

Three Rules Of Life

By Layton L. Plaster, Pastor Church Of Christ

There is a parable of Jesus found in the tenth chapter of the book of Luke which demonstrates the three rules of life which all of us live by.

The first rule we see is the Rule of Iron as demonstrated by the thieves in the story. Their philosophy of life seems to be "What is thine is mine and I aim to get it any way I can."

The second rule is the Rule of Silver as demonstrated by the priest and the Levite. Their philosophy of life seems to be, "What is mine is mine, and I'm going to keep it."

less, selfish rule of living, and finds a very wide acceptance among many people even at Christ mas time.

The Golden Rule, the highest concept of living, was first demonstrated by Jesus, and is characterized by the Samaritan who on finding the unfortunate traveller, bound up his wounds and gave him necessary attention.

So then if we are to make the

Illness In Gorman

Mrs. Mollie Bennett continues to be confined to her home. Her sister, Mrs. Edna Williams of Grand Prairie is with her.

Gorman folks registered at the Blackwell Sanitarium on Tuesday morning were W. N. Stephens, the Albert Taylor baby, Mrs. B. W. Robertson and Walter Underwood.

Mr. Underwood was returned to the hospital on Sunday. Mrs. Walter Underwood will remain at their home attended by Mrs. Brown of De Leon.

Mr. Cody Love has been under the weather for the past ten days. He was in the sanitarium two days last week.

A number of families have been ill with a stomach and intestinal disturbance. It is reported that doctors believe the source to be a virus which some two years ago caused an epidemic in Gorman and in other communities in a fifty mile radius.

Golden Rule a part of our life we must begin to live for others instead of a selfish existence. If we are to follow Jesus' Rule of life we must begin to follow Jesus. We follow Him through obedience to His will.



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

"THIS HOUSEHOLD is in for a lean Christmas, all right," Bill Robinson said bitterly to his wife who had just come into the living room, dressed for marketing.

Margaret leaned over and brushed her cheek against his. "It's enough for us to see you getting well again, honey. When I first saw you after that auto accident, I was plumb scared for your life."

Bill squeezed her hand. "You're a brick, dear. But we can't expect our three- and five-year-old offspring to understand that doctor and hospital bills have completely strapped us."

Margaret was quite for a second. Then she stood up and, turning toward the door, said, "Speaking of the children, Bill, they're out in the kitchen with their water colors,



"What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say.

and the two little Johnson girls are with them. Mrs. Johnson had some last minute shopping to do, and I knew you wouldn't mind watching them again."

"O.K.," Bill answered. "That's the least I can do after the neighborly way they treated us through all this mess."

"I'll try to be home before your Cub Scout group descends upon you. Seven lively boys are a terrific handful, I know."

VOICES FROM the kitchen broke into the silence. Judy Johnson was saying excitedly, "I think I'm going to get a doll buggy."

Back came his own little Margie's answer. "I'm going to get a doll house."

"How do you know?" "Oh, because I asked for one for my birthday last summer, and Daddy smiled and said probably one would come at Christmas."

Bill winced. It had been so easy, promising things for six months ahead.

Just then he heard Mrs. Johnson's hearty voice at the kitchen door. "Where's Mr. Robinson? I have something here for him."

"Oh, a Christmas tree! The shrill voice of a child exclaimed. MRS. JOHNSON was laughing as she appeared at the living room door.

"Did you hear, Bill? Yes, I went shopping for our tree, and picked one up for you folks at the same time. It isn't so very tall, but it's big enough to cheer you all up."

Mrs. Johnson went on talking, to cover Bill's embarrassment. "I'll take all the youngsters over to my house for awhile." And she was gone.

"Some neighbor!" Bill glowed. "Still," his face clouded over, "That tree may only point up the lack of much under it."

A loud commotion at the front door drew his attention. "Come on in, the door's not locked," he called, recognizing the voices of his Cub Scouts.

A whirlwind of blue-clad boys swept into the room, their eyes sparkling with happy mischief.

"Oh, Mr. Robinson," the smallest one shrieked. "We've just finished all the—"

"We've been working after school every day at my house, making toys for your children," a second Cub burst in. "You should see—a doll house for Margie, and a doll bed and a kitchen cupboard!"

"And for little Bill, guess what!" The smallest boy couldn't keep quiet. "A wooden sled, and a garage for his little cars and some big blocks, all sanded and waxed and everything!"

Bill tossed his head to get rid of the drops of mist in the corners of his eyes. "What a swell bunch of fellows," he managed to say. "But why—"

"Why not?" the biggest Cub said happily. "You're the one who taught us how to use tools in the first place, aren't you? And besides, we just like the Robinsons!" He stopped suddenly, embarrassed.

"Well, fellows," Bill said, after a deep breath, "I certainly didn't think so a while ago, but this is going to be one of the happiest Christmases of my life!"

"The Great Lakes" Topic Of Study For Progressive Club

Mrs. Daisy Peveto delighted the members of the Progressive Study Club at their December 11th meeting in the home of Mrs. G. C. Acrea when she gave the origin and the gradual formation of "The Great Lakes".

Plans were made for the annual Christmas Party of the Club which will be held December 20th with husbands of the members as guests.

Mrs. Acrea announced that the Blood Bank was soon to come to Ranger and that Gorman would want to give it 100% support.

Refreshments were served during the social hour.

METHODIST HOME CHILDREN TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS RADIO PROGRAM



These five Methodist Home children will take part in the Christmas radio dramatization to be heard Sunday, December 16, at 8:15 a.m.

Christmas with 400 children will be the setting for the final radio broadcast of the series, "These Are Your Children," to be presented at 8:15 A.M., December 16, by the Methodist Home, Waco, Texas.

A visit from old Santa and Christmas songs by the Methodist Home chorus will highlight the portrayal of a typical Christmas eve and Christmas day as they are thankfully observed by the Home children, according to Hubert Johnson, superintendent.

"We have many children who have come to the home this year who have never known the thrill of a happy and joyful Christmas," Mr. Johnson explained. "To them Christmas is a dream which has never come true, and Santa is a fictional character who never keeps his promises."

"This year, however, thousands of friends in Texas and New Mexico will share in making Christmas come true for these 400 children of broken homes," Mr. Johnson said.

Activities of the Methodist Home at Christmas as well as every other day in the year are financed by thousands of small gifts from Methodists and other friends who have recognized the outstanding program of rehabilitation being carried on there.

Fifteen radio stations of Texas and New Mexico are cooperating with the Methodist Home in making the broadcasts possible. They are: WFAA, Dallas; WOAI, San Antonio; KPRC, Houston; KRIS, Corpus Christi; KRGV, Weslaco; KGNC, Amarillo; KROD, El Paso; KGGM, Albuquerque; KFYO, Lubbock; KFDM, Beaumont; KFRO, Longview; KVAL, Brownsville; KERB, Kermit; KTBC, Austin; and KBST, Big Spring.

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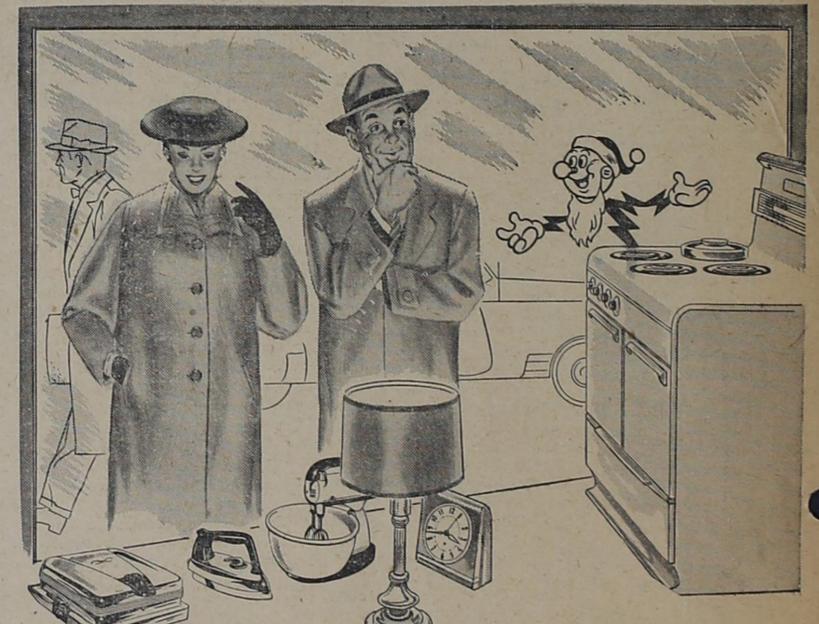


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Insurance Explained For Disabled Veterans

The following is the second article in a series, the first having been published in the Progress December 6th.

A special type of Government life insurance is available to veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces who were disabled in active military service anywhere in the world since June 27, 1950, the start of the Korean Campaign.

These veterans must meet two requirements (under Section 620 of the National Service Life Insurance Act).

1. They must have been released or separated from active service on or after April 25, 1951, under other than dishonorable conditions; and,

2. They must be found by Veterans Administration to be suffering from a service-connected disability or disabilities for which VA compensation would be payable, if 10 percent or more in degree. Further, they must not be suffering from a non-service-connected disability or disabilities that make them uninsurable.

These veterans must apply for the special NSLI to Veterans Ad-

ministration within one year from the date that VA finds their disability or disabilities to be service-connected. Applications, with medical examinations and the required premium, should be mailed to Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

If the necessary requirements are met, totally disabled veterans may apply for a waiver of premium at the time they file application for the insurance. However all such applicants should include the required premium on time until they are notified by VA that waiver has been granted. Premiums paid under waiver will be refunded.

This special insurance for the disabled is a form of National Service Life Insurance, and several types of policies are available - term, ordinary life, 20-pay life, 30-pay life, and endowments. For the totally disabled, no endowment plans may be issued; however, all others may be issued.

The amount of any policy may range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, less any other Government life insurance in force at the time of application.

These policies, in general, are the same as regular NSLI policies,

except that the premium rates are on a different basis and the policies do not earn dividends. There are other differences, but most of the conditions are the same.

Although eligible disabled veterans must apply for this special insurance within one year from the date that VA finds their disabilities to be service-connected, they may make application immediately after separation or release from active service and thus set the machinery in motion for a ruling on the service-connection of their disability or disabilities.

Another group of persons may be eligible for this special NSLI for the disabled. This group includes: (1) persons provisionally accepted on or after June 27, 1950, for military service who suffer a disability while enroute under orders to a place for final acceptance or for entry upon active duty, and (2) draftees who, on or after June 27, 1950, suffer a disability while enroute under orders from their draft boards to a designated induction station.

These two groups must apply for the special insurance within one year from the date they suffered their disability or disabilities.

For further information, veterans should contact their nearest VA office immediately after separation or release from active service.

When you want to get next to something there's real money in, go over and lean on the bank.

The son's college education of ten cures the mother of bragging about him.

Linament makes our arm smart, but we've never yet tried to rub any on our head.

He said he was so old he could remember when the big dipper was just a drinking cup.

Farmers Urged To Order Fertilizer Supplies For 1952

College Station - Farmers are urged to order and accept delivery now on the fertilizers that will be needed to produce the 1952 crops. According to M. K. Thornton, Extension agricultural chemist of Texas A. and M. College, supplies of certain fertilizer materials will be limited and labor and transportation difficulties in the future may make the situation even tighter. Fertilizers can be stored on the farm with little or no loss, says Thornton if kept dry and stacked so that air can circulate around the bags. Most any shed on the farm can be used for storing provided the roof does not leak.

The total tonnage of fertilizers available in 1951 probably will exceed the 1951 supply but chances are very good that farmers will have trouble getting the grade and type they want when it is needed. The supply of nitrogen is expected to be about eight per cent larger but most of the

Desdemona News

Mr. Dick Owens, farmer of this community passed away early Monday morning at his home in Desdemona after several months illness. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery Tuesday. He is survived by his wife and four sons, Buster and Bill of Cisco and Clyde of the U. S. Army overseas and Guy. Also one daughter, Jeanette.

Due to cold weather attendance at the Baptist Church has fallen off recently. Everyone come - you are badly needed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Keith visited Sunday in Dublin with her mother, Mrs. N. S. Partain, and niece Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maddox.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Abel spent Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker, of Elias-

ville. Miss Francis Warden of Ranger spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Warden.

Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Brown of Stephenville also the R. A. Browns were Sunday afternoon visitors with Miss Alva and Mr. W. A. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lemons and the little daughter, Vanita of Ft. Worth, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cassell.

Mrs. Iva Buchan and Lillie was shopping in Stephenville Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lane, mother of H. T. Lane, had a message Monday that her baby sister in California had passed away.

Quite a number of the Eastern Star ladies was in Ranger Monday attending a "school of instruction".

The price of shoes hasn't advanced. They just changed the basis to \$5 a foot.

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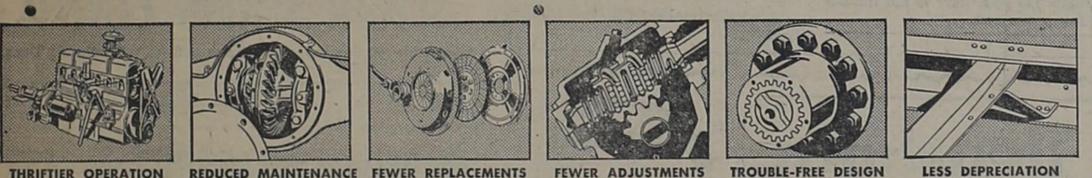
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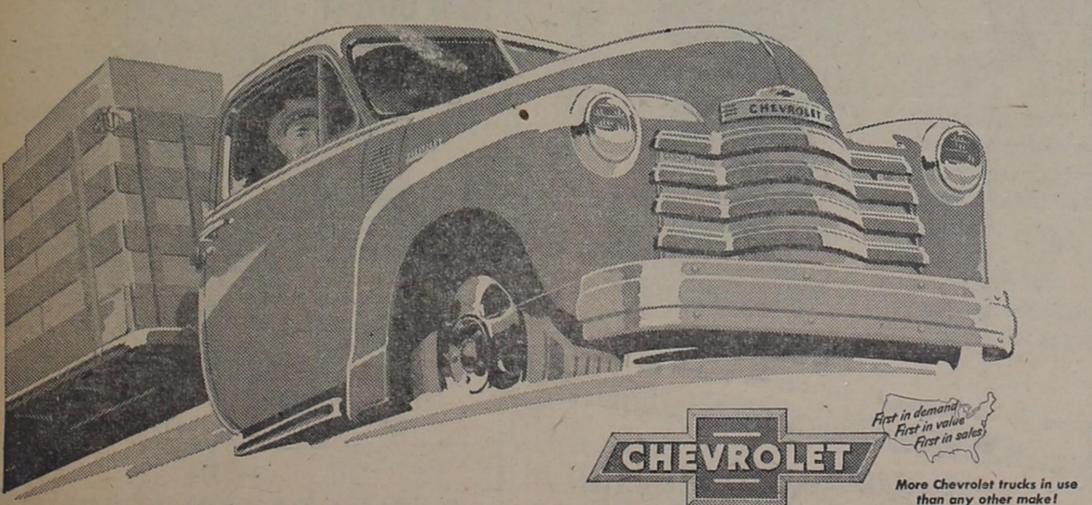


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Crime in America

By ESTES KEFAUVER
United States Senator

Thirteen of a Series

Philadelphia: Police Tactics In the City of Brotherly Love

In Philadelphia, one of the nation's largest, most efficiently organized numbers rackets flourishes—operating through "a politico-gambler-police tie-up that makes it impossible for any intruder to edge his way in from the outside."

A paralyzing attitude of apathy seems to hang like an ether mist over the police department. One judge who agitated—finally with some success—for stiffer action against the numbers racketeers, told the Senate Crime Committee frankly that the "big fry" just didn't seem to get caught.

Evidence indicated that Philadelphia is organized by the numbers operators into various geographical territories, each with

its own "numbers bank." Public Safety Director Samuel H. Rosenberg told us he understood that was the way the racketeers operated. We questioned Rosenberg:

Q: Are you aware that it is common knowledge, in connection with gambling operation, that payments are made to police officers?

Rosenberg: I have never been able to prove that. We have asked for proof, and have never been able to obtain it!

One of his worst handicaps in administering the police department, the safety director stated, was the Philadelphia system of civil service regulations, "originally intended to be on the merit basis, but which have put us in an absolute straitjacket."

I was pleased, some months after our Philadelphia hearings, to hear that a long-desired city charter reform had been voted by the citizens. The victory was achieved despite the opposition of Mayor Bernard Samuel's administration, and, among other things, will set up machinery to take civil service out of politics.

The principal racket character we questioned was Harry Stromberg, alias Nig Rosen, a stocky, swarthy, balding man with intensely dark eyes and an annoying habit of repeating almost every question before giving an answer.

At the age of nine, the Russian-born Stromberg was sent to a reformatory as a juvenile delinquent. He has been arrested numerous times since, served time for attempted burglary, and admitted to us he had been a bootlegger and, more recently, a numbers operator and book-maker. It was evident from his grudging testimony that he had been the rackets king-pin in the city of Brotherly Love. Now, Stromberg argued, he was engaged in the dress manufacturing business in New York city. He insisted he had no connection with the rackets.

The nemesis of Stromberg in Philadelphia was the assistant superintendent of police in charge of detectives, white-haired George Richardson, who heaped vilification upon him.

Richardson asserted that Stromberg had run his part of the Philadelphia numbers racket by remote control from New York, after leaving Philadelphia around 1914 and still had a hand in Philadelphia rackets. Eight months earlier, Richardson had written the director of the Greater Miami Crime Commission: "Rosen has connections with the underworld throughout the entire nation. So far as the local mob is concerned, he is their undisputed leader and is commonly known as 'The Mahoff.' Among his followers his word is law."

Since testifying before us, Chief Richardson has been suspended from duty on a charge that he had forced the "confession" of a man who had been sent to the penitentiary for homicide. After 12 years in prison, the victim was found to be innocent and released.

Judge Joseph Sloane of the common pleas court told us that many of his colleagues on the bench were content merely to impose small fines and no jail sentences on persons pleading guilty of gambling offenses. In five years prior to 1950, we learned, out of thousands of gambling arrests, only two defendants actually had gone to jail. However, as our report summed up: "There has been a change in attitude on the part of judges since the committee held its hearings in Philadelphia. More and more jail sentences are beginning to be imposed and it is a fact reported by municipal authorities, that the numbers game is no longer as easy to carry on in Philadelphia..."

The committee took note of a local "cause celebre," which we regarded as "indicative of the tie-up of gamblers, politicians and po-

lice." Michael McDonald, a Philadelphia policeman, had arrested a numbers writer named Jack Rogers. While Rogers was being booked, McDonald said, one Mike Caserta, "who had been named by Rogers as his backer," came into the station house.

McDonald said that Caserta offered him \$200 if he only would modify the charge against Rogers to disorderly conduct. McDonald testified: "I refused the offer. As he turned away he said, 'I will frame you good.' When he said that, I grabbed hold of him and placed him under arrest."

At that point, McDonald continued, Police Captain Vincent Elwell appeared and "wanted to know who locked up 'Mike.' He addressed him as 'Mike.'"

That night, McDonald said, he was called in to Captain Elwell's office and was ordered to alter his report on Caserta. McDonald claimed he refused and that Captain Elwell then told him, "Stick around. I want to talk to you." In about 10 minutes, Captain Elwell walked to the door and asked, "Who is hollering out there?" A sergeant promptly stepped in and dutifully announced: "A man is complaining about being short some money out here."

Thereupon, on Captain Elwell's orders, the numbers writer, Rogers, was brought in and complained he was short about \$123. McDonald was accused of turning in less money than he had taken from Rogers at the station house when he brought him in, and Captain Elwell immediately suspended him.

"McDonald gave a picture of the operations of the politico-gambler-police triumvirate," the report continued. He named a policeman who, he said, was known as the "collector" for Captain Elwell—he would come into the station house with his pockets "bulging," McDonald testified—and a ward boss who frequently conferred with Captain Elwell at the station house. McDonald estimated that protection money paid to police alone, exclusive of "payment to the higher-ups," totaled at least \$152,000 a month.

The committee inquired, too, into the underworld penetration of a Philadelphia steel fabricating concern, which we concluded had been accomplished through "political influence." A numbers racketeer named Louis Crusco had bought his way into the Strunk Steel Co. by virtue, the committee inferred, "of his close association with the son of Philadelphia's mayor." Crusco was an old friend and neighbor of Richard Russell Samuel Sr., son of Mayor Samuel. The numbers man bought his interest in the company under extraordinary circumstances: he carried the purchase price, \$34,000, in cash in a satchel to a stockholders' meeting. Richard Samuel Jr., 19-year-old grandson of the mayor, accompanied Crusco and, according to the testimony of one stockholder who was selling out, "apparently was the mouthpiece for Mr. Crusco."

"Until Crusco came along," our report to the Senate summed up, "the company had never been able to get any business from the city of Philadelphia but, while Crusco was negotiating his stock purchase in the company, it received a contract from the Philadelphia Transit Co., a local public utility, on which there were no competitive bids. The president of the company testified that this deal had been suggested to him by the mayor's grandson, who, coincidentally, was placed on the company's payroll as part of the Crusco stock deal."

Next week: Nevada: A case against Legalized Gambling.

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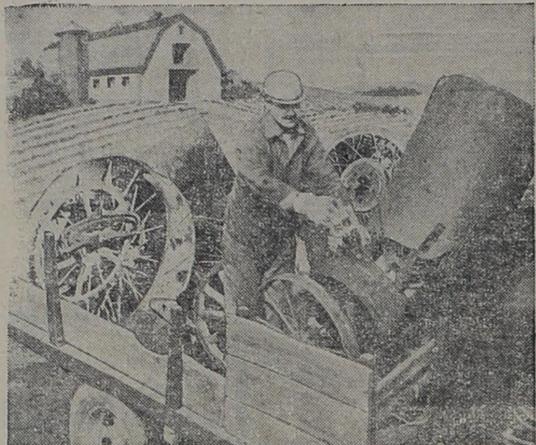
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But more farm scrap is needed. Steel output can't be increased without a big supply of scrap. With winter coming on, when scrap is more difficult to find, the situation is truly critical. More scrap must be obtained from farms in order to make more steel.

Old tools, wornout parts of tractors, trucks, cultivators and other implements; broken and discarded pieces of metal and other scrap should be taken to town and sold right away to the local scrap dealer. Every pound of scrap which comes back to steel mills helps to make two pounds of new steel, on the average.

If the scrap is unusually bulky, preventing its easy transportation by the farmer, the scrap dealer can be called or the local farm agent can be asked to work out an arrangement.

"Farms are one of the big sources of scrap," says the Committee. "Never have farmers had a greater stake in the nation's steel output."

Harvest your iron and steel scrap right away. Turn it into cash. Do your part to aid the defense program.

CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

You should have seen that Allis Chalmers Combine Cotton picker which Jack Hart used to gather his cotton the past week. And doing a good job, too.

I honestly believe the cotton was whiter and cleaner than that which I put in my sack, but don't ask me why! The machine sort of tore it apart, shuffling out a lot of burrs and leaves leaving the cotton fluffy and white. That I couldn't do. Thank goodness, Our 1951 crop was finished Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Thurman have had that thrill that comes once in a lifetime - an honest to goodness oil well - which they've hoped for so long a time. Production was reported fair.

Mrs. Eunice Love was able to attend Church Sunday following her dismissal from Gorman hospital, earlier in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown and family have moved this past week in the Sam Powers farm, north of Desdemona.

Garvis Hattox reported to Abilene Thursday for his pre-induction call.

Well, we made it to church on time Sunday - literally. You see our good neighbor, Mrs. Jessie Lemley, gave us a clock and there was no excuse to be absent because we didn't know the time of day.

A young preacher, Bill Gresham, of A. C. C. was the morning speaker. We missed Mrs. Belle Blackwell and Aunt Ann Love from their usual places. There were no evening services.

Little "Butch" Eastland, of Ran

EASTLAND COUNTY TOTAL OIL OUT-PUT OVER 108 MILLION

The total all-time production of Eastland's oil out-put nets 108,361, 278 barrels. Oil was discovered in Eastland in 1917 giving her 31 years of production. Her production is about twenty-five percent of that of Wichita County, the largest producing of 132 West Texas Counties. Wichita production began in 1910, the year of discovery.

The second largest producing among the 132 counties is Ector where oil was discovered in 1926 whose total production is 453,301, 798 barrels.

Ector County, however, in 1950 surpassed Wichita County by producing over 50 million barrels to Wichita's approximately 10 million. Eastland's 1950 production was approximately 985 thousand barrels.

ger, spent the past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Blackwell and family.

Numerous friends and neighbors extend sympathy to the Uncle Bill Sparger family in the loss of their daughter, Mrs. Zelia Perrin, who was laid to rest last Wednesday, December 5th at Alameda. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Desdemona and is survived by several children. She had been an interested member of Salem H D Club and will be missed at its meetings.

Mr. Doris Wayne Varner, visited the parental, Chet Varner, at Desdemona and attended Sunday Church Services at Alameda.

Mr. William Melton is O. K. He went for a check-up at Gorman hospital, at mid-week, the first since his dismissal a few weeks ago.

The Altotn Underwoods were at the 'Choc' Underwood home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Love and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning of Gorman attended a County Farm Bureau Meeting in Erath County at Clairette School, Thursday night. They were extended an invitation by Mrs. John Go-

lightly to come and promote program ethics which have been successful in Eastland County Farm Bureau. The Clairette hostesses served eats as usual.

Mrs. Sallie Bishop, Eastland R. E. A. made a round of calls in the neighborhood Saturday checking on ballots to be used in the forth coming election of R. E. A. directors at Cisco Saturday, December 14th.

The Comanche office had failed to send several patrons of R. E. A. an official ballot.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Highsmith visited until bedtime Wednesday night with this writer and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blackwell and girls were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Love Sunday. They all went Christmas tree hunting in the afternoon.

Card Of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who has been so good to me. I especially thank Mr. Singleton, Fort Worth paper man. Also Mr. Baker. We have had such a good time together. I'm moving to Rising Star, Texas, Box 491.

Clyde Johnson

Card Of Thanks

To our friends in Gorman and elsewhere, we want to express our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and passing of our beloved mother and sister. For the cards, food, lovely floral offering and especially for the personal service by so many. May God tenderly bless each and everyone is our prayer.

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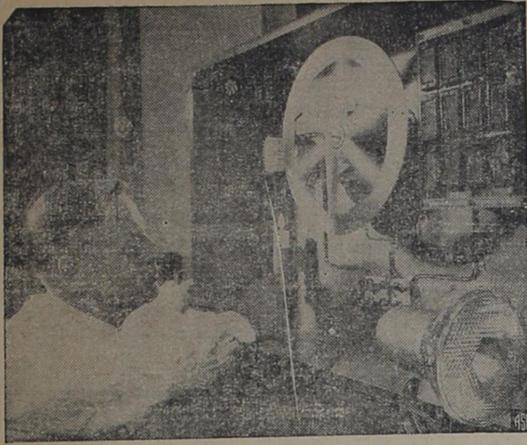
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Scientists point out that enough sunshine drenches the roof of an average one-family dwelling in 30 minutes to light, heat and run the electrical appliances in that dwelling for an entire year. But as yet engineers and scientists haven't learned the secret of converting the sun's rays efficiently into energy for such household chores.

If a candle isn't available, the Sun Motor can be propelled by the beam of the 150-watt electric lamp (lower right) focused on a series of so-called photovoltaic cells (upper right). Energy from the light beam or ordinary sunlight is converted chemically into electrical energy by the cells and the electrical current spins the flywheel.

Although an extremely inefficient power converter, the Sun Motor

SCHOOL NEWS

History Students Enjoy Film

Members of Mrs. Allen's history classes enjoyed the picture, "El Navajo", which was shown last Monday. This was an educational film showing life on the Navajo reservation in Arizona as it is today. It stressed the many quaint customs of Indian life and showed them as they worked as well as in their pastimes.

New Look For Library

Mrs. Steele announces that she is busily engaged in the process of packing books in order that she may begin to clear the library. During the holidays, the library will take on the new look as a result of a new paint job, as well as some rearranging of shelves and general improvement of features.

Heating Units Installed In Gym

Two large heating units have been installed in the gymnasium this week. The heaters are stationed near the ceiling, at either end of the building to insure proper circulation. For Mr. Nicholls music classes and for the Physical education classes this will mean much more comfort on cold days, and will of course aid those who meet in the gym for any purpose.

Panther Teams In Desdemona Tournament

Both boys and girls teams are entered in the Desdemona tournament which began Wednesday night and will continue through Saturday night. Other entries include the host teams, Strawn, Alexander, Lingleville and Olden. There is to be a winner's and consolation bracket in both divisions.

Last Saturday night Gorman girls defeated Blanket by a score of 30-23, and the boys were defeated 44-43.

The girls meet Desdemona Wednesday night in the first game of the tournament, while the boys are idle until Thursday night when they meet Olden.

M. Y. F. TO ATTEND PRESENTATION OF "THE MESSIAH"

The members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Gorman will attend the presentation of "The Messiah" at Eastland Methodist Church on Monday night, December 17th. All youth desiring to go should be at the Church Annex. Cars will leave at 6:30 P. M.

Choirs from Breckenridge, Eastland and Ranger will render the cantata which will have been previously given at the Breckenridge and Ranger Methodist Churches.

A meeting for the training of District M. Y. F. Officers is being held in Glen Rose on December 14th - 16th.

Reporter Jan Acrea reminds members that following last Sunday's lesson on Cain and Abel, "Noah and the Flood" is the subject for December 16th

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NOTICE

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of Superintendent of Schools, Gorman, Texas on or before January 14, 1952 at 7:30 P. M. o'clock on one (1) 1946 Chevrolet School Bus, Industrial Body being offered for sale. This equipment may be seen at Gorman School Bus Garage. Bid proposals may be secured by contacting Charles W. Gibbs, Supt. of School at Box 400, Gorman, Texas. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to refuse any or all bids.

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Shut-in Christmas Gifts Is Activity Of Women's Study Club

Members of the Woman's Study Club are this year departing from their usual Christmas Club observance. They have each chosen a shut-in whom they will remember with a Christmas Gift.

The Club met on Saturday night last (the date of meeting being changed because of the Baptist Meeting now in Progress) in the home of Mrs. J. M. Nix with Miss Virgie Shaw co-hosting.

Mrs. Tom Small pleased her listeners with an address, "The Importance of Prayer". Mrs. Small showed adequate knowledge and a spiritual incite in her splendid discussion.

Mrs. Mack Underwood gave a beautiful Christmas Story.

U. S. D. A. URGES COMPLETION OF A C P 1951 PROGRAM

There are only a few more weeks in which to complete the 1951 ACP practices. Farmers of Comanche County are reminded they have only a few more working days to complete the soil and water conservation practices under the 1951 program. A. E. Boyd, Chairman of the County Committee, explains that the funds appropriated are on a year to year basis. This means that to qualify for payment under the 1951 program, practices must be completed within the program year which ends December 31, 1951.

Peanut Quota set. - Texas peanut acreage allotment for 1952 is 368,980 acres, according to State PMA Director, B. F. Vance. This compares to an allotment of 396,000 acres for the 1951 crop. This reduction seems unfair to us in Comanche County as very few peanuts were made this year, but in the entire nation there was an unusually large crop produced in 1951.

The county allocation was cut from \$116,200 to \$98,400 for the 1952 program. This means there will not be as much money to assist producers in carrying out the approved practices in 1952 as there was in 1951.

LOCAL FOLKS ATTEND FARM BUREAU MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Browning and Mr. and Mrs. John Love are attending an Erath County Wide Farm Bureau Meet at Clair-etete today (Thursday).

The meeting will be in charge of Mr. Browning who is the Area Assistant Director. Mrs. Browning will have charge of recreation and Mrs. Love will present the Bureau's service program. Both Mrs. Love and Mr. Browning are members of the Board of Directors of the organization for the State.

The hostesses served a delicious refreshment plate to the members and a guest, Mrs. Ruby Hughes, a sister to Miss Shaw. Mrs. Hughes teaches at Rising Star.

4-H Boys To Have Christmas Party

The 4-H boys are having a party the 21st of December. They will go hunting or have a party with music and songs. The songs will be led by Kenneth Crowley the song leader of the boys 4-H Club.

The president of the 4-H Club is Alvin Stewart. His family is giving the party. They live 10 miles out of Gorman north and about 1 mile from Staff south. The party will start at 5:30 and will end at 9:00 o'clock.

As the president of the Gorman 4-H Club I am very happy. And I think that Gorman is the best city in Eastland County around Christmas.

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As we read the New Testament we see that heaven is a place of everlasting joy where all join in offering praise unto God. The praise and thanksgiving offered unto Him is because the saints

of heaven have experienced His love and grace while sinners upon the earth. We shall praise our Lord because He redeemed us, saving us from hell and unto heaven. There all shall love one another, worship the Lamb of God, and envy and jealousy shall not be known for the Most High God shall be the center of adoration.

There will be no misfits in heaven. Every one in heaven shall know how to praise God for they will have learned while on earth. Show me a man on earth who cannot praise God and I'll show you a man who would be a misfit in heaven. Show me a man who does not love God here and I'll show you a man who will not know how to love God there.

My friend, if there is not within your heart love for God and praise to Him for what He has done for you, let me extend to you a sincere and urgent invitation to come and hear the way of eternal life preached as we continue the revival meeting at the Gorman Baptist Church. Brother E. F. Cole is preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as it is found in God's Word. Our hearts are being warmed and blessed. Won't you come and join us in these services?

BIRTHS

Roger Dale Reynolds born to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Toy Reynolds of Route 2, Gorman on December 5th weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

Mary Catherine Parr born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill (W. O.) Parr on December 5 weighed 7 pounds and 1/4 ounces.

Robert Neel Williams born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams of Moran on December 5th weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Linda Marie Echols born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hyson Echols, Jr. of Fort Worth on December 6th weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces.

Carol Elizabeth Sanders born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanders of Woodson on December 7th weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces.

Jerry Lynn Sharp born to Mr. and Mrs. David Sharp, Jr. of Odesa on December 8th weighed 9 pounds.

Jesse Wayne Bishop born to Mr. and Mrs. George Frances Bishop of Route 1, Breckenridge on December 10 weighed 9 pounds.

WHY MAKE CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO METHODIST HOME

The importance of small gifts toward the financing of the life building program of The Methodist Home in Waco, Texas will be explained in the twelfth of a series of radio programs entitled "These Are Your Children" to be heard Sunday, December 9th, at 8:15 a. m.

Hubert Johnson, Home superintendent, pointed out that large contributions have made it possible to extend the facilities of the Methodist Home where 400 children of broken homes are being given an opportunity for happiness and training.

"But its the multitude of small gifts", Mr. Johnson said, "which makes possible the increasing upkeep and operation costs. These smaller contributions which come to the Home from all over the Southwest are the very life blood of the Home's existence."

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From Dolores Fae Foster

"The need for increased support of the Home this year should be readily evident because of continually rising costs of practically every item purchased by the home," Mr. Johnson said. "Families everywhere will understand this when they look at their own living expenses and realize how they have sky-rocketed during the past few years."

The program may be heard in this vicinity over station WFAA.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirk have returned from a visit with their sons, Odell and Weldon Kirk and families at Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Harvey of Goldthwaite visited with the O. D. and A. H. Bibbys on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Parker and children of Colorado City visited with the Jesse Parkers last Wednesday.

The Leburn Martins spent Sunday afternoon with the Stanley Porters.

Cecil Robertson, Nick Eaker and Joe Mauney of Tarleton were seen about town during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Huff and daughter, Mrs. Cynthia Earles and two children, Dewey and Lloyd, went to the Golden Wedding at Pearl, Texas of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ballard, Sunday, December 2nd. On the way back they visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Blakley, and in Hamilton, Mrs. Buck Hamrick and family, and other friends and relatives.

Louise Dillinder of Midland spent several days in Gorman this week.

Mrs. Walter Davis and children of Brownwood visited in Gorman on Sunday. They were luncheon guests of the Barton Eppers.

Lucille Joiner has returned from Jal, New Mexico.

Miss Callie Low and Mr. F. S. Perry have returned from an extended trip in South Texas visiting with their relatives.

Mrs. E. C. Sutton and Mrs. Dick Gray visited in Fort Worth and Breckenridge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson and Clyde Johnson have moved to Rising Star. The Gorman people will miss the Johnsons. Especially Clyde who has been the Star Telegram and Progress paper vendor.

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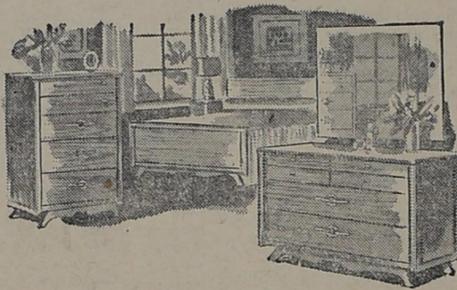
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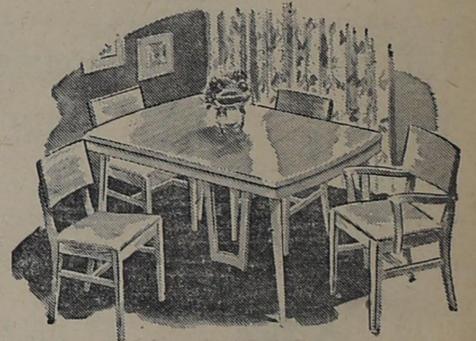
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