa came Friday to spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stew-

the new effort. Rep. Frates Seligson of San Antonio will again be vice chairman as before. A layman, John McKee of Dallas, will also serve again in his previous role as secretary.

Other members of the committee are Sen. George Parkhouse of Dallas; Sen. Louis Crump, San Saba; Rep. Gordon Bristow, Big Spring; Rep. V. L. (Bo) Ramsey, Beckville; Hugo Lorvenstein, Amarillo; Dr. John R. Stockton of Austin.

Hearings will again be heard over the state as during the past two years. They will begin early in 1960.

TEXAS CITIES SELF-RELIANT

Cities of only four other states are more self-reliant than Texas cities, according to a study by the Texas Municipal League.

State assistance to Texas cities amounts to 3.1 percent of the expenditures of municipal government. States in which the percentage is lower are Missouri, 3 percent; Kentucky, 1.3 percent; Montana, 0.9 percent; and West Virginia, 0.4 percent.

INSURANCE PLAN HIT

You may pay more, or less, for your automobile insurance after January 1. Everything hinges on your driving record. But the new system is being challenged.

Sen. Grady Hazlewood of Amarillo has leveled a barrage of criticism at the merit rating plan. Under the system, drivers are assessed rate increases for accidents and moving traffic violations occurring during the three years preceding the payment of the premium. Drivers with flawless records get a 20 percent reduction.

Hazlewood complained that the application of the plan to past offenses was unfair. He said lack of uniformity in traffic law enforcement is also unfair to drivers in strict enforcement areas.

Law requires the Board of Insurance to call a hearing within 30 days after a request from any policyholder or insurer. So the Board set a hearing for Jan. 14 at 9:30 a. m. in the State Highway Department hearing room. Insurance Board Chairman Penn J. Jackson said the plan and the new rates will go into effect Jan. 1. Changes could be ordered later.

ardson and Tommy Ann, a student at ACC in Abilene is home for the Holidays.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Elton Jones and Karen this week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Doodle) Barton and boys, Charles and C. T. of Tioga, North Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wheeler of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewellen, their son, Glenn, wife and baby of San Angelo.

Funeral services for Mrs. W. L. Constable, age 81, were held at New Braunsfels Saturday morning, December 26. Burial was at the Shields Cemetery Saturday afternoon. The Constable family are formerly of our community. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scarborough Monday were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manton Jameson and brother Jinks of Leaday and another brother John of Shelton, Conn.

Mrs. Bert Fowler and Sandra spent Sunday afternoon with the H. C. Murrell family gathering in the home of Pete Murrell at Doole. Four generations were represented, all the Murrell children were there except A. F. (Mutt) and family of Edwards Air Base, California.

Betty Eppler of Abilene spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eppler. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones of McCamey returned home Sunday after visiting the past week with the Eppler family.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watson were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Atherton of Jonesborough, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Watson and Carlton and Mrs. Arch Hull of Santa Anna, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Watson, Tommy and Bill and Tommy Stewardson.

The Bert Fowler family had supper with his mother, Mrs. Jesse Fowler in Bangs Tuesday before she went to Fort Worth to spend the Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rowe and daughter of Stuttgart, Ark., visited during the week with her sisters, Mrs. Ottis Powers, Mrs. Leonard Williams, Mrs. Herman Gilbreath and their families.

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Greetings



on January 1st

CURIOUS to know the origin of the word January, we find it derives its name from the latin deity, Janus. Janus, it seems, had two faces, one to look behind and one to look forward.

What better theme on the occasion of the approaching New Year? We look backward with great satisfaction to all the pleasant associations we have had with you in years past. And, with great anticipation, we look forward to a continuation of these friendships. May you look to the future and find a successful, happy year awaiting you.

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About Your HEALTH

A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health. HENRY A. HOLLER, D. D. Consultant in Health



A brand new decade makes its debut tomorrow. If you're short of resolutions, here's a list designed especially to keep you around to see the 60's end.

Promise yourself you'll give your body at least as good care as you give your car. Let your family physician look you over thoroughly once a year whether you feel bad or not. Make it twice yearly if you're middle-aged. Periodic check-ups are the best way yet devised to detect bodily disorders while they can still be treated successfully.

Check in with your dentist once yearly, too. Dental trouble won't kill you but sometimes it can make you wish you were dead. And the dentist can help push back the time when you'll need dentures, which is a major accomplishment in itself.

If you're 40 and fat, resolve to start passing up the candied yams, boiled potatoes and the

cream-filled toothsome tidbits which spell extra weight and an early grave.

Too much weight contributes to high blood pressure, and may be associated with hardening of the arteries and various forms of heart disease. It means impaired vigor, greater surgical risk, greater danger from otherwise minor illnesses.

Teenagers should be especially aware of the statistics linking smoking to cancer and heart disease which is piling up so fast it's getting tougher and tougher to rationalize the habit.

Resolve to drive as though every other car on the road is being manned by a maniac. And when you're afoot, trust motorists only as far as you can see them. Motor vehicle deaths stand far above accidental deaths of all other types.

Make it a point to take full advantage of every advance-

ment in medical science aimed at benefitting you and your family, but always on competent medical advice. Start by having the youngsters immunized against polio.

Promise to adhere to local and state laws pertaining to health protection. Example: if your town has a dog leash law, obey it. It's a public protective device, and you are the public.

Last and most, important, give an occasional thought to such awesome problems as juvenile delinquency, water conservation and the growing numbers of oldsters. Lend your support as a responsible citizen to community efforts to solve them.

Visitors in the Mark Davis home Christmas Day were: Mrs. J. D. Whetstone and Sparks of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryan of Rockwood; Mrs. Winifred Stark and Brice of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Stark of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jettton, Lesia and Jeff of Coleman; and Don Davis of Childress. Don is spending the holidays here.

Thirty visitors enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mrs. Sam Moore. All were her children: Mr. and Mrs. Buck Mills and Karen of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Penny and sons and Mrs. Ruth Marie Box and sons of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hawthorn and children of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hartman and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore and Terry, all of Santa Anna; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gilbert of Fort Worth. Afternoon callers were three grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Jamison of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mills of Overton and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Templin of Killean.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Irick and Frances were in Fort Worth Monday to meet their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Harlow and Donnie of Dayton, Ohio. The Harlows came by train and will visit a few days with the Iricks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Simmons spent Christmas in Austin with the McClellan's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brisbin and family.

Linda Riley from the University of Texas, and Joe Riley from McMurry, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riley.

PRODUCTION UP, INCOME DOWN

So now we come to the end of one of the best production years Texas agriculture ever had but net farm income is dropping down a full 15 percent below 1958.

The 1959 Texas cotton crop is estimated at around 4,500,000 bales, compared with 4,308,000 bales in 1958. Sorghum grain production is figured at about 277,000,000 bushels for 1959, a little up from the 273,066,000 bushels harvested in 1958.

Rice production for the year is running at 13,136,000 hundredweight, against 11,938,000 cwt. in 1958. The corn crop is due to exceed 41,366,000 bushels, also up from 1958. The Rio Grande Valley is well under way with at least a nine million box citrus season, up two million from 1958 and the first real bumper season since the disastrous freeze in 1951.

Ranges and livestock in general are in their best condition in the past 10 years. There were an estimated 8,510,000 cattle on Texas ranges at the beginning of the year, along with 5,355,000 sheep, and there are more now.

But cotton is the cheapest for any December in a decade. Corn is bringing \$1.12 a bushel, compared with \$1.21 a year ago. Overproduction and cheapness of corn is going to have its effect on the vital Texas sorghum grain market — if not this year, certainly next year. Livestock markets, seldom robust and always highly sensitive, are showing signs of weakening in the face of heavy production.

There is a drastic squeeze in the parity ratio — in relation to the prices they pay, the prices received by farmers in 1959 are the lowest in 19 years. The farmer's share of each dollar spent by the consumer has dropped to 38 cents, lowest since 1942. The most authoritative sources agree that farm income is due to fall somewhat lower next year — in other words, things are liable to get worse before they get any better.

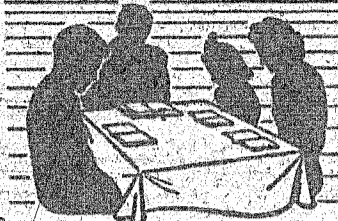
About the only flat statement concerning the U. S. farm problem on which you can get anywhere near unanimous agreement is this: Something is wrong. Try to get any further than that and you are likely to learn at first hand just how controversial this farm problem can become.

Dr. and Mrs. Greenlee and family of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. Lillian Pettit, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rutherford, Danny and Vickie of Fort Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Rutherford, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spuriell Anderson and family in Coleman during the holidays.

Today's MEDITATION

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The Upper Room

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Read 1 John, Chapter 1.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7.)

Since the days of Enoch, prophets, priests, and saints have sought a closer walk with God. From generation to generation, man has sought to know Him who is light and life and love.

This spiritual quest is deeply planted in man's soul, as shown in every age, in every clime, in every state of his advancement. What better supporting evi-

dence of man's immortality could God have revealed to us?

To make chrystal clear His love for us, God sent us Christ His Son as revelation, redeemer, example, and friend. Christ brought to us a picture of our eternal Father-His nature, His relationship to us, His deepest yearnings for the least of us.

While in the flesh, Jesus communed in prayer with God and did His Father's will each day. In the example of Jesus, we discover the way of a closer walk with God, our Father.

PRAYER:

Our Father, in our journey through life, help us to walk close to Thee. May our lives disclose that we have been with Thee today. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven... Amen."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The closer we walk with God, the brighter His light shines upon our way.

—Clyde O. Law (West Virginia)

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Cheahey Jr., and family of Shreveport, La., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cheaney.

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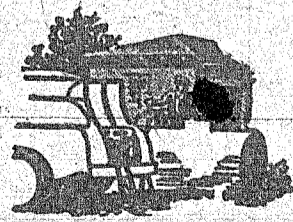
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Shop Early For Best Selections

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Griffith spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Fort Worth with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Durl Griffith and family, and a granddaughter, Mrs. David Brock and family. On Friday night the group all returned to Santa Anna and had lunch on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell and Donnie. On Sunday all the group had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Watson, Ronnie and Tommy of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Thigpen and Joyce Sue of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jordan, Dawn and Terry of Odessa, were visitors with Mrs. H. M. Smith during the holidays. Richard Box of Crane also visited in the Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowker and children, Mrs. Arch Hull and Mrs. Dorothy Watson and son spent Christmas Day in Copperas Cove in the A. T. Hull Jr. home.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Gilmore of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gilmore of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gilmore of Mobile, Ala., were Christmas visitors with the Norval Wylles. Buddy Wylie was home from McMurry College for the holidays.

Mrs. Tom Simpson, Davy, and Robert of Weslaco are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. H. Wylie. Other holiday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Petree, Kay and Jane of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sikes and Virginia of Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price and boys of Evant were holiday visitors with Mrs. Della Alexander during the holidays.

Mrs. K. G. Gore and Mrs. Jewell Owen and Jerry Van Huss of Brownwood, spent a week during Christmas in El Paso in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Huss and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White of Burkett and their daughter, Kay, of Dallas, visited in the Tom Mills home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Medlin and boys, Tophar, Charles and Vance of Odessa, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Johnson and Mike spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Collier spent Christmas in Midland with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and Sammie.

Harper and Mr. and Mrs. David Hunter and family were home for the holidays, visiting their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lehms of Brownwood took her mother, Mrs. G. F. Bartlett to La Marque on Thursday for a Christmas visit with another daughter, Mrs. R. B. Prangle and family. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Stephenson were in Abilene Dec. 20 and had lunch with her brothers, Willis and Curtis Richardson and families. They also visited their son, C. W. Stephenson Jr. and family. Mrs. George Richardson returned home with them after a week's visit in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Henderson and Orabeth and John Hardy Blue of Indiana, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Blue. John Hardy returned to his home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boan and family of Odessa spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Garrett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Woodard and boys of San Angelo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Payne during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry returned recently from Iowa where they visited two daughters in Sioux City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morgan and their son, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morgan of Amarillo, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morgan during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Burden and girls of Elgin and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burden and girls of Lubbock, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burden.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spencer and two boys of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. White and two daughters of Lovington, N. M., spent the holidays with the ladies parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills.

Demonstration On Fire Prevention To Be Presented

John R. Rauch, instructor of Fire Prevention Training from Colege Station, Texas, will be in Santa Anna Thursday, Jan. 7, to talk on Fire Prevention and Control of Home Fires.

The demonstration, "There's Dynamite in Your Home", will be given at the Payne Building from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. Everyone is urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Weathers took his mother, Mrs. J. M. Weathers, to Cisco Sunday, where the family observed Christmas. Others present at the Clyde Weathers home were: Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Lane of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Weathers and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Weathers, Jeanette and Larry of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Courtney and children of Abilene. On Friday night Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Weathers and Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Weathers and family visited Mrs. Weathers and the J. B. Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Welch, Arlene and Mrs. Gertrude Davis spent Christmas Day with his brother, J. C. Welch in Coleman.

Visitors with Mrs. J. F. Simmons Christmas Day were her son, Mr. and Mrs. Beal Simmons and several grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Craddock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Simmons, Tony Simmons and a girl friend, all of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simmons, a brother-in-law, of Belton.

Visitors with the Tom Upton's during the holidays were their children: Mr. and Mrs. Neal Oakes of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Oakes and daughter of Selina, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Upton and children of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller and daughter and a grandson of Andrews, and the Tom Upton Jr., family of Santa Anna. All the visitors returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Jonie Hartman and Debby of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Bailey and daughter of Fort Worth, spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bailey.

V. Javan Oder and son, Harry Hiss, of San Antonio, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. L. Oder.

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PAPER TOWELS Charmin	2 Rolls	39c
TOMATOES <small>OUR VALUE</small>	303 CAN	2 for 25c
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Kraft's Velveeta Cheese Spread	2-lbs.	89c
SAUSAGE <small>PURE PORK COUNTRY STYLE</small>	lb.	45c
BEEF Chuck Roast	lb.	39c
HAMBURGER Fresh and Lean	lb.	39c

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Santa Anna News

Eastern Star Has December Meeting

The Masonic Building and Fellowship Hall was decorated throughout in the Christmas theme Monday night, Dec. 21, when the Santa Anna Chapter No. 247, held its stated meeting. The stairway to the meeting room was entwined with pipe from the State of Alabama, cedar and Christmas lights. On top of the posts at each turn of the stairs were large pine cones, pine cedar and red candles. Other arrangements of red candles, gold and snowmen, and poinsettias were used throughout.

Mrs. Alice Louise Walker, W. M. and Add T. Walker, W. P., presided during the business meeting with the assistance of their officers. After Christmas plans were made and all business transacted, the chapter adjourned. The group retired to the Fellowship Hall for a social hour.

Mrs. Blanche Granham, Mrs. Joe Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Herndon served Christmas cakes, open faced sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and coffee. The cakes were Christmas snowballs decorated with tiny red poinsettias, and were served from a white confectionery sleigh with candy cane runners. Season's Greetings were in red letters on the side of the sleigh. The table was laid with green net over polisted cotton. The center piece was a green revolving Christmas tree, flanked by arrangements of holly.

Those present not mentioned above were: Mrs. Viona West, Mrs. Lora Rollins, Mrs. Faye Mobley, Mrs. Nora Goen, Mrs. Edith Golston, Mr. J. M. House, Mrs. Carmen Donham and Marty, and Mrs. Rosa Bass.

41 GUESTS IN PARSONS HOME CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Parsons enjoyed 41 guests in their home Christmas Day. A bountiful dinner was served and games of forty-two and dominoes were played.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Nevy Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wright, Darrell, Clara, Lynn and Judy, all of Santa Anna; Mr. and Mrs. Newell Parsons, Kenneth, Troy and Rickey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lappe, Ronnie and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Goodgion, Roy and Nila, Mr. and Mrs. Norrell Parsons, Wavelly, Walter and Norlene, Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Sikes, Tommie and Greg, all of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Williamson, Blenda and Harold McMahon of Jewett; Mrs. Ethel Morris of Decator; Billie Parsons of Big Lake; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wise and Sharon of Santa Anna.

Mrs. Francis Everett visited on Christmas Day in Abilene with the Harold Everetts.

TEL CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a social and Christmas Tree in the church annex Tuesday evening, Dec. 15. Refreshments of sandwiches, cherry pie topped with whipped cream, coffee and hot chocolate were served to 13 members, their husbands and five associate members.

Mrs. Emzy Brown brought the devotional. Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. Tom Upton were in charge of recreation.

All the group enjoyed a nice evening of fellowship.

SON-BORN TO MORRIS STRAUGHANS DEC. 28

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Straughan of McCamey announce the birth of a son, Monday, Dec. 28, at 9:30 a. m. in a McCamey hospital. The baby was not named at first report.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straughan of McCamey and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ford of Trickham. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fox Johnson of Rockwood and Mrs. Zona Stacy of Trickham.

VA Urges Quick Return Of Annual Income Report Cards

Disabled veterans, and widows and children of deceased veterans who receive monthly non-service-connected pensions from the Veterans Administration were urged today to return promptly the properly filled-in tabulating card which has been sent them for use in reporting their annual income.

Cards have been sent to 378,000 veterans and 526,000 dependents. At the same time, VA pointed out that the income questionnaire has nothing to do with the new pension law which goes into effect July 1, 1960. All pension recipients will receive further information on the new law in the mail during March. They were urged not to inquire about their status until they have studied this information.

Pension recipients are allowed 30 days, or until the close of January 1960 to return the income card. Failure to return the reporting card within 30 days will result in the stopping of the monthly pension payment, VA said.

Those without dependents whose income is greater than \$1,400 a year or those with dependents whose income is greater than \$2,700 a year may not receive a pension under present law.

VA pointed out that veterans and dependents receiving service-connected compensation payments will not receive cards and do not have to report incomes.

ISN'T IT FUNNY?

Isn't it Funny - When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's slow. But when I take a long time to do something, I'm thorough. When the other fellow doesn't do it, he's too lazy. But when I don't do it, I'm too busy. When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds. But when I go ahead and do something without being told, that's initiative! When the other fellow states his side of a question, strongly, he's bullheaded. But when I state a side of a question, strongly, I'm being firm. When the other fellow overlooks a few of the rules of etiquette, he's rude. But when I skip a few of the rules, I'm original. When the other fellow does something that pleases the boss, he's polishing the brass. But when I do something that pleases the boss, that's cooperation. When the other fellow gets ahead, he sure had the lucky breaks. But when I manage to get ahead, Man! Hard work did that! Funny, isn't it - or is it!

DOING AND BOOING

The average man is afraid of doing too much for his own good, once said Dr. Frank Crane. That is the reason, perhaps, that he is average.

If he wanted to do more than he is paid for, he would be an exceptional man who is in demand.

It is not hard to do what is expected of us, yet it is difficult to find the person who will do it. Most people "soldier" on the job. Whoever will make it a rule to do just a little more than he is expected to do is on the sure road to success. Whoever makes it a rule simply to "get by," is already on the toboggan.

There are a great many employers of labor. But do you know of one who is not constantly harassed by the difficulty of finding good help? There are a great many laborers. But do you know of one who is satisfied and happy, who is not doing all he can? And do you know of one who is dissatisfied and a maker of trouble, who is not doing as little as he can?

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Kingsbery and children of Snyder, Kay Kingsbery of Fort Worth, Mike and John Hartgroves, of Hamilton spent the Christmas holidays in the C. E. Kingsbery home.

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New Year Observed In Many Ways

Not everyone celebrates the beginning of the New Year on January 1. But people in all parts of the world have special customs to insure that the New Year will get off to a good start.

Church services and frantic parties, for example, are typical ways of celebrating in the U. S.

In many European countries, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. The custom originated with the Romans, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Back in 747 B. C., reportedly, they presented the king of the Sabines with branches of bay and palm trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. The "streniae," or gifts, became more elaborate, in expectation of royal favor, and the emperors came to regard them as deserved tribute.

Augustus Caesar is said to have passed the word along that he had had a vision in which he saw himself receiving gifts from the Senate and the people on January 1.

Claudius finally stopped the influence-peddling by limiting the cost of gifts.

Henry III introduced the custom into England in the 1200's, and Elizabeth I collected enough loot to replenish her wardrobe for a year. The custom went out with Oliver Cromwell.

In Scotland, bad luck is in store for a family if the first person to set foot in the house on New Year's Day is a woman, or a gravedigger, or a person who walks with his toes turned in, or a man with red or blonde hair.

To minimize the risk, the Scots appoint a tall, dark man as the "first-footer." On New Year's Day he enters each house in silence, places a bundle of fags on the fire, then wishes the family luck.

Even the poorest Chinese buy new shoes for the holiday, because it is bad luck to step down on the ground into old shoes on New Year's Day. And the Portuguese ignore their debts, because the man who pays a bill on this day will pay out money all year.

The Brazilians open the New Year by expressing the hope of all men... they designate January 1 as the Day of Universal Brotherhood.

A Captain Webb was the first man to swim the English Channel.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 31

"Jet Over The Atlantic"

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JANUARY 1-2

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SUNDAY - MONDAY

AND TUESDAY

JANUARY 3-4-5

"The Best Of Everything"

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

JANUARY 6-7

OLIVIA deHAVILLAND in

"LIBEL"

OAK

Drive-In Theatre

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

AND SATURDAY

DEC. 31 - JAN. 1-2

STEVE REEVES in

"HERCULES"

— PLUS —

CESAR ROMERO in

"VILLA!!!"

SUNDAY - MONDAY

AND TUESDAY

JANUARY 3-4-5

JOHN WAYNE in

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