

Mrs. Dorothy Sparks Resigns Bank Position For Bank Job At Breckenridge



Mrs. Dorothy Sparks has resigned her position at the First National Bank of Gorman effective January 1st.

She and her husband, Jim, will be moving to Breckenridge where he is employed with the John Ball Co. and Mrs. Sparks has been employed as secretary at the Citizens National Bank.

Mrs. Sparks began a banking career when she was employed by the Gorman Bank in 1945 after graduating from Gorman High School. She was elected assistant cashier in 1951 and promoted to cashier in 1961.

Mr. Sparks has operated a dairy and cattle farm near Desdemona for the past eighteen years.

Mrs. Sparks will be working with a former co-worker, Mr. Gene Rodgers, who resigned from the Gorman bank last January to become vice-president of the Breckenridge bank.

The dates for the distribution of USDA Surplus Foods in Eastland County are as follows:

Monday, January 13 - Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

Tuesday, January 14 - Pioneer, Rising Star, Okra, Carbon, Gorman and Desdemona.

Wednesday, January 15 - Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod.

Dwight Bennett of the U. S. Navy, is home on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Bennett, and other relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of sympathy of all our friends and neighbors in the loss of our mother. We will ever be grateful for the loving care and kindness of Dr. Rodgers and the nurses at the Blackwell Hospital and to Mrs. W. L. Wallace for the special care given her. A special thanks to those who sent flowers, cards and food, and those who sat at the funeral home. All expressions of kindness were deeply appreciated.

The families of Mrs. Callie Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher, this week.

CALLIE CLARK LAID TO REST ON THURSDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Melissa Caroline Clark, 82, were held at 3 p. m. Thursday, December 26, in the First Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Robert Sanders, officiating. Interment was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark, fondly known to her many friends as Callie, died at 7:55 p. m. Wednesday, December 25 in the Blackwell Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born on September 13, 1881 in Erath County, near School Hill. She was married to John Willie Clark on September 29, 1904 in the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Franklin Hallmark.

Mrs. Callie had been a resident of the Gorman area for more than 60 years and was a member of the Gorman Methodist Church.

Preceding her in death were a son, John Willie Clark in 1946, her husband John Clark in 1947, and another son, John Edward Clark, in 1956.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. George Hollifield, Miss Lorena Clark and Mrs. Estelle Craddock of Gorman; three sons, Doyle Ramsey and Audie Othell of Gorman, and Elvy David of Corpus Christi; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Bond and Mrs. W. L. Wood of Eastland, and Mrs. Hill Jones of Colorado City; and three brothers, George Hallmark of Gorman, Jim Hallmark of Eastland, and W. F. Hallmark of Breckenridge.

Pallbearers were Jesse Parker, W. O. Parr, J. W. Ramsey, Graydon Baze, Joe Collins, and Luther Wright.

Honorary pallbearers were W.

Bob Greens Win First Prize In Lighting Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Green won the top award in the Christmas Residential Lighting Contest sponsored jointly by Texas Electric Service Company and the Business Men's Club of Gorman. The Greens were awarded an electric Ready Lite.

Second place in the contest went to Mrs. Eugene Baker who was presented with a check for \$15.

The John Suttons placed third and was awarded \$10.

An award of \$5 went to Mrs. C. O. Revels as fourth place winner.

The judging in the contest took place on Monday evening.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MERCHANT'S HOLIDAY

Local merchants will observe Wednesday, January 1 as a holiday and will not be open for business on that date.

January 1 is one of six holidays observed during the year by the Gorman business firms.

We, the people of Oliver Springs want to invite everyone to our New Year's Singing on Tuesday, December 31st.

Come help us sing out the old year and sing in the New Year. Refreshments will be served. We will be looking for you. Bring your friends.

Mrs. Florence Richardson

C. (Check) Smith, Dr. D. V. Rodgers, Oda Monroe, Gene Baker, A. M. Thurman, Dick Jay, and W. L. Wallace.

FINAL RITES FOR JOE BELYEU HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Belyeu, 67, of Route 1, De Leon, were held on Monday at 2:30 p. m. in the Congregational Methodist Church in Gorman with the pastor, Rev. Marion Dennis, officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Mr. Belyeu died Saturday, December 28 in the Golden Age Nursing Home. He had been in the home since February.

He was born August 6, 1896, and had lived in the Gorman area for many years.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Samuels of Clovis, N. M.; one son, Joe Carroll Belyeu of California; two brothers, Berry Belyeu of Route 1, De Leon and Noble Belyeu of De Leon; and one sister, whose name was unavailable at press time Monday.

The Gorman 4-H Club will sponsor a New Year's Eve Party at the Fire Hall for all youth from age 9 to college on Tuesday evening.

A series of new games, all new in this area, will be played. So come with the expectation of having a good time.

The New Year's Singing at Sand Hill will be held Tuesday, Dec. 31st, starting at 7 p. m.

There will be new songs, old songs, solos, quartets and congregation singing. At 9 p. m. refreshments will be served, then some more singing.

At 11:40 a New Year's sermon will be given.

Four good quartets are on booking for this program. The group will dismiss at 12:05

TOLAR GIRLS - DESDEMONA BOYS WIN CARBON TOURNAMENT HONORS

The Desdemona boys walked away with a 57-45 win over the Olden Hornets to take the Championship in the Carbon Basketball Tournament Monday night, Dec. 23rd. The Porkers were paced by Ables with 26 points, while Aubrey Fox led the Olden scoring with 11 points.

The girl's championship was a close fought game all the way with Tolar winning over Lingleville 37-36. Huffman led the scoring for the winners with 14 points while Robertson scored 13 points for the losers.

The Carbon boys scored a 54-43 victory over the Gorman Panthers for the Consolation trophy. Stacy led the scoring for the Wolverines with 20 points and Bobby Rodgers also scored 20 points for Gorman.

May defeated Carbon 53-47 for the girl's Consolation trophy. The May scoring was led by Judy Moore with 28 points. Paula Norris, with 35 points, gave an outstanding performance for the losers.

The Girl's All-Tournament Team is as follows:

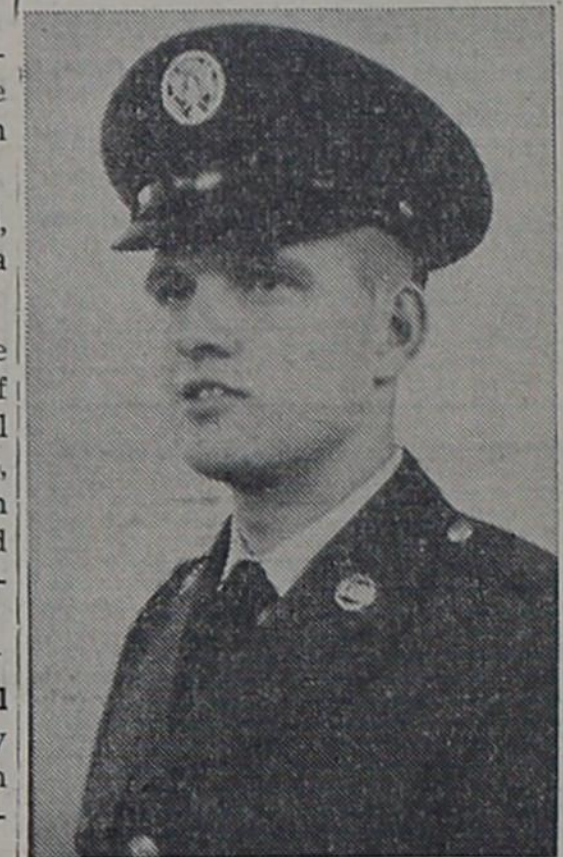
Guards: Sherry Robertson - Lingleville, Neta Tucker - Carbon, Linda Jarrett - Gorman

Forwards: Judy Moore - May, Peggy Hobbs - Tolar, Barbara Cantrell - Lingleville

The Boy's All-Tournament Team is as follows: Ables - Desdemona, Stacy - Carbon, Geye - Rising Star, Boyett - Olden, Proctor - Lingleville

Mrs. Batte Peterson, Mike Peterson and Jimmy Clark of Bridgeport, attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Callie Clark, on Thursday.

ed Tarleton State College, Stephenville, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. C. W. Forrest of Route 1, Gorman.



A/3C BILLY P. STEWART ASSIGNED TO CARSWELL AFB

CHANUTE AFB, Ill. — Airman Third Class Billy P. Stewart of Gorman, Texas, is being reassigned to Carswell AFB, Texas following his graduation from the technical training course for U S Air Force aircraft ground equipment repairmen here. He was named honor graduate in his class.

Airman Stewart was trained to inspect, maintain and repair electrical generators, gas turbines, air compressors, and hydraulic test equipment.

The airman, a graduate of De Leon (Texas) High School, attend-



Resolved for 64

Hooray! Mr. New Year is here and we're resolved to start 1964 right by wishing you and yours a bountiful, wonderful year, with every dream fulfilled and every hope brought to fruition. Indeed, we wish that happiness will walk with you always on your every endeavor!

We thank you sincerely for your patronage, which has helped to make the past year so pleasant for us, and we firmly resolve to serve you ever better in 1964!



DESDEMONA NEWS

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH
FOR WEEK OF JAN. 2ND.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Ragland and Mr. Frank Genoway spent Christmas Day at Breckenridge with the Whit Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keith and girls spent Christmas Day with his mother, Ethel Keith.

Eight families of the Craig children were home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore had all their children home for the holidays.

Mrs. Bryant Blankenship spent several days this week in the Stephenville Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Lewis had most of their children home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burleson and the Harold Burlesons spent Christmas here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams and Brenda Roberts spent from Sunday till Thursday at Alice with the Les Williams.

Rev. and Mrs. Dossey were in

CARD OF THANKS

The personnel of The Lawndale Home For Senior Citizens wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone who had a part in making the Christmas holidays more enjoyable for the patients.

A special thanks to the members of the Church of Christ, John Kimble, The Woman's Study Club and the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department.

Lawndale Home
For Senior Citizens

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Craddock of Grand Prairie spent Christmas Day with her father, Mr. C. R. Rogers, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater.

Hobbs the past week spending the holiday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts spent Christmas Day in Granbury with his mother, Mrs. M. F. Roberts.

The John Dubree's of Kermit spent one night last week with the Pug Gutherys.

The Phil Reids of Alice and the Bill Townsends of Baton Rouge, La. spent the holidays with Mrs. Myrt Reed.

The John Arnolds spent the holidays with their children in West Texas.

Political

Announcements

This newspaper is pleased to announce the following candidates for public office to action of the Democratic primary election on May 2.

For Tax Assessor-Collector:

EDGAR ALTMOM



Family Pot Luck
BY HELEN HALE

HERE'S a novel way with hamburger: season to taste, add canned pizza sauce and spread on split rolls. Top with mozzarella cheese and broil until cheese melts. Serve open-face style.

Chicken may take awhile to barbecue, but you can start cooking it in the oven after brushing with sauce and then finish on the out-of-doors grill during the last 15 minutes to get that smoky flavor.

Helen's Favorite Cranberry-Apple Relish
(Makes 1 1/2 quarts)

4 cups fresh cranberries
2 apples, pared and cored
2 oranges
1 lemon
2 1/2 cups sugar

Put apples and cranberries through food chopper. Quarter oranges and lemon, remove seeds and put through chopper. Add sugar to all fruit and blend. Let chill for several hours before serving. This may also be frozen and it is perfectly delicious with pork or fowl.

Like a chilly soup? Blend together cream with quick-frozen shrimp soup and add some chilled crabmeat to it. Serve with cheddar cheese wedges and crackers for a quickie supper.

Ever try those last few leftover frankfurters sliced with cold slaw? It's good. Or serve cole slaw with thinly sliced corned beef, spread with mustard and rolled, served around the slaw with rye bread sandwiches.

Slices of pound cake topped with ice cream and peaches and crushed berries give you a fancy enough dessert for which to invite neighbors.

A New Year to Remember

By Fran Pachter

GRACE mustered a faint smile in an effort to hide her flagging spirits. With aching feet and a head more than a little numbed by the repetitious questions flung at her by last minute shoppers, she cared little whether they were satisfied or not. She and millions of other sales girls by New Year's eve cared little for the holiday.

Joy over "a new start" had ceased entirely for her two years ago. She and Don had been shopping when a cab jumped the curb and hit Don. Don had wound up hospitalized and paralyzed from the waist down with no promised date that he would ever walk again.

Grace had gone back to work with but weekly visits to see Don to break the monotony. Bills rose to frightening figures. No settlement had yet been made from the accident.

At times she ached with bitterness. Their plans had been average, a home and family, the usual things for the young. It was hard to reconcile their loss.

We have enjoyed serving you. Good luck during 1964.

Jay's Barber Shop

Floyd Jay - Nathan Files



"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately."

With this as a background Grace could hardly be expected to look forward to the holiday. She didn't even bother this year with a Christmas tree, a custom she had always kept.

It was a half hour until closing time when her floor manager's voice cut through the babble of the irksome, can't make up my mind women that lined her counter.

"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately." She left the counter and followed him out the entrance of the store. A sleek black car awaited her at the curb.

The manager merely said, "You are wanted at the hospital. Mr. Bloom ordered his car for your use."

"Don's worse. I know it." She spoke to no one in particular and engrossed as she was she did not notice the grin of conspiracy that the manager and the chauffeur exchanged.

They covered several miles before she became aware they were not on the hospital road. "This isn't the way," she cried in panic. "The Cresview is east."

"My orders are to stop here first," said the driver. He pulled up before a new ranch-type home. "Go on in."

Happy Reunion

Grace ran from the car and up the walk. She paused and looked back. The driver had a big grin on his face. She rang the bell and the door opened immediately.

She screamed when she saw Don just inside the door in a wheelchair. His voice was calm.

"It's all okay, honey. Welcome to your new home. This is my New Year present to you. I've been released from the hospital for good and your store helped me fix up this surprise."

Amazed, she looked about her and there lay many of her things from the room she had been living in. All she could utter was, "I don't understand."

Don smiled happily. "I received a settlement from the accident. This is ours. And I have another surprise for you if you think you can stand it."

Don Walks

He eased himself carefully from the wheelchair and took a few steps. "I have been walking a few steps each day for the past few weeks."

All the bitterness that had so long been a part of Grace melted. For the first time she realized she still carried a paper that the manager had pressed into her hand when she left the store. Opening it she read: A very Happy New Year to you both. Select your furniture at the store. It's on the house.

Don flicked a light switch and the room was filled with gay lights from a Christmas tree in the corner. The Wilsons were having a New Year they'd never forget.

Glogg, the favorite drink for the festive New Year table in Sweden, is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom—usually set afloat just before serving.

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Ray Sue Will Be Candidate For County Sheriff

Ray T. Sue of Cisco has announced that he will be a candidate for Sheriff of Eastland County in the election to be held during the coming year.

A veteran police officer with eight years experience, Mr. Sue has been a member of the Cisco police force since 1960, moving there from Ranger where he had been a police officer for several years.

Mr. Sue was born and reared in Eastland, where he attended Eastland High School and was known there as "Mutt" Sue. His mother, Mrs. Winnie Sue of Eastland, was Winnie Mansker before her marriage. The Mansker family was well known in civic affairs of the county.

A Baptist, Mr. Sue is married to the former Mary Nell Hooper of Eastland, sister of the late O. L. Hooper. They have two children, Sgt. Ray E. Sue, stationed with the army in Hawaii, and Marsha Lynn, age nine. They own their home at 1512 Ave. N in Cisco.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Sue, who is 44 years old, said: "I have decided to seek the office of sheriff because I am vitally interested in the business of law enforcement and in serving the people to the best of my ability. I believe I am old enough to know what to do and young enough to go out and do it."

"Many of my friends from over the county have urged me to seek this office, and if elected as sheriff of Eastland County, I pledge that I will carry out my duties to the best of my ability in an honest and efficient manner. I feel that

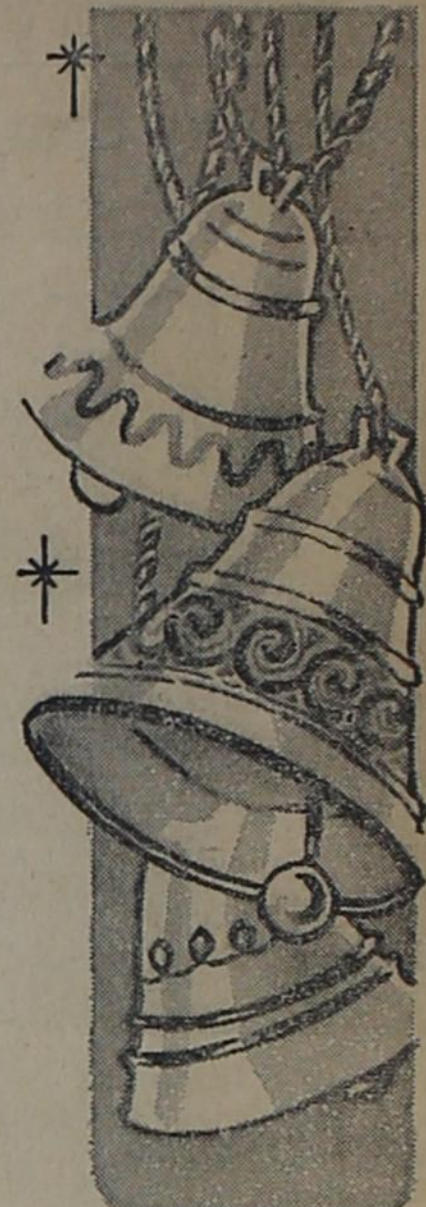
NEW SON FOR THE BRAWNER LEE FELS

Mr. and Mrs. Brawner Lee Fels proudly announce the arrival of their first child, David Lee, born at 10:50 a. m. Friday, December 20, in the De Leon Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Park of Carbon and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Files of Gorman. Great-grandmother is Mrs. A. B. Rankin of Gorman.

Estelle Craddock and Kay Ann visited in Weatherford Christmas Eve in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Payton of Carrollton.

enforcement to know go with this office. "Your support of my candidacy will be humbly appreciated."



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To all we extend our warm greetings for a happy 1964.

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A BITTER YOUNG MOTHER TALKS BACK TO GRANDMA

"DEAR God, give me strength to realize my children are individuals, too... that they need to be respected as well as loved. "Make me wise enough to respect their intelligence, which I helped to mold, then leave them to decide their lives for themselves. "Make me realize that the accident of birth does not make my children automatic servants to me, or make me a burden on them. "Let me know how to cultivate their adult friendship, not try to buy it or hold their love by forcing on them a sense of responsibility... "Thus begins the "Psalm of a Daughter-in-Law" that comes in answer to the "Psalm of a Widowed Mother" that appeared here a few weeks ago. "I am a happily married woman," the daughter-in-law says. "We have three children. My husband and I are very sure that God has been good to us. "But each of us was an only child, brought up mainly by our mothers alone. And according to our mothers we are ungrateful, extravagant incompetents. We have yet to be complimented by them on our success in marriage. We have had no help from either of them. "Of course we married against the wishes of our two mothers, and amid all sorts of dire predictions as to the results. Both my husband and I heard that each of us was definitely not good enough for a mother's pride and joy. Remarks were dropped now and then as to whom each of us could have married.

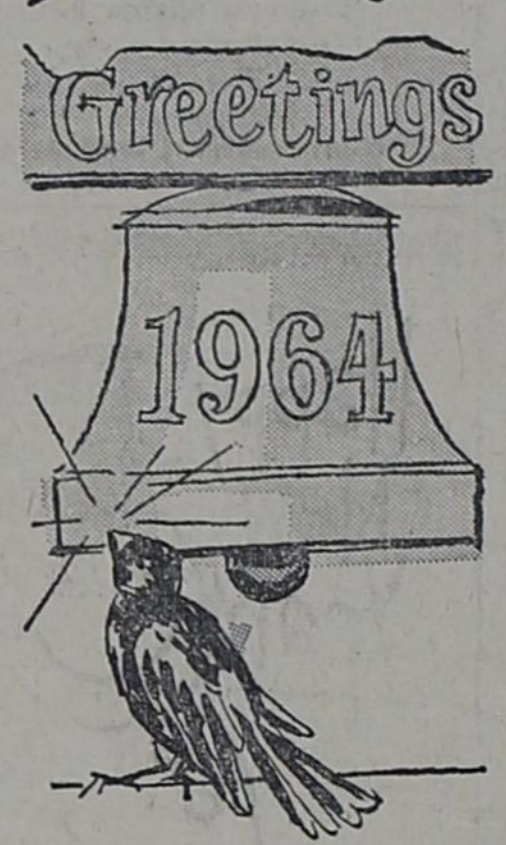
"No matter how hard I tried to please my husband's mother, or how hard he tried to please mine, it was always short of what the old folks expected. "My husband was considered lazy and stupid. I was considered an inadequate homemaker. The general attitude toward us was that it was all 'such a shame'... "According to the daughter-in-law, a man and woman who love each other can survive the initial hostility of their older parents, and still keep striving to please. But after a while the babies come along. "Then the babies are being raised all wrong. What must the girl be thinking of? Does she have no sense? Or what a brute the husband is not to be of more help to the darling daughter!... "The saddest part of all this is that the son or daughter manages to marry happily despite the parental objections, manages to overcome parental criticism with a thick skin, raise responsible children who somehow meet the approval of the grandparents despite the terrible treatment they have suffered at the hands of incompetents, and then... and then here's what happens—the grandparents take full credit for all that is good and wish to be thanked and worshipped for their so-called undying help and devotion. "They then wonder why we don't visit them, why we don't pay constant attention to them. They never realize that because of the way they have acted, and now act, we may not find their company pleasant... "Are you listening, Grandma?



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We wish you the best of everything in the year ahead. Happy New Year.

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Thank you for your good will in the past year. Best of luck in 1964.

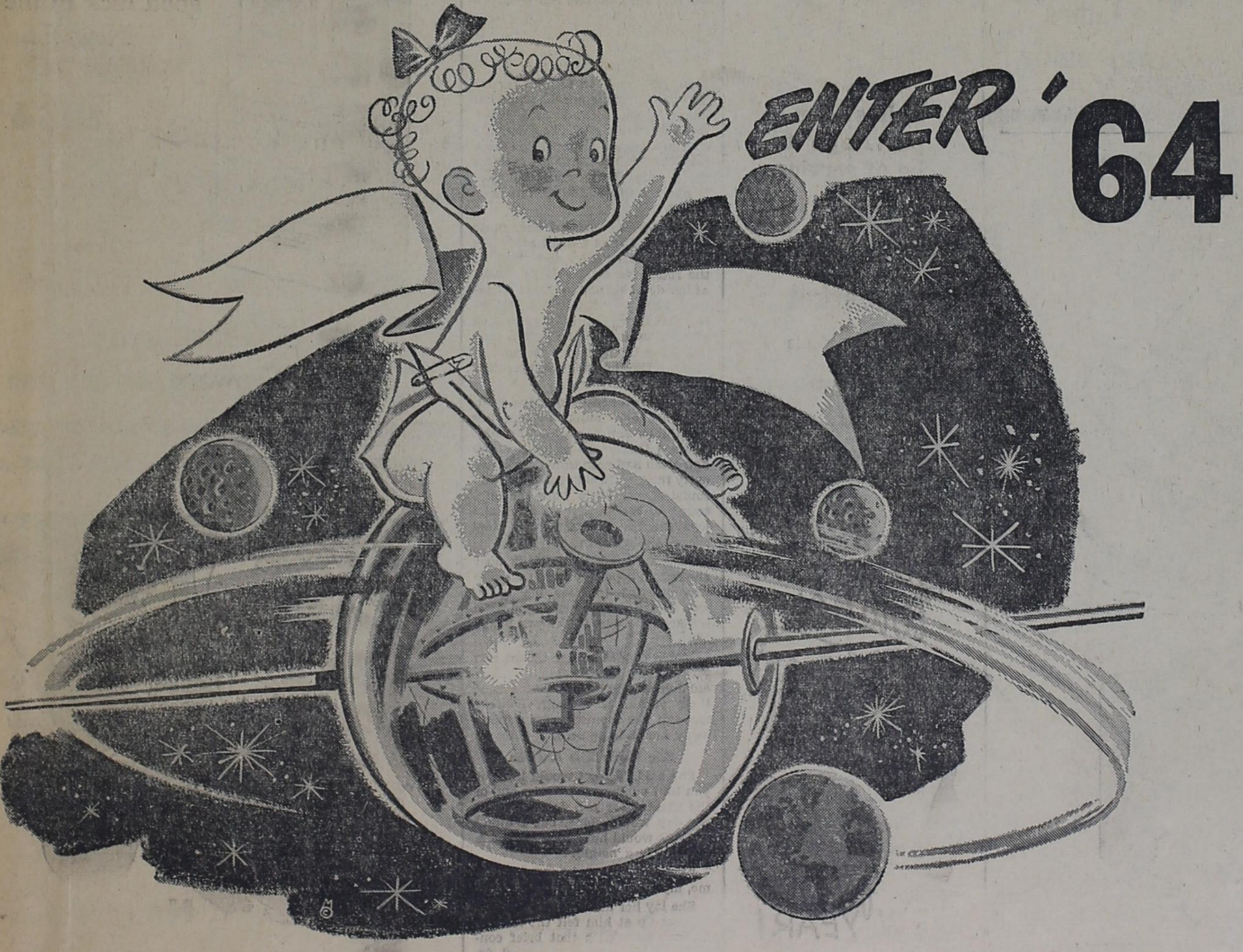
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We Will Not Be Open On Wednesday, January 1st.



GREETINGS

A wish for your happiest New Year and a future of undimmed peace and success.

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PRESTON FLORIST
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Browsing with Bev

By Beverly R. Nicholson,
Eastland County HD Agent

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Garments with piping or trim made of suede, grain or simulated leather require special cleaning techniques. Take the advice of the Extension Service and send such garments to a dry cleaner who is properly equipped and trained in leather cleaning and finishing.

A garment of fabric and grain or sueded leather is rather expensive so consider the cost of upkeep before you buy. Read the label on the hang-tag, for most manufacturers will include special instructions on care and dry cleaning. Save the hang-tag and pass on the information given by the manufacturer to the dry cleaner.

When you buy, find out whether the leather is genuine or simulated. Most items of simulated leather must be wet-cleaned, although some are labeled as dry

cleanable. Other extensions become oversize, then to the cleaner, garment before you have it cleaned, and call attention of the cleaner to the stains to be cleaned. Pieces of a garment ensemble for cleaning at the same time, so there will be no variation from one piece to another. Tell your cleaner how long you have had the garment and give him information on care included on the hang-tag.

The Gorman Progress

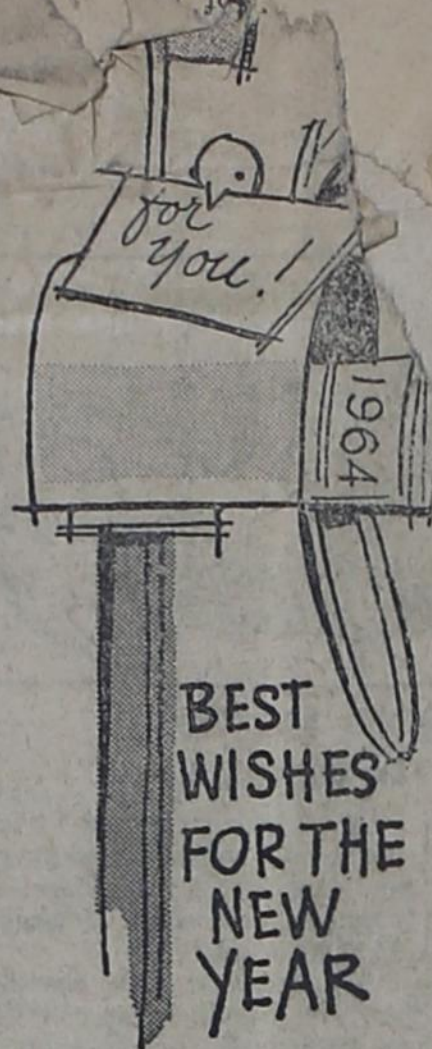
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A New Year to Remember

By Fran Pachter

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They had finished her career with the stroke of a pen, all quoting: Nell Bellaine has lost her magic. In her performance tonight she failed to lift the audience out of the present and into the seventeenth century. As a queen she was mediocre. The play, well written and directed, lost its interpretation due to the stars' inept presentation. A sad note on which to begin a New Year.

Nell felt the sting of each word from the critics, for deep within herself she knew them to be true.



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The role itself had been dynamic in scope for she began young and aged through the years. Oddly enough the early scenes went well, but as the aging sequence began she sensed her loss of control over the part. The reverse should have been the case, for Nell was fifty.

Thirty-five years of giving her all to the theater and now to wind up as a has-been! No one would ever again be willing to risk her in a role. The defeating sense of failure increased as she stared at her self in the mirror. The heavy makeup she had worn for this last performance gave her an unreal, witchlike appearance in the light of her dressing room.

Great Dispair
Her black wig was askew for she had warily sunk her head in her hands as she came off the stage. She tore it off now revealing her own red blonde hair. Others were preparing to celebrate the holiday, she thought. What would she celebrate? A New Year! Another start?

The flowers mocked her, mute evidence of luck turned sour further emphasized by the quiet of the room. No clamor of fans beat at her door. No one cares for a has-been. Last year it had been different. Accolades and an uncountable number of curtain calls had heralded her then. That was the theater: a bright star today; then nothing.

She showered and dressed. Slung her mink across her shoulders she studied herself. Dressed thusly she belied her age and often had been taken for in her early thirties. It didn't matter! The sound of her heels were the only sound in the theater hall for she was the last to leave and they echoed as in a tomb.

Pausing outside the stage door she looked hopefully for a taxi. She was startled to hear her name as a familiar figure emerged from the crowd. "May I take you home, Nell?"

Sound caught in her throat and she couldn't speak. Johnny! Dear old Johnny. He had loved her since their youth. A warmth coursed through her momentarily, driving away her unhappiness.

She Knew The Answer
She said, "Yes, I would like for you to. I suppose this is the end of the theater for me, John. I knew the day would come, but I didn't know it would hurt quite so much. I've lost my magic!"
"You will always have magic for me, my dear."

She lay her hand on his arm and looking up at him felt the love he had for her. With that brief contact she knew what she must do. She knew surely, and without reservations, that she was ready to take on a new role. They entered his car, leaving behind the theater, the crowd, and the holiday excitement.

A few days later a society writer spoke of Nell Bellaine, one time star; Nell has taken on her greatest role, that of wife, and her happiness is so evident to all that we know she has gained a new magic. one that is everlasting.

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New Year Cheer

We would like our friends to know we appreciate their support and look forward to serving them in the new year.

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SIX FLAGS '63 SEASON ENDED—The ancient narrow-gauge steam engine circled the mile and one-half track around Six Flags Over Texas, then ground noisily to a stop at the depot. Its work, after carrying more than 1,430,000 passengers in 1963, ended. The farewells by the park attendants were brief but impressive. After a complete overhaul during the winter months, the old "Iron Horse" will once again be put back in service along with many new rides, attractions and shows on April 18, 1964 when Six Flags commences its 1964 season.



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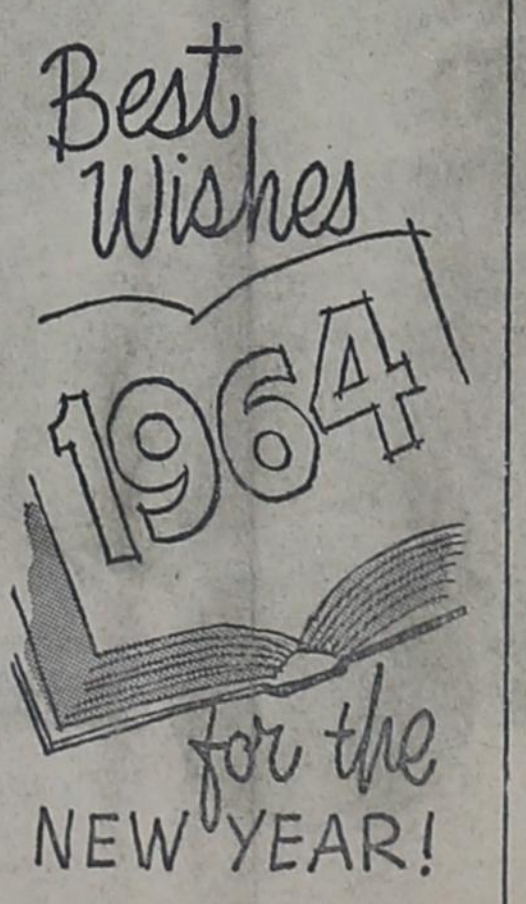
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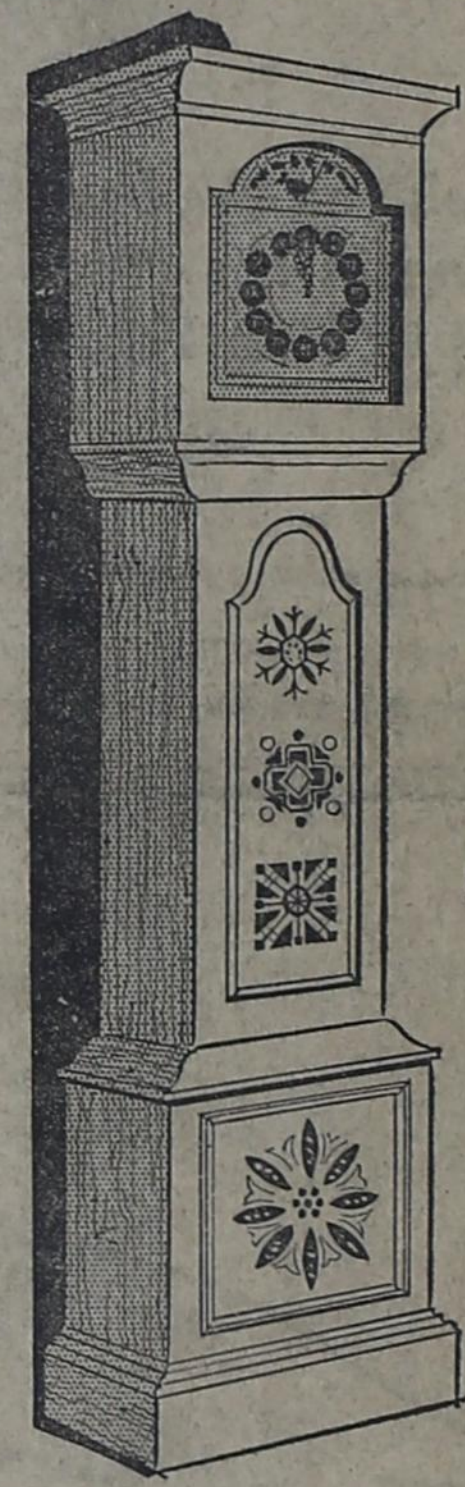


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