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## Living In Wash., DC Is Very Expensive Says Dick West

Living in Washington, D. C., is expensive.

That statement was made by Dick West, son of Mayor and Mrs. Henry West, who was here during the Christmas holidays. Dick works for the United Press in Washington, D. C.

"Housing in Washington is probably the most expensive in the United States," said Dick. "Apartments, that is good ones, are hard to get. Homes are very expensive. A home that costs \$10,000 other places would cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in Washington.

"The cost of food is a little more in Washington, but not as noticeable as rent. Clothing costs are about the same as other places."

Dick has worked for the United Press in Miami, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., and Washington in five and a half years. He likes his work though it has a tendency to be one-sided that is pertaining mostly to the government.

The work of the President is one of terrific strain, he commented. He works after office hours at his study and early in the morning in the residential part of the White House.

He has to sign hundreds of papers, read up on all documents he has to handle. He has to be familiar with so many things because he has to make decisions on them, things that he cannot delegate to others.

That was why President Truman remarked that Eisenhower was "by what he would do" on Dick, Washington. Many other Americans do not have as much to do. There are too many transients. There is no industry there, just government.

A congressman and senator may be big splashes in their own home district but they are just another congressman and another senator unless they are on some important committee. Congressmen are a "dime a dozen" in Washington, he commented.

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## HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients — M. L. Jones, Rufus Parks, Mrs. Virginia Harshaw, H. J. Kegans, Mrs. E. Durham, Mrs. Julia Lawson, J. W. Stidham in accident where two were killed, A. B. Parham, W. E. O'Kelley.

For surgery — Mrs. Carl Bonneau injured in fall at locker plant, Pat Addison, emergency appendectomy, Mary Ann Grayson and Sandra Louise Randolph, tonsillectomy, W. A. McCandless, E. H. Phillips.

## BAPTISTS TO MEET

The Sweetwater Baptist Association will meet with the First Baptist Church from 5:30 to 9 p. m. next Thursday at the church here. The meeting will stress Sunday School work. J. M. Crowe, associational S. S. supt., of Abilene will be in charge. The public is invited.

## ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at Hardin-Simmons University Jan. 6 at 8:15 p. m., in Rose Field House. The symphony will present a youth concert at the Field House on H-SU campus at 3:15 p. m. Jan. 6.

The regular concert includes Beethoven's "Overture to Leonore, No. 2," "Dances from Faust" by Gounod, the symphonic poem "Vltava" by Smetana and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Opus 64."

## IS HOUSTON'S SWORD

A sword, reported to have been a gift to General Sam Houston during the war between the states, is a new addition to the Texas Memorial Museum, located at the University of Texas.

## Merkel 20 Years Ago

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### MESTEADS EXEMPT

Having been advised by State proctor Geo. H. Sheppard all homesteads valued up to \$100 would be exempt from state tax this year, C. W. Boyce, now tax assessor, has issued an order to property owners to use the assessor's office for specifying what kind of property they own.

### BROWS 53 PIGS

A sow on the farm of M. Longblood, whose hog-breeding business is near the sewage disposal field northeast of Abilene, farrowed 53 pigs in the year 1932. Mr. Longblood reported yesterday. In three years the sow has farrowed 111 pigs.

### SET COMPULSION

The Merkel School Board at its Tuesday night meeting set Monday, Jan. 9, for the beginning of the school year. The law children who are 6 years of age and under 14 years of age within the Merkle Independent School District attend school for 100 days beginning with January 9.

### LE ON JURY

Three Merkel men, Len Sublett, D. Boyd and Carl Hughes, are on the grand jury impaneled in the 42nd district court Monday

morning by Judge M. S. Long.

### NEW OFFICIAL IN

Beginning his 10th successive term, and his 13th total term as justice of the peace of the Merkle precinct, Judge W. W. Wheeler took his oath of office Monday morning, along with other precinct, county and district officers of Taylor County.

### RECORD BIRTHS

Born, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler a girl on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1933; to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bennett a boy Jan. 4; to Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Tate, residing at Wylie, a boy Jan. 4.

### ERNEST FAUCETT DIES

J. Ernest Faucett, 45, banker of Los Angeles, died Wednesday. He was formerly cashier of the Farmers State Bank here for several years.

### REMITTS TAX PENALTY

The Merkel School Board at its January 3 meeting extended the time from Dec. 31 to Jan. 31 for the payment of all delinquent school taxes without interest or penalty. Payers of school taxes may thus pay all their back taxes without payment of either penalty or interest, provided this payment is made before February 1.



TO SING HERE—The Abilene Merkel P.T.A.

Christian College Glee Club shown above, will sing here at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 8 in the school auditorium in the cafeteria building. The musical program is sponsored by the

This group of 25 male voices will give a program of classical music, novelty numbers and several popular songs. There will be two male quartets, The College Quartet and The Peasants. The two groups have some clever and entertaining numbers.

Director Richard Palm will bring an accomplished pianist for some piano music.

The P.T.A. assures the public who attend the singing that they will hear a cultural, high type and very well-done entertaining musical

program by this capable and well-trained college glee club. Everyone is invited and there will be an admission charge.

## Sam, Forest Hill Move to Abilene

Sam and Forest Hill are moving their business to Abilene between January 1 and 15 and will continue in the plumbing business there.

They will also do work here. Their new address and phone number will be announced in The Mail later.

## Byron Patterson Is Improving

Byron Patterson who is in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas, suffering from injuries in a plane crash, is improving nicely. He will be operated on this week on one leg. Next week he will be operated on his back.

## Stuts Cafe Opens Last Saturday

Stuts Cafe was opened up again Saturday after being closed for a few weeks.

The whole cafe has been redecorated. New paint has been applied on the walls, new floor covering has been laid and new equipment has been added.

## Guns Spit Fire In "Lawless Breed" At Queen Theatre

The exciting life of John Wesley Hardin, one of the old West's most notorious gunfighters, reaches the screen in the Technicolor "The Lawless Breed," new Universal - International release which plays Sunday, Monday & Tuesday at the Queen theatre with Rock Hudson and Julia Adams in the starring roles.

The story of "The Lawless Breed" begins with Wes Hardin as a youth, weary of his stern father's discipline, who leaves home and engages in one gun battle after another with gamblers and minions of the law.

## MAY PAY BIG DIVIDENDS

There is still a chance that winter legumes and small grains planted for pasture now will pay big dividends in the spring; especially, if no other grazing is now in sight.

## LITTLE TOWN, BIG TOWN

Ira Cross was in town during the holidays, visiting old friends and telling new fish stories. "How do you like Dallas?" asked Ross Ferrier. "Oh, I like it all right," replied Ira. "But, well, I guess it's a pretty big town for a country boy." And Ira was a spruced up in new clothing!

## HAS 90TH BIRTHDAY

About 63 persons honored Sam Butman, Sr., at his birthday party Dec. 21, though his 90th birthday was the 23rd. A sumptuous meal was served at noon at his ranch home. A program was enjoyed in the afternoon. Those taking part were Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Paka Newby, Becky Ann Ray, Nancy Evelyn Swinney, Kareen Ray and Mrs. Tom Russom.

## James E. Addison Dies at Age of 62

James Evandor (Pat) Addison, 62, Blair store owner, died at 9:50 p. m. Sunday at Sadler Clinic Hospital in Merkel.

Funeral was held at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Merkle Presbyterian Church. Rev. John Russell, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Lynward Harrison, Methodist minister from Tye. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Born April 5, 1880, at Caldwell, Tex., he moved to the Blair Community in Taylor County in 1912. He married the former Mattie Campbell of Merkle, Feb. 12, 1914.

He was engaged in farming until 1920 at which time he began operating the store.

Survivors include his wife; one brother, F. D. Addison of San Angelo; one sister, Mrs. G. W. Bigler, of Plainview; one son, James A. Addison of Merkle; three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Horton of Wichita Falls, Mrs. W. E. Fitzgerald of Tokyo, Japan, and Mrs. Madlyn Abbott of Wichita Falls; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at the Merkle Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Former Merkelite Charged With Theft

Charges were filed Saturday against Frandel Daniel, formerly of Merkle, in Justice of Peace Henry Long's court for car theft by conversion.

Detective Capt. W. B. McDonald said Daniel purchased the car from Western Chevrolet with a \$1,195 check drawn on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkle. McDonald said the check was worthless.

Daniel apparently drove the car to Greenville sometime Saturday. He was arrested by Greenville police Saturday night. He is being held in Hunt County jail in Greenville on an offense committed in that county.

McDonald said Sunday night that Daniel may not be returned to Abilene until charges have been pressed in Hunt County. — Reporter-News.

## Sanner Speaks Well Of Badgers In His Prophecy

Fred Sanner, sports writer for the Reporter-News, has put on his robes of prophecy and has some remarks to make about the Badgers and the Gorillas. His comments were heralded in the Sunday edition. Among other things he wrote:

The 5-AA throne is vacant this year, since 1952 champion Snyder moved up into District 1-AAA to harass the bigger boys.

Merkel's Badgers appear the likely successors to the Tigers on the strength of their performance in the McMurry tournament. The Badgers, led by all-tournament choice Kelton Williamson, bowed in the semifinals of the 16-team tourney in a 54-50 overtime tilt to Roscoe.

Included in the loser's bracket of the same meet were Colorado City and Hamlin, while Anson, a third member of 5-AA, bowed in the quarterfinals to Avoca, the eventual champion, by the lopsided score of 45-23.

Stamford the 5-AA football champs and state semifinalists, will not begin practice until Jan. 1 and will be at least a month behind the other five quintets.

Trent is the ruling monarch in 21-B.

However Trent is not liable to be around when school is out in March, for the Gorillas dropped a 38-15 defeat to Reagan Junior High of Sweetwater last week. Highland a team which dropped football because of injuries before the season ended, has been concentrating on basketball somewhat longer than the other 2-B teams and may be the team to beat.

## McCoys Return Here From Anton

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy returned Monday night of last week from Anton where he has been ginning cotton for three months. They gained 15,862 bales in that irrigated section.

## Websters Moving To Jal, New Mexico

Mrs. W. C. Webster and children are moving to Jal, New Mex., where Mr. Webster and son are employed. The men have been there six months.

## BOB HICKS IS HOME

Bob Hicks is home from the Sadler Hospital and is feeling pretty good.

## SANTA'S KIND OF DAY

Some folks were dreaming of a white Christmas and some were dreaming of a wet Christmas. The folks who dreamed of a white Christmas won. There was frost on the ground on Christmas Day. And the day was cold enough to suit Santa Claus.

## Sevillie E. Bond Succumbs Monday

Mrs. Sevillie E. Bond, 78, died at 9:30 a. m. Monday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. D. Spurgin, 1502 Merchant street, Abilene.

She was born Oct. 7, 1874, in Westminster, S. C., and was married to Arthur C. Bond on Jan. 2, 1894, in Maysville, Ga.

The couple had 10 children, five of whom survive.

Her home was in Merkle but she had been staying with her daughter for the last several weeks.

Funeral was at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Merkle Church of Christ. Layton Plaster, Church of Christ minister officiated. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery. Starbuck Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include two sons, Grady C. Bond of Rising Star and Burlie Bond of Merkle; three daughters, Mrs. R. G. Stout of Merkle, Mrs. B. S. Davis and Mrs. Spurgin, both of Abilene; one brother, Amos Pruitt of Fort Worth, one sister, Bessie Leach of Commerce, Ga.; and 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

## Bob McDonald Buys B B Shop

Bob McDonald has bought the B B Barber Shop from O. N. Buford. Mr. McDonald has been in the barbering business here since January 15, 1920.

Mr. Buford has been in the barbering business in Merkle for 33 years. His plans for the future are uncertain.

## Jack Sees New Car But Is Secretive

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller and Calvin Peterson went to Fort Worth Monday, December 22, and saw the dealer showing of the new 1953 Chevrolet. The only comment Mr. Miller would make was that the 1953 car is new from "stem to stern."

## Howard Cunningham Leaves for Crane

Howard Cunningham left Sunday for Crane where he will work for the Supernoil Chemical Co. His family will leave at a later date.

## Boy Who Said "It's No Picnic" Is In Hospital

The fighting boy who wrote The Merkle Mail, "It is no picnic in Korea," is home on leave and in the Sadler Hospital here but is not talking. He is Cpl. Walton Lively, 19, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Lively. He has the flu.

When he was approached in the hospital he was reluctant to tell of his experiences. He would only tell willingly of how he got over to Korea where he spent one year and one day and was up on the front line, off and on, for 11 months.

Walton came home from Korea on December 23. He is in the Marine Corps.

He enlisted April 1951 at Abilene. In November of that year he left the Pacific Coast for Korea and arrived there on Dec. 5, 1951. Two weeks later he was placed in the front line as an artillery observer. He was on Bunker Hill when it was finally captured by the U. N.

When he was "pumped" to tell of his harrowing experiences on the front line, he said that there was nothing to tell. "Did you see men killed?" he was asked. "No reply. 'Did you see men wounded?' Again no reply.

After futile attempts to get him to talk the questioner asked, "What was your closest call?"

"Well," reluctantly spoke the Marine, "I guess it was when two radio antennas were shot off six inches from my head." That's all he would say of that experience.

A little later he admitted that the sight that moved him most was when his buddy who came home with him here in June of 1951 was killed on the battlefield. "He was the closest man to me," remarked Walton.

It was while he was in Korea that he was heated up when he read a comment of how nice the boys were having it in Korea. His letter to The Mail on this sized up in the phrase, "It is no picnic in Korea."

He got the flu the day after Christmas. He has until Jan. 22 to visit at home. He will report to Camp Pendleton, California.

He would like all his friends to come and see him.

## Mrs. P. Honeyc Mother Is Buried

Mrs. Hamilton W. Honeyc was buried in Abilene Wednesday. Mrs. W. Honeyc, mother of Mrs. Pau

**personals**

Mr. and Mrs. Gilie Fox with their daughter, Mrs. Mitchell Walker and family of Lubbock spent Christmas in Abilene with their son, J. D. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman King of Lubbock were home for the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Winn and family of San Antonio spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer, and her brother, Nolan and family.

Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd with her daughter, Evelyn of Austin were Christmas holiday guests of her sister, Mrs. Nolan Palmer, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore had Christmas dinner with all her relatives at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Murphy, and husband in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tipton spent Christmas Day in San Angelo with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Sublett and daughter Julie of Albuquerque, New Mexico, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. James D. Sublett and daughter Sue Ann of Tulsa, Okla., were also holiday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Glen Barnett and children spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Billy Fred Morris of Odessa is visiting Jimmy Leverich.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford spent Christmas in Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Tom Allday, and husband.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford were his brother, E. R., and wife of Dallas and nephew, Richie Buford.

wife and three girls of Hobbs, N. Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ryals of Dallas were Christmas Day visitors of their daughter, Mrs. David Gamble, and husband.

Sgt. Bobby J. Harris of Brooks Air Force Base spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Abilene and his grandfather, F. H. Harris, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harris and sons, Jerry, Warren and Roger spent the Christmas holidays with his father, F. H. Harris, and sisters, Mrs. P. B. Cooper, Mrs. Louis Luke and Mrs. W. C. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Baucus and son Danny Ray, of Hobbs, N. Mex., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baucus during the holidays.

Weldon B. Tittle of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Tittle and boys of Eagle Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle of Colorado City and Orion Tittle of McNary were Christmas holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Deverell Teaff of Tye had as Christmas Day dinner guests his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Teaff, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weed, Mrs. A. E. Barber of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robbins of Odessa and Mrs. Morris Ashmore of Enid, Miss. Mrs. Ashmore will remain here for an extended visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Byrom and son Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross and son Mike of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Langston and daughters Vicki and Dana of McCamey, Neil Byrom, Miss Bonnie Hock of Monahans and Miss Myrtle Duncan of Austin were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Val Byrom.

J. S. Bourn of Winters and son Jimmy of Ft. Worth visited in the home of Mrs. J. P. Sharp last week. Also visiting with her this week are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Ail Sharp and daughter Margaret of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn of Abilene spent Christmas with sister, Mrs. F. H. Horton, and Mr. Horton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith of Abilene was a caller at The Merkel Mail Saturday, renewed his subscription and also visited with friends and relatives here.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Phillip A. Diltz, Sr., Christmas was all their children: Messrs. and Mesdames Phillip Diltz, Jr., Tommie Lou of San Angelo, J. C. Wright, Hope and Faith of Lubbock; Miss Winter, Jan, Butch and Skippy of Merkel; Tom Diltz, Donna Kay of Merkel; Mrs. C. D. Coats, Sherry Lou and Danny of Big Spring. All enjoyed a wonderful Christmas together.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Compton had Christmas dinner with the Phillip Diltzes.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Robertson over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hogg of Dallas, Miss Lucille Hogg of Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hartley of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fritts of San Antonio visited her mother, Mrs. Winnie Cypert, and brothers Pat and Pinky. Other visitors were

Mrs. Roy Hawkins and daughter Yvonne of Bangs through the holidays.

Mr. G. C. Smith had part of his family home for the Christmas holidays. They included relatives from Corpus Christi, Sonora, Ft. Worth, Amarillo, San Angelo, Camp Pendleton, Calif., and his daughter, Mrs. E. H. Hendricks, family and Claud and Jim Smith and families of Merkel. All had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Eidson and family motored Christmas week to Hamilton and Lampasas and visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castles of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Castles of Houston spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark during the Christmas holidays were: Bernard Clark and family, J. W. Clark and family, Patsy Clark and John Elliot, all of Abilene, M. B. Jones and family of Lubbock, Freddie Jones and family of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Clark and Mrs. Chas. West of Merkel.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. L. A. Watts and other relatives during the Christmas holidays were: Foster Watts, James and Bobby of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman J. Lang of Pasadena, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Walden and family of Midland.

Pvt. Jimmie E. Brown of Fort Hood visited with his mother, Mrs. J. R. Brown on Christmas Day.

Over the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. Ted H. Windham had her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans of Sweetwater and Mrs. Windham's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pressley and Carol Laure of Whitefish, Mont. The Pressleys used to live south of town. Also visiting was Ted's mother and brother, Mrs. R. E. Windham and Norman of El Paso, his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. More, and Roger T. of Arlington and a nephew and his new bride, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dale Hobbs of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Windham had Mrs. R. E. Windham and all the children and grandchildren at their house for Christmas. All the children were present but Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Windham of Las Vegas, Nevada. They were Messrs. and Mesdames Jasper Hobbs and Jimmie, Grand Prairie, A. L. Moore and Roger, Arlington, Ted Hosea Windham, Merkel, Jasper Dale Hobbs, Dallas, Mrs. Thelma Thomas, Abilene, Norman Windham, Mrs. R. E. Windham, El Paso.

Mrs. O. W. Dickerson entertained with a Christmas supper for 51 guests on December 25.

A. J. Wright reported all 10 of his children and their families home for Christmas. Daughters: Rena and Dallis of Corpus Christi, Retha of Weatherford, Vernon of Sweetwater, Huston of Hawley, Cecil of Abilene, Sidney of Knox City, Mae and Harold Yandell, Abilene, Jim of Merkel; his sister Mrs. Addie Duncan, Coleman. All 18 grandchildren were present. Who can beat that, he asked.

Aviation Cadet Bob Gilbert of Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Ala., left today for the base after having a 14-day leave. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Weyrick and Mrs. Florence Weyrick of San Antonio, Mrs. L. A. Armes and Carolyn Sue of Lubbock were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sublett.

Bonny Church with daughter Lana of Abilene and Charlie Church of San Angelo were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace.

J. W. Wallace had a Christmas party in his home Saturday, Dec. 29. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace, Colonel and Kay, Betty Wallace and Marlene Saunders of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ragsdale of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Denman. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ragsdale at Noodle. Mrs. Ragsdale is the former Margaret Denman of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Smith of Abilene were at The Merkel Mail office where they renewed their subscription and also visited friends here Saturday.

Mrs. J. M. Collins with her daughter, Miss Mary Collins, went to Lubbock Saturday, Dec. 29, where her son, Elmo and wife live. They all drove to Wilcox, Arizona the next day and spent

Christmas with another son, Paul and his family.

A/IC and Mrs. Robert T. Hodge and S/Sgt. and Mrs. C. W. Estep of Lake Charles, La., visited Robert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Hodge, and Mrs. Hodge's father, C. W. Edwards, of Trent during the Christmas holidays.

Those visiting Mrs. Lena King and Mrs. Ella Neeb over the holidays were their brothers, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobbs of Goree, Hall Hobbs and daughter Sue of Rogers Ark., Bob Hobbs of Big Spring, also their nephew, Weldon Hobbs, wife and daughter, Myra of Goree.

Mrs. Lena King's children visited her Christmas Day: Messrs. and Mesdames Doyle Gray, Hamilton, Lee Allison, Abilene, J. C. Harwood, Midland, and a friend, Jerry Bingham, of Anson.

Mrs. J. H. Simpson's son Dick Bailey and family of Sundown visited her Saturday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Hooper her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Chester McWilliams had as holiday guests Messrs. and Mesdames Ward McWilliams and family, E. R. Thompson, W. B. Grant, and Mr. Derwood McWilliams, all of Big Spring. A Sunday night guest was her brother, Sgt. Wayne Buchanan of Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Ala., who also visited his father, W. B. Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Henry had as visitors in their home over the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Billy Darden of Waxahatchie, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brunson, son Mrs. Preston Chick of Abilene, Mrs. Lena Hammett of DeLeon and Mr. and Mrs. Reubin Holmes of Seminole.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Walla, Mike and Pam have returned from a

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RUTABAGA TURNIPS lb. 7c	DEXTER SLICED BACON lb. 45c
FRESH CABBAGE lb. 7c	SPARE RIBS lb. 49c
<b>CLOROX BLEACH quart 17c</b>	
NO 1 IDAHO SPUDS lb. 7c	SUN SPUN Salad Dressing pint 29c
GERBER'S BABY FOOD 3 cans 25c	SCOTT Toilet Tissue 2 rolls 25c
RED & WHITE — 28 oz. Jar APPLE BUTTER 23c	PETER PAN — 12 Oz. PEANUT BUTTER 33c
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TO MERKEL WHERE THEY HAD CHRISTMAS DINNER.

A/A Dale Doan was here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, over the Christmas holidays. He returned Jan. 1 to the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., where he is attending aerial photo school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurd and family of Sylvester spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. King, in Abilene.

Mrs. Essie Rinehart of Abilene was a Christmas guest of her sister, Mrs. Earl Hughes, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust and family spent Christmas Day with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kail, in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bailiff and family of Rule were here last Friday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bailiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fowler of Port Aransas Pass visited his brother, Bob Fowler, and family and her mother, Mrs. Claude Holmes, over the Christmas holidays.

They will return to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jinkens and daughter Vera of Raymondville are here over the holidays visiting friends and his son, M. C. Jinkens and family in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gregory and family spent Christmas in Gorman with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker McDaniel.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley during the Christmas holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Riggan and Lewis of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Harris and boys of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggan and two sons of Lamesa.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Conley of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Conley of Winters have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Monta Moore and children of Post visited Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Moore on Tuesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ivy and children of Textline were guests last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy had as Christmas guests their sons, Minford and family and Merkel of Borger and daughters, Morell of Texas University, Austin, and Mrs. Viola Dell, and husband of Los Alamo.

C. S. Higgins spent from Tuesday to Saturday in San Antonio with his son, James Allen and

daughters, Francis, Mary Lou and Clarice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier Jr., and family, George and Rosslyn, of Fort Worth were guests over the Christmas holidays of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier. The children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Metzger of Abilene were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family spent Christmas in Clyde and visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bagby and family spent Christmas in Midland and Odessa with his sisters, Mrs. J. C. Crawford and Mrs. Alton Washburn.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro were their children and families, Gerald of Odessa, Gwendolyn of Sweetwater and Joyce of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and sons, Jamey and Stevy, of Edna were here over the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood also Bill Wood spent Christmas Day with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hendrix and son of Clovis, New Mexico, were weekend guests of his sister, Mrs. Ernest Joyce, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kail and family of Odessa were weekend guests of his sister, Mrs. C. B. Rust and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hooks, in Edgewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann and daughter Pat, Miss Irene Swann of Roswell, New Mexico, and Mrs. J. S. Swann spent Christmas Eve and Day in Snyder with Mr. and

Mrs. Forest Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Carson Miles and family of San Angelo were there Christmas Day.

Miss Janet Davidson of Leuders spent the weekend with Miss Pat Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hamm had all their children for Christmas Day. From out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Darsey and daughter Jane of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty and children of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adam of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill and sons Gary and David Bruce of Grand Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Iky Dale Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner, Jr., Mrs. Ruby Daniel of Austin, Mrs. Pat Lawless of Abilene were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stevens of Big Spring were visitors on Dec. 23 with Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Miss Delia Kuykendall. Mr. Stevens is general roadmaster of the T. & P. Railroad. Mrs. Johnson's son, D. C. Johnson, of Texarkana was here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dismuke and daughter Debra of Idalou spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon McDonald of Lubbock was here over the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

Major and Mrs. R. T. Blair and children of San Antonio were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft and Watt Blair over the weekend. Major Blair left for Ft. Smith, Ark., and the family remained until New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Wade of Tullia visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wade, and other relatives. The Wades left home with a 5-inch snow on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adcock and family of Ft. Worth spent from Dec. 20-23 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Adcock and children and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock spent from Thursday to Sunday in Mertzon with their son and brother, Elmer, and family.

Mrs. Ruby Jinkens and son Bobby had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and family in Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Moore and family of Ft. Worth spent from Dec. 20-23 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mansfield and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. James Strawn and sons of Florey were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn.

Christmas guests in the home of the Thomas family were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garner of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin and family visited in Stanton Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garth Odum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham were in Borger over the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. G. Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger and son Sylvan left Sunday for San Antonio to attend the wedding of her nephew. They returned Wednesday.

Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd were her sister, Mrs. Walter Guest, husband and son, Deverl Boswell, of Dumas. All the children and families were there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond and boys spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Sessions, in Wells.

Ed Wilson spent Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. Ida Wilson, in Sherman. Then he visited his sister, Mrs. W. D. Webber, and husband in Amarillo the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Boney and daughter spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gray, in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney of Colorado City were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. W. O. Boney.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twin daughters, Marilyn and Sherilyn of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whisenhunt and children of N. Merkel were guest in the John Oliver home on Christmas day.

Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and daughters spent Saturday and Sunday in Brownwood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clements. Mr. Clements is not doing so well. Penny remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrel and family of Colorado City spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Luther Land and Constable Land and renewed his subscription to The Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry were visitors last week in Jal, New Mexico of his sister, Mrs. H. E. Molder, and family. His two brothers, Archie of Midland and Wayne of California were there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Ralph were in Santa Ana Friday and Saturday, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford of Midland visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wright Dishman and family over the weekend.

Earl Witcher of Houston is here over the Christmas holidays visiting his grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Witcher.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church and children of Plainview visited over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woodrum and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woodrum and family of Midland were here through the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Smith of Lubbock were here Saturday, visiting sister, Mrs. George Woodrum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Daniel and daughter of Abilene, also his mother, Mrs. Cora Daniel of Norman, Okla., visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill in Cross Plains. Christmas Day guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKeever and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Hill, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warren of Baird, Lucian Warren, and Mrs. McAllister of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cook of Morton were guests last week of their daughter, Mrs. Harold Reynolds and Mr. Reynolds. Her sister, Mrs. Billy Baze and husband of Abilene were guests Christmas Day. Other Christmas dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Avery Cates and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lilly and children of Shep.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Knight of Wichita Falls visited her sister, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, and family Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson on Christmas eve had all the family present for dinner except one son Jim of Tulsa, Okla., who was unable to be here. There were 20 present.

Sgt. and Mrs. Wayne Palmer of Cheyenne, Wyo., were Christmas Day guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer. It was 15 degrees below zero when he left his home.

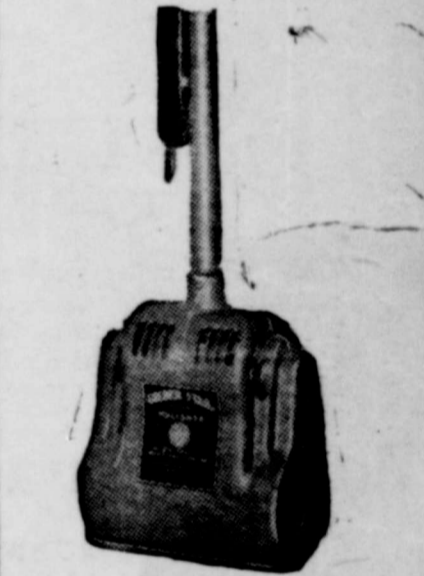
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sledge and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norwood of Clyde motored to Brownwood and Comanche Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wallace of Oklahoma City, Okla., were weekend guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, and her mother, Mrs. Estelle Hannah.

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BOOTH WARREN, President.  
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: William Alfred Thomas Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 13th day of Dec., 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,639-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Mary Louise Thomas as Plaintiff, and William Alfred Thomas as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being

substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on June 7, 1952 and lived together until June 23, 1952. No children were born to this marriage and none will be born and plaintiff and defendant accumulated no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel and harsh treatment. Plaintiff asks that her maiden name of Mary Louise Sturdivant be restored to her.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 15th day of December A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 15th day of December A. D., 1952.

J. NEIL DANIEL, Clerk  
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Dorothy Dickerson, Deputy.  
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: PAUL LEE REMMERS GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 13th day of Dec., 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,639-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are:

Mary Louise Thomas as Plaintiff, and William Alfred Thomas as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being

The names of the parties in said suit are: Clydia Mae Remmers as Plaintiff, and Paul Lee Remmers as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and defendant were married on or about the 29th day of July, 1950, and continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about 5th day of February, 1952, when they became permanently separated.

Plaintiff would show that as a result of this marriage union one child was born January 3, 1951, a male, Bobbie Lee Remmers.

Plaintiff alleges no community property has been acquired by plaintiff and defendant.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and that she be granted custody of said minor child and that the defendant be required to pay \$15.00 per week toward the support of said child and attorney's fees.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 10th day of December A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of December, A. D., 1952.

J. Neil Daniel, Clerk  
42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Irene Crawford, Deputy  
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9

**NO. 4691**

IN THE ESTATE OF ORDWAY M. KIRKEBY, DECEASED.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ORDWAY M. KIRKEBY, DECEASED:

The undersigned having qualified as executrix with will annexed of the Estate of Ordway M. Kirkeby, Deceased, late of Taylor County, Texas, on the 20th day of November, A.D. 1952, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law, by mailing same to her in care of Bryan Bradbury, Attorney, Box 244, Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

(Signed) Katherine H. Kirkeby  
KATHERINE H. KIRKEBY, Executrix of the Estate of Ordway M. Kirkeby, Deceased.

Adv. Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2

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ADVERTISEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

We, the undersigned subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Statutes relating to limited partnerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partnership are as set out in the certificate of limited partnership as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

This is to certify that the undersigned Lester L. Rice, Raymond J. Rice, Bill G. Rice, Jack C. Rice, and Caleb Reed are forming a limited partnership and make this certificate as follows:

1.

The name of the firm under which the partnership is to be conducted is Lester L. Rice and

Sons, Ltd.

2.

The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is to establish and maintain an oil well drilling business with authority to own and operate drilling rigs, machinery, tools or apparatus necessary to the drilling and producing oil and gas wells; to contract for and drill oil and gas wells for other parties, as well as for the drilling and exploration of oil and gas leases owned by the partnership, and to maintain an oil business with authority to lease and purchase and sell oil and gas mineral leases and oil, gas and mineral interest in land, and to prospect and explore and develop lands for oil, gas and minerals.

3.

The principal place of business of the partnership shall be situated in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

4.

The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, distinguishing which are general and which are special partners, and their respective places of residence, are as follows:

Partner Place of Residence  
Lester L. Rice, Abilene, Texas

General Partner  
Raymond J. Rice, Marysville, Calif.

Special Partner  
Bill G. Rice, Marysville, Calif.

Special Partner  
Jack C. Rice, Yuba, Calif.

Special Partner  
Caleb Reed, Abilene, Texas

Special Partner

5.

The amount of capital which each special partner has contributed to the common stock in cash is as follows:

Raymond J. Rice \$21,375

Bill G. Rice \$21,375

Jack C. Rice \$21,375

Caleb Reed \$28,500

6.

The period at which the partnership is to commence is the 15th day of May, 1952, and the period at which it is to terminate is the 15th day of May, 1972.

WITNESS OUR HANDS this the 1st day of July, 1952.

LESTER L. RICE

RAYMOND J. RICE

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Filed for record 11 o'clock a. m. Nov. 24, 1952.

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MRS CHESTER HUTCHESON  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Lester L. Rice and Caleb Reed, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 4th day of November, 1952.

CHARLOTTE LEWIS  
Notary Public in and for Taylor County, Texas.

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF YUBA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Raymond J. Rice, Bill G. Rice, and Jack C. Rice, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 1st day of July.

cutted the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 1st day of July.

JEAN K. MOREHEAD  
Notary Public in and for Yuba County, California

DATED this the 1st day of December, 1952.

LESTER L. RICE  
Lester L. Rice, General Partner  
RAYMOND J. RICE  
Raymond J. Rice, Special Partner  
BILL G. RICE  
Bill G. Rice, Special Partner  
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Jack C. Rice, Special Partner  
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Caleb Reed, Special Partner  
Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Geochemical Surveys acting under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO DRILL FOR, MINE, OR IN ANY MANNER ENGAGE IN OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTRACTING OIL, GAS OR OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM THE SOIL WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, EXCEPT UNDER EXPRESSLY DESIGNATED CONDITIONS, ETC., being Ordinance No. 276 passed and entered on the 2nd day of September, 1952, did on the 18th day of December, 1952, file with the City Secretary of the City of Merkel an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas at a location 322 feet from the West Line and 50 feet from the South Line of Lot 26, League 148, Grimes County School Land Survey, Taylor County, Texas. This well is to be located in Drilling Block No. 2, as designated by the City Council of Merkel, Texas, a distance of 178 feet from the West Line and 50 feet from the South Line of the Drilling Block.

A hearing upon such application will be held at the City Hall in the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 5th day of January A. D. 1953, at 7:30 P. M., at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said application.

Adv. Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To: Robert D. Warren, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1953, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 12 day of December, 1952.

The file number of said suit being No. 18,650-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Beulah Warren as Plaintiff, and Robert D. Warren as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: That plaintiff and defendant were married January 14th, 1948 and lived together as wife and husband until the final separation on or about the 2nd day of October 1951. No children were born to this union and no community property acquired.

Plaintiff prays for divorce on grounds of cruel and unbearable treatment. Plaintiff also asks that her name of Wilson be restored to her.

If this Citation is not served

within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 17th day of December, A. D., 1952.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 17th day of December, A. D., 1952.


42nd District Court, at office in Abilene, Texas.

By: Adv.

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**EDITORIAL**

**BIG THINGS**  
Big things do not necessarily look big. They sometimes hide themselves. They seem so ordinary and simple.

What has this to do with Christmas sermons?

Well, let us see. Rev. John N. Russell of the Presbyterian Church in his Christmas message made applications of the story of the birth of Jesus to present day living.

What did the minister talk about? He talked about love, the love of God for man. That is an ordinary thing. That is a simple thing. BUT, oh, how big!

He talked about the forgiveness for our sins, that we too can forgive. That is ordinary and simple. BUT, oh, how important!

And what did Rev. Marshall Stewart of Abilene talk about at the Church of the Nazarene? He said that the gospel of Christmas is revealed in the song of the angels to the shepherds, singing "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

"Peace," "Good Will" . . . simple terms, BUT, oh, how significant. They mean so much!

Rev. Hugh Hunt's Christmas message was a simple statement of conditions that we see today. What is the picture? A world at war and celebrating the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Is this something we cannot understand? Something that is beyond our ordinary minds to comprehend, to find meaning in?

No, said the minister. We can understand the meaning of this. It means that while there is chaos and confusion and darkness in the world, there is also light, there is an ideal, there is a picture of what is to be. That is the message of Jesus, the message of peace and good will. There is no cause for pessimism. It is the message of hope.

Does Rev. Hunt know what he is talking about, is he uttering mere Pollyanna stuff? No, he is not. He knows quite well what he is talking about. He pointed to the influence Christianity has had on civilization. He pointed to its influence on history. He pointed to its influence on the pagan world, its influence in literature, in art and in music.

Think of the wonderful Madonnas, of the inspiring music of Handel's "Messiah." These are facts, simple facts. BUT, oh, how wonderful!

"The church," he said, "cannot be destroyed." Philanthropy, stemming from Judaism and Christianity, cannot be destroyed. These are eternal forces. They are simple things. BUT, oh, how wonderful!

What have the ministers told us? What sense do they all make when you piece them together?

They have told us of love, love that we know about, feel and think about and live by. They have told us of peace and good will. Again things we know about and hope for and pray for.

They have pictured to us an ideal Christian world with the light of Jesus showing us what the future culture of mankind will be. These are things we know about

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To the many friends in Merkel and the surrounding vicinity I wish to extend to them for their many, many kindnesses and courtesies my sincere thanks and best wishes to all for a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Morton Kliman

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We take this method of thanking all our friends for Christmas cards sent us and wish all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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These are indeed mighty things, gigantic things, things that mankind has dreamed about and sought for and hoped for. They are also simple things, ordinary things, things within the grasp of man. Perhaps not today, perhaps not tomorrow, but they are feasible in the future, a future that rings from the hope illuminated by the message of Christmas, that makes man man, a creature of God-like culture, a human being with a soul.

**"WHITE-ICISM"**

That's ALL — and the Sage of Figfield adds that life is best that thinks least of itself.

**ROGERS' FAMILY REUNION DRAWS 20 RELATIVES**

Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rogers, Gerry and "Butch" of Lake Sweetwater had all of Mrs. Rogers' family for a reunion Christmas Eve. There were 20 present including Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Windham and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Driggers, Sherman and Markie of Trent.

**UNION RIDGE TO MEET**  
The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club, will meet Friday, January 2 in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

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W. R. Cypert, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

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**ABOUT 40 PERSONS ATTEND FAMILY REUNION IN ANSON**  
A family reunion was held Sun-

day at the home of Mrs. J. C. Brinkley in Anson. About 40 were present. Those attending from Merkel were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward, daughter Elsie, Mrs. Jean Herring and three children.

**ABOUT 25 PERSONS PRESENT AT CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas had all the Eason family for Christmas dinner: O. T., Leroy of Fort Worth, W. H. Anson, W. H., Jr., of Abilene, Mrs. Gypsy Cooper of Brownwood, Verlin Pearson of Midland, D. B. Bowen and L. S. Tipton. About 25 persons were present.

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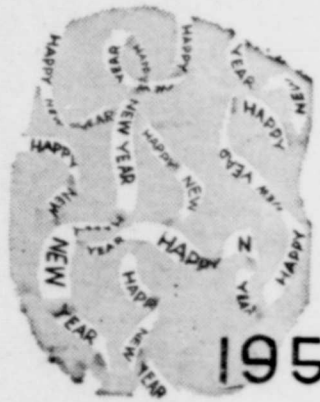
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