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## 27 Families Remembered With Christmas Presents

Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, said Monday that twenty-seven families in Ballinger would be taken care of this Christmas through the Goodfellow movement started two weeks ago.

A check-up Monday revealed that about \$350 in cash, a large assortment of toys and some good used clothing had been donated, and in addition one man will care for ten of the food baskets.

Rev. Harrison stated that all needy would be supplied in a generous manner with the exception of clothing. He pointed out that there was a big need for clothing and so far only a small amount has been received. Several merchants called Monday to contribute new garments.

Food baskets were being made up Monday and will be delivered Wednesday in time for the wives to plan their Christmas dinners.

Rev. Harrison expressed appreciation for the splendid support given the movement by Ballinger organizations and individuals and said he would be able to give a complete report on the contributions next week.

## Methodists Observe Christmas Sunday; Santa Visits Children

A large congregation, including many children, attended the Christmas service and program at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening. The choir, under the direction of Rex Mauldin, opened the program with the singing of Christmas carols. Sunday school departments were presented in special numbers and the Christmas story was read by Mrs. J. A. Schnable.

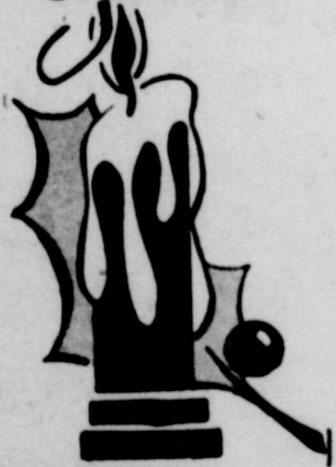
The center of interest was the appearance of Santa Claus and the passing out of gifts from the tree to all the children.

At the Sunday morning service dedicatory rites were held for a baptismal fountain given the church by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks, deceased. Request numbers made up the music for the morning service.

Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor, delivered his Christmas sermon and an offering was taken for the children's home at Waco.

M. F. Gallant, Oscar Sensabaugh, Fred Woods and Max Strother, students at the San Angelo junior college, are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Reason's GREETINGS



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## Plans Progressing For Livestock Show Here January 27, 28

Plans are nearing completion for the annual 4-H club and F. F. A. livestock show here on January 27 and 28. This is the first time for the local show to be held two days. Committee members decided the show had grown to such proportions that it would be impossible to have it in one day and permit time for judging, inspections by the public and the auction.

One of the large hangars at Bruce Field is being made ready for the 1948 show. A judging and sales ring will be arranged in the center of the building with seats for visitors and buyers around the sides. The building can be heated and made comfortable in any kind of weather.

The show will be open the night of January 27 to accommodate visitors who want to see the fine animals.

James Grote, agriculture manager of the San Angelo B. C. D., is to be the judge. Awards, in cash prizes, will total \$300. Dates for the 1948 show were changed to make it more convenient for boys who wish to exhibit at Houston, Fort Worth and San Angelo.

C. E. Maedgen is chairman of the agriculture and livestock committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. Other members of the committee sponsoring the show and auction are W. E. Middleton, Wilson Middleton, J. O. Satterwhite, R. Berryhill, W. B. May and Vernon Dankworth.

## Jaycees Approve Soap Box Derby As 1948 Project

Ballinger Jaycees at their meeting last Wednesday voted to sponsor a soap box derby and committees were named to prepare for the event. No date has been set but the derby probably will be held the latter part of March or the first part of April.

The Jaycees recently pledged \$1,000 for charity patients at the local hospital if and when it is taken over by the city and intend to raise the money.

Complete plans have not been made but local merchants and those in adjoining territory will be asked to sponsor boy entrants in the derby. Some thirty merchants were interviewed last week and practically every one agreed to take part.

This will be one of the first events of this kind to be held in this section and a number of Jaycees will be at work the next two months getting the program lined up to make it a big success.

At this time only soap box cars are planned but there is some consideration of including model airplanes in the derby.

The Jaycees have prepared an active program for 1948 and the large membership will push a number of projects. The meeting last Wednesday was one of the best attended since the junior chamber was formed here more than a year ago.

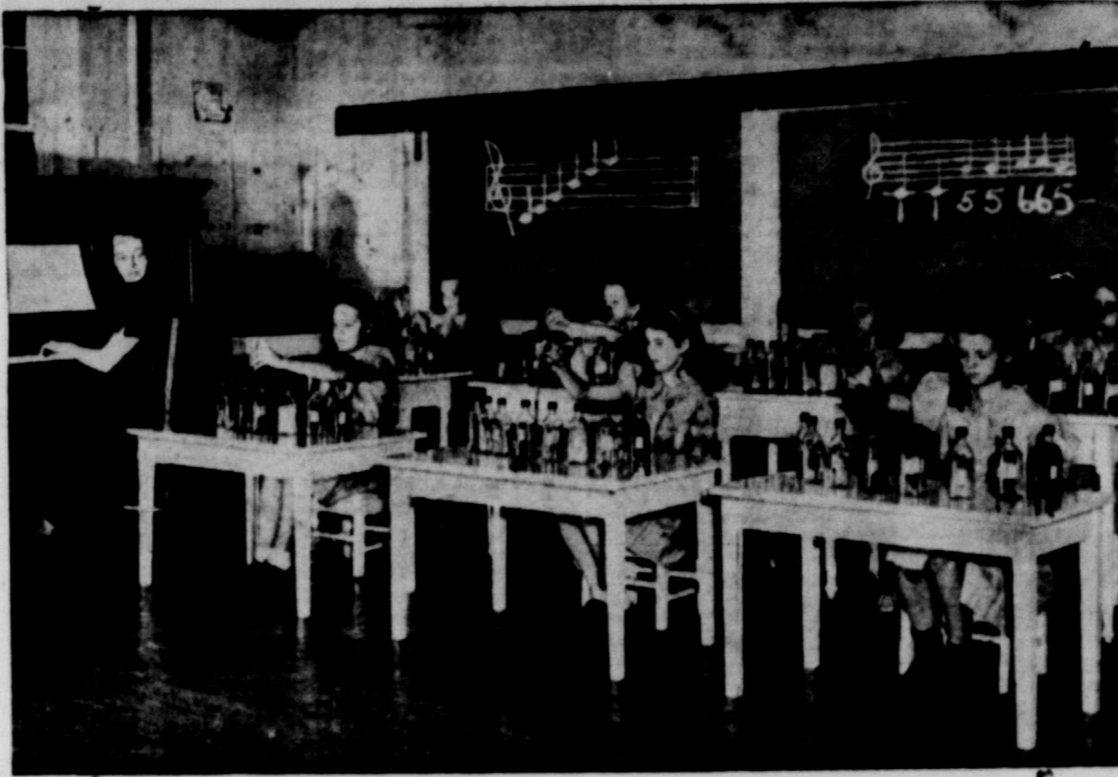
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray, of Baird, visited relatives and friends here the past week-end and will spend Christmas at Portales, New Mexico, with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson.

Mrs. Ed Stone, and Mrs. W. D. Sanders, of Winters; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flynt, of San Angelo, are Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt.

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**HITTING THE BOTTLE...** Students of St. Mary's Hall girls school in Burlington, N. J., take their first lessons in music by "hitting the bottle"—tapping bottles filled with various levels with colored waters. Progress is faster than with the ordinary book learning method, says their instructor, Miss Cope McWhinney shown playing accompaniment on the piano. Each bottle carries the position of the note on the staff as a guide for reading music.

## Christmas Cantata At Baptist Church Witnessed by Many

The First Baptist Church was filled to capacity Sunday night for the choir's 25th annual Christmas cantata. "The Song of the Nativity" by Roy E. Nolte, was presented and soloists were Mrs. Elliott Kemp, Miss Elnita Faulstich, R. E. White, Dickie Cope and Carl Black, Jr. Mrs. Earl Cope played the organ score and Mrs. O. G. Joiner was at the piano.

The cantata was directed by Glenn Murray, student at Harding-Simmons University, Abilene, who is director of music for the local church.

Following the concert members of the choir assembled in the church parlors for a social hour. Recordings of the program had been made and the singers listened to themselves. A gift from the choir was presented Director Murray.

At the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, delivered his Christmas sermon, taking for his subject, "The Christmas Light." Mrs. Robert Lowry, Jr., guest soloist, sang "The Holy City."

Special Christmas programs were held in Sunday school departments and the total attendance was 457.

The floral piece at the morning service was in honor of James Davis, popular Ballinger baseball player, who died last July as the result of an injury.

**MR. AND MRS. JONAS ATTEND LAST RITES FOR SON-IN-LAW**  
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jonas were called to Corpus Christi last Friday on account of the sudden death of their son-in-law, L. A. Fraqua. Mr. Fraqua had gone to his office at usual when he suffered an attack which caused death.

Funeral services were held at Corpus Christi Saturday. Rev. Hunt, Baptist minister, officiating.

Survivors besides the wife include two children, Paul, 4, and Jon Ella, 16 months, and a brother who resides at Galveston.

Mrs. Fraqua returned with Mr. and Mrs. Jonas and will be here until after the first of the year.

## CITY COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET MONDAY

The City Council of Church Women will hold their regular fifth Monday meeting at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of December 29, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Victor Miller will be the program leader. Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw will give the devotional and Mrs. Archie Gray will bring the message of the afternoon.

Officers for the ensuing year who will be installed are: Mrs. Joe Forman, president; Mrs. Etes Lynn, vice-president; Mrs. B. H. Erwin, secretary; Mrs. M. A. Foy, treasurer. Women of all churches in Ballinger are invited to attend.

Miss Virginia Baker, student at Texas State College for Women, Denton, is here to spend the holidays.

Miss Winifred Strickland left Monday for Beaumont, where she will visit relatives and friends during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Joyce Roper will join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roper, of Norton, Wednesday for a few days visit at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Campbell and baby, of DeLeon, are here for a visit in the H. O. Campbell home.

## Personals

Judge and Mrs. L. H. Flewelling, of Austin, and Mrs. Katie V. Armer, of Midland, are house guests in the R. G. Erwin home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Campbell and sons, who live in a ranch near Hamilton, will join Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Campbell and children for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Camhbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harper will go to Kansas City to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Gilliam and two children, of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Carr Sprayberry and sons, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Overton Parish, Jr., and Pamela, of Austin; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parish, of Brownwood, will be guests in the home of Judge and Mrs. O. L. Parish during the holidays.

Mrs. John Endacott and Jimmy are in Hobbs, New Mexico, visiting relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore and son, Charles, are Christmas guests in the H. F. Demmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McClenney and Carolyn will spend the holidays at Fort Worth, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Pfleger, of San Angelo, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Spann.

Ralph Vancil, Joe Vancil, Jimmy Davenport and C. B. Boggess spent the past week-end hunting deer near Bandera.

James Earl Barr, of Junction, is here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barr.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert Lowry, of Langley Field, Virginia, are here to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry.

Mrs. Leta Shelton, of El Paso, was here Sunday for a visit with friends.

Miss Dorothy Holliday, student at N. T. S. T. C., Denton, is at home for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Creasy, and Miss Ann Creasy, teacher in the El Paso high school, are spending the Christmas holidays at Port Arthur, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDonald.

## Farmers and Ranchers INCOME TAX

January 15th is the deadline for the filing of your 1947 Income Tax Return OR your Declaration of Estimated Income.

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## \$230,000 to be Expended In County on Highway 67

### County PMA Set-Up Elects Miles Farmer Chairman for Year

Runnels county farmers elected George F. Gordon, of Miles, as county chairman, and John G. Orken, of Winters, vice-chairman, of the production marketing association, formerly known as the AAA, at the annual meeting on December 11.

Meade W. McShan, of Ballinger, was elected regular member and first and second alternates are William A. Gully, Norton; and Grady Richards, Ballinger.

Prior to the meeting the following were named community committeemen: for Winters-Victory-Creus, Sam Faubion, Talpa, chairman; John J. Swatchus, Winters, vice-chairman; Newt Stoecker, Winters, regular member; Tom O. Carroll, Winters, first alternate; Bryant T. Bishop, Winters, second alternate; for Norton-Wingate-Pumphrey, Roy T. Roper, Norton, chairman; Elmer Bryan, Winters, vice-chairman; Bill Harmon, Winters, regular member; O. G. Barrett, Norton, first alternate; W. H. Kornegay, Winters, second alternate; for Olfen-Hatchel-Bethel, Doc C. Camp, Norton, chairman; Louis Rohmfeld, Rowena, vice-chairman; Claude Simmons, Ballinger, regular member; Clyde Flanagan, Ballinger, first alternate; Lee Muller, Ballinger, second alternate; for Miles-Rowena-Maverick, Joe Holmbeck, Rowena, chairman; Ed Glass, Miles, vice-chairman; Alfred C. McAulay, Maverick, regular member; Otto H. Goetz, Rowena, first alternate; John W. Moore, Miles, second alternate.

**BALLINGER BOY ATTENDING OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY**  
Rommie Terrell, of Ballinger, is continuing his war-interrupted education at Oklahoma City University.

Young Terrell, who is planning a career in the newspaper world after graduation, is a sophomore enrolled in Prof. Willard B. Arnold's school of journalism.

A former marine with considerable service in the South Pacific, Terrell is attending school under the G. I. bill of rights and is among the 1,600 odd veterans at present attending the university.

Mr. Terrell and wife are at present residing in Oklahoma City.

### CHARLES WEBB RETURNS FROM TEMPLE HOSPITAL

Charles Webb, injured in a fall from a pean tree recently, came home from a Temple hospital Friday. Although he will wear a cast on his back and one on an ankle several weeks, he is able to be up and was down town for the first time Saturday.

The state highway commission last Wednesday ordered that additional surfacing be done on U. S. highways 67 and 277 from Ballinger to the Tom Green county line. The project covers a distance of 19.3 miles and is estimated to cost \$230,000.

The work will be financed with state funds which the commission has been holding in reserve since the construction holiday during World War II.

John S. Redditt, state highway commission chairman, explained the Runnels county construction was part of a general statewide move to modernize and rehabilitate 1,456 miles of state roads.

"We have ordered jobs estimated to cost \$6,330,500 to protect our investment in present roads and to give greater comfort and convenience to the people using them," Redditt said.

Projects ordered Wednesday cover all sections of the state. They call for reshaping and widening many narrow "razz-back" roads, new surfaces for asphalt pavement, widening of bridges, building staple shoulders, eliminating sharp curves, and other work to improve a great many of the highway system's bad sections.

The work will be done in the spring and summer of 1948 when weather conditions are favorable.

## New Location Staked On J. F. Nunn Place Will Test Gray Sand

Pan American Petroleum Co. is preparing to drill a wildcat oil well on the J. F. Nunn place near Runnels, it was disclosed last week. It is planned to explore the Gray sand at around 3,700 feet.

The location is three miles south of Hatchel and 330 feet from the south and east lines of the East Texas Railway Co. survey No. 163.

The C. B. Drilling Co., of Abilene, has the contract and will use a rotary rig.

The new well was on 67 and north and 137 feet east of Pan American No. 1-Hugh Campbell, tested in the Ellenburger at 4,335 to 4,354 feet, and 4,380 to 4,400 feet through casing perforations after acidizing. From the latter zone about 200 barrels of oil were pumped and it was stated that all in that stratum was exhausted.

The hole was then plugged back to 3,671 feet, the casing perforated to 3,536 to 3,547, opposite the Morris sand, and produced some clean oil and a slight amount of water in drillstem tests. Oil yielding ability of this formation will be tested as soon as water can be squeezed out.

Interest is now centering on the test to be drilled on the Nunn place.

## KIDS Here's Your XMAS Present

We're giving Our ANNUAL FREE MOVIE PARTY for All the Boys and Girls who have attended our Texas and Palace Theatres this year.

It's our way of saying "thank you" for your loyal patronage—and we want to see you all here.

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Be with you always  
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Happiness and joy forever.



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## SOCIETY

Miss Mary Catherine Sturges Bride of Will J. Hale, Jr.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Jr., in San Angelo was the scene Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock of the double-ring ceremony of their daughter, Miss Mary Catherine (Kathy) Sturges, to Will J. Hale, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Hale, Sr., also of San Angelo.

Floor baskets of white gladioli and white candles in branched candelabra formed the improvised altar before the fireplace where the Rev. B. O. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian U. S. Church, solemnized wedding vows.

Mrs. Dallas Goss, pianist, presented a number of pre-nuptial musical selections, and accompanied Mr. Goss who sang "Thine Alone" and "I Love You Truly." She also played the traditional processional.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an aqua gabardine suit, a Frank Gallant original, designed with full skirt and long flaring jacket. She wore a pink blouse and a pink hat. Other accessories were Balenciago. She carried a white prayer book topped with orchids with showered ribbon of aqua, orchid and pink.

A small reception followed the ceremony. Following the wedding trip to San Antonio the couple will be at home in San Angelo. Both the bride and bridegroom are graduates of San Angelo High School, and Mrs. Hale has been attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth. Mr. Hale, an ex-serviceman, is now employed by the San Angelo Tractor & Implement Co.

Mrs. Hale made home in Ballinger with her parents for a number of years, when her father was connected with the Bettis & Sturges Store. Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Sr., of this city, attended the wedding.

### Baptist Junior Department Has Annual Christmas Party

The church parlors of the First Baptist Church were the scene of a gala affair Friday evening when members of the Junior department, their teachers and officers entertained with the annual Christmas program and tree. Parents of the boys and girls were honored guests.

The room was decorated with red and green streamers and large Xmas bells. An arrangement of cedar spruce, pine cones and red berries, with red tapers at each side centered the lace-laid refreshment table and the same arrangement was repeated on the piano.

With Mrs. O. G. Joiner at the piano the group was led in the singing of carols by Mrs. Carl

Black, superintendent of the department. The Christmas story, recorded in Luke, was given in unison. Billy Jon Whitehead played "White Christmas" as a piano solo, and Barbara and Gary Joiner played several clarinet numbers.

Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree, as the Rev. B. J. Martin, alias Santa Claus, called the names of the boys and girls to receive gifts. The ten-year-old girls' class, of which Mrs. Joiner is teacher, received a beautiful picture, as an award for having the most presents present.

Hot cocoa, cookies and candies were served by Mrs. A. O. Bartlett and Mrs. R. P. Canady to over one hundred, including children and their parents. Others assisting with arrangements for the affair were Meses E. P. Talbot, Vivian Marshall, A. F. Brock, Ted Whitehead, and Messrs. A. O. Bartlett, Elliott Kemp and E. T. Branham, Jr.

### Christmas Breakfast for Baptist Young People

The inspiring theme of the Christmas season was given pretty emphasis Sunday morning when members of the First Baptist Young People's department were guests at breakfast at the Central Hotel.

Oblong Christmas centerpieces of red, green and gold pine cones and greenery with tall red tapers were arranged for the long tables, with potted poinsettias at each end. Gum-drop candle holders with tiny candles were favors.

Carl Black, Jr., was master of ceremonies for the program which opened by singing carols with Miss Winifred Strickland, superintendent of the department, at the piano. Rev. B. J. Martin gave the invocation. Charlene Farish gave the welcome, and a trio composed of Elita Faubion, Lanetha Arrant and Bobby Neely sang "The March of the Magi." Miss Gladys Kemp told a Christmas story. Glenn

Have a Gay, Happy Merry CHRISTMAS

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and Entire Personnel

Murray directed the closing song and prayer. Among the forty included at the breakfast were teachers of the department.

### Intermediate Training Union Guests at Christmas Party

Miss Winifred Strickland and Mrs. Elliott Kemp, co-counselors of the First Baptist Intermediate

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Training Union, were hostesses to members Friday evening in the home of Mrs. R. T. Trail on Eighth Street.

Party rooms were decorated in symbols of the holiday season where table games were played and carols sung. Members started a gift fund for a missionary.

A refreshment plate of chocolate with sandwiches, cookies and Christmas candies was served to Betty Sue Cloninger, Theresa Elkins, Dena Roundtree, Nanelle McGahey, Zane Branham, Margaret Hampton, Freddy Byron and Carolyn Bigby.

### Mrs. Agnew Entertains Contract Club

Mrs. Tom Agnew was hostess to the Thursday Evening Contract Club members and added guests,

entertaining in her Wilke Terrace home.

Party rooms were decorated with the Christmas tree, candles banked with evergreens and multi-colored Christmas balls where the high and low score trophies went to Mrs. Marie Carter and Miss Grif-fie Atkins, and bingo to Mrs. G. A. Swann.

The hostess served date pudding and salted nuts with coffee. Others present were: Meses. John Barton, Edward Sommer, George Newby, Cordelia Johnson, John Castor, C. W. Cheatham, Misses Pearl Currie, Lillian Knowles, and Ollie Chenoweth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDaniel and Hal will spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Abilene.

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**BALLINGER CUBS SING CAROLS TO SHUT-INS**

All Ballinger Cub Scouts joined Saturday night to make a trip over the city and sing Christmas carols to a number of shut-ins. Three dens were represented in the junior choir. The youngsters got a big thrill out of the ser-

nade and especially when a woman told them: "This will be the most enjoyable thing that will happen to me this Christmas." Accompanying the lads on the serenade were Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Reese, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy McAulay, Mrs. J. A. Schnable. Be wise—advertise.

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This program will delight young and old... Bring the ENTIRE FAMILY

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A DORE SCHARY PRODUCTION  
Directed by IRVING REIS

**Christmas Special at the Texas To be 'Miracle on 34th Street'**

A delightful Christmas present is to be unwrapped tomorrow and Christmas Day, December 24, 25, at the Texas Theatre with the showing of 20th Century-Fox's "Miracle on 34th Street." The film has the gaiety of a holiday party with plenty of romance, laughter and sentiment to make all who see it glow with the feeling that there still are a lot of wholesome people left in this troubled world. Maureen O'Hara, as Doris Walker, a department store executive, and John Payne, a young lawyer, who are even more charming than they were in "Sentimental Journey," provide the romance, and Edmund Gwenn, one of the screen's finest actors, motivates this heart-warming story with his unusual characterization of Kris Kringle, a kindly old man who really believes he is

Santa Claus. The unscrambling of the situation which Kris manages to create makes the story bright with laughter and poignant with pathos and sentiment. The background for this moving story is appropriately enough New York with Macy's and Gimbel's department stores as scenes for much of the action. Special kudos must also be awarded the outstanding supporting cast, particularly little Natalie Wood, who portrays the cynical child who has been taught to take a realistic view of life; Gene Lockhart as the harassed judge; Porter Hall as the neurotic psychologist; William Frawley as the knowing politician; Jerome Cowan as the frustrated district attorney; and Philip Tongue as the jittery department store toy buyer.

**Mad Maxes in Knockout Comedy Provide Hilarious Christmas Attraction at Palace**

One of the rare treats of the Christmas cinema season is brought to town today by those

fabulous Marx Brothers, Groucho, Harpo and Chico, at the Palace Theatre. Their latest and funniest

**PALACE**

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Christmas PROGRAM!

2 feature ATTRACTIONS

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BORIS KARLOFF... THE FATAL HOUR  
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Extra: Serial, "SEAHOUND" — CARTOON

SUNDAY-MONDAY--DECEMBER 28th-29th

JOHNNY MACK BROWN  
The GHOST RIDER  
Raymond HATTON

film travesty, "A Night in Casablanca," a United Artists release, is to be shown at the Palace today, Wednesday, and Christmas Day.

In this hilarious film the mad Marxes are again seen in all the delightfully absurd antics that have endeared them to millions of theatre-wise fans all over the world.

The story is set in the post-war atmosphere of colorful Casablanca, with a swank hotel as the center of action.

An unusual murder motivates the action in RKO Radio's "Thunder Mountain," based on one of Zane Grey's gripping stories of the West. Tim Holt stars as a young rancher who has a desperate time preventing his land falling into the hands of unscrupulous land-grabbers.

Failing in various attempts to kill him, the bad men succeed in framing him for the murder of his avowed enemy. In the story, Holt has never been known to carry a gun, so when the victim is found with his head crushed by a rock, Holt is suspected of the slaying and held for trial.

Martha Hyer, Richard Martin, Steve Brodie, Virginia Owen and Harry Woods head the supporting cast of this action-packed story of the Arizona frontier just before the turn of the century.

**'Living in a Big Way' to be Christmas Attraction at Ford**

The romancing, dancing attraction on the Ford Theatre screen tomorrow (Wednesday), Christmas Day, and Friday, is "Living in a Big Way," which brings popular Gene Kelly back to pictures after service in the navy.

The new picture unfolds a fast-moving, mirthful angle on the post-war troubles of a guy who marries in haste but cannot repent at leisure because he is thrown into a whirlpool of complications.

Teamed with Kelly is curvaceous Marie McDonald, who recently scored in "Getting Gertie's Garter." Miss McDonald wears 38 outstanding Irene creations, mixes glamour with dramatic fireworks, allures with dancing, pertness with pathos.

Heading the supporting cast is Charles Winninger, veteran Broadway and screen actor; Phyllis Thaxter, and Spring Byington. Another top role is played by Jean Adair.

Clark Gable Heads All-Star Cast in "The Hucksters"

Marking his return to acting

**'Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer' Brings Grant, Loy, Temple**

Deriving its gay comedy from a judge's scheme to break up a school-girl's "crush" on an older man, "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer," to be presented at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 28 through 30, co-stars Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple.

Miss Loy is the judge, Miss Temple her impressionable young sister, and Grant is a successful artist with whom the teen-ager falls violently in love.

Already in bad with the woman jurist because of his Bohemian ways, the artist gets in deeper over the youngster's infatuation, and is about to be railroaded to prison when the judge decides to apply a psychological cure to her sister instead. The cure is to make her see so much of the artist that she will get tired of having him around.

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Ralph Byrd plays Tracy, and Lyle Latell, Kay Christopher, Ian Keith and Jack Lambert head the support cast.

"Untamed Fury" tells the exciting story of how the swamp natives earn their livelihood and depicts the struggle that follows when one returns to try to bring some of the advantages of civilization to the backward area.

after an absence of more than a year and a half, Clark Gable heads M-G-M's all-star cast in one of the year's most talked-about pictures, "The Hucksters."

The American film debut of Deborah Kerr, one of England's leading cinema stars, with other top roles played by Sydney Greenstreet, Adolphe Menjou, Ava Gardner, Keenan Wynn and Edward Arnold.

In the highly explosive story, which headed best-seller lists for nearly a year, Gable portrays the role of Vic Norman, fast-talking advertising salesman de luxe. It is his first assignment since his return from the war.

Miss Kerr has the part of Kay Dorrance, young society woman and the object of Gable's affections.

Menjou portrays the nervous highly excitable head of an advertising agency, Greepstreet, whose retund figure has become familiar to movie audiences in a number of mystery films, has the role of Evan Llewellyn Evans, bombastic soap manufacturer.

Rudy Vallee, Ray Collins, Harry Davenport and Johnny Sands are featured.

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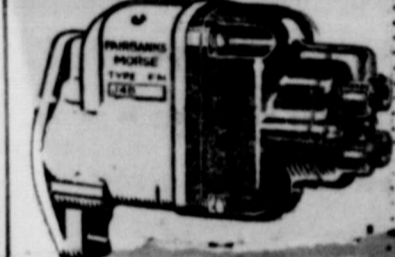
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Mr. and Mrs. John Tate and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Davis, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burnett, Imperial; and Miss Bonnie Davis, student of North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, will be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis for the holidays.

M. Sgt. and Mrs. Clark Koller and daughter, of Randolph Field; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Green, of Galveston; are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, Betty Lou and B. M. Batts, Jr., spent the past week-end at Seymour, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Tucker. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Williborn Batts and son, of Denver, Colorado, and David Batts, of the University of Texas, Austin, who returned with them for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chababa, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, are here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paezish.

Miss Vhelma Parrish and Miss Helen Brewer, of Odessa, are here to spend Christmas with their parents, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boswell, Jr.

of Beaumont, are here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and daughters, of Cleburne, will be Christmas guests in the home of Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holman are in Peoria, Illinois, to spend Christmas with a daughter and family.

Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler and children will go to Stigler, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Chandler's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings will join Mrs. E. B. Gilliam and Miss Ruby Long, of Brownwood, at Goldthwaite, to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilliam, Jr.

Mrs. Marguerite Daw and son, Jerry, and Ted Truly, of Dallas, will be here for the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly.

Mrs. Charles Tibbs and Charles William Tibbs, of Dallas, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hall, of Water Valley; and Mrs. Bitsie Vetterlein, of Abilene, will be here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn.

Mrs. W. E. Moss and son, Billy, will spend the after-Christmas holidays at Killeen, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barr will be Christmas guests of friends at Bronie.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley will go to Abilene for the holidays with relatives and friends.

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Kouth and daughter are here for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends. Lt. Kouth has just completed a course in instruments at Barkdale Field, Shreveport, and will report at Tusora, Arkansas, after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stobaugh and son, of Dallas, are here for the holidays, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richards and sons, Conda and Edmund, students of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, have gone to Utica, New York and New York city for the holidays.

Miss Fayrene Bolton, of Larkhart, is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Ann Kelly.

Miss Eugenia Baskin, of Dallas, came in the past week-end to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford Taylor will go to Cisco to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. O. R. White, of Weatherford, is here for a visit with her sisters, Mrs. J. A. Williams and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wheeler will spend Christmas at Beeville and other cities in South Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hale and son, Edmund, of Loving, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hale, Jr., and children, of Corpus Christi,

will spend the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Byler and W. J. Byler, of Coffeyville, Kansas, will be here for the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. McGregor, of Dallas, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor.

Joe W. B. McCormick will arrive Saturday from Cambridge, Massachusetts, to spend the holidays with his wife and infant son, and visit in the home of Mrs. Ruth Bankston.

Mrs. Marvin Miller has returned to her home at Dallas after a visit in the home of Mrs. W. L. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin, of Memphis, Tennessee, are here for a holiday visit with Mrs. D. R. Hall.

Cpl. Johnny Earnshaw will leave by air December 26 for Oceanside, California, to report back for duty with the marines. He has been at home on a sixty day furlough after two years service in China.

Walter Jones and Charles Burger, students at North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, came in Friday to spend the holidays with their parents and friends.

Sgt. Walter Edwards Midgley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley, is here from Scott Field, Illinois, to visit his parents and other relatives during the holidays.

Jerome Buxkemper, George McCortin and Bill Scoggins, who are attending Howard Payne College, Brownwood, have arrived for a holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Claude E. Stone, Bob Sykes, Richard Heubree, Claude Thompson and Garryn Hoffman, all students at A. & M. College, came in last Thursday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mary Brian Woody, Charlotte Miller, Kathryn Sensabaugh, Edgar Payne, Aubrey Frazier and Jackie Hampton, students of McMurry College, Abilene, came in the past week-end to spend the Christmas holidays.

John I. Gulon, Jimmy Agnew, Patsy and Donald McGregor and David Batts, students of the University of Texas, Austin, are at home for the holidays.

Miss Martha Saunders, student of Austin College, Sherman, came in the past week-end to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders.

Miss Nancy Goynes, student of Texas State College for Women, Denton, came in the past week-end to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goynes.

Misses Anna Sue Rembree, Gwen Morgan, Elizabeth Wear and Mary Edith Loyd, students of Baylor University, Waco, are at home for a Christmas visit with their parents and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. John Pearce and children and Francis Pearce, of Tulane University, New Orleans, will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cloninger and daughter will spend Christmas day at Goldthwaite and the remainder of the week at Lafayette, Louisiana.

Pfc. Lanham M. Carter is at home on a 30-day furlough from Kelly Field, San Antonio. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Carter, of Norton.

Mrs. C. A. Brooks, of Bangs, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bissett. She will return with the Bissetts to Bangs for Christmas day with Mr. Bissett's mother.

Miss Griffee Atkins spent the past week-end with friends at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bailey, of Coleman, will join other family members in the home of Mrs. Ruth Bailey for Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche will spend the holidays at Industry and Houston, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable and Jon will spend Christmas at Shawnee, Oklahoma, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schnable.

Judge and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and son will spend the holidays at Abilene, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Evelyn O'Neill, Reid Caskey, Morris Nunley and David Middleton, students of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nixon, of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Nixon, of San Angelo, will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newby and children and Mr. and Mrs. Price Middleton and daughter will spend Christmas day at Bradshaw, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke are spending the Christmas holidays at Cuero and San Antonio, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Brown and Christopher, of Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. and Mrs. Jack Lynn, of Berkeley, California; and Miss Clara Beth Lynn, of Tallahassee, Florida, will be here for the holiday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lewis, of Sheridan, are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw and son, John Weeks Earnshaw, spent the week-end at Lubbock, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Agnew will go to Waco after Christmas for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy McAulay and George are visiting in Knox City during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Earlene Webb, of Tinkle Field, Oklahoma City, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Battie Mae Dunlap, of Seminole, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dodd and daughter visited relatives at Fort Worth the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Garrett left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Blanco and Dallas.

Mrs. Lela McAdams left Friday for Houston, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her children.

Mrs. C. L. Baker will spend the holidays with her sisters at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Anderson, of Los Angeles, are here for



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a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. C. McCarver, of El Paso, spent Sunday in Ballinger, visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dallinger and daughter will spend Christmas at Brownwood with relatives

and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Webb, of Denton, are here for a Christmas visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion.

Dr. E. W. Stasney was in Houston the past week-end, attending to business and visiting relatives.



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## IN SOCIETY

**Jane Nixon Has Birthday Party**  
Jane Nixon was honored guest on her seventh birthday anniversary Friday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. Myles Nixon, gave a party, assisted by her grandmother, Mrs.

Jack Nixon, and Mrs. Jones Taylor, Mrs. Price Middleton and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr.

After games were played at the Nixon home on Broadway, small guests were invited into the dining room where the table was centered with the white birthday cake which was decorated with pink roses and topped with pink candles, and served with ice cream. Sparklers were favors. The living rooms were decorated with the Christmas tree and other symbols of the season.

Included were: Lucia Clark, Pat Bell, Susan, Lynn and Ellen Herring, Lin Currie, Betty Berryhill, Mary Kay Cloninger, Suzanne Middleton, Carol Kay Jobe, Margaret Lou Campbell, Jane Wade, Linda Kay Crockett, Marcia and Michael Murchison, Tommy Nixon, Buddy Stasney, Charles Afflerbach, Jerry Candler, John Middleton, Bobby Bissett and Kenneth Fuqua.

**Ruth Class Has Holiday Party in Buchanan Home**

Mrs. A. G. Buchanan, Mrs. Jack Chism and Mrs. Barnett Frank were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class Thursday evening in the Buchanan home in Wilke Terrace.

Party rooms were decorated in symbols of the holiday season and

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potted poinsettias were on occasional tables. Mrs. Buchanan directed the business and heard officers' and committee reports. Mrs. Rollin Campbell gave the Christmas devotional and Mrs. Francis Jones gave the prayer.

Gifts were exchanged from the illuminated Christmas tree, and a gift was presented to the class teacher, Mrs. Campbell. A gift shower was also presented Mrs. Harry Cannon.

Hostesses served pie and coffee. Others were: Mmes. Roy Bledsoe, Floyd White, Melvin Beddo, Elliot Kemp, H. K. Dickinson, Stuart Williams, K. I. Sharpes, Fred McKay, Lola Booker, Doyle Condra, Bryan Gilliam, Harold Routh, Jack Gibbs, Collins Wickham and W. E. Curtis.

**Rehearsal Supper for Sykes-Lynn Wedding Party**

Members of the Lynn-Sykes wedding party and a few added guests will be included when Misses Lynn and Pat McGregor and their mother, Mrs. Malcolm McGregor, will entertain with a buffet rehearsal supper in their home on Broadway, Friday evening, December 26.

Decorations will feature the Christmas theme about party rooms where the wedding party, Mr. and Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes, Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Lynn of Midland, and other guests will be included.

The wedding will be held December 27 at six o'clock in the evening at the First Presbyterian Church, with the bride-elect's cousin, the Rev. Matthew Lynn of Midland, reading the vows.

**Miss Helen Ruth Speer to Wed James Clement February 14**

Mrs. Emma Speer announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Helen Ruth, to James Clement, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clement, of Andrews. A formal wedding is being planned to be held in the First Baptist Church here on February 14.

Miss Speer graduated from San Angelo High School and is to be a January graduate of the Shannon School of Nursing. Mr. Clement, Lake View High School graduate, spent 46 months in the Navy and is now attending San Angelo College.

**Christmas Party for Ace of Clubs Members and Husbands**

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Irby and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davies were hosts to members of Ace of Clubs and their husbands last Thursday evening when they entertained at the country club.

Cedar boughs, nandina berries and other greenery combined with red candles were given vantage placings about the large living room and banked the mantel where a wood fire burned in the large open fireplace. After games of contract were played marshmallows were toasted and corn popped over the fire, and gifts were exchanged. A midnight snack was served from the refreshment table centered with assorted fruits surrounded by a

wreath of holly and foliage. Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Earl Barr, John Bradley, Sam Conner, W. E. Moss, H. G. Agnew, Leonard Seales and Edward Sommer.

**Young People's B. T. U. Has Party in Parish Home**

Charlene Parish was hostess to the First Baptist Young People's B. T. U. Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parish on Seventh Street.

Spacious rooms were beautifully decorated in symbols of the holiday season including the pretty tree where Miss Gladys Kemp gave a Christmas story, and Glenn Murray directed the singing of carols and games.

Mrs. Parish assisted in serving cake and hot chocolate. Others were: Ebb Grindstaff, Johnny Marshall, Bill Hart, John Reese, Elnita Faubion, Lanetha Arrant, Johnny Caudle, Curtis Wade, Bobby Neely, LaRita Price and Bobby Marie Eoff.

**Christmas Party for Holland's Cleaners**

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Holland were assisted by their children, Norma and Raymond, when they were hosts to employees of Holland's Cleaners Thursday evening with a Christmas party in their home on Murrell Avenue.

The Christmas theme was carried out in all decorations for the party rooms and in the refreshment plate of fruit cake and coffee. After games were played gifts were exchanged from the illuminated tree.

Others present were: Mrs. Billie Goode, Mrs. Vivian Marshall and son, Norman, Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Sharpes, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Holley, Mr. and Mrs. B. Busher, and Mrs. J. E. Underwood and Joe Earl Underwood.

**Mrs. Cloninger Entertains Amigas Class**

Mrs. S. E. Cloninger, teacher of the First Baptist Amigas Class, was hostess to members in her home Thursday evening.

Living rooms were decorated in the traditional Christmas theme where Mrs. Cloninger gave the Christmas devotional, "The Greatest Thing of All." A lunch plate was served with coca-colas to Miss Winifred Strickland and members, Bobby Neely, Josephine Burkhardt, Betty Lou Batts, Willa Faye Sepp, Jackie Bankston, Margaret Liverman, Elnita Faubion, Charlene Parish and Peggy Russell.

**Mothers Honored by Morning Glory Brownie Troop**

Morning Glory Brownie Troop No. 7 honored their mothers with a Christmas tea Friday afternoon in the large living room at the Country Club.

Mrs. Ralph Payette and Mrs. Jones Taylor, troop leaders, assisted members in receiving in the room decorated with evergreens, bells and the lighted tree where gifts were exchanged.

A salad plate was served with Russian spiced tea from the lace-laid table centered with a Christmas winter scene outlined with

holly and candles. Troop members had hand-painted all the party appointments.

Brownies were: Carol Sue Berry, Shirley Jones, Dorothy Heath, Marvella Ashton, Joyce Bisbee, Loretta Brown, Patricia Allen, Dee Ann Saylor, Peggy Jo Virden, Melba Parker, Joan Whitman, Betty Jo Cowlishaw, Sally Underwood, Ruth Jean Watkins, and they sang carols for their mothers after socks of assorted candies were presented them from the leaders.

Mothers were: Mmes. Barney Watkins, Fred Underwood, Frank Heath, Charles Berry, Allen Davis, Roger Jones, Dee Saylor, Parker, Rube Virden, Wesley Whitman, Cowlishaw, Bill Bishop and Herman Brown.

## DENTIST

Carl C. Smith

Carl C. Smith, 64, died suddenly at his home, 1508 Eighth Street, Monday morning.

Born in Wise county, decedent came to Ballinger in 1909 and operated a grocery store here for a number of years. He was married to Miss Willie Mae Golden at Decatur in 1906.

Survivors besides the wife include a daughter, Mrs. Audra L. Grant, Ballinger; three brothers, G. E. Smith, Electra; a Ted Smith, Decatur; R. T. Smith, Los Angeles, California; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Heathington, Decatur; Mrs. Nell Heathington, Decatur; his mother, Mrs. M. J. Smith, Decatur; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted at the Newby-Davis chapel Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. B. J. Martin officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

John P. Burnette

John P. Burnette, 65, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dayton Smith, 1001 Fifth Street, last Saturday following protracted illness.

Born at Booneville, Kentucky, decedent came to Texas when a small boy. He settled at San Saba and moved from there to Ballinger in 1918, and lived in this area ever since. He was married to Miss Nannie Salsberry, of San Saba, in 1905. He had been a member of the Church of Christ since childhood. Until a few years ago he was a farmer.

Survivors besides the wife include three sons, James H. Burnett, Grants Pass, Oregon; Ted R. Burnette, Cave Junction, Oregon; Carlos W. Burnette, Seguin; one daughter, Mrs. Smith, Ballinger; a brother, Jim Burnette, Seagraves; a half-sister, Mrs. Pearl Maxcey, Eden; two half-brothers, Felix Cochran, Richland Springs; Buck Cochran, Fort Worth.

Funeral services were conducted



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**CONCHO COUNTY CITIZENS VOTE \$175,000 ROAD BONDS**

Concho county citizens authorized the issuance of \$175,000 in road bonds at an election held December 13. Tabulations disclosed the proposal was approved by about 2 to 1 majority.

The major part of the money from the sale of the bonds will be spent on paving a 27-mile road across central Concho county from a point near Doole through Millersview to Eola. The remainder will be used to all-weather school

bus routes. The state highway department will help in the cost of the 27-mile paved section.

Lt. and Mrs. Billy J. May and son, of Fort Knox, Kentucky, arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Lt. May's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. May, and other relatives.

Students attending N. T. S. T. C., Denton, arriving home for the holidays are: Betty Parrish, Marilyn Joyce Bowden, Nancy Guynes, Bonnie Davis, Evelyn Higby, Iris Nell Bales and Dorothy Holiday.

O. F. Sensabaugh, of Lubbock, is here to spend Christmas with his family in the home of Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

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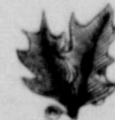
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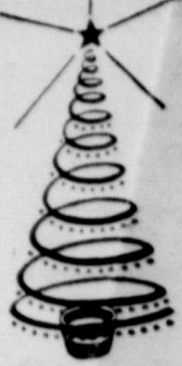
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**BUTCHER SHOP BLUES** . . . In Eye, N. Y., Rocco Martino, a butcher, says he knows from nothing about economics, but he has a plan for selling meat and it's working. He sells his meat at what it costs him, plus a flat weekly service charge of \$1.25 per family.

**VACCINATION SAID INSURANCE AGAINST HOG CHOLERA LOSSES**  
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 22.—When a farmer vaccinates his hogs against hog cholera, he's taking out an insurance policy for them. Hogs are high in price and worth insuring.

E. M. Regenbrecht, extension swine husbandman for Texas A. & M. College, says there are several methods of vaccination for hog cholera and the vaccine chosen by the farmer depends on the circumstances.

If the hogs have been exposed to cholera, or there is a chance that they will be exposed within the next two weeks, serum alone, or serum and virus may be used. The serum offers only temporary protection, good for about a month, but the cholera cannot be spread by its use. Serum and virus give the most permanent protection, but there is a noticeable reaction which will give the hogs a "set-back." Hogs vaccinated by the serum and virus method can transmit the disease to other susceptible hogs during the first 30 days after vaccination.

If the hogs have not been exposed to cholera, and there is not much chance of exposure within two weeks, the crystal violet vaccine and B.T.V. (Boyn-ton's tissue vaccine) are preferred because there is no danger of spreading cholera by their use and no undesirable set-back or other complications. These vaccines give immunity for six months to a year, and it takes about three weeks after vaccination to obtain immunity.

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**GRAIN-SAVING TIPS GIVEN FOR DECEMBER POULTRY**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 22.—Every month is important in the poultry business, but December, 1947, is another grain saving month, and merits special attention. W. J. Moore, extension poultry specialist for Texas A. & M. College, suggests to producers that they keep only high-producing hens and use intelligent management to save grain as well as maintain an efficient flock.

He says to cull the laying flock regularly and dispose of all low producers as they are culled out. The immature and slow-developing pullets can be culled, too.

Another suggestion is to keep the egg yield above 50 per cent production rate. Feed a complete ration to furnish proteins, minerals, and vitamins to balance the nutrients in grains. Feeding only grain to a laying flock is a grain-wasting practice. The grain keeps the hen alive, but does not furnish her all the necessary ingredients for economical egg production.

A poultry pasture is a grain conservation measure, also, and saves on the feed bill, Moore reminds.

As a last suggestion, he recommends providing good hoppers that prevent waste and not overfilling with feed for the hens to waste.

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Marvin Sanders, student at McMurry College, Abilene, is here to spend Christmas with his parents and friends.

Mrs. L. A. Scoggins, of Rule, is here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Marion Flynt, of Midland, will be a guest of relatives here Christmas.

# ALL THAT IS CHRISTMAS



**P**EACE on earth . . . home . . . worship  
freedom . . . friendships . . . loved ones . . . happy  
children . . . the thoughtfulness of those about us  
. . . let's preserve all that is Christmas and what  
Christmas really means for all the days to come. And  
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**MR. AND MRS. STALLINGS BUY HOME IN WILKE ADDITION**  
A deal was closed the past week in which Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings purchased the residence recently built by Austin Harper at the corner of Sixth Street and

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**HAPPY HOLIDAY**

By MARY NELSON

"HAPPY new year!" The cry echoed and re-echoed down the street as Penny made her way toward the bus stop. Everywhere about her people were light-hearted and gay and busily wishing their friends good fortune for the coming year. She buttoned her coat at the neck and turned up the collar. It was a bitterly cold day and she told herself she would be happy to reach home and stay in for the night. Let those with pioneer blood go out and stand in the raw wind down at Dayton Circle just to blow a silly horn at midnight ostensibly to usher in the new year.

Penny had always been known at home as a sensible girl with good common sense. She was proud of that reputation and now that she lived in the city alone she was more determined than ever to live up to it. She didn't want to become a sophisticated, worldly wise city girl. Thus, she summed up mentally, it was just as well she didn't go out.

"Going out tonight, Penny?" The words interrupted her thoughts and she turned to greet Ruby, a fellow worker who was always going out with someone she called "Beanie." You could always tell the status of Ruby's romance by her mood: if she was exuberant to the point of being giddy, she was going to see Beanie that night; if she was quiet and petulant, she hadn't heard from him, and if she was downright rude with a sarcastic twist to every remark she made, then they had quarreled.

Penny smiled. "No, I'm not, Ruby," she replied. Odd that she should feel such emptiness within her as she said the words. She noted Ruby's quick glance of sympathy and it irritated her. "I don't know



"But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice."

anyone here," she defended herself. Then added curtly, "And anyway, I wouldn't dream of going out in such ghastly weather."

Ruby shrugged. "Oh, well, if you feel that way about it, happy new year, Penny." She hurried away before the wretched girl could make any response. "Now why did I act so nasty?" she asked under her breath. Ruby hadn't meant any offense—she was simply so wrapped up in her own little world that she felt sorry for anyone who had no Beanie to which to cling. She was essentially a generous person and now Penny had deliberately hurt her.

AS SHE stood in the middle of the sidewalk, angry and discouraged, she saw her bus speeding recklessly down the street and without another thought to anything else she hurried toward the corner. "Wait, oh, wait!" she called, running breathlessly. No one else was waiting, however, and he careened sharply off the curb, hurrying on his way. "Oh, dear!" She burst into tears at this new disappointment and reached blindly for the curb.

But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice sending her into an astonished heap in the street.

For a moment she was too stunned to move. She heard footsteps hurrying past her and managed to sit up dazedly. A man knelt down beside her but his face was a blur of features. "Take it easy," he admonished, placing an arm across her back. She tried to focus her eyes upon him and hadn't quite succeeded when he cried, "Penny! Why, Penny Lindsay! What in the world are you doing out here?"

And then everything cleared and she saw the handsome, blond features of a former school friend. "Oh, Alan!" Tears tumbled over each other in hasty exit. He helped her to her feet. "Gee, it's good to see someone from the old home town. I've been so doggone lonely," he told her, manipulating the handkerchief skillfully around her nose and eyes.

"I'm lonely, too," she gasped. "I've only been here a month."

"Say! What are you doing to-night? Anything?"

"Nothing." Her heart skipped a beat in anticipation.

"Then why don't we go somewhere and talk over old times? Gee, I'm dying to hear some gossip about the Turners and the Mitchells and all the rest. Will you, Penny?"

And Penny smiled happily this time. "Yes, Alan. Even this ghastly weather couldn't stop me from talking over old times with you."

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**IN SOCIETY**

**Baptist Intermediate Department Has Christmas Party**

Miss Gladys Kemp, superintendent of the Intermediate department of the First Baptist Sunday school, was assisted by Mrs. W. H. James and teachers of the department when members were entertained with a Christmas party in the church parlors on Eighth Street Thursday evening.

The party room was decorated with evergreens, pine cones and red tapers where a program was given which included a trio, sung by Betty Sue Cloninger, Theresa Elkins and Dian Tuckey. The song was "There is a song in the Air." Freddie Byron gave a Christmas reading, and Jackie Bankston and Elnita Faubion sang "Silent Night" as a pantomime was presented by Carol Ann Bailey, Lanny Maedgen and James Marshall, who portrayed the characters of Mary and the Shepherds. Mrs. W. E. Elkins gave the story, "The Other Wise Man."

**Miss Harber Weds Harold Richards in Abilene**

Miss Dorothy Harber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harber, of Abilene, became the bride of Harold Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Richards of this city in a ceremony read Thursday evening at 6 o'clock.

Vows were repeated in the home of the bride's parents, 1217 S. Twelfth, in Abilene. Baskets of red gladioli and fern were combined to form an improvised altar before the mantel, floor members were included for the candelabra holding white tapers and branched candelabra were on party Thursday evening of last week. A formal arrangement of white

Maurice Harber. The Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, read the service.

The bride wore a white wool sheer dress with gold hat and shoes. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and camelias.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Nancy Crowley, who wore a sky blue dress with brown accessories. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Clarence Richards, Jr., brother of the bridegroom, served as best man.

Following the wedding a reception table was centered with the three-tiered white wedding cake which was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. Curtis Harber, Jr., served the cake and Mrs. Sam A. Wellhausen ladled punch.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and is a Junior in Hardin-Simmons University. The bridegroom, a graduate of Ballinger High School, served in the Navy 19 months, 10 months of which was spent in the South Pacific and China. He is a sophomore student at Hardin-Simmons.

**Current Book Club Has Annual Christmas Dinner**

Husbands of Current Book Club members were included for the annual Christmas dinner and party Thursday evening of last week. A formal arrangement of white

CHRISTMAS  
**Greetings**  
TO EVERYONE

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chrysanthemums combined with red roses centered the long table at the home of Mrs. Jewel Cooper on Broadway where the turkey dinner was served in three courses. The Eighth Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon was the scene where games of forty-two were played and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes won the high score award.

At the conclusion of games, gifts were exchanged from the illuminated tree. Party rooms were decorated throughout in bright Yule colors and emblems. The dining table was centered with silver Xmas balls and leaves

and flanked by red tapers.

Others present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Chester Cherry, Paul Petty, E. A. Saunders, A. J. McDaniel, Tom Caudle, Sam Behringer, A. H. Dallinger; Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Loyd, and Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater.

Judge and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and son and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Agnew and son were in Austin Thursday, where Judge Grindstaff had called a meeting of the executive committee of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. The others visited and attended special programs at Austin over the week-end.

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
**GREETINGS**

Here's our Christmas sentiments with an added word of appreciation for all past favors

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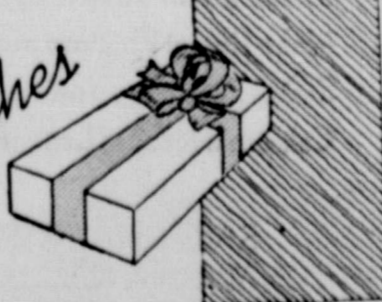
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 received a message Monday morn-  
 ing announcing the birth of a  
 grandson in Corpus Christi. The  
 parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. W.  
 Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett  
 received a message this week  
 announcing the birth of a grand-  
 daughter at Eagle Pass. The  
 parents are Mr. and Mrs. Herbie  
 Fulcher.

Miss Virginia Brantley, of El  
 Paso, classmate of Miss Gwen Mor-  
 gan at Baylor University, is a  
 guest in the home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.

Miss Dorothy Bruce, student at  
 Southern Methodist University,  
 Dallas, is at home for the holi-  
 days with her parents, Mr. and  
 Mrs. R. E. Bruce.

Tony Shultz, of New Athens,  
 Illinois, a student of Baylor Uni-  
 versity, Waco, is spending the  
 holidays in the home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards,  
 of Abilene, will be Christmas  
 guests in the home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. C. D. Richards.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and  
 daughter, Mary Joe, will spend the  
 holidays at Junction, visiting  
 relatives and friends.

David Dankworth, student at  
 McMurry College, Abilene, is here  
 to spend the holidays with rela-  
 tives and friends.  
 Miss Faye Clark, of Houston, is  
 here to spend Christmas with re-  
 latives and friends.

Ardis M. Beard, of Tulsa, is  
 expected for an after-Christmas  
 visit in the home of his parents,  
 Mr. and Mrs. George M. Beard.  
 Miss Marilyn Bowden, student  
 at North Texas State Teachers'  
 College, Denton, is here for the  
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 Lloyd King, Winters, surgical,  
 Thursday  
 Miss Susie Harris, surgical, Sun-  
 day  
 Mrs. W. F. Houston and daugh-  
 ter, Paint Rock, Friday  
 Mrs. Vernon Lewis and daugh-  
 ter, Friday.  
 Bryan Lusk, medical patient, is

slightly improved.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Foy C. Watson are  
 parents of a daughter, born Fri-  
 day. Mrs. Watson and baby, doing  
 nicely, were dismissed Sunday.

Jimmy Martin, who underwent  
 surgery Sunday, was resting well  
 today.

Mary Jo Mueller, operated on  
 Sunday, is doing satisfactorily.  
 Miss Mamie Richey, of Talpa,  
 entered the local clinic Sunday  
 for medical treatment.  
 Mrs. R. B. Ingle, who underwent  
 surgery Monday, is improving.

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Pie Spice	Schillings' Pumpkin	2-Oz. Can	14¢
Seasoning	Schillings'oultry	2 1/2-Oz. Can	15¢
Rubbed Sage	Schillings'	2-Oz. Can	18¢
Apple Sauce	Matt's	No. 2 Can	14¢
Cranberry	Sweet Ocean Spray	16-Oz. Can	21¢
Juice	Libby's Pineapple	46-Oz. Can	39¢
Cocktail	Hickox Delight Fruit	No. 2 1/2 Can	39¢
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Peaches	Castle Crest Choice Quality	No. 2 1/2 Can 29¢
Tomato Soup	Campbell's	2 10-Oz. Cans 19¢
Beets	Libby's Cut, Red	No. 2 Can 12¢
Corn	Highway, Whole Kernel Golden	12-Oz. Can 17¢
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 Larry Morrison, surgical, Sunday  
 Lloyd King, Winters, surgical,  
 Thursday  
 Miss Susie Harris, surgical, Sun-  
 day  
 Mrs. W. F. Houston and daugh-  
 ter, Paint Rock, Friday  
 Mrs. Vernon Lewis and daugh-  
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 Bryan Lusk, medical patient, is

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 Mr. and Mrs. Foy C. Watson are  
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 day. Mrs. Watson and baby, doing  
 nicely, were dismissed Sunday.

Jimmy Martin, who underwent  
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 today.

Mary Jo Mueller, operated on  
 Sunday, is doing satisfactorily.  
 Miss Mamie Richey, of Talpa,  
 entered the local clinic Sunday  
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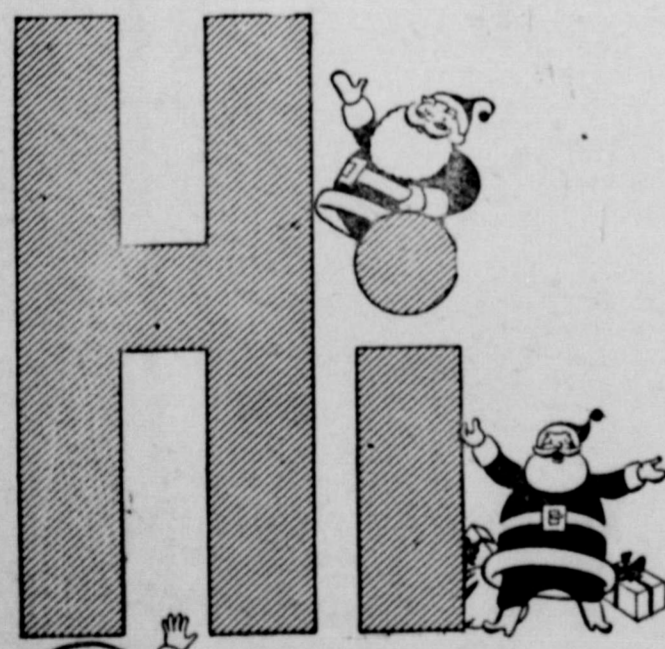
## THANK YOU

MANY TIMES

We are grateful for each opportunity to serve you and feel privileged indeed every time you call on us. May you have the joy of a happy Christmas and may you be blessed with all good things.



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With all the cordiality that is in our hearts, and with all the appreciation of the kindnesses you have bestowed upon us, we extend this Christmas message to you.

May the Holiday be one of abundant happiness.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

McAULAY'S

Notice of Execution Sale THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS By virtue of an execution issued out of District Court of Dallas

County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 16th day of January, 1936, in a suit styled Dr. Ben L. Schofield, et al, vs. E. S. Price Corporation, et



• We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Holland's



In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

Bowden's Barber Shop

al, and against E. S. Price, Individually, wherein Harry E. Harrington recovered judgment in Cause No. 100464-B/D in said Court, I did on the 3rd day of December, 1947, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land, being oil, gas and mineral leases on lands situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, as the property of said E. S. Price, to-wit:

An oil, gas and mineral lease executed by John F. Armstrong, Individually and as Attorney in fact for Mrs. Marjorie A. McLernon and husband, Geo. J. McLernon, Chas. E. Armstrong, and F. L. Armstrong, of Bexar County, Texas, as Lessors, to E. S. Price as Lessee, on land described as Block No. 16 of the Subdivision of Antonio La Soya League and Labor Survey No. 515, Abstract No. 345, Certificate No. 603, Patented to John W. Harris June 23, 1888, by Patent No. 280, Vol. No. 13, being 156.5 acres of land, more or less. Said lease is dated September 12, 1946, and is recorded in Vol. 203 on pages 515-516 and 517 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and contains a complete description of said land.

An oil, gas and mineral lease executed by Joe Ashton and wife, Clara A. Ashton, of Runnels County, Texas, as Lessors, to E. S. Price, as Lessee on several tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows:

1st Tract, 180 1/2 acres in Block No. 36 Dry Land and Cattle Survey—61 acres in Block No. 36 M. J. Parramore Survey—118 acres of Block No. 36 Domingo Diaz Survey No. 532, 2nd tract, 100 acres in the Austin Williams Survey, 3rd tract, 98 acres in the Austin Williams Survey, tract 200 acres in the Austin Williams Survey. Said Lease is dated September 6, 1946, and is recorded in Vol. 201 on pages 424 to 428 inclusive of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and contains a complete description of said land.

All of an oil and gas lease executed by J. W. Reese and wife, Mary Reese, to E. S. Price, on November 6, 1945, covering 248.3 acres, recorded in Vol. 199, page 381 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a full and complete description.

Oil and gas lease dated March 18, 1946, executed by William Ashton, et ux, to Jno. H. Castor, insofar as it covers the East one-half of the 102.81 acre tract out of the Henry Garmes Survey 540, Abst. 197, then described, so constructed that the west line hereof is parallel to the east line of said 102.81 acre tract, said oil and gas lease being recorded in Vol. 201, page 443, of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

Oil and gas lease dated November 5, 1944, executed by J. W. Reese, et ux, to E. S. Price, covering 60 acres of land, which lease is recorded in Vol. 198, page 64, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, subject to oil payments in favor of C. E. Lambert, Jane Willer Hill and L. Novy and Estate of Minnie Novy, deceased.

Oil and gas lease dated July 12, 1944, executed by Mrs. Inez Flanagan, Individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J. S. Flanagan, deceased, to E. S. Price, and an oil and gas lease dated July 12, 1944, executed by Jane Godshalk, executrix of the Estate of E. G. Godshalk, deceased, et al, to E. S. Price, and an oil and gas lease dated August 29, 1945, executed by North Central Texas Oil Company, Inc., to Jno. H. Castor, insofar as each of said leases cover 35.75 acres out of a certain 299.5 acre tract of land comprising portions of Blocks 30 and 29, Subdivisions of

D. Diaz Survey 532, Abst. 115, said 35.75 acre tract hereby assigned being all of said 299.5 acre tract except the N 69.75 acres of Blocks 29 and 30 and the S 34 acres of the S 69 acres of Block 30 and the S 190 acres of Block 29, which latter tracts have been assigned to various parties and all of which are constructed so that the North and South lines of said tracts are parallel with the N lines of said Blocks, said leases being recorded in Vol. 198, pages 60, 81 and 85 respectively of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

All of an oil and gas lease dated September 6, 1946, executed by Joe Ashton, et ux, to E. S. Price, covering 578.5 acres, recorded in Volume 201 at page 424 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record, reference is here made for a more particular description.

All of an oil and gas lease executed by Arch Brookshier et al, to E. S. Price, dated February 26, 1946, and recorded in Volume 201, page 344 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, covering 243.5 acres of land, to which record, reference is here made for a more particular description.

An oil and gas lease dated February 26, 1946, executed by Arch Brookshier, et ux, to E. S. Price, recorded in Vol. 201 at page 347 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, insofar as it covers the East 93 acres of the 336.5 acre tract out of the E. T. R. R. Co. Survey No. 129 therein described, so laid out that its West line is parallel with the East line of said 336.5 acre tract to which record, reference is here made for a more particular description.

Oil and gas lease, dated September 11, 1946, executed by Claude Brookshire, et ux, to E. S. Price, recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, insofar as it covers 420 acres of land, and being all of the 640 acres of land known as the J. R. Parramore Survey 136, Abst. 829, West line is parallel with the East 100 acres thereof and the West 120 acres of said Survey, said tracts having their east and west lines parallel with the east and west lines of said Survey, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

The East 100 acres of an oil and gas lease executed by Claude Brookshier and wife, Maggie Brookshier, to E. S. Price on September 11, 1946, and recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, said 100 acres being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the J. H. Parramore Survey No. 136, THENCE North 1571 varas to the Northeast corner of said survey; THENCE South 75 deg. West 239 varas to a point in the North line of said survey; THENCE South 1430 varas to a point in the South line of said survey; THENCE East 238 varas to the place of beginning.

The West 243.5 acres out of an oil and gas lease executed by Arch Brookshier and wife, Minnie Lee Brookshier, to E. S. Price on February 26, 1946, recorded in Vol. 201 at page 346 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made; this 243.5 acres being out off from the rest of the lease with its East line parallel with the East line of the Arch Brookshier 336.5 acre tract.

An oil and gas lease executed on December 11, 1936, by Noel Williams and wife Margaret Williams, S. A. Hartigrove and R. J. Beeton, to John H. Castor, covering 196 acres of land situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, described as follows to-wit: Being 196 acres of land out of Block No. 26, a subdivision of Domingo Diaz Survey No. 532, Abstract No. 115, said 196 acres described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at S. W. corner of Block No. 27 and S. E. corner of Block No. 26, THENCE North 1800 varas to corner; THENCE South 78 1/2 West 268 varas to corner; THENCE North 87 1/2 West 363 varas to corner; THENCE South 1752 varas to S. W. corner of Block No. 26; THENCE East 627 22/100 varas to place of beginning.

Also an oil and gas lease covering the same land executed by S. M. Gloyd and Edwin G. Bedford to John H. Castor on June 8, 1937; Said combined oil and gas leases now being known as the Noel Williams Lease and containing one producing oil well. There is assigned with this lease all of the casing, tubing, flow lines, flow tanks and other equipment used in connection with said well.

The South 80 acres of Block No. 29, a subdivision of D. Diaz Survey No. 532, Abstract No. 115, as described in an oil and gas lease dated August 2, 1946, executed by Mrs. Inez Flanagan, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J. S. Flanagan, deceased, to Mrs. Edith Wynn

Price, recorded in Vol. 201, page 353, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record, reference is here made for a more particular description of said tract of land.

All of four certain oil and gas leases, one dated February 9, 1945, executed by Joe Ashton, et ux, to Callie Hill Sweet, one dated December 20, 1944, executed by Higginbotham Bros. & Co. to Col. A. W. Sweet; one dated December 3, 1944, executed by Jas. E. Brewer et ux, to Callie Hill Sweet; and one dated July 10, 1944, executed by C. D. Middleton and A. M. King to Callie Hill Sweet, and recorded in Vol. 194, page 578, Vol. 201, page 522; Vol. 194, page 575, and Vol. 194, page 72, respectively, of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and covering an aggregate of 100 acres out of Block 35, Subdivision of M. J. Parramore Survey No. 26, Abst. 834, Day Land & Cattle Co. Sur. No. 1, Abst. 1117, and A. B. & M. Survey 25, Abst. 14, reference being here made to such records for a more particular description.

The West one-half of that certain 102.81 acre tract out of the Henry Garmes Survey No. 540, Abst. 197, so divided that the East line hereof is parallel with the East line of said 102.81 acre tract, as described in that certain oil and gas lease dated March 18, 1946, executed by William Ashton, et ux, to Jno. H. Castor and recorded in Vol. 201, page 443, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a more particular description; subject, however, to the overriding royalty of 1-32 of the total production of oil and gas reserved to Jno. H. Castor by his assignment to E. S. Price, dated September 12, 1946.

And on the 6th day of January, 1948, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the town of Ballinger, I will offer for sale and sell as public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said E. S. Price in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 3rd day of December, 1947.  
J. L. MORELAND  
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.

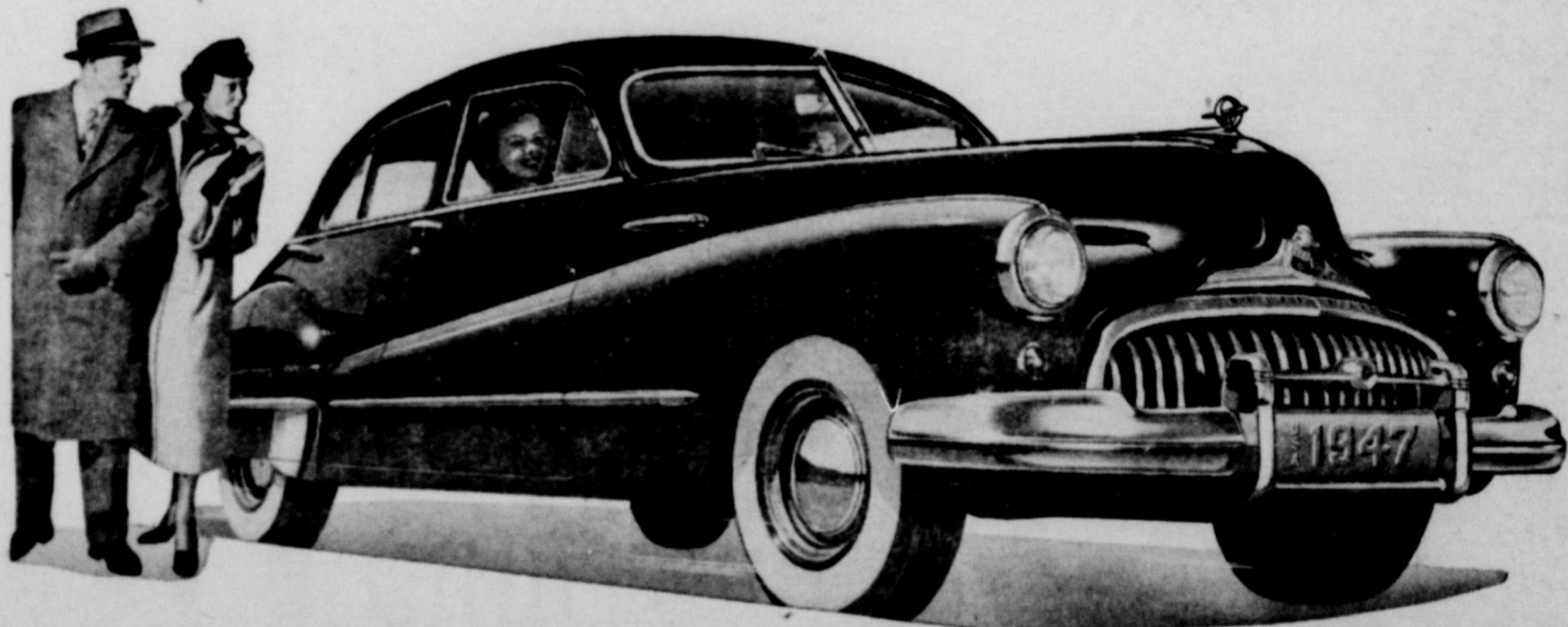


- Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.
- In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home

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OLIVER PETTY

ALLEN DAVIS  
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Why let it be a *passing fancy*?

EVERY day you see them, swinging smoothly by.

And every time you see them, like as not, the same thing happens.

You fancy yourself traveling in style that's unmistakable anywhere, and eye-catching wherever you go.

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You picture the peace of mind that could be yours in a carriage so big, so sure, so steady— a car whose very wheel-rims lend security and control as well as softness to your going.

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**BALLINGERITE WILL ATTEND SCHOOL FOR MESS STEWARDS**  
T-4 Jesse J. Denham, of Ballinger, stationed at William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, has been enrolled in the four weeks mess stewards' course in the food service school at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Denham will receive training in the preparation of food under specially trained instructors.

Paper clips at Ledger office.

**Home Demonstration Agent Reviews Work of Past Year**

As a result of the extension service program which has been carried out in Runnels county by some 200 home demonstration club members and 182 4-H club girls, many worthwhile improvements have been made in the various phases of homemaking. During the year 1947 the home demonstration agent has held 160 adult meetings, 86 4-H meetings, spent 110 days in office work and 195 days in the field. She made 110 home visits in conducting extension work, has issued 1,850 bulletins and conducted four radio broadcasts.

Extension information has been passed on to non-club members by news articles, exhibits, method demonstrations and by visits of club members to non-club members. The agent has conducted three training schools for the purpose of training leaders to give demonstrations in their individual clubs. Each of these training schools was attended by two adult leaders from 8 of the 9 clubs in the county. These adult leaders have all given the demonstrations in their clubs. At these training schools the agent gave demonstrations on: canning fruits and vegetables, testing pressure cookers, seating chairs with hickory splints, metal and glass etching and leather craft. There are nine well organized home demonstration clubs in this

county. These are: Bethel, Norton, East Side, Olfen, Rowena, South Ballinger, Victory, Winters and Wilmeth. Eight of these clubs conduct two meetings a month as recommended by the extension service. One adult club has been organized this year. This club, at Wilmeth, has had five new members since being organized in November.

All clubs have been well represented at council meetings, held on the second Saturday in each month. The council has met six times at the club house in Winters and six times in Ballinger this year. This practice will be continued through 1948. The clubs have bought the following articles cooperatively this year: down-proof satin, sheeting, tuffing yarn, over-door hangers, suit hangers, and metal. Home improvement and home food supply demonstrations have been given by the agent through the year. The agent has given 117 such demonstrations. Mrs. Claude Thompson, kitchen demonstrator for the Bethel club, has completely remodeled her kitchen. In order to provide a more convenient work center, Mrs. Thompson planned her cabinet around her sink which was already installed under two half-windows. As a result of this demonstration Mrs. Thompson says she now has plenty of cabi-

net space, has a convenient arrangement of her kitchen equipment, plus plenty of storage in the kitchen.

Other kitchen demonstrators are: Mrs. Tom Crockett, South Ballinger; Mrs. H. E. White, Victory; Mrs. Benton Poe, Winters; and Mrs. Joe Dierschke, Rowena club.

Other home improvements carried out by club women in the county include: improving thirty-eight kitchens, 29 living rooms, 52 bedrooms, 42 bathrooms, adding 550 woolen bed covers, refinishing 105 pieces of furniture, reseating 25 chairs with hickory splints, and making 17 slip covers.

Even though the drought took its toll of the spring gardens that were started by the home demonstration club women, they preserved 7,200 quarts of vegetables, 7,600 quarts of fruit, and 2,000 quarts of meat. Frozen meat totals 19,000 pounds.

Mrs. B. M. Batts, garden demonstrator for the South Ballinger club, said: "When I planned my demonstration the main thing I had in mind was to try to raise enough food to use fresh and can the surplus." As a result of her garden demonstration Mrs. Batts canned 214 pints of vegetables which she will use in her winter menus.

Other garden demonstrators for the county are: Mrs. Claude Simmons, Bethel; Mrs. George Jansa, Rowena; and Mrs. Charles Briley, Winters.

Each of these demonstrators has followed extension principles in carrying out their demonstrations. Each made a plan for the purpose of meeting the needs of her individual family.

The 4-H clubs in the county have also done outstanding work. At least 80% of the 4-H girls in the county have grown home gardens to help supply fresh and canned vegetables for the family food supply. All of the 182 4-H girls in the county have made at least one dress. Ninety per cent of the girls have learned the 4-H motto, pledge and prayer. Demonstrators for 1947 are as follows: Shirley Thompson, Joyce Flint and Mary Ann Henicke for the Bethel club; Ethel Halfmann, Anna Rose Halfmann and Mary Rita Hoelscher, Olfen; Bernice Schroeder and Anna Lene Fuchs, Rowena; Eva Nell Berry and Joe Lucas, Crews; Billy Jene Kvapil and Evelyn Lisso, Groenwald; Barbara Minzenmayer and Juanita Bredemeyer, Shamrock club; and Paula Mahurin and Ouida Harding, Wingate.

One county-wide 4-H encampment was enjoyed by eight leaders and 70 4-H girls. At this camp the girls enjoyed folk dances, games, a dress review, and metal etching. Membership pins were received by 56 girls as a reward for completing at least 90% of the goals set up in the year book. The adult clubs held an encamp-

ment with eight of the nine clubs represented. At this time the women had as guests, Judge E. C. Grindstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chapman, Troy Simpson, Mrs. Sim Cottelle, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Barton and Miss Thelma Casey.

All the adult clubs and all the 4-H clubs of the county set up an exhibit in the Cloud building in October. In this exhibit club

members and non-club members had an opportunity to observe examples of much of the extension work these clubs have done through the year.

The principal demonstrations to be carried in 1948 will be living room improvement, landscaping and poultry work. The 4-H clubs are working with gardens and bedrooms.

Each adult club and each 4-H club will have two demonstrators and cooperators carrying out the principles recommended by the extension service for the purpose of meeting the needs of the family. At the same time demonstrators will prove the value of the demonstrations.

Help save lives by buying Christmas seals.

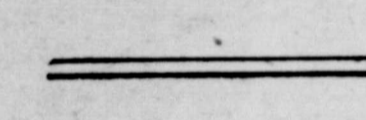


AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Posthaste, from us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!...

1947

Ballinger Truck and Tractor Co.



TO ALL MY FRIENDS

**A Merry Christmas**

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy... may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

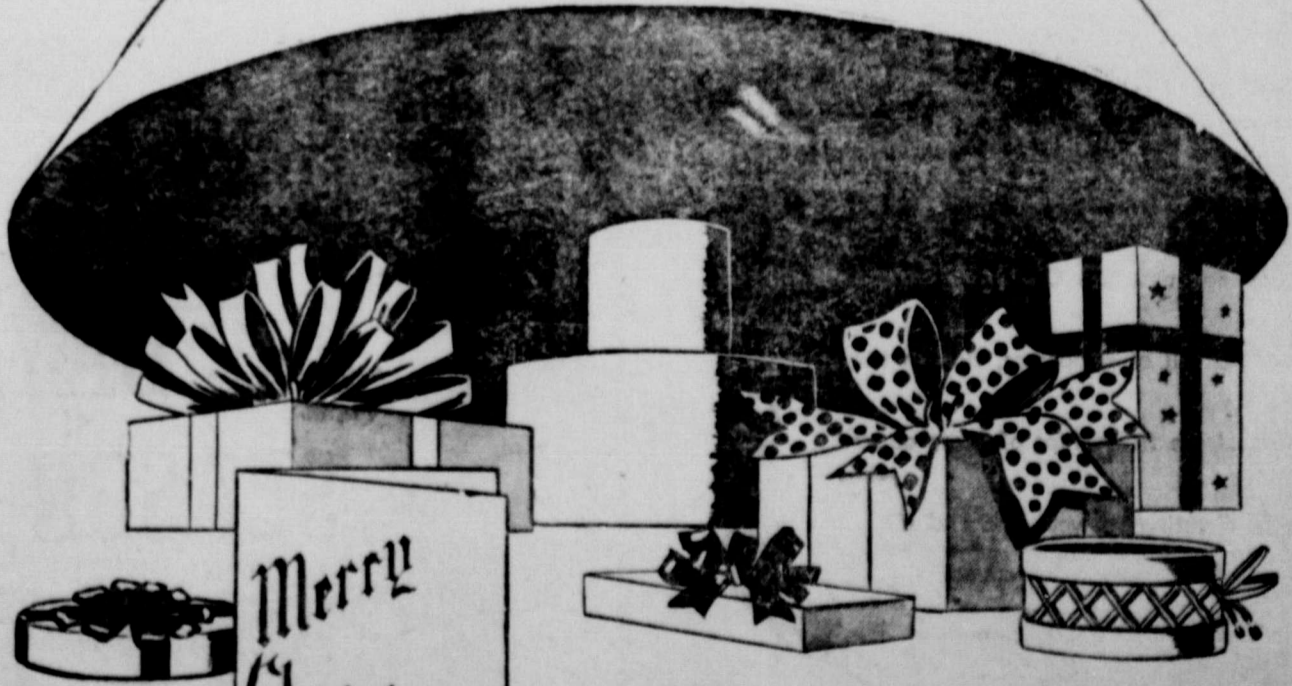
On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you... to bring you Yuletide music... and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

May your Christmas be a happy one!... that's your electric servant's wish for you.

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Here's a little Christmas Greeting to place under your tree on Christmas morn. May it convey our sincere thanks to you for all you've done

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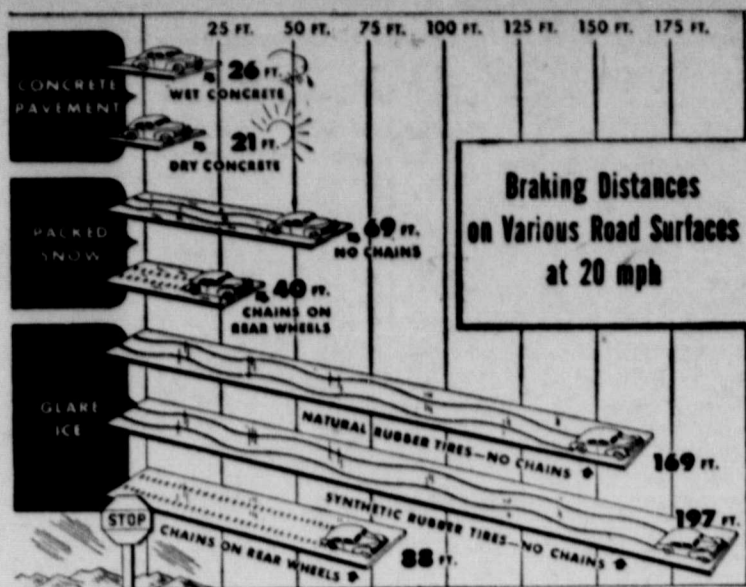
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At this Christmas season we wish to express our deep appreciation to those we have served the past year. Advertisers, readers and printing customers have been very loyal to us and for their fine patronage, we say thank you. During the year, we, like other business concerns, have been without some of the items needed by customers. We have done our best to keep a complete stock of fine papers and office forms, but it has been impossible and still is to some extent. Also the newsprint for printing The Ledger has

been scarce and still is, and some advertising had to be refused due to this cause. Let us wish for each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will be on the job again next year and ask that you let us serve you when we can.

Our hats are off to Rev. J. M. Harrison, who has done a great work in caring for the needy in Ballinger this Christmas. Starting the movement by providing a project for his young people in repairing toys and clothing, the work grew to such proportions extra finances were required to provide for thirty needy families. Other organizations were glad to help and funds were donated for food baskets to provide Christmas dinners in these homes. Rev. Harrison became a one-man Good-fellow club, devoting practically all his time in making a survey, checking on calls, and actually



**INVITATION TO LIVE THIS WINTER**... New winter accident facts, based on research by National Safety Council, reveal alarming increase of skidding and poor visibility crashes during snowy, icy weather. Authorities urge equalized brakes, using tire chains, windshield wipers, defrosters, good lights and lower speeds to minimize the added seasonal hazards of inadequate stop-and-go traction on snow or ice and in reduced visibility.

WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE  
**Christmas Candles**

At this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

All of us in this firm extend to all of you in your home, Holiday Greetings.

**Wm. P. CAREY LUMBER COMPANY**  
J. F. HARRELL, Manager

**Thanks**  
AT CHRISTMAS

Accept this sincere expression of our appreciation for your friendliness and patronage in the past. Our most cordial greetings and best wishes for your happiness.

**George's**  
*Ready-to-Wear*



**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

The Comanche Lions Club, one of the largest civic organizations in central West Texas, will sponsor the "March of Dimes" at Comanche beginning yesterday. Three special booths have been erected on the square and are manned by Lions Dimes are to be deposited there and will be on display for three days. This method has been followed very

buying and delivering the baskets, toys and clothing. As a result of his efforts, hard-luck families will have a little joy this Christmas and the kiddies will still believe in Santa Claus.

The state safety council and other state officials have launched a safe driving campaign for the holidays. Thousands of extra cars will be on the highways from Christmas eve through the following Sunday, and previous experience indicates that many will be killed because of careless driving, drunken driving and speeding. Every person who takes a car on Texas highways is asked to be careful. Officials believe it is possible to go through the holidays without the loss of a single life, but not probable. Extra highway patrolmen have been employed in all counties, but this alone will not solve the problem. Drivers must realize their responsibilities, especially to the other fellow who is also traveling.

successfully for several years. A drive was launched at Brady last week to raise \$7,000 to finance construction of new buildings at the proposed McCulloch county home for the aged. The institution, to be known as the Good Samaritan Home, will care for the needy aged in the county. At a breakfast in Brady last week plans were made for teams to take the campaign to all parts of the county.

Funeral services were held at Rising Star last Thursday for the first of the soldier dead to be returned to the community. Public rites were held at the Church of Christ for Floyd Rogers, who lost his life in the invasion of France.

Coleman public schools will be augmented by a new \$125,000 gymnasium as the result of a bond election last week. Citizens of the district approved the proposal for the new building by a majority of 5 to 1. School officials have already held conferences with the architect and a contract will be let at an early date so the new structure can be completed before the opening of the term in September 1948.

January 15 is the date for the Mozelle Future Farmers of America livestock show. A. D. Pettit, of Santa Anna, and Grady Richardson, of Talpa, will serve as judges. The 1948 show promises to be the largest ever staged by the Mozelle chapter.

The Brown county commis-

sioners' court has purchased a large amount of modern furniture and equipment for offices in the county court house. Items include filing cabinets, flat top desks, adding machines, stenographers' chairs and typewriters. Most of the furniture was bought locally and has been installed in a number of offices.

The Stephenville Lions Club is in charge of caring for needy families in its community and it was stated last week that Christmas baskets would be delivered Christmas eve to 80 families. This is an annual project for Stephenville Lions and this year a survey reveals more families needing help than any year since before the war.

The Eden Baptist Church was formally opened Sunday of last week after completion. Rev. R. A. Seranton, who served as pastor for four years, returned to deliver the first sermon in the new edifice, taking for his subject, "The All-Sufficient Christ."

The First State Bank of Paint Rock is again raising its surplus by passing \$5,000 from the undivided profits to the surplus fund; thus making a total surplus of \$40,000 and capitalization of \$25,000. In addition to declaring the usual semi-annual dividend, all employees were given a bonus of one month's salary.

Members of the Wingate Church of Christ have completed their new church on highway No. 53 in the city limits of Wingate and the committee reported at the first service that it was free of debt. The building was started early in the fall and the contractors did not finish the job, members of the church gathering and doing the last work. The old building had served for 30 years.

A committee of the Winters Chamber of Commerce was in session last week to study ways and means of securing a modern hotel with adequate facilities for the city. Contacts are being made with financiers who might be interested in the project. Including parents and friends, as well as 4-H club boys and girls.

about 125 people attended the annual Achievement Day banquet at Robert Lee last week. Plus were presented each member for the number of years he had been in club work. An excellent program was presented following serving of the menu.

About 300 people attended the annual father-and-son banquet sponsored by the Talpa Future

Farmers of America chapter last week. A musical program was presented at the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Lulu Pool, of St. Louis, is here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tex Bullock.

Miss Griffie Atkins left Friday for Big Spring to spend the weekend with friends in that city.



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and a  
Happy New Year**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We cite your friendly associations and wish  
 all of the true happiness that the  
 Christmas season can bring



C. O. GROCERY

## Data Given on Who Must Send Income Returns January 15

The treasury department, internal revenue bureau, has asked for help in getting information to the public on who must file income tax returns by January 15. It is believed that there is considerable confusion on this subject as evidenced by the large number of inquiries received at district offices.

Two simple rules are given on who must file by January 15. All not covered by these rules and who file on the calendar year basis must file by March 15, 1948. No returns may be filed before January 1, but the earlier they are filed after this date the sooner those entitled to refunds will get them.

The following tax payers must send in returns by January 15:

1. Farmers—people who derive at least two-thirds of their income from farming, ranching or similar agricultural operations, must file either an estimated tax return on form 1040-ES for 1947 or their final individual income on form 1040 before January 15. If the final return is sent in it will not be necessary to file an estimate.
2. People who have had material changes in income exemptions, tax payers who filed estimated tax returns and who now find that their estimates must be substantially increased or decreased as a result of changes in income or exemptions must file an amended tax return on form 1040-ES before January 15. If they so elect, they may file their final income tax return on form 1040 before January 15 in lieu of the amended estimate.

Any tax payers who is in doubt as to whether he must file a tax return should contact a deputy collector of internal revenue.

## All Plumbers Must Get State Licenses Before January 5

Any Texas plumber who does not obtain a state license before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas license law. He will not only be subject to the penalties of the act but will also be required to take an examination. C. E. Belk, administrator of the state plumbing board has warned that the law, passed by the last session of the legislature provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. Belk said that applications post-marked on or before January 5 will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after this date all new licenses will require examinations. State licenses now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination. The city of Ballinger already

has amended its plumbing ordinance to comply with the state law and all incorporated cities are expected to do so before the date

set for the state law to become effective. Read the grocery ads and save.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers, of San Angelo, will be here for Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Armstrong.



*Thank You!*  
 AT CHRISTMAS

While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

FOY'S FOOD STORE

## HERE'S A GREAT BIG WISH FOR YOU



And a word of appreciation to you for your thoughtful friendships. May all the joys of a good Christmas be yours!

SYKES MOTOR COMPANY

### Grand Relief FROM SNIFFLY, STUFFY DISS OF Head Colds!



Instantly relief from head cold distress starts to come when you put a little Va-tro-nol in each nostril. What's more—it actually helps prevent many colds from developing if used in time! Try it! Follow directions in package.

**VICKS VA-TRO-NOL**

**BIG KENDALL COUNTY RANCH PUT BACK INTO RANGE AND COLLEGE STATON, Dec 2.**  
 The Nordan ranch in Kendall county is in the range land country. But not over 8 acres of the 2,800-acre ranch can be classified

as range-land, according to an estimate made by a range management specialist of the USDA's soil conservation service. Brush has taken over and native grasses are gone. This estimate didn't sound good to the owners of the ranch. A

range improvement program was planned and last winter, the first 300 acres were cleared of brush by bulldozers. In February and March, yellow bluestem and slender grama grasses were scattered from horseback.

C. E. Nelson, Kendall county agent, says that the grasses made a very satisfactory stand. Up to 1,200 acres of the Nordan ranch will be cleared this winter and additional slender grama and yellow bluestem grasses will be seeded.

Nordan hopes to have his place back in the range-land classification before too long.

Wedding announcements, birth announcements (three styles), and many other social and commercial notices. Ballinger Printing



Bell's Grocery and Market



May God richly bless you at this glad

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# CHRISTMAS JOY 1947



Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

**Faubion & Barker Implement Co.**  
Your M-M Dealer

Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m., prayer service.  
Tuesday:  
3:30 p. m., W.F.M.S.  
J. MARVIN HARRISON, Pastor

**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
6:45 p. m., Junior Crusaders.  
Mary Lou Tindle, captain.  
7:30 p. m., evangelistic service, pastor in charge.

Tuesday:  
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.  
Thursday:  
7:30 p. m., Senior Crusaders.  
Bible study, Clifton Wright, captain.

If you are looking for a place to worship, we invite you to the Foursquare Gospel Church, 104 North Twelfth Street, where you will only be a stranger once.  
C. R. DUNAWAY, Pastor

**Park Avenue Baptist Church**  
(Park Avenue at Broadway)  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
7:00 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
Wednesday:  
6:00 p. m., Brotherhood meeting.

7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

**First Methodist Church**  
(Corner Murrell and Tenth)  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., church school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
6:00 p. m., young people's service.

7:00 p. m., evening worship.  
Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m., senior choir rehearsal.

H. B. LOYD, Pastor

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.

11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
6:00 p. m., Westminster Youth Fellowship.

7:00 p. m., evening worship.  
Wednesday Bible study and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m.  
DAVID J. MURRAY, Pastor

**Church of Christ**  
(1100 Ninth Street)  
Lord's Day services, 10 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p. m.  
Thursday, Bible study, 7 p. m.  
You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. You are always welcome.

H. NORMAN GIPSON, Evangelist

**Church of God**  
Sunday:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Junior Y. P., 7:15 p. m.  
Young people, 7:15 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:  
Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

E. R. TRICK, Pastor

**First Presbyterian Church**  
(Broadway)  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., church worship.  
5:30 p. m., Young People's social and worship hour.

7:00 p. m., church worship.  
Wednesday:  
7:00 p. m., mid-week worship.  
8:00 p. m., Young People's Choir practice.



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## The First National Bank Ballinger, Texas

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

On behalf of every officer, director and eme of this bank, we wish, before the old year closes, to express appreciation of your friendship and patronage.

Time has forged another link in the chain which binds this bank and its friends and patrons more closely together with each passing year.

The success of any bank can best be measured over a long period of years not by its growth in deposits but by the number of friends it has made through renderhelpful, willing service.

According to our custom for the past forty s, we will have for distribution

BEGINNING Friday, January 2, 5  
our CALENDARS for the New Year  
"LONESOME ROAD"

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must be written order from parent or guardian.

To all our friends, old and new, we wish you **HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

FIRST NATIAL BANK  
of Ballinger

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Tidings of  
**GREAT JOY!**




Come  
to  
Church

**Grace Baptist Church**  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Preaching hour, 11 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:00 p. m.  
Wednesday evening, 7:30.  
"The Friendly Church"—come worship with us. Church located at corner of Tenth Street and Phillips Avenue.  
J. R. LAWSON, Pastor

**First Baptist Church**  
(400 Eighth Street)  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Preston Fitzhugh, superintendent.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

Wednesday:  
7:00 p. m., teachers' meeting.  
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.  
8:15 p. m., choir rehearsal.

(Eighth and Bonsall)  
Sunday:  
Bible School, 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching, 10:45 a. m.  
Lord's Supper, 11:45 a. m.  
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.

Monday:  
Women's Bible study, 4:00 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Worship, 7:00 p. m.  
The church welcomes you to all of its services.  
J. D. PINKERTON, Evangelist

**Church of the Nazarene**  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning service.  
6:45 p. m., N.Y.P.S. program.  
7:30 p. m., evening service.

# Christmas '47

... and may the spirit of this Day  
linger on, and on, and on.

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**Mikeska Beauty Shop**  
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**Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas.**

A winter countryside with a church spire dominating the scene reflects a peacefulness that symbolizes the kind of Christmas Day we hope you enjoy this year.

Winters Radiator Shop



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As the anniversary of the Great Event draws nigh we extend to one and all our best wishes for a happy Christmas season.

**Edwards Parts Co. Ballinger--Winters**

**First Christian Church**  
Murrell Avenue and Broadway  
Archie W. Gray, Minister  
O. P. Dorsey, Sunday School Superintendent.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., worship and communion.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.

**LOCALS LOSE TIGHT CAGE**

The San Angelo Bobcats out-pointed the Ballinger Bearcats in a tight basketball game December 15. The affair was filled with thrills all the way, the Bobcats holding a 17-15 edge at the half and stretching this to a 30-27 win.

Bob Agnew, Ballinger forward, was high point man for the evening with 16. Warren and Jett, of San Angelo, each amassed ten points.

**LOCAL HUNTERS RETURN HOME WITH SIX BUCKS**

A hunting party composed of Leonard Scales, Marvin Davies, Cecil Davis, Wes Whitman and Buddy Penn returned recently from an expedition near Rock Springs. The five men brought home six bucks and stated they had a fine outing.

Pencil and typewriter erasers at Ledger office.

**DWERS IN CHURCH WILL HONOR "STORMY" DAVIS**

Cecil Davis, brother of "Stormy" Davis, popular baseball player with the Ballinger Cats who died the result of an injury, had a funeral in the First Baptist Church Sunday morning in honor of his brother. Local friends sang the floral piece. Mr. Davis also asked that Christmas greetings be extended to the Davis family's many friends in Ballinger.

It takes more than a thousand bees, working a lifetime, to make a pound of honey.



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for the know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

*Merry Christmas  
to each and every one*

JUDGE E. C. GRINDSTAFF  
J. L. MORELAND  
W. E. ELKINS  
W. A. FORGEY  
MRS. AURELIA WEBB

JOHN A. BARTON  
D. E. CROCKETT  
FRANKIE BERRYMAN  
ROY L. HILL  
MISS OLLIE CHENOWETH





**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT . . .

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Broadway Food Market

The former Ballinger coach said he and members of his family still called this home and that occasionally he needed to come back here to get a little Ballinger spirit in his blood. He expressed appreciation for the invitation to return to Ballinger to speak to the team he coached for so many years.

**COUNTY AGENT BARTON RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE**

County Agent John A. Barton was able to be at his office last week for a short time each morning and afternoon. He underwent an eye operation in a San Antonio hospital several weeks ago and is still wearing pin-point glasses and cannot see to do any close work. He is attending to business in his office by having his mail read to him and answering correspondence through his secretary.

**LARGE AUDIENCE WITNESSES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTY**

A large number of mothers of pupils and friends of the school attended the annual Christmas party and program at the Ballinger elementary school Thursday morning.

The program was most impressive, especially the reading of the story of the Nativity, according to Luke. Musical numbers by rooms revealed excellent training and the finale brought together 400 voices singing in perfect unison.

The program was presented in the school gymnasium and the children were thrilled with the large number of parents and friends present.

Parties given by room mothers concluded the day's festivities for the pupils and started them on their Christmas vacation.

**CITY COLLECTIONS HIGH DURING PRECEDING MONTH**

City collections for the month of November ran high with the following amounts reported for various funds. Current taxes, \$4,612.13; delinquent taxes, \$51.80; penalty and interest, \$5.39; parking meters, \$767.00; sewer revenue, \$586.68; water, \$3,320.13; sanitary, \$243.75; fines, \$163.80; and numerous other smaller amounts including \$1,346.07 on the rat-proofing program and \$120 for the sale of surplus property at the airport. Water consumption remained at



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*May the spirit of the First Christmas gladden your hearts this Christmas season.*

**MOSS FURNITURE**



WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

**Happiest Christmas Ever!**

**Banner Creameries**

**Coach Felton Wright Speaker at Banquet For Footballers Here**

Coach Felton Wright, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, was guest speaker the evening of December 10 when the Methodist Men entertained the football players of the Ballinger senior and junior high schools with a venison dinner in the church basement.

This annual program of the Methodist organization was a huge

success this year and was attended by all the players. After preliminaries and the serving of the meal Allen Davis extended a welcome to the groups. Judge E. C. Grindstaff gave the invocation.

The Lions Club male quartet entertained with a group of numbers after which Cal Adair presented the speaker of the evening.

Coach Wright in his usual sincere manner told the boys to be outstanding not only on the field of play but in anything they tried to do later in life. He urged clean play now and later and complimented Ballinger on its excellent record in football.

a daily average of 318,000 gallons even with winter weather and rain.

During the month the street department did considerable work on dirt streets, on alleys and opening drainage lines. Other regular routine city activities were reported.

**TOMATO JUICE RECEIVED FOR SCHOOL LUNCHROOMS**

County Superintendent W. E. Elkins received 135 cases of tomato juice the past week-end to go to school lunchrooms in Runnels county. The distribution will be made before the holidays and

letters were sent to all schools operating cafeterias Friday advising them to call for their share.

The county superintendent was notified that a shipment of sweet potatoes had been cancelled due to a freeze in the territory from which the yams were to be shipped.

Mr. Elkins stated that holidays for most of the common district schools in the county would coincide with that of the Ballinger and Winters schools.

**COURT HOUSE FORCE TO HAVE XMAS TREE**

Court house officials and

employees will have their annual Christmas tree this afternoon in the district court room. All workers in the court house will

assemble for a short program and gifts will be exchanged from the tree.

Read the ads and SAVE!

**FREE BATTERY SERVICE**  
HERE'S WHAT WE DO:

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4. Clean harmful corrosion from all terminals.

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**Radios \$19<sup>95</sup>**

**SAVE**

**30% to 50%**

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**FISK FIBER SEAT COVERS**  
Beautiful Patterns. Perfect Fit. Smartly Tailored. Easy to Clean.  
**Beautify Your Car**

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*The New* **FISK Air-Flight**

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What Other Tire Can Hold a Candle to the **New FISK Air-Flight**

**TIME TO RE-TIRE**  
See U.S. Tire '47.

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3. Sickle Edge Tread! Straight-line stops... better traction on the curves... Broad and flat for plus mileage.



*A star in the sky*

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community... the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

**Frank Flynt Motor Co.**



**AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

**OTIS JACO**

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# SOCIETY and CLUBS

**Presentations**  
 The annual formal musicale of the Ballinger Club was the home of Mrs. J. F. Currie on 4th Street, which was opened to members and their guests on a day afternoon when local

artists were presented. Soft organ music was played by Mrs. Charles Hambrick as guests were welcomed by Mrs. Currie, who presented officers of the club, Mrs. Paul Petty, Mrs. Dorsey Read, Mrs. E. H. Boelche, Mrs. Ford Taylor, Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Mrs. A. J. McDaniel and Mrs.

**C. P. Shepherd.**  
 Only the glow from red and green candles, placed at vantage points, lighted the reception suite where artistic arrangements of red carnations; red, silver, gold and blue Xmas balls combined with silver foliage gave adornment while lovely mantel decorations, the beautifully lighted tree and other Yule symbols gave added beauty and color.

Mrs. Dorsey Read, program chairman, gave greetings and introduced the following program: Rev. B. J. Martin sang "Star of the East," accompanied on the organ by Mrs. O. G. Joiner; Mrs. Leonard Stallings read a Christmas story, "The Littlest Angel;" a group of girls from the Senior High School Choral Club, Jackie Bankston, Elnita Paulson, Betty Burk, Clara Hill and Barbara Berry, sang "No Candle was There, and No Fire," and "Oh Holy Night," Emmalene Goetz playing the accompaniment.

At the tea hour, planned by the general chairman, Mrs. Boelche, and other committee members, Meses. Loyd Herring, M. A. Foy, Chester Cherry and Currie,

Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Read presided at the silver service from the polished dining table which was centered with an oblong reflected arrangement of silver leaves, balls and berries and flanked by red tapers in three-point silver candelabra. Other dainties were decorated sandwiches, cookies, salted nuts and minis. Others assisting in the dining room were Miss Mary Lynn, Mrs. R. E. Key, Mrs. Powell Wear, and Mrs. Max McCrary, Jr.

Others present were: Meses. J. W. Guynes, Marvin Clark, Elmer Greenwood, B. C. Kirk, Estes Lynn, E. L. Ingram, Lela McAdams, T. J. MacCaughan, F. C. Miller, A. B. Stobaugh, R. F. Zedlitz, J. O. Satterwhite, Roger Wheeler, E. C. Baskin, Sim Cottelle, Henry Bieciuk, Ann Kelly, Orland Middleton, E. E. King, J. A. Williams, F. M. Pearce, R. W. Earnshaw, Q. C. Sykes, John Gulon, Max McCrary, Sr., R. E. Lowry, Robert Lowry, C. F. Bailey, K. V. Northington, R. E. Porter, W. B. Halley, J. M. Williams, W. E. Elkins, E. J. Martin, H. B. Loyd, W. O. Irby, John King, D. B. Crockett, K. V. Northington, Jr., Margie Lukarski, Tom Agnew, J. R. Lusk, Joe Freeman, Joe McCormick, Oscar Routin, R. E. Bruce, W. K. Wheatley, Hamp Byler, Bill Clark, LeRoy McAulay, L. R. Tigner, Troy Simpson; Misses Griffie Atkins, Carmen Demmer, Maryatt Smith, Lula McElroy and Katherine Rawlings.

*Christmas*

..... TODAY  
 TOMORROW  
 FOREVER

May the spirit of this significant occasion remain with us every day in the years to come!  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

**MALONE--NANCE**



At Christmastime we greet good friends.  
 If 'neath our roof you've rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**MCGINLEY'S DRIVE IN**

*At Christmas Time*  
 And all through the year we wish you



*Good Health  
 Good Friends  
 Good Luck*

**Parrish Feed and Hatchery**

**Christmas Party Held by Rachel Class**

Mrs. Roy Worley, Mrs. B. J. Martin, Mrs. Fred Moncrief, Mrs. Coy Estes and Mrs. Preston Fitzhugh were hostesses to the First Baptist Rachel Class for a Christmas party in the J. W. Moore home in Wilke Terrace Thursday evening.

Decorations featured a Christmas tree, potted poinsettias, orchid chrysanthemums at vantage spots about party rooms, and the dining table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations flanked by tapers.

Mrs. Mark Davis directed the business period. The following group captains were selected: Mrs. Ralph Burris, J. T. Gregory, E. M. Hutchins, Cecil Darby and Clara Mae Jobe. Mrs. B. J. Martin gave the opening prayer and Mrs. West Talbott reviewed the book, "The Madonna." The class gave an offering to the local Mexican Mission. Class members exchanged gifts and a gift was presented the class teacher, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.

Hostesses served a molded Christmas salad, sandwiches and cookies with coffee. Others present were: Meses. Jones Parrish, Paul Kirk, Otis Jacob, Jim Wood, J. B. Funderburk, W. F. Heath, O. H. Chandler, Dick Ayers, Cam Blackmon, E. M. Hutchins, Harry Ringle, Jim Hadley, Clarence Bissett, W. K. Wheatley, Arthur Crockett, and Stanley Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Have Christmas Visitors  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tex Bullock, managers of the Central Hotel, have Mrs. Bullock's mother, Mrs. Luella Poole of Keytesville, Mo., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sampson and Robert, of Bakersville, California, for holiday visitors.

*Holiday Greetings*



Our wish for you is, that gentle Bells of Christmas echo throughout your home all through this wondrous Holiday Season.

**Clay Building Material Co.**

★ We Wish You

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**GREETINGS**

**Ray Fuqua Chevrolet Company**

... Yes, a very Merry Christmas to you, our friends of this area ... and our most sincere thanks for all you have done for us ... for being friendly, cooperative, dependable ... for making it possible for us to have a most successful year.

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**