

Cosden Chatter -

By PAT DAVIS
Your reporter had her mind on so many other things last week that she forgot to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, but it isn't too late to wish you all a Happy New Year, and may it be a prosperous one.

Velva Glass has returned to work after a week's illness.

We're also happy to report that J. L. LeBlou is up and about again following his appendectomy.

C. W. Davis of Fort Worth is visiting with his daughters, Pat Davis and Mrs. Ward Hall.

George Luck of Fort Worth, representative of International Business Machines, was a visitor in the office Monday.

A number of Cosdenites turned out for the McCrary-Doddrill wedding Wednesday night at the Post Chapel.

R. L. Tollett left Tuesday night for Fort Worth where he will be joined by his daughter, Kay, and will start on a ten day vacation in old Mexico.

J. W. Johnson and A. L. Tamplin of Huntington, West Virginia were office visitors this week.

J. A. Selkirk has returned from a business trip to Dallas. His daughter, Patricia Selkirk, who is attending the University of Texas is here for the Christmas holidays.

Elizabeth Droetz was an influenza victim this week.

Lt. (j) Joe W. Burrell who is stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, visited the office Thursday. Lt. Burrell was formerly the Tax and Insurance Manager at Cosden.

W. E. Gibson is spending the holidays at his home in Abilene.

We welcome the following new employees: Mrs. Jean Hensler, Jack J. Beadle, N. O. Orr, J. B. Leslie, Mrs. Irene Welde, D. B. Parkhill, S. E. Cummings, and Arvin Hart.

Candy and cigars in abundance were going around the office Thursday, but this time they were brought on by the Christmas spirit rather than old man stork.

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Eight New Members Of The Sub Deb Club Introduced At Formal Presentation

WSCS To Install 1944 Officers At Next Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist church Monday afternoon for a regular business session with Mrs. M. A. Cook presiding.

The meeting opened with a song "Trust and Obey" and Mrs. W. A. Miller gave the devotional on "Christmas Creed."

Reports for the year were given by chairmen, and it was announced that the WSCS will meet at the church next Monday for installation of officers with Mrs. Garner McAdams in charge.

Those attending the meeting were Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Mrs. L. E. Springer, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. H. H. Robinson, Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mrs. Ennon Lovelady, Mrs. C. E. Talbot, Mrs. Clyde Johnston, Mrs. N. W. McCleskey, Mrs. Jake Bishop, Mrs. H. N. Robinson, Mrs. Royce Satterwhite, Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mrs. Frank Willson, Mrs. Ennon Lovelady, Mrs. J. B. Pickle and Mrs. C. E. Talbot.

VISITS AND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Hauschild, accompanied by their daughter, Kay Sandra, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Souders, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Barnhill of Hobbs, N. M., visited over the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Womack. Mr. and Mrs. Womack also had as guests A/S Odess (Red) Womack who is stationed at San Marcos. Mr. and Mrs. John Watts of Snyder visited in the Womack home.

Sgt. and Mrs. G. W. Hammond left Monday for a visit in Memphis, Tenn.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. E. M. Stroup have returned to Camp Adair, Ore., after visiting here with S/Sgt. Stroup's mother, Mrs. Mattie Stroup and sisters, Mrs. Ross Winterrowd and Mrs. Garland Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Darby have had as guest, William Vann Moore of Fort Worth.

Mrs. James H. Kimmel of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Terrell St. Clair of Hobbs, N. M., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Darby.

Special Open House To Be Held Saturday

Special open house will be held at the Big Spring country club Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. Club members and their out-of-town guests are invited to attend.

NO CANDIDATE

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP) — Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, has advised an Illinois republican leader that he is not to be considered a presidential candidate in the Illinois preferential primary next spring.

Dance Held In Settles Ballroom

Stepping from an archway banked with cedar and entwined with carnations and other seasonal flowers, eight new members of the Big Spring chapter of the Sub Deb club were presented in ceremonies Monday night sponsored by the club in the Settles hotel ballroom, preceding a formal dance for club members and guests.

Fiber baskets of mixed gladioli and shell pink carnations flanked the archway and potted poinsettias were placed at vantage points about the ballroom. Graduated size letters spelling the club name were also about the room.

Former members and their escorts included Louise Ann Bennett and Bobby Boykin; Doris Glenn, Tip Anderson; Jerrie Hodges, Barkley Wood; Camille Inkman, Woody Baker; Clarice McCasland, R. L. Heath; Barbara McEwen, Bill McDonald; Joanne Rice, Ray Thomas; Gloria Strom, R. H. Miller; Marijo Thurman and J. C. Mittel.

New members presented included Billy Jean Anderson, escorted by Jo Bruce Cunningham. Miss Anderson wore a white evening frock of satin and net combination, fashioned with a bouffant skirt and white plumes over skirt. Patty McDonald, escorted by Clifton Cook, wore a blue net formal with black lace trim. Mary Mims was attired in a white floor length dress ornamented with white feather trim around the yoke. She was escorted by Deibert Shultz. Jackie Razor, escorted by Billy Jo Underhill was dressed in a white evening dress which was ornamented with small blue bows. Janet Robb, who wore a white evening frock with gold sequin trim, was escorted by Dewie Stevenson. Mary Lou Watt, escorted by Kenneth Partridge wore a blue formal sprinkled with gold. Celia Westerman in an evening frock of ice blue net and satin, was escorted by George O'Brien. Wynelle Wilkinson, attired in a pink net gown with sequin trim, was escorted by Bobby Barron.

Usherettes included Luan Wear, Helon Blount, Mary Nell Cook, Wilma Joe Taylor, Nancy Thompson, Cora Eileen Selkirk, Melba Dean Anderson, Marilyn Keaton.

Mrs. Ray Lawrence, who announced club members, introduced Mrs. Burke Summers, club sponsor.

Following presentation, the club members gathered in a semi circle and sang the club song. Music for presentation was furnished by Helen Duley.

The dance was held at 9 o'clock and music was furnished by Harrison's Texans.

Around 250 guests attended.

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Notes

MARY LITTELL

Right after Christmas if you ask anybody what they got on the 25th, you don't have to go out to their house to find out. They can show you most of their gifts which they are wearing.

You can spot the new articles being worn in a minute. The gals wear all their gifts regardless of harmony or comfort. Earrings, rings, bracelets, scarfs, dresses, all marked "new" to half an eye.

The fellows come forth in new shirts, new ties, bright socks, wrist watch or hat. When the old question of, "what did you get?" is sprung on them, they too, begin showing their new things.

After a week or so, everyone continues to wear their new things, but only one at a time, so it isn't as easy to spot the presents as it is right after the 25th.

And regardless of what critics say about over-dressing, it is definitely in style the last seven days of December. Otherwise, it wouldn't seem like the holiday season with folks as dressed up as their own Christmas trees.

Sgt. Purser Brings Crew From Pyote Field Home For Christmas Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Purser were pleased when their son, Sgt. W. R. Purser, who is stationed at the Pyote Gunnery school, wrote that he was inviting two of his buddies home for Christmas, but when Christmas day rolled around, in came their son with not two buddies but part of his crew.

According to Sgt. Purser, he couldn't leave all the fellows to spend Christmas at camp so he just brought them along. The group includes Sgt. D. C. Peterson, Sgt. D. C. Main, Sgt. L. E. Osborne, Sgt. G. P. Gerber and Sgt. E. J. Creavy.

PW's Rewarded As Good Soldiers

CAMP KILMER, N. J., Dec. 28 (AP) — Two soldiers, both under court martial sentence to several weeks confinement, were picking up paper under the eyes of a military policeman who followed with loaded rifle. Suddenly the guard fainted.

The prisoners picked up their guard and his rifle, carried him to the nearest dispensary, then obtained permission to telephone the provost marshal.

"Please, sir," said one, "will you send us another guard? This one can no longer do his job."

The new guard came, but camp headquarters, in disclosing the incident today, said Col. Cecil L. Rutledge, camp commander, commuted the sentences and returned the men to their outfits.

Safer This Way

TOPEKA, Kas., (AP)—An unidentified woman who was crawling across an ice-coated Topeka street, presumably to keep from falling, was struck by two cars, police reported.

They concluded she wasn't hurt seriously. When she reached the curb, she rose and walked away.



Change Its Spots? Who'd want to, with this stunning leopard swagger coat of casual cut, designed by Gunther.

USO Director Expresses Appreciation To Citizens Who Helped In Making Holiday Activities Successful

Howard Bell, director at the Big Spring USO club, has expressed his appreciation in behalf of the USO council, board and staff to the citizens of Big Spring for cooperation in making the holiday activities at the soldier center successful.

Mr. Bell stated "The men and women in uniform who visit our club also express to me every day their appreciation for the club and what it means to them."

"I have been in many USO clubs and have seen many elaborate buildings, but it all adds up to the old saying that the house doesn't make the home," Bell expressed his belief that "the citizens of Big Spring are really making the local soldier center a home away from home for those in the service. The club has the spirit that a USO should have, and it is due to your unifying efforts given to the club in thousands of ways."

According to the soldiers and WACs at the Big Spring Bomber School, the USO did everything possible during the holidays to make their Christmas happier.

The women of the First Baptist church served as hostesses during hospitality hour Sunday afternoon and the group included Mrs. C. W. Norman, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. J. A. Coffey, Mrs. J. F. Sellers, Mrs. Roy Rogan, Mrs. H. W. Wright, Mrs. O. D. Turner, Mrs. Theo Andrews, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. Ernest Hock, Mrs. W. W. Cain, Mrs. Lina Lewellen and Mrs. G. F. Williams.

A total of 444 service men, WACs, junior and senior hostesses visited the club on Sunday, and 505 were reported on Christmas day.

Senior hostesses who served at the club on Christmas day were Mrs. J. L. Billings, Mrs. R. B. Dunivan, Mrs. Mary Locke, Mrs. J. A. Myers, Mrs. V. W. Fuglaar, Mrs. F. V. Kinsey.

Junior hostesses who called during the morning and afternoon were Virginia Burns, Erma Lee Gideon, Helen Duley, Beth Luedcke, Clarinda Mary Sanders, Jean Nixon, Wilda Simpson, Julia Cochran, Betty Leysath, Martha Leysath, Betty Cantrell, Nellie Gray, Maxine Wallace, Dorothy

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Mrs. Stenbridge Is Hostess To WSCS

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Wesley Memorial Methodist church was entertained with a social in Mrs. J. D. Stenbridge's home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Pickle gave the devotional and refreshments were served to Mrs. H. J. Whittington, Mrs. W. W. Coleman, Mrs. W. D. Lovelace, Mrs. Ike Love, Mrs. Arthur Pickle, Mrs. Jack King and the hostess.

The group will meet at the church next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

WMS Meets At Church For Bible Study And Business Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society met at the Church of the Nazarene Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Bible study and a business session presided over by Mrs. B. Y. Dixon.

Mrs. Ivy Bohannan gave the devotional taken from Psalms and Mrs. Lloyd Hall was in charge of Bible discussions.

Those attending were Mrs. V. V. Lovelace, Mrs. Lloyd Hall, Mrs. Janie Lynn, Mrs. E. E. Holland, Mrs. Ethel Heptinstall, Mrs. Maude Miller, Mrs. B. Y. Dixon and Mrs. Ivy Bohannan.

Royal Service Program Presented At Church

Members of the North Nolan Woman's Missionary Society met at the church Monday afternoon for a Royal Service program at 3 o'clock.

Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Chester O'Brien, Mrs. J. L. Haynes and Mrs. G. W. Webb.

The group will meet at the church next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Bible study.

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Farmers Ready For Terracing

Following good rains and snow over this area, farmers will be able to start within a few days to terrace their land, M. Weaver, AAA administrative officer, said Tuesday.

The terracing program which comes under the AAA Materials and Service program provides that a contractor can contract for terracing work and receive payment through the AAA within two weeks after successful completion.

This plan should give terracing of farm land a boost, Weaver said, since prompt payment and larger payment this year would be an incentive to the contractor.

If, however, the farmer does his own terracing, he will have to wait to the end of the year to receive his payment from the AAA. Also, Weaver pointed out, terraces which were started in 1943 can be finished in 1944 and payments will be made in 1944.

The AAA's terracing program has proved beneficial on all farm land where it has been worked and offers a farmer a chance to terrace as much of his land as is needed. There is no limit to the amount of land that can be terraced, Weaver said.

In addition, 1944 for the farmer includes a plan whereby every farm can have a tank or pond constructed up to \$300, Weaver pointed out.

The government plans for the years program are all designed to assist the farmer as much as possible in bettering his land and crops in order to produce more and better crops during the war years.

Community meetings are to be held in January, the administrative officer said, in order to explain the programs and urge farmers to take advantage of all conservation methods.



BACKSTAGE GAME—John Boles (left), Kenny Baker and Mary Martin, stars of a Broadway musical hit, indulge in a quick game of gin rummy backstage. Is that a look of triumph on Miss Martin's classic features?

Influenza Reaches Epidemic Stage As Sanitarian Urges Preventative Steps

Influenza, in a comparatively mild form, is in epidemic proportions and spreading rapidly in Big Spring, a contagious disease tabulation by the Big Spring-Howard county division of the Midland-Ector-Howard county health unit showed Tuesday.

From Dec. 18 to Dec. 25, a period of one week, a total of 200 cases of influenza were brought under treatment of local physicians. Although there has been no check since Saturday, there are indications that the rate is considerably higher now.

Many firms and institutions had their staffs riddled by attacks of the infection.

V. A. Cross, sanitarian for the local health unit, pointed out that the mild epidemic is progressing at the rate of five times that of the seven-year average, thus increasing the need of preventive steps.

The agent for influenza, he said, is a virus which reproduces only in living cells. . . and that the human body is its chief reservoir. Thus, it is carried largely from one person to another. After a person is exposed to the disease, the development is usually from 20 to 48 hours, and if the exposed person is exposed to the disease, resistance, he "takes the flu."

Because the source of the infection is in discharges from the mouth and nose of persons sick with the disease, Cross urged those infected to be especially discreet about coughing and sneezing. He warned others to make sure that eating utensils, glasses, dishes, family hand towels, etc. be sterilized when used by a person with the flu. Cross strongly advised against one person sleeping with another who is infected.

He urged people to stay away from those who have the "flu" and to avoid crowds when the disease is prevalent, to avoid close, stuffy rooms, to get sufficient exercise and fresh air, and ample rest.

At first signs of influenza, however, Cross advised all to go to bed and stay there until "your physician says it is safe for you to resume your usual mode of life." This, he added, not only would speed recovery, but would curb spread of the disease.

Weather Forecast

Dept. of Commerce Weather Bureau

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday; cold tonight with minimum temperature near 18 degrees. Rising temperature Wednesday.

WEST TEXAS: Fair this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday; colder in south portion, Big Bend country and Del Rio-Eagle Pass area this afternoon and tonight; not quite so cold Wednesday; lowest temperatures expected tonight 10 to 15 in Panhandle, 14 to 18 in South Plains, 24 to 28 in southern portion of Big Bend country and Del Rio-Eagle Pass area and 18 to 24 elsewhere. Fresh winds.

EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy in east, fair in west portion; colder this afternoon except in extreme northwest portion; fair and colder tonight with lowest temperatures tonight 20 to 26 in north except 16 to 22 in Red River valley, 24 to 28 in southwest, 26 to 30 in southeast portion except 32 to 36 with scattered frost in lower coast; Wednesday fair and continued cold. Fresh to strong winds diminishing.

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Temperatures

City	Max.	Min.
Arlene	34	29
Amarillo	26	20
BIG SPRING	37	24
Chicago	41	7
Denver	33	16
El Paso	40	23
Fort Worth	43	32
Galveston	66	41
New York	49	38
St. Louis	43	32

Local sunset today at 6:50 p. m.
Sunrise Wednesday at 8:46 a. m.

Cotton

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Cotton futures closed 20 to 30 cents a bale lower.

	High	Low	Last
Mch.	19.59	19.50	19.53
May	19.34	19.24	19.28
July	19.09	19.01	19.04N
Oct. (New)	18.98	18.79	18.82
Dec. (New)	18.75	18.59	18.72N

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Efforts Made For Subsidies Compromise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Efforts to compromise the hotly-waged food subsidy battle were spurred today by a prediction of Senator White, of Maine, acting republican leader, that the issue would be settled soon after congress reconvenes next month.

While White did not forecast the probable basis for agreement, he expressed confidence in an interview that some middle ground could be reached between administration and farm bloc supporters.

Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky, less hopeful of an early agreement, said he would be ready to start conferences next week with available members of the banking committee, Barkley and Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.) and Taft (R-Ohio) were named as a sub-committee to attempt to reach a compromise before the group approved legislation, later passed and signed by the president, which extends present subsidy payments until February 17.

With the subsidy controversy marked as No. 1 in importance for the returning legislators, Barkley said the senate will begin floor consideration of the next tax bill about January 12, after President Roosevelt has delivered his annual message and submitted the new budget.

Clyde Smith Speaks At Joint Meet Of Clubs

Expressing confidence that Americans are still made of the stuff that has made them great, the Rev. H. Clyde Smith, First Methodist pastor, Tuesday appealed to an all-service club audience of 125 men to "move into 1944 with the grim determination that will keep alive the thing those men (in the military) are fighting for."

He expressed the belief that "we will not fill our pockets at the expense of those who are giving their all," and felt that his fellowman would make the most of 1944 as "a year which will create the greatest opportunity to bring forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal."

He appealed for more loyal support of the church during 1944, expressing the conviction that "the church is not a part but the parent of democracy." The Rev. Smith looked with confidence toward the Fourth War Loan in January, he said, "I believe our people are made of the stuff that will cause them to rally . . . and to invest our money to break the back of the enemy in 1944." With the star of inspiration and determination shining in individual souls, he declared, the new year could be made an epochal one.

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Monday court will open in Stanton for two weeks where four or five criminal matters are scheduled to be presented to the grand jury.

Court will open here for the January term of Monday, January 8th, McDonald said.

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Library Reports Indicate Better Reading Quality

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Patrons of the nation's public libraries, the American Library Association said today, are not reading as much in wartime as before Pearl Harbor, but the quality of what they read is improving.

The association said its annual year-end survey of reading interests among users of public libraries shows an almost universal drop in reading.

Light novels and non-fiction, read purely for entertainment, have lost their popularity, the association reported, but practical reading, although decreased in volume, has intensified. Also, there is a greater popular interest in world activities, not only in war news but in international politics.

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