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CONTRACTORS FOR DUSTER HWY. MOVE INTO GORMAN THIS WEEK

N. O. Norred, sub-contractor for the Duster Highway, and his employees have moved into Gorman during the past two weeks, and will be ready to begin work on the Duster-to-Gorman Highway sometime within the next two weeks. Mr. Norred has sub-contracted for the job from J. F. Buckner and Son of Cleburne. His office will be located in the sheet-metal building, one block east of Ed Brown Feed Store.



HULLS
by Kernel Gene, aPe

A moment's reflection on the accomplishments of 1957 and then away into the New Year - -

Buddy Blair continued improvements on his hotel and also opened his appliance store - - Bill Simmons opened a TV store - - Keith Gregory entered the feed and produce business - - and Wilbur and Melvin Shell continued expansion of their Peanut Shelling Plant by opening a warehouse in Oklahoma and also building a huge bulk storage warehouse in Gorman - - Blackwell Hospital re-modeled a number of rooms and enlarged its facilities . . .

Outstanding in civic work were Tom Dunn and Keith Gregory in the success of our Peanut Festival and Keith in the fine work he has done with the Boy Scouts . . . and Ken Worsham continues his fine work with the Band.

The Brown Jug, Lizzie's Cafe and the new Humble Station opened for business. Billy Fred Jeffs and Lowell Rawls entered their first business venture by taking over the Texaco Station. James Mears purchased the Magolia agency from Z. O. Mehaffey. Commissioner Bennett for his untiring efforts to us good roads. If I have overlooked any please let me know.

One overdue apology to Mr. E. A. Walker of De Leon who won the first prize at the Pecan Show in Cisco recently. Don't know how I missed this because I knew that Mr. Walker had a large pecan grove. In fact, mentioned it in an edition several months ago. Best of luck in the State contest, Mr. Walker.

So much to do in '58 there is no more time for looking backward. It will be the type of year you want it to be. With all of the talent, ability and brains we have in this area it's pitiful to think how much of it is going to waste. I have the utmost pity for some of our adults who say, "I am not interested anymore" - - "I don't see where it will help me any" - - Have we become so dependent on the government that all we want is a measly hand-out every month. Surely our pride and initiative has not sunk this low? Where is our community spirit? There was a time when people would meet, discuss and solve their problems. Has TV deadened our desire to think and act or is it lack of leadership? Are we going through a "dog in the manger" cycle. . . Us old folk won't lead and refuse to give the younger folk an opportunity.

Think on these constructively - - not just to gossip or hurt some-

Five families have moved into Gorman with the company. They are Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Norred and Nolene, 7, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Devoss and three children, Mike, Cathy, and Johnny. The N. O. Norred and Devoss families live in two trailer houses on the lot behind Hallmark's Dairy King. The other three families live in three trailer houses behind the Gorman Hotel, and are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Norred and daughters, Lashelle, 3, and Denise, 9 months; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shrubar and two daughters, Susan, 5, and Deena, 2 months; and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Moss. One more family will move into Gorman this weekend.

Little Nolene Norred will be in the 1st grade at school. Mike Devoss is a senior in high school; Cathy Devoss, 8th grade; and Johnny Devoss, 6th grade.

We want to welcome these folks to Gorman, and hope that they will like it here.

Mrs. Thompson Buried In De Leon

Bonnie Jean Thompson passed away December 19, 1957 at the De Leon Hospital. Funeral services for Mrs. Thompson were held in the First Baptist Church with Rev. D. E. Simpson officiating, assisted by her pastor, Dr. Winfred Moore, of the First Baptist Church, Borger, Texas. Interment was in the De Leon Cemetery. Mr. Holdridge of the Higginbotham Funeral Home was in charge.

Mrs. Thompson was born in De Leon on December 27, 1904. She attended local schools and Baylor University, afterward, teaching music in the Public Schools and her home for many years.

She was married to Otis G. Thompson on July 11, 1928. Their home was in Borger, Texas where Mr. Thompson is employed. Surviving are her husband, Otis G. Thompson, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crow.

Pallbearers were Tate Counts, Jeff Tate, W. H. Smith, Jr., Ed Rogers, J. C. Hare, and Cager Mohon. Music was by the quartet composed of Mr. Blake Heath, Mr. Al Strassner, Mrs. W. W. Kirk, and Mrs. A. C. Craig, with Mrs. C. L. Mohon, Sr. at the organ.

Flower arrangement was handled by Mesdames Ed Rogers, Cager Mohon, J. C. Hare, T. W. Williams, Donald Farrow, and Charles Christopher.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to try to express my appreciation and many thanks to Bro. Earnest Welch and to all who have had a part in giving me my walker. Words can never express the help it has been to me.

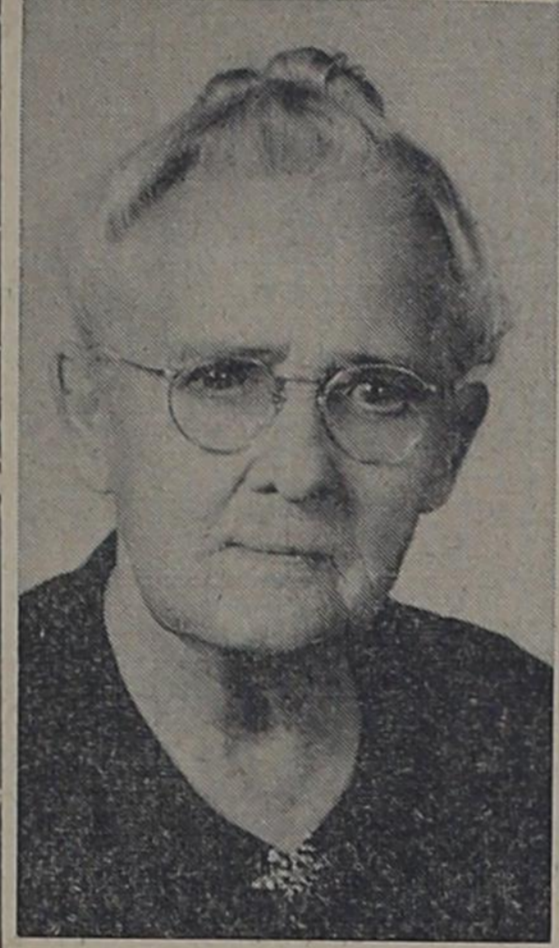
Thank you again and may God bless each and every one of you.
Shorthy Taylor

one.

Mr. Baker, Kind Sir;
I guess you have wondered why I have not been sending the "Duster News" in. Sorry, it has not been possible for the last few weeks as my husband is seriously ill in the De Leon Hospital. Since I am with him constantly it will be impossible for me to send in news as long as he is ill. Hope you and your have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Yours,
Mrs. Lorene Johnson

We hope Mr. Johnson has a speedy recovery as folks have been asking about Duster News.

Mrs. C. H. Williams Celebrates 90th Birthday



Mrs. C. H. Williams, better known to all as Grandmother Williams, celebrated her Ninetieth birthday on December 27th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Riddell, with whom she makes her home. She was able to set at the table and enjoy all the good eats and drink her coffee.

There were twenty-nine present. She has four children who were all present except the oldest son, B. F. Williams of McLean, Texas.

Others present included Clayton and Howard Williams, Desdemona, Mrs. L. W. Riddell, School Hill, four grandchildren, Charles Williams of Iowa Park, Dorothy Roberts, Desdemona, William Riddell, School Hill, and Leo Williams, Midland.

She has 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 6 great great grandchildren. She came to Eastland County in 1901. Her husband passed away in 1946. She lived alone here at home in Desdemona after the loss of her husband until three years ago. She has lived in Eastland County for 56 years.

Hospital Report

Blackwell Hospital of Gorman reported the following patients on Monday morning:

- 202 - Mrs. Robert Hodges, De Leon
- 203 - T. H. Forrest, De Leon
- 204 - Mrs. E. E. Todd, Gorman
- 206 - Mrs. C. C. Gilbert, Carbon
- 208 - Johnny Turner (3 girls), Gorman
- 401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
- 402 - Matt F. Davis, Dublin
- 403 - Mrs. N. F. Cates, Cisco
- 404 - James Helms, De Leon
- 406 - Mrs. C. L. Rodgers, Gorman
- 407 - Mr. J. M. Cates, Cisco
- 411 - Mrs. Della Brown, R. Star
- 412 - Mrs. E. L. Gardner, R. Star
- 414 - Carl McElhaney Baby, San Manuel, Arizona
- 415 - Mrs. W. F. Flatt, Gorman
- 416 - Mrs. J. P. Mears, De Leon
- 417 - L. N. Lewis
- 418 - Mrs. Beba Petree, Eastland
- 419 - Mrs. Theo Markham, R. Star

BIRTHS AT BLACKWELLS

James Murry and John Robert Hodges, twins, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murry Hodges of De Leon on December 25 weighed 5 pound and 4 ounces and 4 pounds and 3 ounces, respectively.

Kipper Lee Harrison born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Harrison of Carbon on December 21 weighed 7 pounds.

Terry Lee Gabriel born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo George Gabriel of New Orleans, La., on December 25 weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Dublin Boys, De Leon Girls Win Indian Trail Tourney Trophies

Grade School Basketball Schedule

The basketball schedule for Gorman's Grade School Teams, both boys and girls, is as follows: (All are District Games)

- Jan. 9 - Hamilton at Gorman
- Jan. 16 - Gorman at Comanche
- Jan. 20 - Gorman at Dublin
- Jan. 24 - Stephenville at Gorman
- Jan. 30, 31, & Feb. 1 - Grade School District Tournament at Stephenville

Texas Electric And Bank Donate Prize Money To Band

Texas Electric Service Company and the First National Bank are going to donate their prize money won in the Christmas Decoration Contest to the Gorman Band Boosters Club.

The Panther Band will need several complete new uniforms for new band members during the next two or three years, and this will cost several hundred dollars. Anyone desiring to donate to the Band Boosters may leave a deposit at the First National Bank.

Gorman now has one of the finest bands in this part of the state, but the citizens of Gorman and surrounding area must continue to give the Panther Band their utmost in support. The Band is an ambassador of goodwill for Gorman everywhere it goes, and the people of Gorman should see that the band has everything it needs so that other towns can see that Gormanites are proud of their wonderful band.

Accounting Office Opens In Rising Star

An accounting office has been opened in Rising Star by George W. Culler, certified public accountant of Dallas, Texas. Mr. Culler has appointed Andy M. Bankhead as full-time resident manager. Mr. Bankhead, formerly of Hobart, Oklahoma, has been a public accountant serving that area for ten years.

The Dallas accounting firm has been employed by the Kizer Telephone Company of Rising Star and Cross Plains for a number of years, and an view of that company's expanding service and increase in territory served and to be served under its REA loan construction program, increased accounting and paperwork incident to this program has required on-the-job financial supervision.

While Mr. Culler will continue to reside in Dallas, both Bankhead and himself will be available for consultation and assistance in accounting and tax matters.

The Rising Star branch office of the Dallas accounting firm has temporary quarters with the telephone company, and will move into that company's new business office adjacent to the present office upon completion of construction now under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Garry of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Homer White and Mrs. Effie Mayhew of Cisco visited Mrs. Carl Sims during the holidays.

Dublin beat Comanche, 50-45, to cop the championship of the boys division, while De Leon edged Gorman, 41-39, to take home the top trophy in the girls division of the Indian Trail Tournament at Gorman.

Scranton downed De Leon, 65 to 55, for the boys consolation trophy, and Stephenville ousted Comanche for the girls consolation trophy.

Final Rites For Mrs. Richardson Held At Florence

Funeral services for Mrs. Roxie Richardson, 78, were held Friday, December 27, 1957 at the Church of Christ in Florence with John Crow of Georgetown in charge of services. Burial was in the Florence City Cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson was born on June 19, 1879 in Kerrville. She was married to M. M. Richardson on August 19, 1919 at Staff. Her husband preceded her in death on June 15, 1948. In 1953 she moved to Gorman from Florence. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She lived in Williamson County from 1919 until 1953.

Survivors include one brother, Volley Hardin, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Niver of Eastland and Mrs. Laura Shugart of Gorman. She is also survived by two grand children, six great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers were Alton Mullen, Weldon Dixon, Arnold Wade, Barney Daniell, Will Savage, and Elmo Priest.

Mrs. Eugene Baker Hosts Excelsior Club Christmas Party

December twentieth, Friday evening, the Excelsior Club members were guests of Mrs. Eugene Baker for their Christmas party. The Baker home was beautifully decorated. The candle-light walk led to the front door greeting.

Honorary members, Mrs. Don Turner and Mrs. Robert Haynes, were among those present.

Mrs. Haynes gave the delightful and inspiring Christmas Stories, Luke's Version, excerpts from Van Dyke and The Cobbler.

Mrs. N. C. Crawley distributed gifts.

Hot spiced punch was served with dated Boston loaf. Favors presented by Mrs. Baker were miniature China Christmas Bells.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to our relatives and friends for their many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and at the home-going of our beloved companion.

For the excellent care rendered by the entire hospital staff of the De Leon Hospital and Dr. Smith, for the many floral offerings, the food served, and the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holdridge we will be forever grateful.
May our Heavenly Father keep

Julia Beth Skaggs put on a great shooting exhibition in the girls finals, and almost pulled the game out of the fire with her 20 points. The game was nip and tuck all the way, and was anybody's game until the final buzzer. The Pantherettes had swamped the Dublin girls, 50-26, in the semi-finals behind the 26-point scoring of Annys Kate Blair.

The Panthers were eliminated by the Dublin boys, 52-43, in their semi-finals game. Johnny Rodgers tossed in 21 points for the boys in Red and Blue.

Desdemona Study Club Enjoy Dinner

The highlight of the season for the Desdemona Study Club was the Plantation Christmas Dinner given in the family home in De Leon of Mrs. J. L. Burleson, who is president of the club.

"Pickings of the Southland," being the theme of the study club this year, was carried out in the decorations.

Gay Fox and Jeanette Sharpe, dressed as pickanines in white blouses, red skirts and red pinafores and their hair tied with red and white ribbons, greeted the guests and escorted them to the antique bedroom to remove their wraps. Guests were then led to the living room where they were received by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burleson. The living room was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif.

Card tables covered with white linen drawn-work cloths were centered with kerosene lamps, surrounded with holly. Place cards decorated with miniature Christmas trees marked the places for members of the club and their husbands.

After tomato juice cocktails were passed, the guests were invited to the dining room to fill their plates. The dining table, covered with a white linen cloth and centered with an old negro man and mammy standing by a small wagon of cotton with bales of cotton around them and miniature bales of cotton piled to the side, was laden with turkey, dressing, giblet gravy, celery, cranberry sauce, green beans, spiced pears, fruit salad, and hot biscuits and butter.

The pickanines kept the guests supplied with water, coffee, and hot biscuits and gave a real plantation air by fanning the tables with imitation fans. Also they passed the fruit cake and fresh fruit cup followed by candy and nuts.

After dinner, Mr. Hall gave a brief talk on Modern Holy Lands and Mrs. Burleson talked on Pildgrimages to the Modern Holy Lands.

Mrs. Burleson accompanied the pickanines at the piano, which was beautifully decorated with angels made by her, in two songs and a dialogue.

Gifts from the tree were then exchanged, followed by carols sung by the group with Mrs. Hall at the piano.

Those present were Messers. and Mesdames J. L. Burleson, W. H. Davis, Homer Hall, Aaron Henslee, Claiborne Eldridge, and Howard F. Wade, and Misses Gay Fox and Jeanette Sharpe.

each one of you in His loving care until we meet again.

Otis G. Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crow

Gorman placed two girls on the first team and two girls on the second team, and one boy on the first team and one on the second of the All-Tournament Teams. Julia Beth Skaggs and Sandra West were named to the girls first team, while Annys Kate Blair and Emma Jane Skaggs made the second team. Johnny Rodgers was a choice on the first team, and Delbert Smith was named to the second team on the boys All-Tournament Teams.

GORMAN CAGERS GO TO COMANCHE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Panthers and Pantherettes will get back into the basketball groove on Friday night as they go to Comanche. There were no games last week due to the Christmas holidays. Next Tuesday night the Eastland boys and girls teams will come to Gorman for a round in the home gym.

District games will begin on January 14 when the Gorman teams go to Desdemona. There will be a round-robin schedule of games as usual, with the last district games being played on February 14. A complete schedule of Gorman's district games will be published next week.

Ed Brown To Present Chicken Program At Fire Hall Jan. 9th.

Wren Vinyard, of Abilene, representing Paymaster Feed, will be present to speak on their Breeder Layer and Commercial Layer Program. Mr. Vinyard has farming interests and knows chickens and farm life from a practical point of view as well as being able to give one pointers on raising chickens for a profit.

Ed Brown said, "you are cordially invited to attend this Paymaster meeting, Thursday, 7 p. m., January 9th. at the Fire Hall."

Territorial representative Kim Kimbrough will be present to assist in the program.

MYF News Carol Hatcher, Reporter

I'm glad to say 25 youth showed up for MYF Sunday. Our program was "The World's Most Famous Christmas Music", and to get in the spirit of Christmas we sang a number of familiar Christmas songs for our program. Annys Kate Blair played the piano and Mike Stacy led. We were proud to have one of our former members come back and see us and for her, Janie Thompson, to get back in swing, she told us of the religious youth activities she has at college. Her youth group is called the M. S. M. It was very interesting and we were glad to have her back for awhile.

In our business session we voted to give the Sunday morning service at the Carbon Methodist Church on January 5. We have committees working on what we are going to do at the service.

We closed with the MYF benediction led by Kay Lynn Ramsey.

Visitors in the home of Laura and Kate Davis during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John J. Latham of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. T. E. Smith and sons of Kilgore, Joe D. Davis of Mason, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis of De Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Quirl of Adamsville.

Desdemona News

By Ethel Keith

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Read and children of Needles, Calif. left Wednesday after visiting several days with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Read.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold spent a few days last week in Humble with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas May and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore spent the weekend in Seagraves with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Branham and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mosier and children of Carbon spent the past weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Lillie Wittie.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Griffith had word from their son, SP. 3 Hershel W. Griffith, that he has been stationed in Metz, France.

Mrs. Stell Joiner and daughter, Mrs. Robert Miers, spent the

weekend in Odessa with a daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Parker and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abel and son of Oil Center, N. M. and Mrs. S. R. Walker and children of Kermit visited here for the holidays with the R. H. Abel family and the Raymond Joiner family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Burleson of Athens spent a few days this week with their parents, the Skinny Lewises and Leroy Burlesons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Dean White and daughters of Nebraska were here a few days the past week with his mother, Mrs. J. N. Abernathy and family.

Mrs. H. T. Lane spent Friday in Abilene with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Koonce, and brother, Wayne Rogers, and family.

Mrs. Maggie Pool had all her children and grandchildren home

for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pool and daughter, Rebecca of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. James Pool and son, Jim of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Lewis, Vicki and Phillip Stan of Desdemona, and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burleson of Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams spent Christmas in Alice with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams and daughters.

Mrs. Less Williams and daughters returned home with the H. H. Williams for a short visit before going to Ft Worth for several days visit with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts had guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Roberts and family of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Clark and family of Cisco, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Saddler of Granbury.

Visiting the Loyd Glasson family during the holidays were Mrs. Martha O'Neal and Ebbie Lane and family of Alibene, Harvie O'Neal and family of Breckenridge, the B. A. Hirsts of Gorman and Rev. and Mrs. Buel Bryan of Desdemona.

Mr. Hugh Abel who suffered a heart attack in November is reported quite improved.

The Homer Abernathys had most of their children and grand children home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browning of Ranger visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Dess Abernathy spent the Christmas holidays in Tatum, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson and little Mollie Bess Ficklen of Dallas spent the weekend here with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anse Brown.

Jimmy Bryan of Odessa visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Buel Bryan, last week.

Lt. and Mrs. Bobbie Burleson and son, Jerril Lynn of El Paso, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lewis were home for the holidays. Gene is

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY:

FOR SALE — New quilts. See Mrs. Rosie Potter, Harper Apartments, Gorman. 1-9

UNIQUE CALENDAR

The Moslem calendar is unique: the 12 months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus the months, and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.



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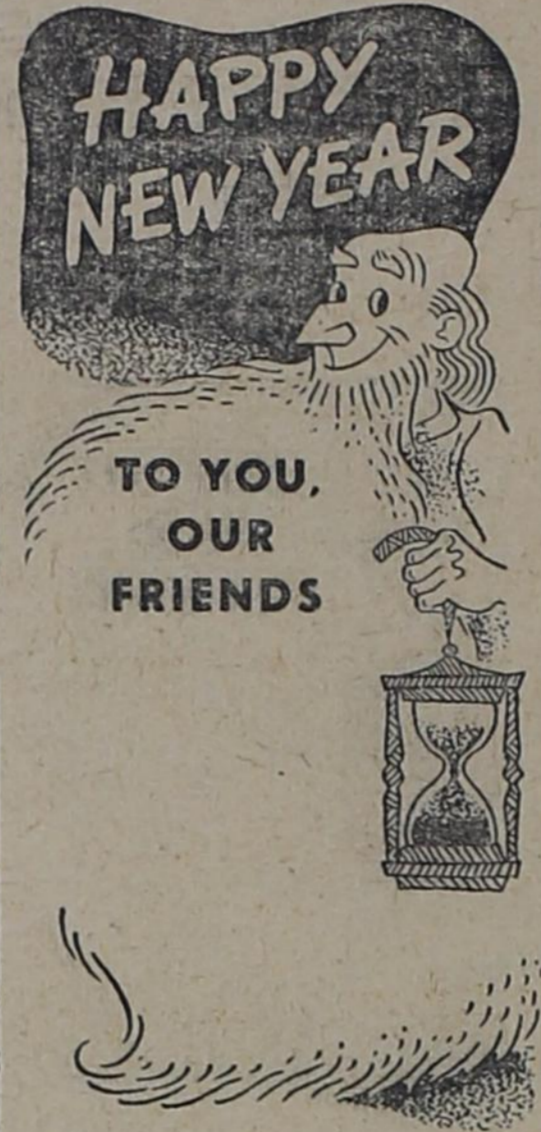
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis had super on Christmas Eve evening for their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Henslee, and their grandchildren, Aaron E. Henslee of Lingleville, and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Loving of Abilene.

The Wassall Bowl

The Wassall Bowl is the center of adult festivities in Scotland. Its origin is lost in antiquity, but tradition has endowed the Wassall Bowl with legendary romance. It is ornamental in design and decorated with branches of greenery. The mixture within is warm and sweet, and wine is sometimes added to the ale and sugar and spices.

First Cable

The first message was cabled across the Pacific on January 1, 1903. The cable ship "Silverton" arrived in Honolulu on that date after successfully laying down 2,600 miles of cable from San Francisco to Honolulu.



Gorman Insurance Agency

WEEK END SPECIALS

- 16% Complete Hog Feed Pellets \$3.35 per 100 lbs.
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'First-Footer' Brings Luck to Household

Probably one of the most widespread of the early New Year's superstitions concerned the "first-footer," the first person to cross the threshold on New Year morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-footers," as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was given the job of acting as first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be first to cross over the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst in, often climbed upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

And we moderns manage to make plenty of noise, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.



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You can show your children where to find faith . . . how to build it day by day, if you make praying a family affair.



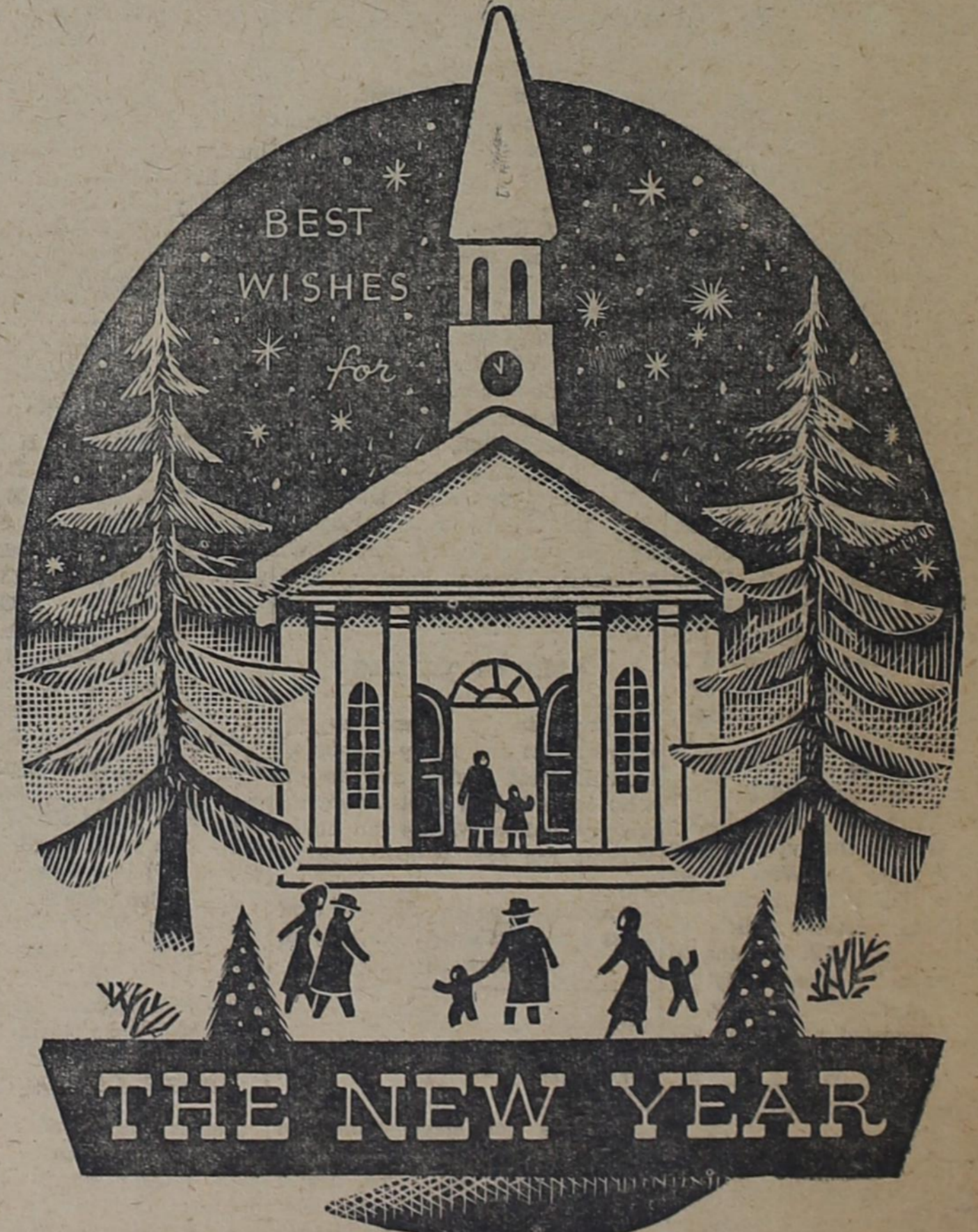
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THE NEW YEAR

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looking none too secure. Rice, Arkansas, and Southern Methodist each missed the tournament championship by only two points and Tech lacked just four.

But the tall Frogs, spearheaded by 6-foot-10 inch H. E. Kirchner and 6-5 Ronnie Stevenson, have one of the best records in the country, 9 wins and 1 loss, and have averaged 70.5 points per game while yielding only 57 per game.

Texas Tech, making its first bid for the SWC title, shot down defending king SMU 72-70 in the first round and managed to place fourth in the tourney. The Red Raiders, with a 7-2 record for the season, have averaged 75.3 points per game as the highest scoring team in the league. Arkansas was another surprise.

The Razorbacks lost by one point to Rice and beat Texas Tech by four points for third place.

The SWC title race begins on Saturday night of this week as TCU hosts A&M, Texas and Arkansas meet at Austin, Tech and Rice tangle at Houston, and SMU get Baylor at Dallas.

The Rice-Tech game will be the feature since TCU will be an easy favorite to down the Aggies. Arkansas beat Texas by 16 points in the tournament.

Stevenson, who was the key man in TCU'S triumph in the SWC tourney, leads the league in scoring for the season with 185 points. Stevenson scored 48 points during the tournament to maintain a 14-point lead over Temple Tucker of Rice. Leon Hill of Texas Tech pushed into third place with 59 points that gave him a season total of 165.

The Panthers already have won more games this season in basketball than they won last season. Although the boys in Red and Blue have played only 10 games this season, they have won half of them for a 5-5 record. They won only 3 games last season while losing 12. Their losses this season have been to Class AAA, AA, and A teams. The Big Cats have beaten every Class B team that they have played this season. It looks like the Panthers will have a good basketball season.

And their very pretty counterparts, the Pantherettes, have lost only to the best teams this season. Most of their losses have been by one or two points. Only once have they been beaten by more than 5 points, when De Leon won by 15 points. Only one Class B team, Pottsville, has downed them and that was by just 5 points. De Leon won over them on two other occasions by margins of 1 and 2 points. Their other loss was to Albany by 1 point. So the Pantherettes have a record of 6 wins and 5 losses this season.

The Pantherettes lost only 5 games last season. But 5 key players were lost from that team by graduation and moving, and their loss has been hard to replace.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the doctors and nurses at Blackwell Hospital and all who helped in any way

when Johnnie got hurt and to Roscoe Reeves for letting me know about it. Howard and Johnnie Bryan

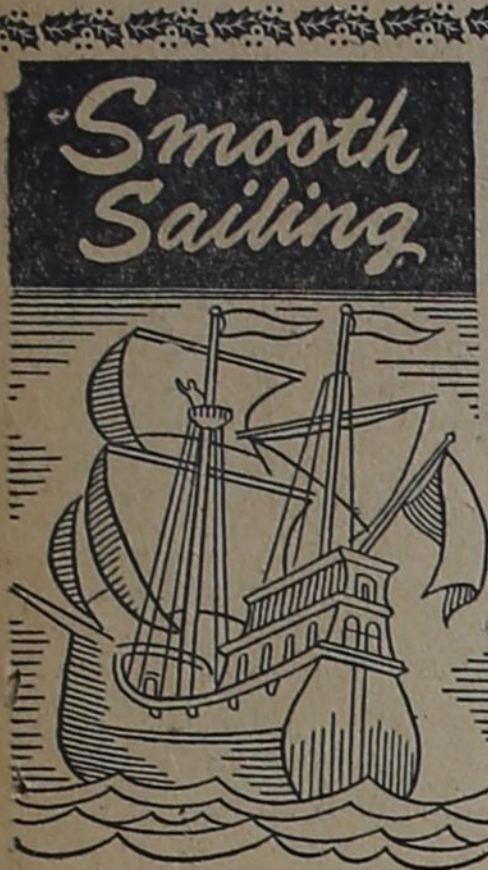
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Sports

Jerry Clark

Texas Christian has established itself as the favorite to win the Southwest Conference basketball championship after the Frogs the SWC Tournament at Houston last weekend. The Frogs begin the drive for the title this week against one of the weakest contenders - Texas A&M.

TCU, rated as the second-best team in pre-season polls, went to Houston last weekend and waded through the field in the annual tourney. The Frogs beat Rice, the team that was the title favorite, by two points, 57-55, for the tourney crown. TCU also had to win by two points over surprising Texas Tech to gain the finals.

The games were so close among the top-ranked teams as to indicate a knock-down, drag-out fight for the championship with TCU



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The New Year cometh and the old year must depart, and so has it been for centuries.

Once every 365 days, the world pauses for a moment of reflection, for a brief but meaningful examination of self and surroundings. Then, with a shrug, a new, unlettered page is prepared to record the fulfillment of a new set of ambitions, intentions and purposes.

Through the centuries customs and traditions have contributed to the New Year observance to make it more than a time to mark the passing of another era. It is a season of awakening to the realization that we have not accomplished all of the things once planned. It is a time to be grateful for the blessings received. It is a time to plan and hope; to lay the mental foundation for new ambitions and aspirations.

While New Year resolutions are no more worthy, nor more likely to be kept, than resolutions made at Thanksgiving or Christmas, there is a psychological advantage that favors the custom of making New Year promises. The New Year marks the beginning of another era and, in a sense, we start with "a clear slate." There are other advantages, too. We are older, wiser, and should have profited from our experiences, good and bad.

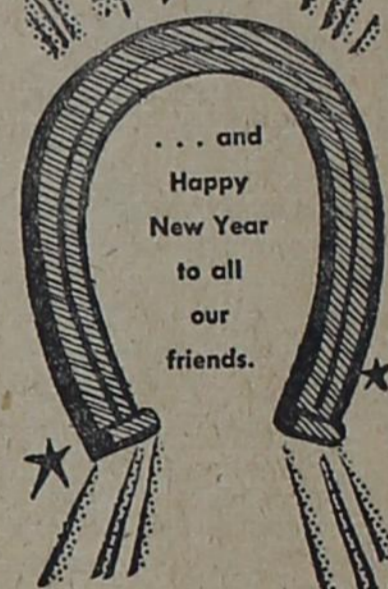
One need not make resolutions, however, to profit from the coming of a New Year. Blueprint ambitions and dreams are no more important than a determined effort to do things a little better, learn a little more and give whatever talents we may possess to the making of a better world in which we live.

And there's no better time to start than with the New Year, when each bright new page on the calendar has ample room to record every achievement.

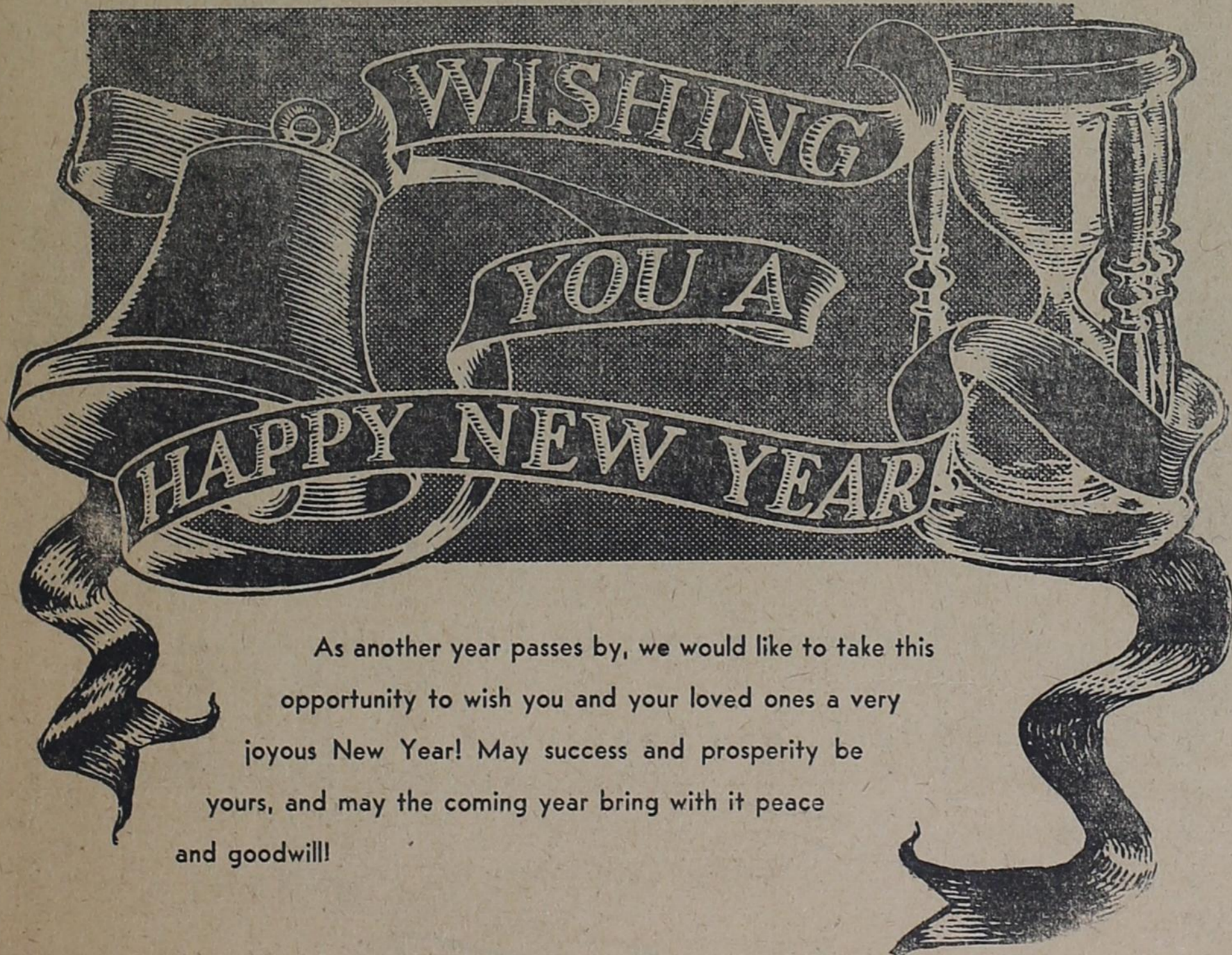


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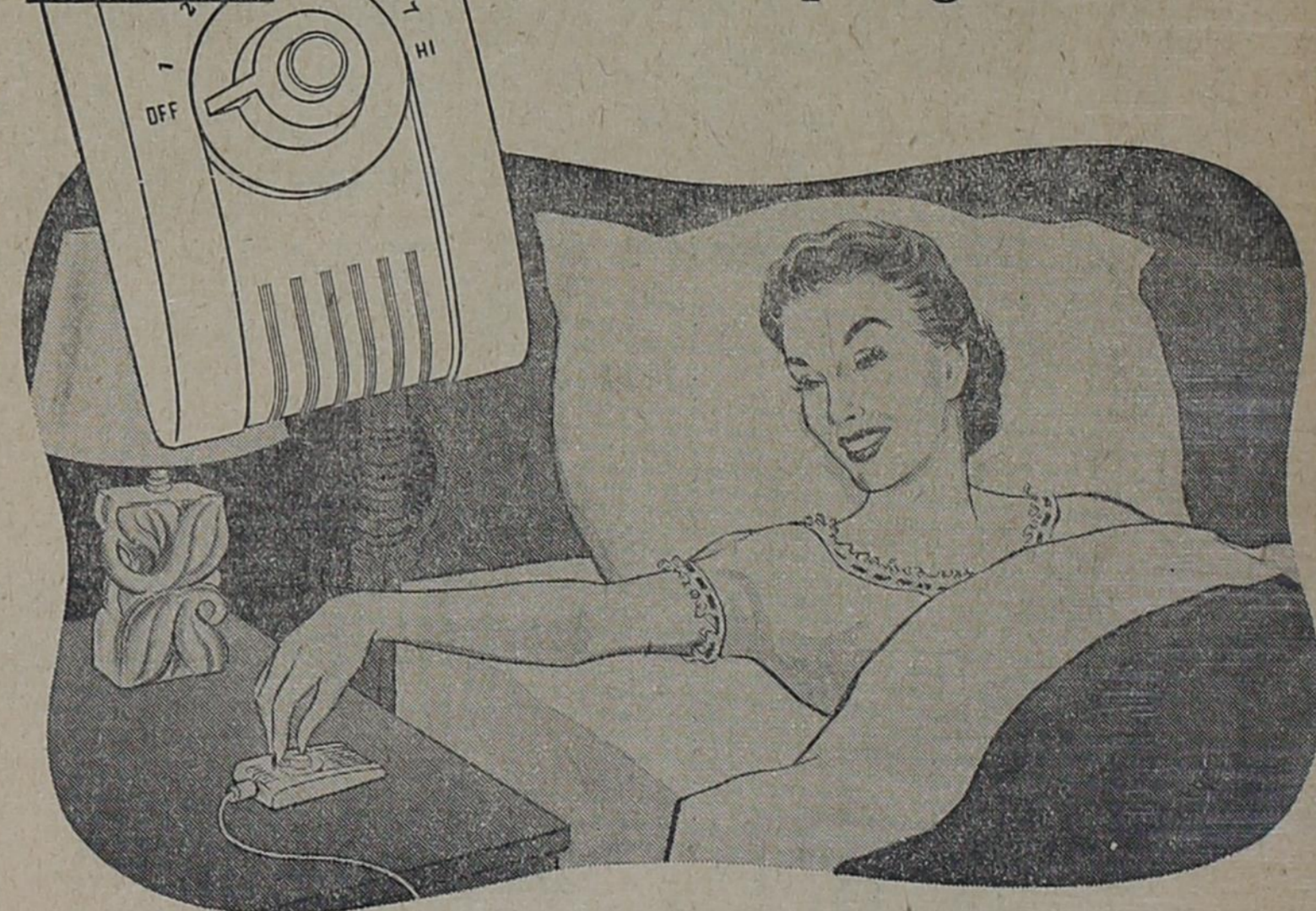
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Highlights and Sidelights

From Our State Capitol
By Vern Sanford.

AUSTIN, Tex. — Gov. Price Daniel took a look backward and a look forward and focused on two issues as crucial to Texans: water conservation (1957) and tidelands defense (1958).

Daniel named the newly-passed water conservation and planning measures as the most significant accomplishment during the first year of his administration. Texas is 25 years behind its neighbor states in this field, said the governor, but now can "begin to catch up."

Looking ahead, the governor called on fellow citizens to square off for another round with the federal government. Two-thirds of Texas' multi-million-dollar tidelands are at stake. Latest suit in the decade-long struggle was filed recently by the U. S. attorney general and likely will be considered in the Supreme Court sometime this year. It contends that Texas owns land three miles from shore, rather than three leagues (10 1/2 miles) claimed by the state.

Daniel said he would cooperate with Texas Attorney General Will Wilson in every way in pre-

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paring the state's defense. As attorney general and U. S. senator, Daniel has twice before, in court and Congress, led Texas' fight for its oil-rich tidelands.

HART TO HELP — Former Supreme Court Justice James P. Hart of Austin will serve the Attorney General's Department as special counsel in preparation of Texas' defense against the tidelands suit.

Wilson said he'll give all his time during the next two months to the case. He also announced that his assistants, James N. Ludlum and James H. Rogers, and Austin attorney Chrys Dougherty will work on the case.

RUDDER RESIGNS — Land Commissioner Earl Rudder will leave the Capitol City Feb. 1 to become vice president of his alma mater, Texas A&M.

He will be succeeded by Bill Allcorn, fraud-fighting district attorney of Brown County (Brownwood).

Rudder was appointed land commissioner by Gov. Allan Shivers, early in 1955, to replace Bascom Giles. In resigning, Rudder said he felt "in all sincerity" he had accomplished his "mission to restore the land office to a place of confidence and respect."

Allcorn, while district attorney, secured the conviction of Mario (El Turko) Sapet for a murder arising from South Texas' political troubles. He also served as a special assistant to the attorney general in ferreting out veterans land swindlers.

After naming Allcorn, Gov. Daniel also announced appointment of David J. Morris of Brownwood to be Brown County DA.

BIG TURNOVER — Besides those above, some 85 other Texans will have new jobs in the new year.

Governor Daniel put in some December overtime ploughing through lists of names and making appointments to scores of vacancies that had piled up on state boards, commissions and committees. Among recent appointments:

WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD — Marvin Nichols of Ft Worth, chairman; C. Y. (Cy) Mills of Mission, James D. Sartwelle of Houston; Bill Taylor of Longview; Marvin Shurbet of Petersburg and W. (Buck) Tinsley of Austin. This board is to administer the

new \$200,000,000 program to build local water conservation projects.

STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION — Galloway Calhoun of Tyler, Dr. W. R. White of Waco, Jack Hightower of Vernon. Also new, this group will seek ways to streamline Texas' criminal code. Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey and Speaker Waggoner Carr will name three more members each.

GOOD NEIGHBOR COMMISSION — Boyd E. Ryan of El Paso, W. W. Callan of Waco and R. L. Wheelock of Corsicana.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD — Summers A. Norman of Jacksonville.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD — Miss Lois Gray of Ft Worth, Knox Kinard of Pampa and James V. Wheat of Houston.

STATE FINANCE COMMISSION — R. J. Bartosh of Taylor (reappointed) and J. H. Bain of Stockdale.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE — Will Bond of Hillsboro.

GAME & FISH COMMISSION — Frank Wood of Wichita Falls and J. W. Elliott of Mexia (reappointed) and Ben F. Vaughan, Jr. of Corpus Christi.

BOARD OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY — Mack Hannah, Jr. of Port Arthur, chairman, (reappointed), Dr. John Davis of Houston and J. M. Odom of Austin.

SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY — Robert K. Crow of Wills Point.

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION — Wilson Southwell of San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

CREDIT UNION ADVISORY COMMISSION — Benny G. Levisse of Ft Worth.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF THE AGED — Mrs. William B. Ruggles of Dallas, Dr. Frederick Dorsey of Houston, Dr. Jose T. Sepulveda of San Antonio, Judge W. N. Stokes of Amarillo and Elmer Lee Todd of Waco.

TUBERCULOSIS NURSE EXAMINERS — Mrs. Brown Kendrick of Dallas.

BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS — E. H. Coffield of Del Rio.

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION — Paul M. Fulks of Wolfe City.

BOARD OF CHIROPODY EXAMINERS — Dr. Robert M. Parks of Longview and Dr. Van K. Barre of Fort Worth.

EGG MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD — Jack M. DuBose of Gonzales.

T.E.L. CLASS ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church met for their 1957 Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 19th in the Educational Building of the church. Ten members and the teacher, Miss Buena Van Winkle were in attendance.

Bro. Turner and family, Mr. Martin, Mr. Huff, and Mr. Van Winkle were visitors for the noon lunch. Plenty of good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all, after which two songs were sung.

Prayer was given by Mrs. Grisham and the 2nd Chapter of Luke was read by the teacher.

Christmas gifts were exchanged, after which we adjourned.

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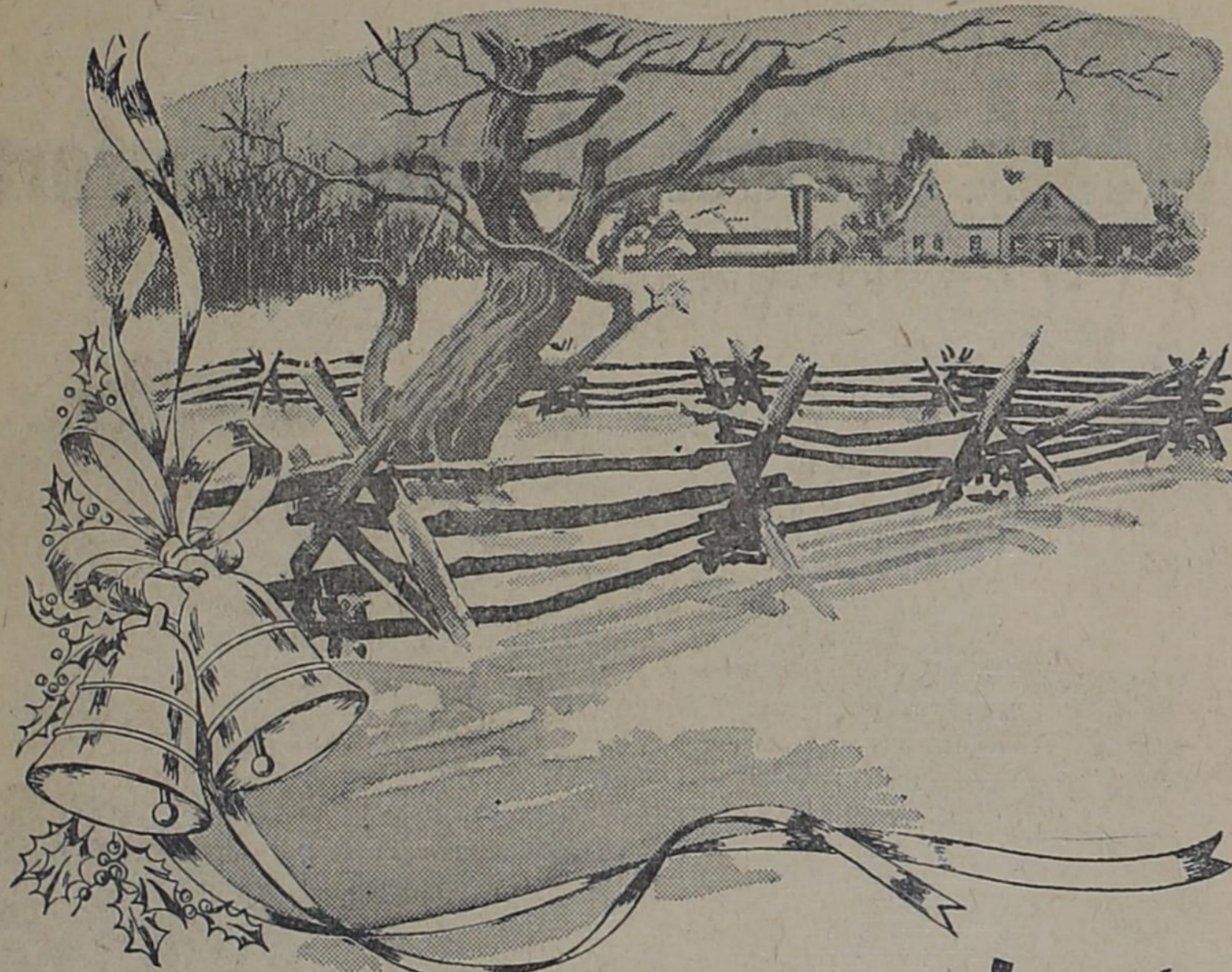
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**OLIVER SPRINGS
NEWS**

FLORENCE RICHARDSON

Our attendance fell a little short Sunday. Some are still away visiting.

The Elmer Watson family of Midland visited the L. F. Mears family and Mrs. J. N. Watson. Mrs. Watson returned home with them to spend a few days.

The Cooter Ramsey family of Arizona, the Lee Arvel Mears family of Houston, the Robert Mears of Arlington spent the holidays with their parents, the S. E. Mears.

Noticed on our way to Sunday School the Melvin Daniels had quite a crowd celebrating.

Mr. Jimmie Charles Bryan of Odessa was visiting here during the holidays.

The children, grand and great grandchildren were present in the D. L. Bond home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and Carol visited the A. D. Bryans last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hirst visit-

ed the Loyd Glassons Christmas night.

The Edward and Jim Johnson families visited in Glen Rose on Sunday.

Mr. Eugene Lewis came in from his camp in North Carolina to spend Christmas with his wire and parents. Mrs. Lewis, (nee Margaret Kinser) is returning with him back to North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Reed spent the holidays in Hamilton visiting their daughter and family.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Setzler celebrated Christmas last Sunday in their home with all children, grand and great grandchildren present for the occasion.

Mrs. Melvin Daniels spent the holidays in Breckenridge with her mother and father.

The Ira Wilson family of Ft Worth came by saying hello to old friends and visiting the home place.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Atchison were visiting here over the holidays.

The John Woodalls of Sundown were here over the weekend visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bryan visited in the S. E. Mears home on Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Levens and children of Lubbock have been visiting Mrs. J. N. Watson.

Miss Linda Setzler spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Sue Clements.

Well 1958 is just ahead of us so let's all wish for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Go to church more in '58 than you did in '57 and your life will be happier. Happy New Year!



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**New Year Once Top
Holiday in Russia**

Welcoming in the New Year in Pre-revolutionary Russia was a rousing affair—a booming 100 cannon shots fired at midnight.

In Petrograd, now Leningrad, the streets would be jammed with merrymakers. After the booming cannon ushered in the New Year, the Czar would formally receive the good wishes of his subjects.

On New Year's Day the winter palace was open to society. Festivity reigned throughout the city and hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage.

Ovsen Influence

The mythical Ovsen was supposed to be around at this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent.

Ovsen's name (similar to the French word for oats) suggests his influence over matters pertaining to the harvest. Since earliest times Russian boys were accustomed to go from house to house encouraging everyone "across" the gulf between the Past and the Future Year, while scattering oats and other grains in petition for a bountiful harvest.

**New Year Observed
Around the World**

New Year traditions are universal, although there may be calendar variations or differences in the race and creed of the observants.

The Chinese, for example, believe in getting the New Year off to a good start by paying up all their debts on New Year's Eve. And the English claim it's a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on New Year's Day is indicative of what the ensuing year will be like. A round loaf of bread dipped in honey symbolizes Jewish hopes for a smooth (the roundness of the bread) and prosperous (the honey) New Year.

The same spirit of hospitality and sociability that makes the Wassail Bowl such a success in Scotland prompts Armenian housewives of Persia to get up early on New Year's Day and set about baking the traditional New Year cakes.

The baking must be done early, for the New Year is the day for visiting and entertaining.

NEW YEAR FIRST

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand.

**LETTER FROM ALASKA
AT CHRISTMAS**

Juanita Housley, niece of Dora and Hugh Baskin, sends greetings from Petersburg, Alaska.

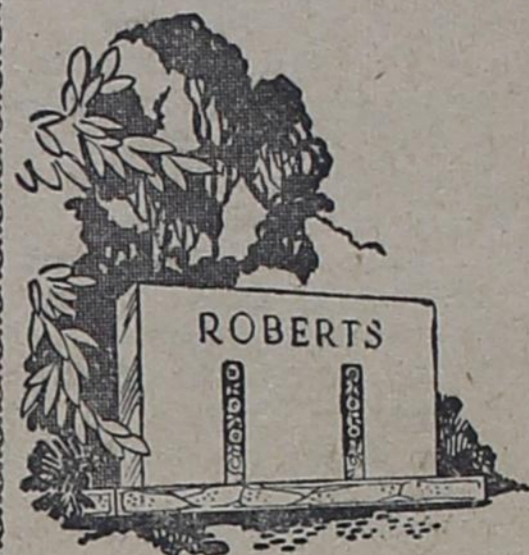
Mrs. Housley, daughter of the late Hattie Baskin Chapman, has been teaching in Alaska for the past two years. Mel, Mr. Hausley, is Math and Shop teacher. Mrs. Hausley has 2nd Grade and young son, Jimmy, is a 4th Grader.

Mel received a Science scholarship to the University of Alaska last spring. In taking advantage of this the family flew over the glacier area to Juneau and Anchorage. They were in Fairbanks during the season when there was no night. The town is also noted for its mosquitoes and dust.

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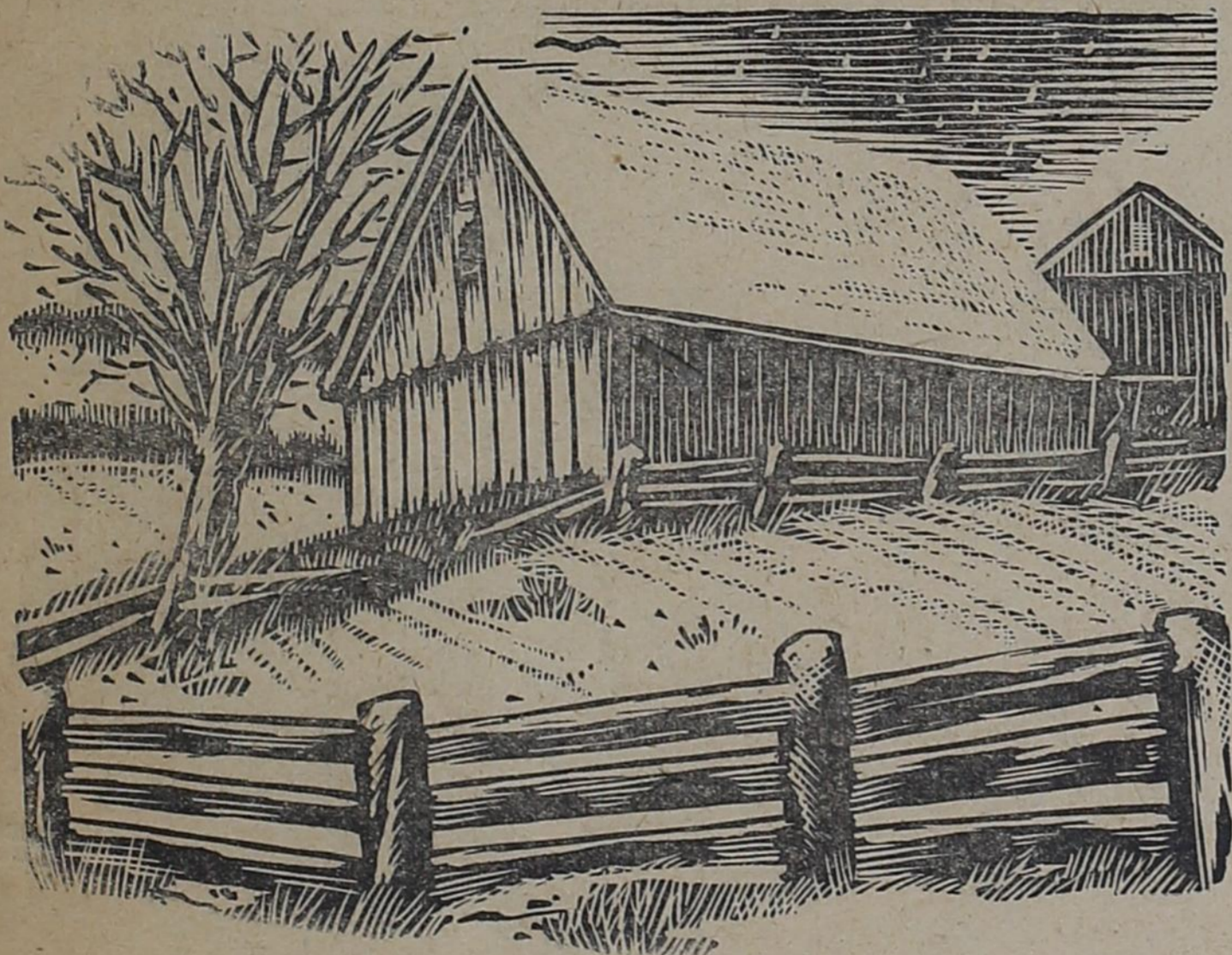
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Keeping Up With Our Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parker and children of San Antonio were visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fred Jay and daughter of Ft Worth visited here on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Davis and children of Odessa visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Phillips and daughters of Pasadena visited here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCormack and children of Odessa visited here on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Westmoreland and daughter of Hamlin visited here on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bob Parker of Ft Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown had all of their children home for Christmas. These included Mr. and Mrs. Truman Brown of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brown and children of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Michaels of Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glasson and children of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and son, and Corkey Brown, all of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Franklin and daughter of Ft Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett and son of Victoria visited with Mrs. Mollie Bennett on Christmas. Mrs. Bennett returned home with the Jack Bennetts for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone, Jr. and sons of Ft Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Pullig and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone, Sr. on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richey, Jr. and son of Tulsa, Okla. have been

visiting Mrs. Sam Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Elvy Clark and daughter of Corpus Christi have also been visiting Mrs. Richey and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ellison visited in San Antonio with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hite and daughters, over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Boucher visited with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Cribbs, in Crystal City over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nix and Cheri of Denton were here over the holidays visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nix.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodge of Midland have been visiting here with her father, Dr. Ed Wyatt.

Mr. and Ms. Rayford Burgess and family spent Sunday in Eleaville.

Dale Gilmore of Odessa was here for the holidays.

Mrs. Edna Kirk of Ropesville was here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hallmark and children and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Brawley of De Leon spent Christmas Day with the Burnett Eisons.

College students home for the holidays included Ken Watson, Freddy Rodgers, Woodrow Browning, and Ken Ezzell of Arlington State; Durwood Burgess and Ted Snider of Tarleton; John Edward Kimble, Joe Mehaffey, John Howard Claitor, Tommy Rainey, and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Acree of Texas University; Jamie Thompson of SMU; Max Pierce of TCU; Pat Morrison and Jerry Bolt of North Texas; Sandra Files, Sue Hallmark and Floydene Gilbert of ACC; Linda Speck of Hardin Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gilbert of Texas Tech; and David and Donald Joiner of A&M.

Visiting over the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McClaren were all of their children except one. Visiting were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Price and sons of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Martin of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McClaren of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Frasier and sons and Jarrell McClaren of Gorman. Also visiting were a sister of Mr. McClaren, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Boen of Rotap. One son of Phoenix, Arizona was unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eppler and children of San Angelo spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Eppler and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal. Paula is staying here for a few days with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and son of Odessa and Miss Marjorie Warren of Ft Worth were here over the holidays visiting with the Leland Warrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Parker and children of Colorado City visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker.

2/Lt. Jerry Skaggs of Ft Sill, Okla., was home for Christmas to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Skaggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nolen and children of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. West and children of Morton Valley, and Mrs. Jack Smith and children of Eastland visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Norris on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter and Miss Holly Kinser visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bil Stanfield in Colorado City last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Emerson of Denton, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Emerson and children of Borger visited here on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bannister of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kellogg and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Earl Simpson on Christmas.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. James Tecson of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander and Phil of Abilene visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arland Watson, and children during the holidays.

Mrs. H. O. Gilbert and children of Big Spring visited her sister, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haynes, and children during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins had all of their children home for Christmas. These included Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Collins and children of Houston, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Bob Collins and children of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. James Bigby and children of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Collins and son of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Collins of Carbon, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Collins and daughters of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and sons of Goldsmith visited with Mrs. John Wheeler and Jackie Don over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benny Shelley and Truman of Chula Vista, Calif., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Shelley and Mrs. E. R. Snodgrass of Carbon, during the holidays The Shelleys

visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Witzsche in Cisco last Thursday.

Miss Don Moorman of Ft Worth visited with her mother, Mrs. Dona Moorman, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sowers and children of Graham visited with the Moormans on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King and son of Stephenville visited in Gorman on Sunday.

Mrs. Eula Jamison, mother of Mrs. J. C. Claitor, and her sister, Mrs. Dona Belle Mitchell, and children of San Angelo visited in the home of the Claitors during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Corkey) Mc Milan and son spent their two weeks vacation visiting their parents, the Miles McMillans and the J. C. Claitors. They returned to their home in Gruver on Monday.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. Vesta Weedon on Sunday were Mrs. Emmie Yates, Mrs. Mae Richardson, Miss Buena Van Winkle, and Charley Van Win-

kle. Mrs. Weedon also entertained this group with a 42 party on Friday night.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redwine during the Christmas holidays were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Saints and girls, Sandra, Ann and Linda of El Paso.

Also visiting the Redwines were a son, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Redwine, Barbara, Charles and Phillip of Grand Prairie, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Redwine and Sherrie of Ft Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fonville visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Fonville and Joy Lee of Crystal Falls. Also their son, Joe Fonville, was home for the holidays from the service. He is stationed at Fort Lenard Wood, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Doy Christian also were there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swain, Loyd, Mary and Floyd of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Redding and girls, Gail and Deb-

bie all had dinner at S. J. Fonville's.

Mrs. Mamie Clement of Houston and grandson, Jerry Treadwell of Austin, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Mahan.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poynor and Miriam of Ranger and T/Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Frances of Abilene visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker spent Christmas Day visiting the Carter Harts in Ft Worth, Raymond Bakers and Jack Bernards in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stanfield of Albany were in town Monday the 23rd. visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Fairbetter and LaGina of Granbury spent Christmas Eve with the M. H. Fairbetters.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Russell, Jo Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton, Jr. spent Christmas Day with the Wade Russels in

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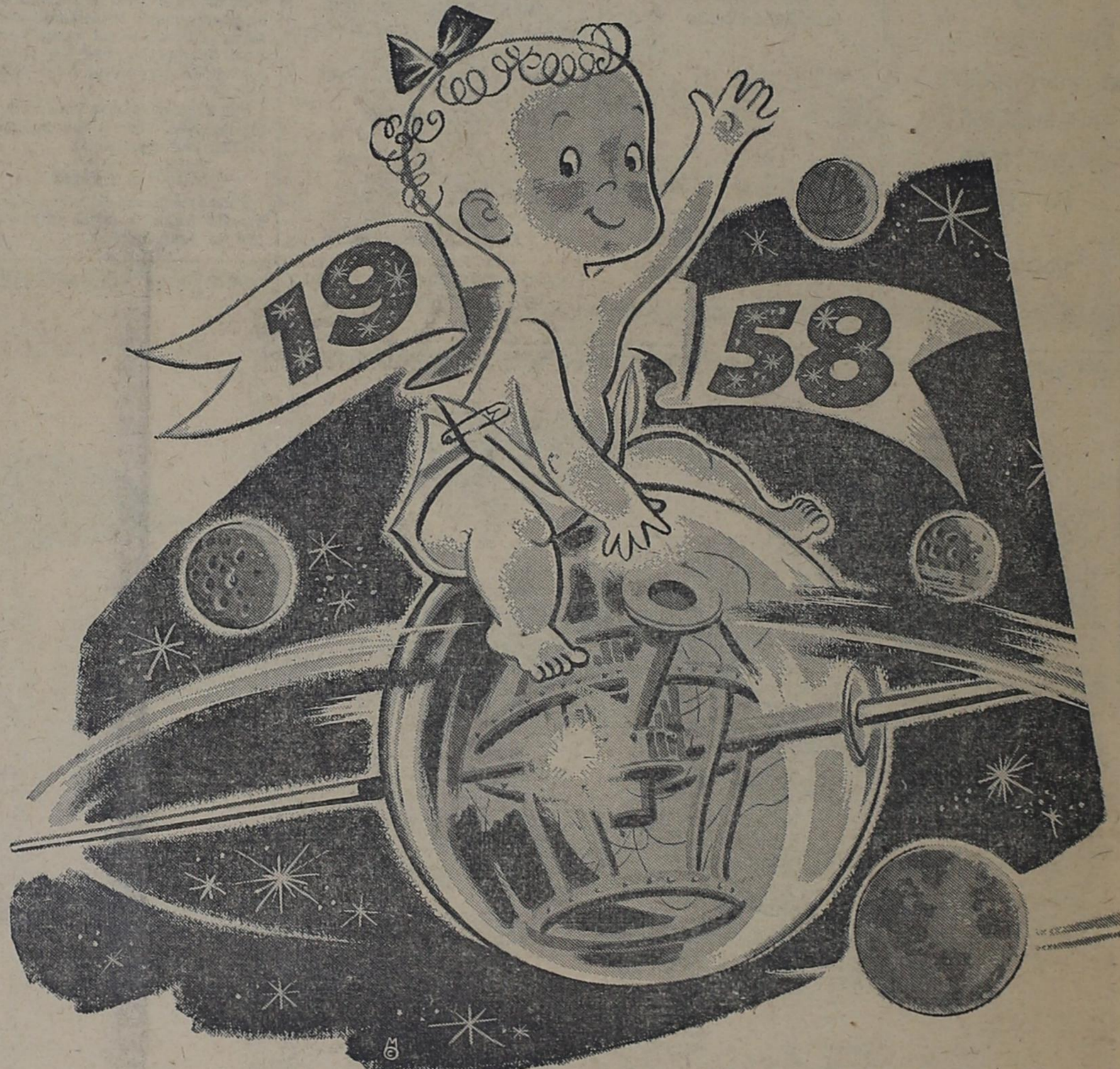
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