

Whittlin'

By Dolph Moten

GROW GOURDS

O. K., so the weather's cleared off, the fields have dried and my rice growing idea for area farmers has been shot to thunder.

But, by listening carefully to a farmer who has figured out what to plant next year, I am in a position to report something that might be better than rice would have ever been, anyway.

Willis Hester, local farmer, is the man who originated the idea. He says this crop, while it isn't new by any means, isn't "overdone" and he feels sure there's a demand for it . . . or can be.

The crop is gourds. As far as I know, the fruit itself, if you can call it that, is worthless, but the rind or hull makes an excellent dipper and every family, Willis believes, should have one hanging close to a water bucket. Water tastes much better out of a gourd dipper than it does from one of the metal variety. However, that's a selling point and Willis doesn't think he will have any trouble in the selling department if he can just grow them.

He doesn't plan to grow just plain green gourds; he wants the striped kind to add color to the finished product so it will maybe so fit better into the interior decoration of homes.

Too, he doesn't want a durable variety. He wants one that will wear out about every year so he can repeat business and won't have to increase the number of his customers.

The real trouble, Willis feels, is that if the gourd growing project proves to be successful, E. T. Benson will cut him down on his acreage so much that he can't make any money out of it the next year.

It's a wonderful idea—and if Benson doesn't foul it up, everything should go off without a hitch. Maybe Willis will keep us informed about how he's getting along.

MORE ADAMS 8

The introduction period is over for the new telephone numbering system. Most people seem to have accepted it or at least grown used to it. There's not as much talk about it, good or bad, as there was the first few days it was in use.

It's true that you can dial numbers in Bovina without the AD. Also, I understand that numbers beginning with "4" may be successfully dialed without using the AD or the 8. Heard one fellow say that to use the telephone without using all the digits is destructive to the telephone system. Frankly, I don't think he knows anymore about it than I do and my guess would be that it doesn't hurt to take a shortcut in dialing if it will work.

Let's operate under that assumption until someone who knows tells us it's not good.

WIN OR ELSE

Texas A & M College, which was just a few weeks ago the home of the best college football team in the nation, is now in the market for a coach. This is the case as this is being written, but the job may be filled before you have a chance to read it. But, if not, looks like there would be some applications for the job from some Plains farmers who are dissatisfied.

It's a good job, thousands and thousands of dollars each year, a new car, a rent-free house and lots of nice things. The drawback, of course, is the fact that the security is limited.

If you get a pretty good team assembled, but then mess around and lose a couple of games, you can get your gear together and get out because you'll need to be replaced if you can't win ballgames. That's what happened to the coach who's vacating the position.

Frankly, I was glad for him to leave after those last two games were lost. To let Rice win wasn't so bad, but come Thanksgiving and that Texas University game and the situation, in a matter of two weeks, had changed from rosy to deplorable! I still don't like to think about that game.

Anyway, I think there's a good job opening for someone who can win ballgames. I don't mean win most of 'em and lose one every now and then. I mean win ballgames!

Speaking of the TU-A&M game, a couple of fellows who kidded me most about A&M's defeat have been around since then to apologize and say, "Man, I know just how you felt." Their teams, too, got beat and they realized that a man who has just had his team licked in a football game isn't in any position to enjoy to the hilt being kidded about it.

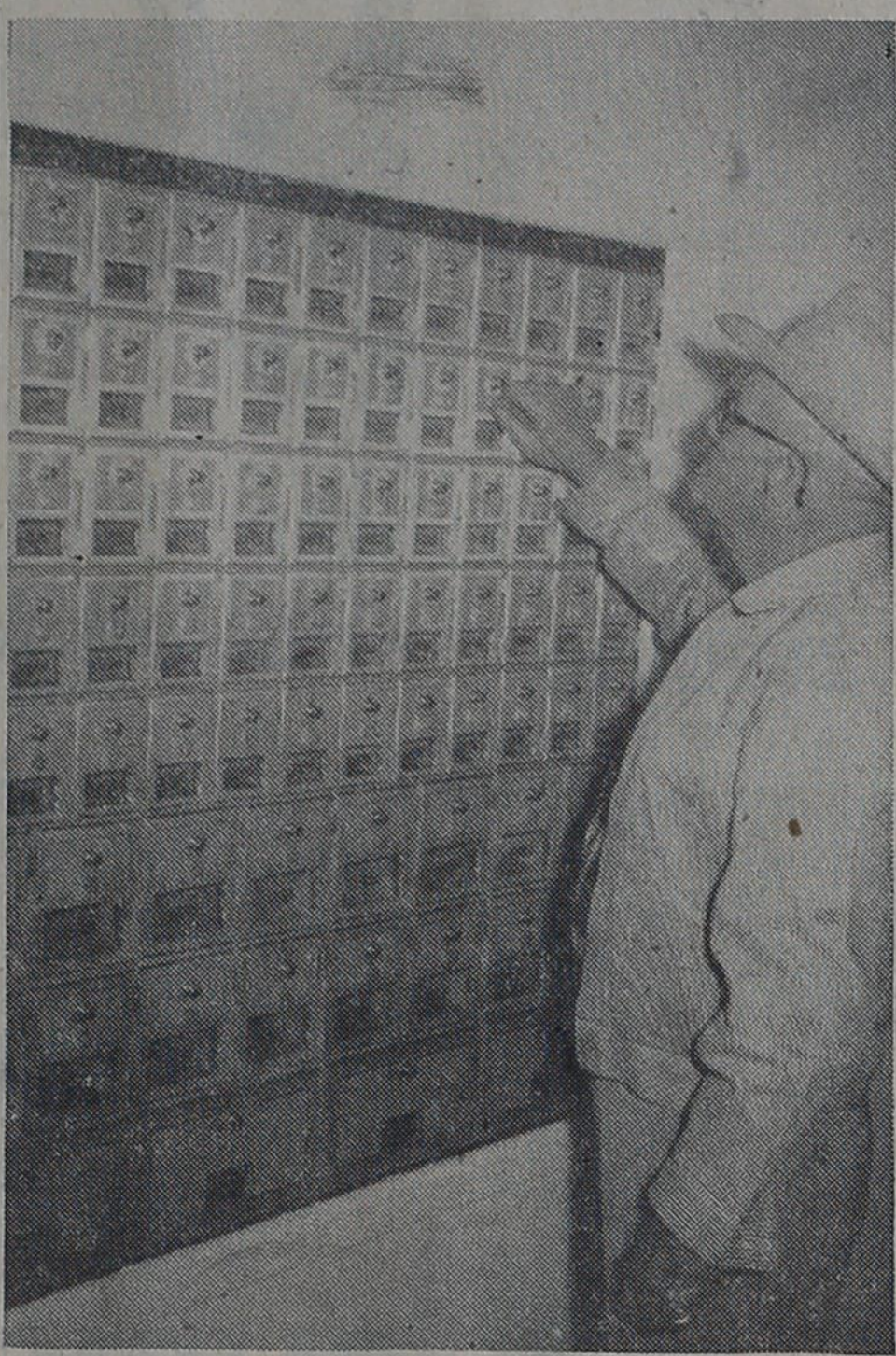
I was really appreciative for their apologies. It helped further in healing my wounds following that silly Thanksgiving game.

But, back to that coaching (Continued on Page 5)

Jaycee-Sponsored

Mrs. Rhinehart Wins Decoration Contest

Mrs. Jones 2nd, Mrs. Hawkins 3rd



NEW BOXES—O. W. Rhinehart, owner of the post office building which has recently been remodeled, looks over 80 new boxes which were installed last week. Postmaster says there are "almost" enough postal patrons on the waiting list to rent all the new boxes.

Mrs. O. W. Rhinehart was owner of the winning entry in the Bovina Jaycee-sponsored home Christmas decoration contest. Mrs. Paul Jones was the second place winner and Mrs. Harold Hawkins' entry was judged third.

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There were eight entries in the contest.

Prize money totaling \$30 will go to the top three. The first place decoration will receive \$15, second place \$10, and the third place prize is \$5. Jaycee checks will be given to the winners this week.

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each judge scoring the entries individually one, two, three, etc. The total points of the five judges were added together with the winners having the smallest total.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS—This picture shows a part of the Christmas decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore on Highway 86 in Bovina. The tiny reindeer, complete with their names printed on their harness, were part of the decoration which the Moores entered in the Bovina Jaycee Christmas decoration contest. Roy M. Crawford, Jaycee president, is looking over the ornaments.

Saturday—

Ex-Student Banquet Slated

"New Year's" is the theme of the annual Bovina School ex-student banquet Saturday night. The meal and fellowship will be held in the cafeteria of the school and will begin at 7:30. About 120 ex-students are expected to attend.

Those in charge of the program are Harold Hawkins, Alfred Moody and Mrs. Thelma Barron. Mrs. Pat Kunselman will be in charge of the menu and Mrs. Robert Edens will be in charge of the preparation.

Mrs. Pat Read, secretary, announced this week that all ex-students and teachers are cordially invited to attend. "If you do plan to come," Mrs. Read says, "please contact one of the program committee members so we will know how many to prepare for."

There were 127 at last year's banquet. Officers for the current year are Scooter Queen, president; Mrs. Thelma Barron, vice president; Alfred Moody, treasurer; Mrs. Read, secretary; Mrs. Art Mast, decoration committee chairman; Mrs. Harold Hawkins, program chairman; and Mrs. Kunselman, menu chairman.

Methodists Have All-Church Supper

The fellowship hall of the Methodist Church was the site of an all-church supper and social Wednesday evening. About 150 people attended the covered dish supper and the program that followed.

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Mrs. Warren Morton, circle chairman, were in charge of the meal.

After the meal, the children went into their own age departments for short programs. They were followed by the adults later, who visited each room to view the seasonal displays that the young folks had made.

A "sing-song" was offered later in the evening, in which all present took part in the singing of old Christmas carols and other seasonal songs. W. Wayne Stevens directed the singing and Mrs. Doris Wilson was pianist.

Gifts of appreciation for their work the past year were given to Mrs. Bedford Caldwell and Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Caldwell is the church's choir director and Mrs. Wilson is the church pianist. The gifts were presented by Warren Morton.

A short talk about Christmas was then given by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Beaird.

Fillies Win, Mustangs Lose To Farwell

Bovina's Fillies trounced the Farwell girls, 54-34, Friday night at Farwell. The Steers retaliated by bumping Bovina's Mustangs, 28-49.

Neither game was close as the winners were in command throughout.

Janice Richards was high scorer for the Fillies with 19 points. Nancy Cumpton made 13, Joanie Ezell 11, Mildred Young six, and Joy Redden five.

Ramey Brandon led the Mustangs with nine. Dick Horn and Billy Burnam had six each, Danny Morton three, and Jerry Burnett and James Lawlis had two each.

With an even 500 won-loss percentage, six victories against six set-backs, the Mustangs will begin play at Amherst.

The boys also have won two trophies in tournament play. They were consolation winners of the Farwell meet and took second in the tournament held here.

District action begins Tuesday, January 14, with the local teams meeting Lazbuddie there.

WEATHER

by

WILLIE

A very nice Christmas week, but moisture in sight. Maybe this weekend.

—Willie

Assembly Program By Grade Schoolers

The annual school Christmas program was presented by grade school students Friday morning in the auditorium. Mrs. Fleeta Terry, sixth grade teacher, was in charge of the program and W. Wayne Stevens, music director, was in charge of choral presentations.

With the use of colored slide pictures, the story of the birth of Christ was told, with Jerry Rigdon as narrator. Between the pictures, the chorus sang old and new Christmas carols to correspond with each picture. The chorus was made up of selected voices from grades one through seven.

Also participating was the High School girls' chorus. Members are Verna Marie and Nita Beth Estes, Harriette Charles, Nicki Woelfel, Kay Hartzog, Joan Kay Ezell, Barbara Taylor and Barbara Rea.

During the story in picture and song, specials were provided by several youngsters. Charlotte Hromas and Myrtice Shockley accompanied the chorus on their bassoons in the singing of, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful." The singing of "Silent Night" was accompanied by a flute duet, played by Joyce Marshall and Elaine Fuller and the fourth grade song flute group played, "We Three Kings."

The presentation was titled, "Joseph and the Nativity." Miss Grace Paul, grade school principal, was projectionist and the piano was played by W. Wayne Stevens. Scott Levins contributed the use of a screen to show the pictures on.

About 130 children took part in the religious program. Many parents and other adults attended the special program.

Christmas Volume Largest Ever—

80 New Boxes Installed In P.O.

Local post office service was increased last week with the addition of 80 new boxes for patrons. In three different sizes, the boxes are now being rented. They were installed by Hubert Ellison.

"We have a need for almost all of the new boxes," Postmaster Gene Ezell says. Many people who have been getting their mail via general delivery will now be able to rent a box.

The new boxes will satisfy the needs at the present, Ezell says, and how long it will be before more new ones are needed "would strictly be a guess on my part," he points out.

School Employees Have Breakfast Friday Morning

Friday morning, 24 employees of Bovina Independent Schools were guests at a breakfast, held in their honor at Bovina Restaurant.

The meal featured ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and coffee. The dining room was tastefully decorated in the season's motif, with a white tree graced with twinkle lights.

The guests were seated family style around a table overlaid with white. The centerpiece was a double table candelabra of gold with red candles. An arrangement of holly and other evergreens surrounded the candles and was laced with satin ribbons.

Mrs. Leola Williams was in charge of the program. She was assisted by Mrs. Myrna Hammonds and Mrs. Hazel Rigdon.

The invocation was given by Roy Whisler, high school principal. Warren Morton, superintendent, acted as "Santa" and presented the gifts. Names had been drawn by members several weeks ago. After the gifts were opened, the school employees spent an hour visiting.

Those attending were Miss Lillian Fisher, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Hammonds, Mrs. Rachel Dowdy, Mrs. Emma Beaird, Mrs. June Rhodes, Mrs. Rigdon, Mrs. Eunice Thornton, Miss Grace Paul and J. W. Whelan.

Others were Mrs. Fleeta Terry, Weldon Scruggs, Roy Whisler, L. D. Teter, Roy Crawford, J. B. Morton, Bob Wills, Charles Don Smith, Mrs. Geraldine Whelan, Mrs. Evangeline Wills, W. Wayne Stevens, Warren Morton, Mrs. Evelyn Crawford and Mrs. Pearl Dodson.

The breakfast-social is an annual Christmas celebration of the employees of the school.

In regard to the volume of business the office has done during the Christmas season, Ezell says his figures aren't on the tally sheet yet so it's impossible to tell. However, he feels, as does Mrs. Flossie Rhinehart, who works in the post office, that more business has been done and more mail handled this year than ever before.

"The rush has been scattered out over a long period of time," Ezell says, "and that has made it a lot easier for us. A lot of people mailed early."

Also, the post office people feel that the remodeling and changing of the building has aided during the Christmas rush, especially with packages.

No extra help was hired for the additional business before the holidays.

"Early Birds" Have Party

Members of the Early Bird Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas party Tuesday. The party was held in the annex of the church and Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick, their teacher and her assistant, Mrs. Roy Fuller, were in charge.

The little girls, all 9 and 10 years old, played games and had refreshments of cookies, candies and punch. They also exchanged gifts by the number method.

Those attending were Janie Lou Hawkins, Carole Jamerson, Patsy Cumpton, Roxie Hutto, Margie Fuller, Debra Sue Edens, Joyce Hudson, Joyce Weatherhead, Maurine Hammonds and Bonny Morris.

Tournament Jan. 2-3-4—

Basketball Action Resumes, Amherst

After taking time out for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Bovina High School basketball teams will resume play Thursday, January 2, in the Amherst Tournament. This will be the third, and last, invitational tourney for the teams to enter this season. The district tournament, which will be played in Lazbuddie, is scheduled February 18, 20, and 21. Coach Charles Don Smith's Fillies will meet Whitharral in their first game at Amherst. Coach

Bob Wills' Mustangs go against Sudan, the team which defeated them in the opening round of the Farwell Tournament.

The Fillies will take a record of nine wins and six losses into the tournament. Five of the six losses have been to the Friona Squads with two of the defeats being in tournament finals. The Friona team is not entered in the Amherst meet. The Fillies have two second place trophies to show for their efforts in tournament play.

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Hammonds To Work On Paving

J. T. Hammonds, who is well known locally, has been hired by West Texas Construction Co., the firm which has the contract to do paving here, to "sign-up" property owners for paving.

Hammonds says he plans to begin work shortly after Christmas when details are ironed out. Hammonds, who works for Bovina Implement Co., will work on the paving deal in his spare time.

He plans to see many of the property owners in the evenings because it is necessary to have both the husband and wife when the property to be paved around is a horse-stead.

"It's really not my job to sell the paving," Hammonds says, "but I will contact the people and give them an opportunity to sign-up for it."

He says he doesn't plan to start to work in any particular section of town. The job is expected to take "about three or four" weeks to complete.

Darrell Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Read, arrived home Saturday morning from Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. He will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with relatives and friends here.

Baptist Church Has Program

Children of the Primary and Junior Departments of the First Baptist Church Sunday School presented a Christmas program Sunday evening in the church sanctuary. Mrs. H. N. Turner was in charge and Mrs. Hodge Rigdon was pianist.

The program consisted of four scenes, with the children pantomiming the actions and Rev. Virgil Goodwin acting as narrator of the story according to the scriptures.

In the first scene, Mary played by Jeannie Ivy, Joseph, by Billy

Minter, and three others, including the innkeeper, John Goodwin, acted out the story of the search for a room. Mrs. Allen Cumpton sang, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Scene Two took place on the hills outside of Bethlehem, when the angels appeared to the shepherds to tell them of the birth of the Christ Child. Mrs. Vernon Ward sang a solo, "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing." The shepherds were portrayed by Rex

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With Banquet—

Footballers, Dads Honored By Lions

Dick Horn, quarterback and tri-captain of the 1957 Bovina Mustang football squad, was named the best all-round player

and Jerry Burnett and Dickie Steelman were honored as the best sportsmen at the annual Lions Club - sponsored

football banquet for team members and their fathers.

The awards were made by Bovina Junior Chamber of Commerce and Roy M. Crawford, president of the organization, made the presentation.

The boys, who were selected by a Jaycee committee, have their names on plaques which will remain in the school trophy case.

The banquet was held in the school cafeteria and a meal, featuring turkey and dressing and prepared by the cafeteria staff, was served.

J. W. Wright, Lions Club president, made the welcoming address.

Head Coach Bob Wills, in expressing appreciation to the Lions Club for sponsoring the banquet, said, "We appreciate the backing you've given us and hope your support will continue. One of these days we'll surprise you; we're going to have a winning team."

The 1957 season record was three wins, five losses, and a tie.

The boys then introduced themselves and their fathers.

Dick Horn, one of the tri-captains, expressed appreciation to the Lions for the banquet and for the support fans gave the team during the season.

Also, Assistant Coach Charles D. Smith spoke briefly and Lion Bedford Caldwell congratulated the boys on the spirit they maintained despite the "poor" season. "I think that spirit helped you to improve and enabled you to win some games you weren't supposed to," Caldwell told the team members.

The final part of the program was a showing of a film of the game between West Texas State College and Arizona University.

Warren Morton, Lions program chairman,



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Mrs. Ezell Believes—

Christmas Means A Family Occasion

"Christmas should be a family occasion, with emphasis on the religious side of the season," says Mrs. Della Ezell. She has lived in this area since 1917.

Although she lives alone now, Mrs. Ezell has reared a family of children and instilled in each of them a feeling of reverence toward the time of Christ's birth.

Mrs. Ezell, her husband, Roy, and children came to Bovina from Crosby County in November, 1917.

In those days, when the Ezells first moved to Bovina, Mrs. Ezell doesn't remember any special Christmas decorations or festivities on the community level. Most of them were in homes or in the churches. Each church, says Mrs. Ezell, had a

tree and it was decorated by the members. Then, one night before Christmas, most likely Christmas Eve, the congregation would gather for an evening of singing carols and maybe exchanging of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell had seven children, two of whom preceded Mr. Ezell in death. Their daughters are Mrs. L. E. (Nannie Mary) Parker of Alamogordo, N. M.; Mrs. Ell D. (Lillian) Parker of Amarillo. Sons are R. B. of Roswell, N. M.; Glenn M. of Portales; and their youngest, Gene, who, with his wife and children make their home on a farm east of Bovina.

The family came to Bovina first as farmers. Four years later, due to his health, they moved into town, and in the later years, he became post-

master. He took over the job in the spring of 1921, when the post office was just a side room of the old Wakefield Store on Main Street. The store and post office later burned and the post office was moved into the Ezell home. Another fire took the home and office a few years later.

In 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Ezell moved to Farwell, where he held the position of county treasurer. He held the office until the time of his death in 1950. She, prior to his death, had been made his deputy and carried on duties of the office for the completion of the term.

Mrs. Ezell moved back to Bovina in 1954 and has made her home here ever since.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Ezell taught school for three years. One of the schools in which she taught was "Old Emma" a town which has long since gone the way of the home-steaders' villages of those days. It was located near the present town of Crosbyton.

With the move to Bovina, one of the main things that Mrs. Ezell missed from home about Christmas was the huge Christmas tree that was always a community project in the county seat of Crosby County. The tree was placed and decorated on the courthouse lawn. But, says Mrs. Ezell, life has been good to them in Bovina. She came here to be content, and she has been.

Although they live away from Bovina, the "children" come to visit with her and at least part of the family gathers each year for the Christmas holidays.

The family, says Mrs. Ezell, open their gifts on Christmas morning, if they are all together. Otherwise, some are opened at night, but an effort is made each year for the family to gather so gifts are opened then.

So it is, that to this pioneer woman, Christmas means the same that it always has. To her, it is a season for the family. The closeness of a family is re-knitted at the annual observation of the great Christian occasion.

(9) Using a wooden spoon, beat until thick and heavy. It will be a dull, not glossy, textured candy. (10) Add pecans and mix. Pour into greased tins and slice.

DOUBLE FRUIT PIE

Courtesy Mrs. Edna Estes Have ready one unbaked pastry shell. In a bowl, mix together:

- 1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients and mix into 4 cups drained sour candied cherries and 1 cup drained cube pineapple.

Pour mixture into pastry shell, lace top with strips of dough and bake for 25 to 30 minutes in a 400 degree oven.

DATE CAKE

- Courtesy Mrs. Warren Morton
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
5 cups nuts (coarsely chopped pecans)
1/2 pound candied cherries, quartered
2 boxes dates, chopped
2 slices of candied pineapple, chopped
3 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 eggs
3/4 cup grape juice

Method: Sift flour, sugar and baking powder together and beat eggs well in separate bowls. Mix nuts, cherries, pineapple and dates together and with dry ingredients. Toss together well so each of the nuts and fruits is well coated. Add eggs and grape juice and mix well. Pour into a greased angel food cake pan and bake from 1 to 1 1/2 hours in a slow (300 degree) oven. Allow to cool five minutes before removing from pan. May be iced, but not necessary.

Baptist Children Have Party In Church Annex

Approximately 25 youngsters between the ages of six and eight were present Wednesday afternoon for a Christmas party in the annex of First Baptist Church. It was a party for members of the primary department of the Sunday School and Mrs. Harold Hawkins, primary superintendent, was in charge.

The children played games, exchanged gifts and were served refreshments. Mothers and teachers present were Mrs. W. W. Wilcox, Mrs. Wayne Garth, Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Reagan Looney and Mrs. Otho Hammonds. They served red Spudnuts, green sherbet ice cream, soft drinks and candy. Mrs. Hawkins led the games. Among the children present were Dirk and Mike Garth, Debbie and Vickie Hawkins, Martha Ann Adams, Gale Boyd,

Carole and Darrel Kirkpatrick, Carol Mast, Lynn and Rodney Murphy, Rex Cumpton, Debra Whisler, Larry Hammonds, Jerry Morris and Lowell Taylor. Others were Dorcas McSpadden, Larry and Nancy Mitchell, Kathy Sikes, Craton Looney, R. D. Looney, and Benny Kent.

Brownsville, Pa., Telegraph: "Many Americans now realize that things like Sputnik grow out of basic research done years before any spectacular results are achieved. Thus 'basic re-

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"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with this understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Cor. 14:15). The seriousness with which we enter this study cannot be overestimated. If it is right to use the instrument of music in worship to praise God, then it is right to use an instrument in praying to God. Both prayer and singing are placed on the same equality and are given equal value in the sight of God. The writer in the letter to the Hebrews said, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Heb. 13:15). Praises must come from our lips and is called sacrifice. To use the instrument of music is going beyond the pages of New Testament teaching and has no authority from God. I say this with kindness but with firmness and I want to get you to examine the New Testament on this question. THERE IS NOT A DIRECT COMMAND FOR THE USE OF THE INSTRUMENT OF MUSIC. THERE IS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF ANYONE USING THIS INNOVATION. NEITHER DOES IT EVER INFER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THAT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED. The origin of instrumental music in the worship COMES FROM MEN. No scholar of any reputation has ever appealed to the Bible for the authority of God to use the innovation. Let me give some quotations from men of learning: Martin Luther: "An organ in the worship of God IS AN EN-SIGN OF BAAL." John Wesley (founder of the Methodist church): "I have no objection to the organ in the chapels PROVIDED IT IS NEITHER SEEN NOR HEARD." Adam Clarke (Clarke's Commentary): "I am an old man, and an old minister and I declare that I NEVER KNEW THEM PRODUCTIVE OF ANY

The Blade's— Holiday Recipes

AUNT BILL'S CANDY

Donated to The Blade by Mrs. Roy Whisler, and heartily recommended by all who have tasted it. Don't let the length of the directions scare you, says Mrs. Whisler. It does take two people with strong arm muscles to make the candy, but it is well worth it.

- 3 pints white sugar
1 pint whole milk or cream
1/4 teaspoon soda
1/4 pound butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pound pecans

Method: (1) pour 1 pint sugar into a heavy iron skillet and place over low heat. (2) Begin stirring with a wooden spoon and keep sugar moving so it will not scorch at all. It will take 15 minutes to melt completely and be sure to not let it smoke or turn dark. When completed, should be the color of light brown sugar syrup.

(3) As soon as sugar begins to heat, pour remaining two pints sugar, together with milk, into a deep, heavy kettle and set it over low heat, cook slowly while sugar is melting. (4) As soon as all the sugar is melted in skillet, begin pouring it into the kettle of boiling milk and sugar, keeping it on very low heat and stirring constantly.

"The real secret of mixing these ingredients together is to pour a very thin stream from the skillet—no larger than a knitting needle. Stir across the bottom of kettle constantly," advises Mrs. Whisler. (5) Continue cooking and stirring until mixture forms a firm ball in cold water. (245 degrees) (6) After test is made, turn fire out and add soda. Stir hard as it tends to foam and boil over. (7) After mixing well, add butter and allow to melt as you stir. (8) Now set the candy off the fire but not in a cold place, for about 20 minutes or until lukewarm. Add vanilla and beat.

Some customs change as the years go by . . . but it is our sincere hope that the wondrous custom of remembering friends at Christmas will go on forever . . . for it is this custom that helps to keep our friendships lasting. May all the joys of the Christmas Season be yours

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The Bovina Blade Society

SALLY WHITESIDES, Editor

Charleses Are Hosts To Party Tuesday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Charles was the site of a party Tuesday evening of last week. Games of "progressive 42" were played. Following refreshments of colored sandwiches, cookies, party canapes, soft drinks and coffee, the couples visited.

The hostess's table was graced with a white cloth, with a centerpiece of an arrangement of candles and silver bells, with a miniature white angel nestled among them. Individual guest trays were decorated with styro-foam snowflakes and the napkins were blue, with the hosts' names in silver.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Nicki Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and Rhonda, Mr. and Mrs. James Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Don Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hromas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore and Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Suddether and Kathy, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Brenda.

Cubs Have Party At Pack Meeting

About 50 people were present Tuesday night when members of the two dens of local Cub Scouts had their Christmas party and pack meeting. It was in the American Legion Hall and the four Den Mothers were in charge.

The program was opened by members of Den One. They used the "flag ceremony" and their leaders, Mrs. Paul Jones and Mrs. Don Garrett, were in charge.

The groups then sang several

Christmas carols, with Mrs. D. C. Looney playing the piano and song leaders, Randy Jones and Lane Gober, directing. Randy is song leader for Den One and Lane is for Den Two.

During the program, the boys of Den Two, led by Mrs. Pat Kunselman and Mrs. Looney, presented the mothers with Christmas corsages which they had made during recent den meetings. The corsages were made of a large silver leaf, two miniature Christmas balls, a candy cane and a miniature white bell, all surrounding a tiny snowman. Each boy had made his to suit his own imagination, and each was tied with a red ribbon.

Also, a tree had been decorated in the hall by the pack members. They had made the trimmings for the tree, in the forms of bells, candy canes, trees, holly leaves and Christmas balls, all from pasteboard and colored foil paper. The tree also featured strings of popped corn.

Mrs. Aubrey Rhodes served refreshments of hot chocolate with marshmallows.

There were 18 boys present. Members of Den Two attending were Lane Gober, James Deney, Ricky Kunselman, Craton Looney, E. L. McCutchan, Radford Venable, Roland Murray and Mike Whelan.

Members of Den One present were Randy Jones, James Lee Calaway, Timmie Rhodes, Tommy Crump, Kregg Wilson, Billy White, Lee Terry and David Garrett.

To Portales

Mrs. Elsie Block and her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Whitesides, went to Portales, N. M.,

Wednesday. They were guests in the home of Mrs. Block's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Traugter, for the afternoon. Also accompanying the local people were Mrs. Alton Wyly and daughter, Beth.

Dorcas Circle Has Christmas Program

Members of the Dorcas Circle of the Methodist Church met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Frank Wilson for their annual Christmas program and social.

The afternoon was begun with Mrs. G. A. Bandy reading a devotion from the Bible. Mrs. Lloyd C. Battey led the games. From the word "Christmas," each member was asked to make as many girls' names as possible.

Secret pals were revealed with the exchange of gifts. Refreshments of Christmas tree sandwiches, date pudding and coffee, with candy cane favors, were served by Mrs. Wilson.

Her home was decorated with the Christmas theme, with a mantel decoration of candles, holly and berries gracing the focal point of the room.

Those present were Mrs. I. W. Quickel, Mrs. L. H. Pesch, Mrs. T. J. Hopingardner, Mrs. L. M. Grissom, Miss Lola Grissom, Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Mrs. Elmer Lowrie, Mrs. G. A. Bandy, Mrs. L. C. Moore, Mrs. Earl Richards and the hostess, Mrs. Warren Morton, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, was a guest.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 1, in the home of Mrs. Quickel. The study which has been in progress will be continued.

"Thirty-Niners" Have Christmas Party Monday

The home of Mrs. Maude Trimble was the site of the annual Christmas party for members of the "Thirty-Niners" Club Monday evening of last week. The group exchanged gifts and spent the evening visiting.

The hostess served a supper featuring ham and all the trimmings from a table with decorations carrying out the season's theme. Miniature Christmas corsages were plate favors.

Those attending were Mrs. Jewel Tabor, Mrs. Nettie Lea Wilson, Mrs. Lula White, Mrs. Lucille Walling, Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, Mrs. Lillian Barber, Mrs. Ola Lea Jones, Mrs. Pat Sherrill, Mrs. Pat Read and the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be in February.

Friendship Class Has Social At Church Tuesday

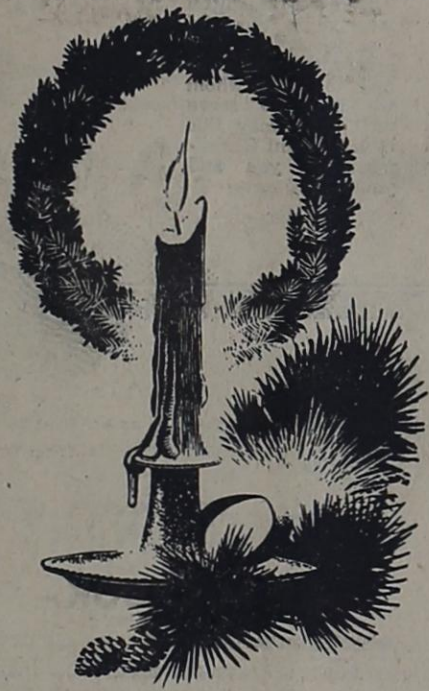
Members of Friendship class of Bovina Methodist Church held a social Tuesday evening in the fellowship hall of the church. They played games of "42" and other table games and exchanged gifts by the number method. Each family contributed candies and cookies to the refreshment table and coffee and hot chocolate were served.

At a brief business meeting, at which Mark Charles, president presided, they discussed future socials. It was decided that the group would meet the fourth Tuesday night of each month for a party. The parties will be held in the fellowship hall of the church and different hostesses will be chosen each month.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Durward Bell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wyly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitesides, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ware and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ware and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Charles and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Clements and children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baxter and Miss Lola Grissom.

Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn, new residents, and Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Beard.

A Cheerful Christmas



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By Sally Whitesides

If there's anything nicer than reaching into a well-filled mailbox and pulling out half a dozen Christmas cards, it is to find that one of them is from a person you haven't seen for years, yet remembers you and wants to say "hello" at this special season of the year. Bill and I got several of this sort this year, one of them from the mother of a childhood friend of mine. It's nice, too, to know that they evidently chose that special card, just for you. Also got one from Lee and Leota Gee, former residents of this

area. Haven't seen them for about five years, but hear about them occasionally from mutual friends, the Howard Looneys.

Went out driving Thursday night as a "one-person decoration judge" of the homes that were decorated for the Christmas contest. There are several very beautifully decorated homes around town and it will be well worth your while to make the tour.

Now, of course, is the time and place to say, "Congratulations," to Mrs. O. W. Rhinehart on winning the Jaycees' contest. Her scene of angels singing, all decked out on the lawn and accentuated with perfect lighting and the picture window as a background, shows more than words can tell how much thought went into the project.

Must also mention Ola Lea Jones' door and star; they're so pretty. Her winning of second place shows that she is, keeping up, but had some stiff competition. She won first place last year.

For these, and all the others who participated in the contest and those who just decorated for the fun of it alone, I want to put in now my personal "thanks" for making the season that much more colorful and enjoyable for everyone else.

We had a pretty good number of contestants, I thought, before I noticed the number of applicants to a similar contest being held by the Jaycees of Amarillo. According to the Amarillo Daily News Friday, they had the whole sum of 14 entrants. Makes Bovina's half dozen or so seem mighty big, don't you think?

Several years ago, I spent the better part of one whole evening rewrapping a gift for Jody Horton from her husband. Now, Jody is a bad one about pinching a package until she can guess what is in it. So, that year, Billy brought her gift, a very small, delicate wrist watch, over and asked me to



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BLADE'S EDITORIAL COMMENT...

What's Up?

With an editorial a few weeks ago, we warned that "paving quarterbacks," citizens who would be griping and complaining about the way the paving situation was being handled, would soon be in action. Though we certainly felt differently at the time of that writing, we now want to be the first string "quarterback."

It is our feeling that the paving program has been hurt by a lack of information from the contracting firm, West Texas Construction Co. of Lubbock. To what extent can't be ascertained, of course, but we do feel the company, by keeping quiet when it should have been telling the people of Bovina something, has killed some of the enthusiasm for paving here.

The situation isn't serious. However, when people want to know things about something that concerns them so directly and can't find the answers for their questions, they become dissatisfied, suspicious, and maybe a little contrary. We don't blame them. We tend to be that way, too. It's human nature.

The main thing to remember is that Bovina needs paving. For continued growth and improvements, it's mandatory.

Let's keep that thought in mind and show it in our actions as we wonder what to heck is going on.

A Good Job

The town's Christmas lights and trees are nice. They add to the holiday season. If we understand correctly, this is the first time in recent years Bovina has been decorated for the holiday season with so much color.

We'd like to offer our congratulations to the few men who were responsible for the decorations. It took time and work to get the ornaments up and a minimum of thanks goes with a job like that. We're appreciative for their actions.

wrap it so she "couldn't" tell what it was." The end result was a package the size of a bushel basket almost, all tied with bright ribbon and wrappings out of Lady Armstrong's store. (Lady was nice enough to help me make the bow, just so.)

As Bill had already told Jody what he had for me, (a set of dishes) she was sure Billy got her the same thing, as the boxes were the same size, wrapped in the same paper and had the very same size bow on top.

Christmas morning, besides the watch, which was at the bottom of the box, Jody found four bricks, three boxes of boxes and a can of popcorn. It worked. She was completely surprised on Christmas morning. But, since then, she has vowed each year she will "return the favor" to me.

My family and neighbors took a very dim view last week of the rearrangement of the week that Editor Dolph and I made. Since the Blade was coming out today (Monday); then, in our work, that meant that we must do the work of Wednesday on

at our house the other night while I was wrapping Christmas packages. When Mike began to beg me to tell him which was his, Alton offered to tell him for a quarter. Turning from me and, with an expression of deep concern on his face, Mike said "But Alton, I haven't got a quarter." Then, after a little more study he added, "Would nickels and dimes do? I've got lots of them in my bank."

Mike's five this year and I don't believe I ever saw a youngster more enthralled in the excitement of Santa and his anticipated visit.

Out of pure curiosity last week, I looked the word "Christmas" up in the dictionary. It says, "the annual festival of the Christian Church commemorating the birth of Jesus; celebrated December 25." It continues to amaze me how the authors of dictionaries and the like can cut down to mere words and definitions such a wonderful, heartwarming occasion. To most

of us, it is more than just a festival, it is a part of our lives, from the time we are toddlers, which gives us a great big lift upwards in our feelings as the sands of the old year slip away from us. Take a walk down the street, and just notice how many complete strangers will nod and speak to you at this season of the year. Try to analyze your feelings as you read the Christmas carols. It is all a part of the warm glow that envelopes us all. The lightness of parties, socials, the excitement of the children over gifts and the decorated trees and homes are only a part of it. The main thing is the deep abiding feeling of the presence of God in all lives at this time of year. Take notice of it and of the feeling of good will towards all men.

Take advantage of it, too—after all, almost the next thing up on the calendar is income tax time!

May God's blessings go with each of you during this season, and throughout the coming year.

Wishing you Joy and Happiness



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Widow's Club Has Christmas Party

Members of Bovina Widow's Club met Thursday morning in the home of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell for a Christmas program.

The guests arrived at 11:30 in time for a covered dish luncheon, with a program following. The meeting place was originally planned for the home of Mrs. Pearl Hastings. Mrs. Hastings will be hostess at a later date.

Mrs. Lady Armstrong was a special guest for the meeting. She was presented, by members of the club, with a gift in appreciation for favors rendered to them.

The program consisted of games with prizes, exchange of gifts and Christmas readings. Mrs. J. R. Caldwell read, "The Littlest Angel," and Mrs. Pearl Hastings read the Christmas story according to Luke. Several songs were sung by the group. They were accompanied on the piano by the hostess.

Those attending were Mrs. Elsie Block, Mrs. J. R. Glover, Mrs. J. Sam Gaines, Mrs. J. G. Free, Mrs. J. F. McCutchan, Mrs. Pearl Osborne, Miss Rita Caldwell, Mrs. Pearl Hastings, Miss Ellen Remmsnider, Mrs. Armstrong, Miss Rita Caldwell, and the hostess.

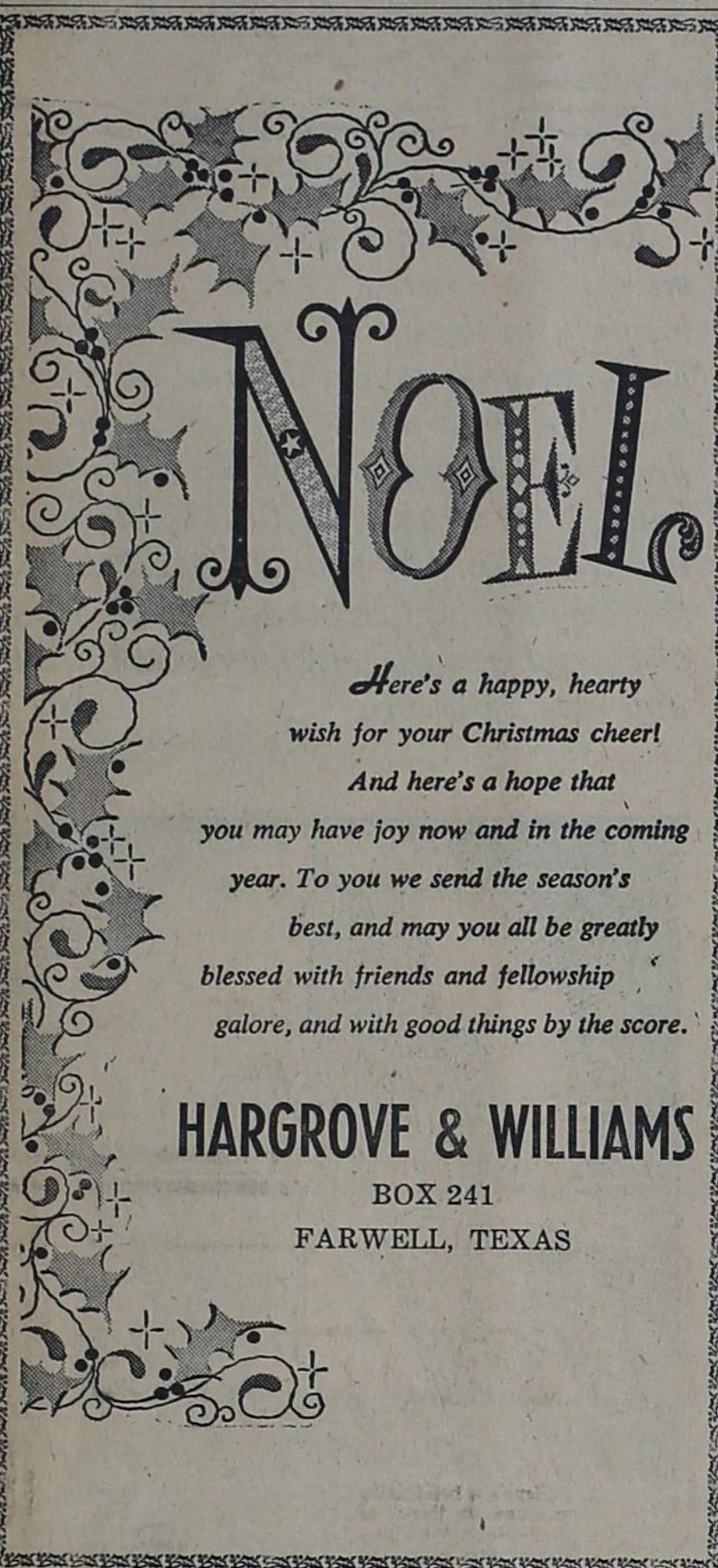
Mrs. Caldwell presented each guest with a table favor. It was a colorfully wrapped piece of fruit cake from a new recipe. The next meeting of the club will be Thursday, January 16.

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT... and we hope you realize that these few words carry our sincerest wish for a joyful Christmas season.



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Rainbow Girls Entertain OES Thursday Night

Members of Bovina Chapter of Rainbow for Girls were guests and special entertainers Thursday night at the annual Christmas program of the Bovina Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. The program and social was held in the Masonic Hall and Mrs. Joyce Hammonds was program chairman.

The girls, dressed in formals, performed their Rainbow Drill and sang the Rainbow Song. A vocal trio, composed of

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Misses Marilyn Brandon, Brenda Jones and Janice Leake, sang, "Winter Wonderland," and "I'll Have a Blue Christmas." Miss Harriette Charles sang a solo "Jesus, Our Lord." The singers were accompanied by Mrs. Doris Wilson on the piano.

Other girls participating were Misses Sherri Lynn Langer, Betty Stevens, Charlotte Hromas, Carole Hammonds, Margaret Taylor, Zelma Conley, Patsy Richards and Sue Estes. Mrs. Evelyn Crawford also was a guest for the occasion.

The dining room was decorated in the Christmas motif by the hostesses, Mrs. Jewel Fruit and Mrs. Loyce Levins. Fruit cake and coffee were served following the program.

The miniature pink Christmas tree was decorated with 38 one dollar bills, sent in by members for a "welfare project." The project was to help finance the provision of new furnishings for the Eastern Star Home for Old Ladies at Arlington.

Other members present were Mrs. Ona Pesch, Mrs. Lorena Brock, Mrs. Margaret Charles, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Rhinehart, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rea, Mrs. Hazel Rigdon, Mrs. Mary Ruth Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams and Mrs. Mary Looney.

Mrs. Williams, Worthy Matron, was presented with a delicate luncheon set on behalf of the chapter. Mrs. Hammonds, Associate Matron, presented the gift.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 2.

To Visit Parents

Mrs. Roy Fuller and daughters left Saturday morning for a visit in Coleman and San Angelo. In Coleman, they will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sparks, and in San Angelo, with her husbands parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller. Fuller will join them today.

Highway Employees Have Party

Employees of the Farmer County Division of the State Highway Department and their families met Friday evening for a party at the Highway Barn.

The annual "get together" featured a covered dish supper of chicken and dressing and the trimmings. Afterwards, the group played ping-pong, "42" and other table games and exchanged gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Killough, the foreman and his wife, were presented with gifts from the other employees.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mills and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pruitt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Englant, Mr. and Mrs. Wilborn Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Moody and Mr. and Mrs. Killough.

The building was decorated to carry out the Christmas theme with a large, decorated tree as focal point.

Baptist Church

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Cumpton, Galen Hromas and Johnnie Hugh Horn.

Angels were played by Carol Mast, Gale Boyd, Beth and Roxie Hutto, Joyce Hudson, Tonya Ivy, Martha Ann Adams, Patsy Cumpton, Lou Ann Goodwin, Paula Kay Kerby and Maurine Hammonds.

Scene Three portrayed the Three Wise Men, played by John Goodwin, Ken Horn and Ronnie Glasscock, their recognition of the Star and their decision to make the journey to see the Babe Jesus. Jerry Rigdon sang, "We Three Kings."

The final scene was the arrival of all characters at the manger to see the Christ Child. At the opening, a quartet, made up of Charlotte Hromas, Marilyn Brandon, Marylyn Turner and Brenda Jones sang "Silent Night." The angels sang "Away in a Manger" and the program was closed with the actors and those present joining together to sing, "Joy to the World."

Afterwards, the Bible version of the story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was read. A good crowd attended the program, which was held instead of the usual Christmas Cantata.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 2.

HD Club Has Party For Families

The families of members of the Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club were special guests Friday night at a party held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Murray. The group had a covered dish supper, followed by an exchange of gifts and the revealing of secret pals by the members. The families

exchanged gifts by the number method.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Looney and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stevens and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Sikes and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. Willifred

Sikes and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hoppingardner, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Looney and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and family and Lee Hoppingardner.

The next regular meeting of the home demonstration club will be Friday, January 3, in the home of Mrs. J. D. Stevens.



Merry Christmas

This year, as we send our compliments of the season, we wish to include our thanks for the splendid cooperation and patronage given us in the past.

ALL GOOD WISHES

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Whittlin'—

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job: I don't know whether it would be better, from a financial standpoint, to take it or stay here and grow gourds with Willis.

..... This is the last Whittlin's you'll read this year, but before the curtain is pulled on 1957's output, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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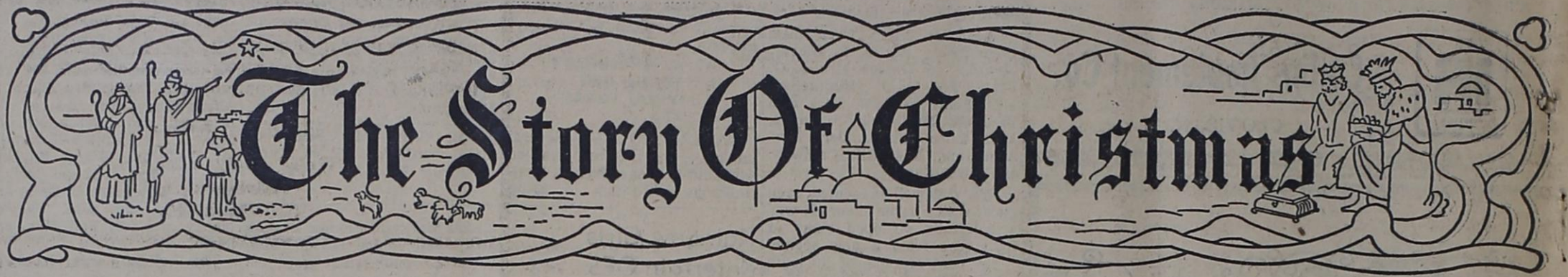
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Out on the hillsides the shepherds bedded and they knelt among their flocks to pray. And there came three wise men, following the star that had guided their pathway from the East.

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criers, no multitudes surging forth to adore. There, that night in Bethlehem, when the story began, there was only the stable, the Child in the manger, with Mary the Mother hovering near and Joseph standing quietly by. And in the brilliant light of the star were the Wise Men and the shepherds—bearing gifts for the new-born King of Kings.



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There is then, deep significance to this holiday we celebrate as Christmas. It is more than an anniversary or a festive occasion; a time to find joy in the acts of giving and receiving. Christmas is a time for prayer and thanksgiving; a time to return in thought and spirit to the simple meaning of the Story of Bethlehem; for on this day mankind was divinely blessed and given the right to seek out eternal salvation.

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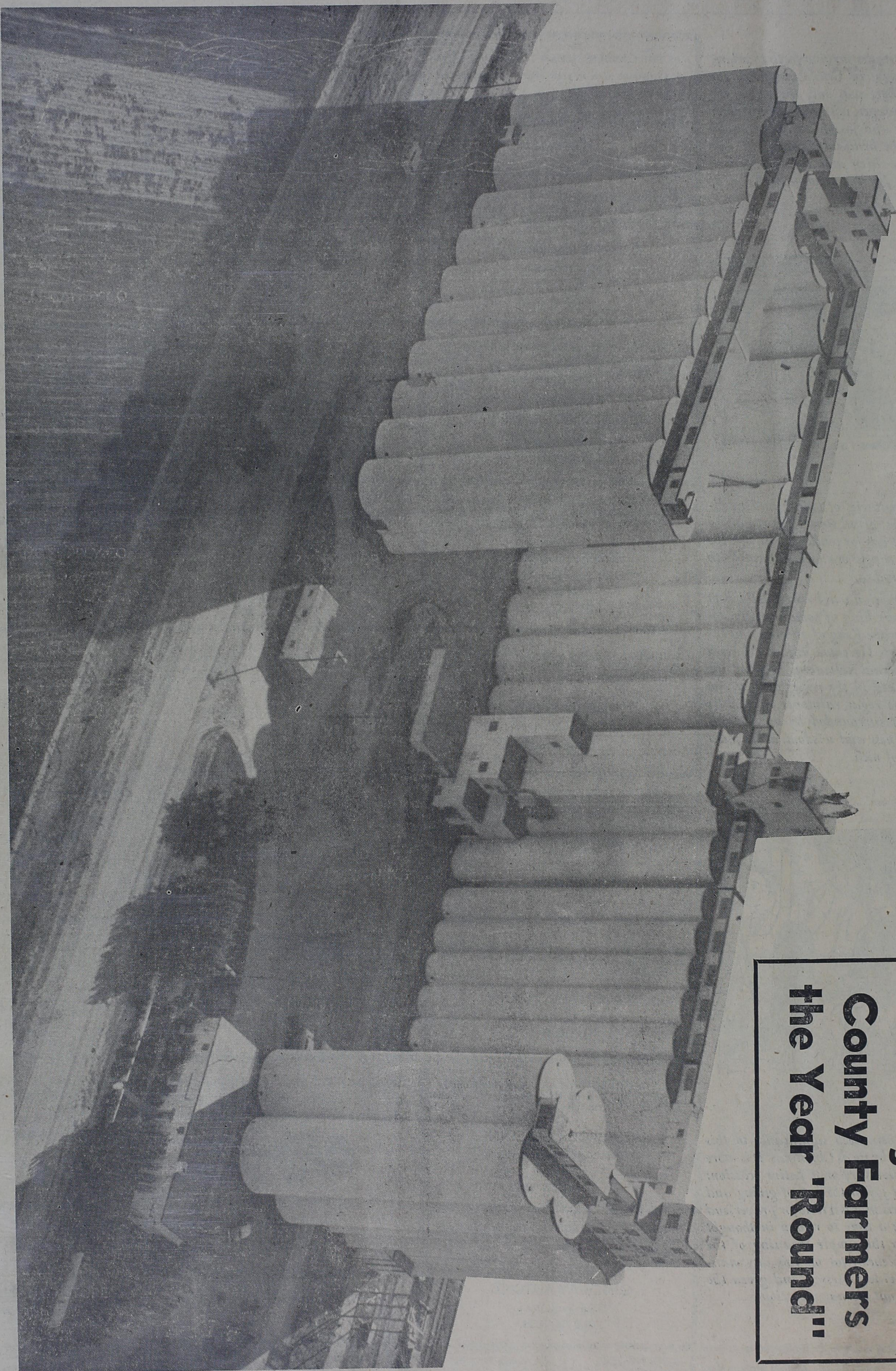
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«The High Plains Farm and Home»

Former Area Man Big Turkey Raiser

Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys are a year 'round concern of Troy McKillip, former Farwell farm boy. His turkey farm near Hatch, N. M., is described in the November issue of "Southwestern Crop and Stock" in an article written by Jess F. Blair.

His flock of 22,000 is in four age-groups so that marketing can continue from September to January. After the Thanksgiving marketing period he had some 15,000 left. Recent word received by his father, Lawrence McKillip, says that all but 5,000 have been sold and will be moved by Christmas. He plans to keep a large portion of the remaining birds for a breeder flock.

A good profit from a flock of 10,000 birds raised near Abilene last year led McKillip to decide to go into the business on a larger scale. Majoring in agriculture at Abilene Christian College for three years and working as a nutritionist and poultry specialist with a feed company had given him a chance to work closely with other growers. Observing their success and mistakes and his own experiences gave him a thorough background knowledge of the business.

Available land, a good climate, and an opportunity to buy an interest in a hatchery made Hatch the ideal location and less than a year ago he began operations. Net-wire fences form the large pens which give the turkeys plenty of range and shade in the mesquite-covered

bottomlands near the Rio Grande River. A small electric pump on a well four feet deep provides all the fresh water necessary and a huge dike separates the flock from the river channel for flood protection.

"McKillip goes at this business scientifically and with great forethought and care," says the article and then quotes McKillip.

"With an operation of this size," he said, "the owner should give some thought to equipment and arrangement of the place. He should plan for future expansion, and he should be willing to add any equipment that will hold down hand labor and speed up the work."

He follows his own advice and has arranged his automatic feeders in a circle, the last near the gate, so that a truck load of feed can be delivered in a minimum of time. He uses an electric debeaker to debeak the birds when they are three or four weeks old. Vaccination for typhoid and cholera with a combination serum and a later vaccination for fowl pox make disease losses almost non-existent.

Two full-time employees work with turkeys during the day and are near by at night in case coyotes or other predators attack. Flares of the same type used by the highway department have proved successful in keeping the animals away at night.

The birds are sold on foot to buyers of the major packing companies. The hens are sold at about 16 pounds but the toms,

kept about four weeks longer, weigh near 30 pounds when they reach the market.

"One thing he is striving to do is to develop a superior bird that will mature early, maintain the weight and conform to the type most wanted by the housewife. The one being used now was developed from a California strain." It is believed to be a good one, but McKillip expects to keep on improving it.

He and his partner at the Tidwell-McKillip Hatchery produced all the poulters McKillip raised and also sold 40,000 to producers in New Mexico and West Texas.

His realization that keeping down disease is of the utmost importance and the emphasis he places on producing the highest quality birds help him avoid many pitfalls that plague other growers.

He has a long-range plan for adding new equipment and gradually increasing his flock. Moving a feed-mixing plant to the farm is the first item on the list. He uses a concentrated supplement with grain and just prior to the marketing of the first group of birds, he was putting out 70,000 pounds of feed per week.

He has land enough to put the pens on new land every second year and, depending on the market and other factors, sees expansion to 40,000 or 50,000 in the future.

Big Wind Hints Dusty Season

High winds that got up before dawn Thursday morning gave hint this week of the traditionally dusty winter and early spring conditions on the High Plains.

Even with above-average subsoil moisture, plenty of real estate turned loose and rolled along in the wake of the swirling southwestern gusts. By noon Thursday, the gale had diminished in velocity, and was, therefore, not strictly comparable to what can be expected next spring.

However, it made farmers think about the condition of their fields with respect to blowing. Cover generally is adequate.

Diversified Farming Is His Meat

By W. H. GRAHAM JR.

In these days of lowered price supports, reduced acreages, and a generally shrinking picture for the producer of field crops that have been staple on the Plains for generations, everybody is talking about "growing something else," but few are managing to do it.

A man who has achieved diversification in its truest sense, however, is Hardy May, who farms three miles east of Friona. He has turned the biggest part of his farm into a big-scale vegetable producing factory. And, all in all, things are working out satisfactorily.

May rents 640 acres of land from Elmer Euler. The section is an excellent one—lays well for watering, and has "tight," fertile land. He has a 170-acre cotton allotment, and this year had 100 acres of maize. The remainder of his place, however, went into vegetables.

Apparently, variety in vegetables is May's meat, because he produced seven different varieties this year. Like most vegetable ventures, May "missed" on some crops, but "hit" on others, and, on the whole, can't complain about this year.

The farmer's favorite vegetable crop is carrots, which he has grown for three years. Previously, he had produced car-

rots under an arrangement with the Valsling packing house in Hereford. That company refers to itself as the world's largest shipper of carrots. Up until this year, there had been no processing facilities nearby.

However, this year, May joined with other vegetable farmers of the area to purchase the Herman Neff potato shed in Friona, and, changing the name to Friona Growers and Shippers, they added the necessary machinery to go into carrot production on their own.

This year, May planted 150 acres of carrots, of which 75 were processed by the Hereford firm, and the remainder in the Friona shed.

About processing arrangements, May's advice is, "You'd better not plant carrots unless you know where you're going to go with them." He points out that even this year, which has been a very good one for carrot growers, will be one in which there will be some acreage left unharvested, simply because no shed has been able to handle the processing.

About 300 acres are being handled in Friona, which is maximum for that operation, and the rest are in Hereford.

From the 150 acres of carrots, May has produced an average of about 10 tons per acre. The range in production has gone all the way from five to 17



Hardy May is the county's outstanding example of diversified farming. He produces the customary cotton and grain sorghum, plus seven agricultural crops, on his farm east of Friona. May rests his foot on a potato digger, one of two such machines he owns, which typifies the specialized equipment needed for the type farming he is in.

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Thank You...

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Christmas

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Farwell, Texas

tons, which is another indication of the extreme latitude in both production and price that vegetable farmers must contend with.

Of the 17-ton yield from one field, May says he can't explain it. It was simply a phenomenon of nature, apparently, because that field received no special treatment.

Also, to show how the harvest of vegetables can be stretched out, May is digging 15 acres of carrots now, and he began harvest back in August. Naturally, planting dates were staggered to achieve this range.

The carrots May is selling this week are moving at about \$35 a ton, which is low for the season. Top for the season was \$65 this year, and the normal range in price has been from \$40 to \$50 a ton. That is a very good return for carrot growers, who say they can make "some" money as low as \$30 a ton if tonnage is adequate.

May estimates his expenses in growing carrots at between \$70 and \$80, which is not extreme for the production of a vegetable crop. All in all, May believes carrots are the "safest"

vegetable crop he knows of, although he repeats that other farmers who try them should make arrangements beforehand with a shed.

May raised 7.7 acres of bell peppers this year, which is an unusual crop so far as this part of the Plains is concerned. Pepper growers have been successful previously in the Littlefield area, but peppers have never gone over big here.

May's peppers did all right this year. His total production was about 125,000 pounds, although the price was low—about three and one-half cents per pound. The farmer's good yield made up for a low price, and he figures he made money on the crop. He grossed \$4,400 from the field. He is unable to accurately figure expenses on the peppers, because the acreage was so small that he ran costs in with other crops.

Most of May's peppers were sold to a Lockney operator, although some were trucked out in bulk to distant points. Some went as far as Florida.

May had 15 acres of tomatoes, which also yielded well—from

12 to 15 tons per acre. Hardy worked out an unusual arrangement with his tomatoes this year. Most of his crop was picked "pink" and rushed to Oklahoma, where they were repacked and sold fresh to independent growers.

He says this is unconventional, and the only reason he was able to do it was because he made a special arrangement with a brother-in-law of his who lives there to handle the deal on that end.

The tomato harvest lasted about five weeks, and May shipped out a truck to his Oklahoma outlet almost daily 33 times. He says his partner in Oklahoma was "tickled to death" with the way things worked out, and is looking forward to another year in which the same arrangement will be used.

Some of May's crop went to an Arkansas cannery, but not a great deal.

May points out that his tomato tonnage would have been figured higher if all of his crop had gone to a cannery, because in this way, the entire crop is taken. When "pinks" are picked as they ripen on the vines, many of the tomatoes are left behind as imperfect for shipment.

May received about \$300 an acre for his tomatoes this year, which made the crop profitable, but not lucrative.

It would be a mistake to paint the vegetable picture as an entirely rosy one, because it seldom is. After the highest prices in history for potatoes last year,



Even with a farming operation of his scope, Hardy May isn't above doing every-day chores on the farm. Here he climbs 12 feet into the air to give one of his cotton trailers a new coat of paint.

the market dropped to almost unprofitable levels this year, which is typical of the High Plains crop.

May maintains, "I got my expenses back on potatoes this year," and he's probably pretty lucky at that, because he had a lot of acreage and raising spuds is expensive. His profit, if any, was slight, considering the risk involved.

The Friona farmer grew 100 acres of red potatoes this year, and sold most of them for around \$2 per hundred. Tonnage was off, with most yields falling below 150 sacks.

By comparison, yields ran upwards of 200 sacks of No. 1's last year, and the price went as high as \$8. Fortunes were made in the potato business on the Plains last year, but they had been lost in previous attempts, too.

A crop that was really a "stinker" for May this year was a specialty crop, parsnips. May had 25 acres this year. Change that "had" to "has." He's still got 'em, and they probably will not be harvested. It seems that the smaller and more specialized a crop, the

wilder the market. When May's parsnips were just getting started, the price was being quoted at \$260 a ton.

By time his crop was mature, however, the price had plunged to \$30 a ton. It doesn't take much production to supply the nation's demand for parsnips, and May doubts that he will plant them again.

Another crop which May lost a substantial sum on was lettuce, although he was fortunate enough to not have grown a large acreage. Lettuce was good in price last year, but hardly was worth cutting in 1957.

Hardy's 25 acres were cut when lettuce was \$4.50 a crate, the fields were muddy, yield was lower, and quality was way down. Insects and the freeze cut back lettuce possibilities, and the fall weather this year was about the poorest that could be imagined for cutting lettuce.

Two other "tail end" crops on May's place this year were onions, of which he raised 10 acres, and radishes, also 10 acres. The onions are still in the ground and will not be harvested. Originally, May seeded

30 acres, but could not get a good stand, so reduced his onion acreage to 10. The price has not been sufficient to justify harvesting.

He dismisses his radish production with a wave of his hand, as though something he would like to forget. They were "no good," Hardy says, although they were harvested.

What about next year? That's hard to tell, says May, who maintains his mind isn't made up about planting anything (except his cotton). As much as he thinks of carrots, he might stay out of the picture entirely if the acreage on the Plains goes as high as some people are forecasting it.

"I think if half of the people who say they are going to plant carrots do go ahead, I may skip 'em, he says. No exact figures are available on Plains carrot acreage, although it is estimated to be in the neighborhood of 10,000. Indications at the moment are that this might be multiplied five times, says May, which would flood the market.

However, hopes are always high about any one vegetable crop following an excellent year, and this probably accounts for the enthusiasm.

As poorly as onions did for May this year, he is looking at them with a careful eye, and thinks he'll probably give them a whirl next season. It's about time for them to repeat.

May is a very unassuming individual to be in charge of a large-scale operation that grosses well over \$100,000. He busies himself with chores about the farm just as would the typical farmer, and the size of his enterprise is not apparent to the person who simply drives by the farm.

When the fields are full of hands and several crops are coming off at once, however, it's a different matter. May's farm is a veritable beehive of activity in the middle of the season.

About the problems of the vegetable farmer, Hardy says labor is his biggest headache. He doesn't discount the vagaries of the markets and the weather, but handling the labor is still his biggest problem.

"It's all I can do to keep them paid, let alone keep them

busy," during the rush, he says. May estimates his total bill this year at between \$30,000 and \$40,000, which is astronomical in the way of most Plains farmers' thinking, since mechanization has taken so much sweat out of farming.

Hardy eyes his labor cost as his No. 1 profit enemy. "I just know that I spent one-third more on labor this year than I should have," he says, and adds that he would enjoy increasing efficiency of hand work on his farm so that he could pocket the saving, which would represent a considerable profit on that one item alone.

May is pretty realistic about the farming business, and discounts the possibility of a large number of farmers getting into vegetables on a small scale.

He says that investments in necessary machinery practically make it necessary for farmers to command considerable volume to justify the use of the equipment.

"Take my tractors," he says. "I use two little ones besides the big ones that are found on all area farms. Now, how could a farmer plant 10 acres of carrots and buy a small tractor to farm them? It would take the profits from two years to pay for the tractor alone."

Hardy May certainly isn't typical of today's farmer on the western High Plains, but he represents a challenge that many of them are thinking about.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

NEWS FROM THE FARM BUREAU

By RAYMOND EULER

Farm Bureau is offering the same service to cotton farmers in placing cotton in the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association this year as it did last year. An average of \$3 increase per bale was paid to farmers using this service for the 1956 crop.

The increase comes through the medium of reclassification and the additional service of the micronaire test, provided by the association. The cotton is then grouped according to grade and staple and sold directly to millers on the basis of samples. This results in a better sale from the producer's angle, similar to his selling each grade of his cotton directly to the cotton mills.

The loan price, less \$2.60 per bale, is paid to the producer either at the time he brings his cards in, or within a week, depending upon his choice. The profits, resulting from sales is distributed to patrons in August, following the cotton season. This is one way farmers sometimes are able to realize payment for the "plus" or "light" spot grades of cotton that are not recognized in the CCC loan system. In short, the association is a research and marketing service for producers,

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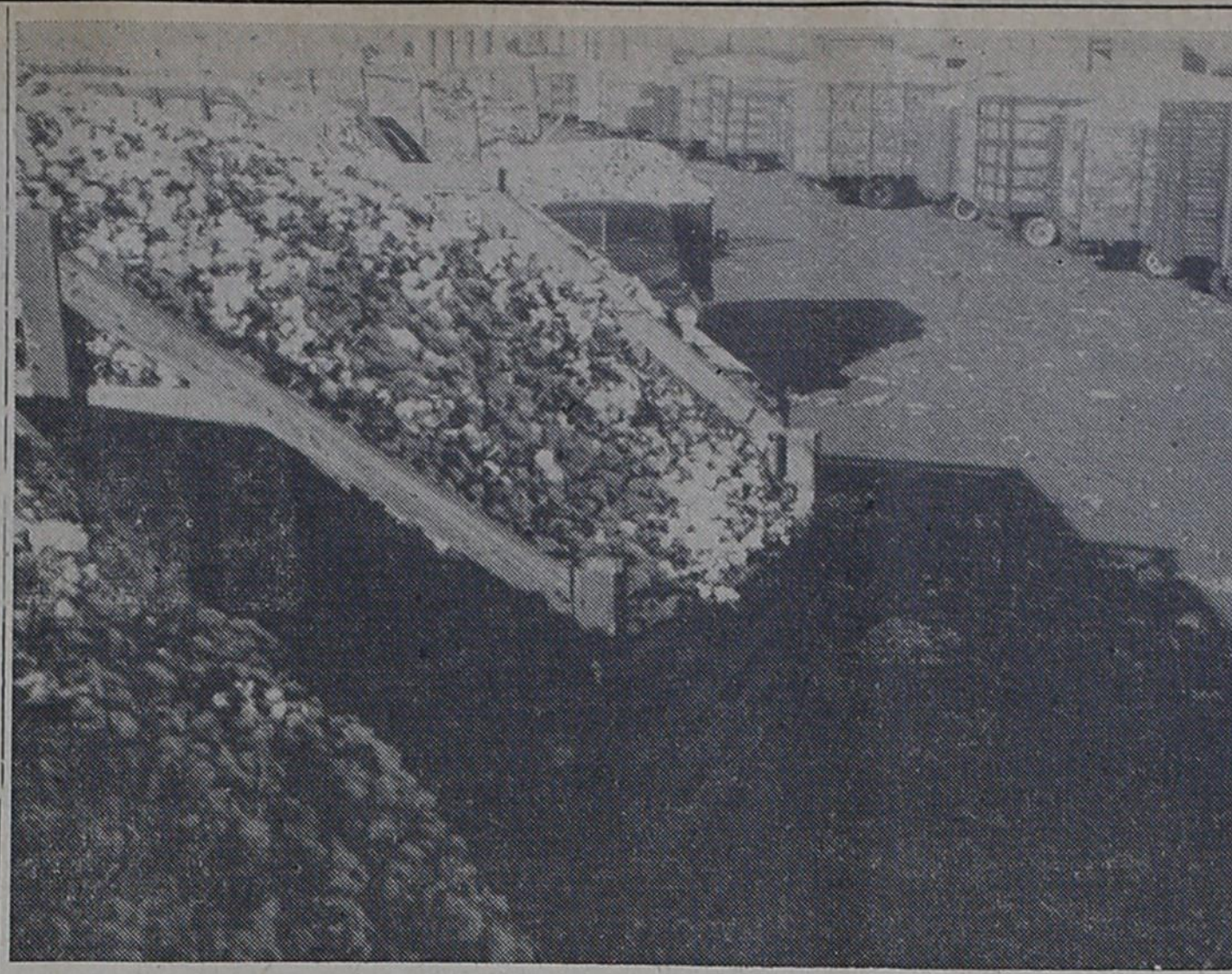
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THE HAPPY HOMEMAKER

BY JUNE FLOYD

Even though most of us are not superstitious, or at least like to think we are not, we generally serve one or two dishes on New Year's Day which are supposed to bring good luck. One of the most popular good luck charmers is black-eyed peas and pork.

For this dish you combine in a large sauce pan 1 1/2 pounds ham hocks, 6 cups water, 1 pound dry black-eyed peas, 2 large onions, which have been chopped, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, a few sprigs parsley, 2 bay leaves, 1/8 teaspoon thyme, 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, 2 tablespoons salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Place sauce pan over low flame and cook four to five hours. It may be necessary to add more boiling water during the cooking time.

Another dish which is supposed to bring good luck to your table all year long, is barbecued pork chops. Brown six pork chops in large skillet. Combine the following ingredients and pour over the pork chops.

- 1 cup catsup
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

Cover and bring to boil over full flame. Turn flame to simmer and cook 1 hour. Makes six servings.

Irish bread eaten on New Year's Day is supposed to bring good luck to the Irish. This bread makes perfect toast for breakfast and can be eaten at any meal. Perhaps we should make several loaves and serve it at all three meals.

Sift together

- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine 1 egg, beaten, and 1 1/2 cups milk; stir liquid into dry ingredients, but do not over stir. Dust 1/2 cup flour over 1 cup chopped pecans and

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1 cup raisins. Fold pecans and raisins into batter.

Stir three tablespoons melted shortening into batter. Then pour batter into waxed paper-lined 9x5x3 inch loaf pan and bake in moderate oven one hour. Remove from pan when done and cool on wire rack.

An ancient British tradition is to serve mincemeat cranberry pie. Prepare pastry for a two crust pie by your favorite recipe. Then mix one 1 lb. 13 oz. jar of mincemeat and 1 cup whole cranberry sauce. Pour mixture into unbaked pastry shell and top with strips of pastry. Bake in a preheated oven 30 to 40 minutes. Dot with butter and sprinkle with sugar.

Our grandmothers used to tell us that whatever we did New Year's Day we would do all year. Of course, before we had been homemakers very long we learned better than this. Another old saying that used to give us something to think about was "Anything you start this year and don't finish will never be finished."

We might use this saying as an inspiration to finish some of the household tasks we have started. Getting them done would be worth all the effort whether we believed the saying or not.

Joy and Blessings

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Farmers Through, Gins Covered Up

Most Parmer County area cotton farmers wound up their 1957 cotton season just before Christmas this year, to set a new record in late harvests and make some kind of a record for peculiar cotton growing years.

Gins, however, are running behind by thousands of bales and will be "snowed" until after the first of the year.

An across-the-board examination of the 1957 cotton year shows it to be a poor one. That makes a checkerboard pattern in area cotton history. One of the best years was 1954. It was followed by an early freeze and poor harvest in 1955.

Last year, 1956, produced another excellent season for growing cotton, and this year the tables were turned once again on area growers. A slow, cold start in the spring began a year that seemed hexed all the way through.

When the rain and drizzle and cold set in this fall, the jig was up, and cotton never had a chance to overcome its late start. Freeze dates were normal, but that was of little consolation to growers.

"I'm afraid that we have been cut back about half on the net profit this year, compared to last," says County Agent Joe Jones this week. He is comparing a very poor year with a very good one, which makes the difference seem out of proportion, but then, when farm incomes will be affected by a comparable ratio, it is the only way to look at it.

Within about three weeks, the 1957 production will be known, but right now the county agent is guessing the county harvest at 43,000 bales. That is a bale an acre on the planted allotment, and practically all of it will be harvested.

Grade is what is hurting cotton growers this year worse than anything else. Jones estimates the average price of cotton at 22 cents, which is down substantially from last year when 30 was common. That makes a

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bale of cotton bring about \$110.

Jones points out that the effect of lowered prices on the county economy can best be shown by figuring the gross value of the total crop, which is about \$4 1/2 million, or about half of that in 1956.

With about 1,100 cotton growers in the county, Jones points out that figured on a per-farm basis, net profit has been reduced about \$4,000 per unit, or, translated another way, \$4,000 less per farming family.

Cotton allotments are up slightly, and growers are already looking forward to "catching up next year," but their cash resources will be pinched between now and next fall, even if history holds true and repeats 1958 as a good season.

Wheat Is Good, Stock Increases

Wheat in the Parmer County area, both dryland and irrigated, is looking good, according to County Agent Joe Jones. The weather has been dry for three weeks now, but previous to this spell, the long rainy weeks sent wheat off in a big way this fall.

Stock is increasing in numbers as farmer-ranchers take advantage of good pasture conditions and turn animals in.

If moisture follows this winter, wheat could have the best start for a good yield next year that has occurred in the past seven.

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Farmers Checking On Castor Beans

A crop which Parmer County farmers once tried and turned up their noses at may creep back onto area farms through the back door next year. The search for additional suitable cash crops is the reason.

Reports are that castor beans are doing exceptionally well in Hale County, only a few score miles to the east of this area. Farmers there are reported to be grossing right at or slightly over \$100 per acre from the beans with production expenses comparable to raising cotton.

Soon after the end of World War II when the nation was still geared to a wartime economy, castor beans were introduced on county farms, at the urging of the United States government, which was needing more production of this commodity.

Several hundred acres was planted to the beans here then, but with generally unsatisfactory results. Shattering was a big problem, and the beans were bad to volunteer the following year, and other worries were encountered.

The biggest difference, however, was that grain sorghum was selling for over \$2.00 per hundred, and farmers much preferred this crop to castor

beans. Therefore, the beans never took hold here, and the crop was abandoned after two seasons.

Things have changed a lot, though, and besides the reduction in grain sorghum price, much has been done to improve castor bean production itself. New hybrids are in use which are suitable for combining, but which resist shattering much better than the old combine varieties.

Prentice Mills, county ASC office manager, has been looking into the castor bean situation, and reports that farmers in Hale County this year are obtaining yields of from 1,500 to 2,000 with no problem from shattering.

The price this year, which is understood to be open market and not contracted, is \$6.54 a hundred.

Mills has contacted Bill Gunther of the Baker Castor Bean Company there (a nationally-known firm), and believes an area-wide meeting for farmers who may be interested will be arranged for some time in January or February.

Castor bean acreage in Hale County last year was only about 400. It is 4,000 this year, a ten-fold increase which indicates interest among farmers there.

Special combines were used to harvest the crop when it was grown here several years ago, and these machines are still harvesting the biggest part of the crop, but special attachments for conventional combines are now being introduced, says Mills.

Some custom harvest operators follow castor beans, but not many. The cost on a custom basis is understood to be \$1.00 per hundred.

Some growing advantages of castor beans are that they nearly always come up (would sprout through a concrete walk, some farmers say), get off early ahead of weeds, can be cultivated and require no hand hoeing, and require moisture about the same as grain sorghum. Insects don't bother them, either.

Castor beans don't always wind up in small bottles on the shelves of druggists. Their principal demand today is the basis for a high-grade lubricant that stands up under extreme temperatures.

Kindergarten Has Christmas Program Friday Morning

Members of Mrs. Margaret Caldwell's Kindergarten classes held their annual Christmas program Friday morning in her home. The program featured, not only the traditional playlets and songs, but an actual demonstration of the work being done by the children month by month.

They showed, through recitation and acting, what they had learned during September as the program opening.

First on the program was the Welcome Song, "Good Morning," sung by all the children. They then recited a poem, "We Go To School." Following a complete number and letter drill, the children sang two more songs, "Let Us Smile," and "My Two Little Shoes." Mark Stevens acted as director as the group then presented a rhythm band number.

To show what they had done during October, Denise Clements played the part of a "Jack-O-Lantern" during the telling of a poem, "I Saw Two Tigers." They then sang a Halloween song and presented a playlet, "The Old Witch," in which Aulana Levins played the part of the witch.

For "November," the children worked along the theme of Thanksgiving and sang two songs, "We Thank Thee" and "Sing to Me." A poem was told, titled "Humpty Dumpty, Who Had a Great Spill."

In a playlet, titled "The Basket House," Suzanne Wilson played a mouse; Jimmy Clark, a rabbit; and Bruce Caldwell, a bear. Other children furnished the background story in song.

"Christmas Bells" was the first song on the December section of the program, and was followed by the poem, "Santa Claus." The children then sang "Santa Watches Little Children," with Bruce Caldwell, Deborah Whisler and Candy Wilson singing solo parts. They then sang "Jingle Bells" and

"Silent Night," with the guests joining in at the chorus of the last.

"Santa's Toy Shop" was the name of a short playlet presented next by the children. Santa himself was played by Jimmy Clark and Karen Bell played Mrs. Santa. Children representing toys were Aulana Levins and Suzanne Wilson, dolls; Denise Clements, baby rattle; Stevie Sherrill, teddy bear; Bruce Caldwell, jumping jack and Mark Stevens, a drum. Each child had a part to say and acted it out.

The program was presented in the living room of Mrs. Caldwell's home, which was decorated for the occasion. To tie in with a story which she had been telling the children for the past week, a series of trees of different sizes; from one inch to over three feet, were arranged on her desk. The largest was decorated with silver, red and gold. It was circled with sweeping arches of colorful Christmas cards on the wall.

On the dining room, adjoining the living room, the table was graced with still another tree, on which decorations in miniature were placed. Also, throughout the house, festoons of Christmas cards, dried leaf arrangements and traditional decorations were on display.

On the table, ten tiny white sleighs, complete with reindeer and "Santas" were filled with miniature candies and toys for the children.

Students of the Kindergarten classes are Deborah Whisler, Bruce Caldwell, Karen Bell, Candy Wilson, Mark Stevens, Jimmy Clark, Stevie Sherrill, Aulana Levins, Denise Clements and Suzanne Wilson.

Guests Friday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Levins, Mrs. Maude Trimble, Mrs. Roy Clark, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. A. M. Wilson, Mrs. Jimmie Clements, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whisler, Wayne Stevens, Mrs. Durward Bell, Mrs. Jay Sherrill, Mrs. J. R. Caldwell, Mrs. Bedford Caldwell, Mrs. Tom Lloyd and Miss Millie Holden.

The children playing "Mr. and Mrs. Santa" distributed gifts and pictures were taken by Mrs. A. M. Wilson.

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Gleaner Class Has Party In Adams Home

The home of Mrs. P. A. Adams was the site of the annual Christmas party for members of the Gleaners Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

The usual Christmas theme was carried out with a lighted Christmas tree. In the center of the table, a scene was erected, showing a chorus of angels decked with colored bulbs and bells and surrounded with greenery. Another seasonal arrangement graced the book shelf.

Each one that had a secret revealed who they were for the past year and each drew names for the coming year. Also, gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Adams, the class teacher, was presented with a gift from the class. Then she gave the class members a gift.

Among those present were Mrs. Alvin Glasscock, Mrs. H. N. Turner, Mrs. Jack Morris, Mrs. J. W. Wright, Mrs. Arnold Hromas, Mrs. Allen Cumpton, Mrs. M. L. Dowdy, Mrs. Jack Clayton and Mrs. Roy Fuller.

Others were Mrs. J. D. Stevens, Mrs. Ovid Lawlis, Mrs. A. B. Kent, Mrs. Henry Minter, Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. Alva Hudson, Mrs. Virgil Goodwin, Miss Millie Holden and the hostess.

With Parents For Holidays

Visiting this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams is their son, Charles. He arrived home Saturday morning from North Texas State College at Denton.

Also arriving Saturday morning to spend the holidays with the Williamses was their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Small and daughter, of Fayetteville, Ark.

LETTERS TO Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, a little curl or two on my head and a dollie. This is the first time you have called on me so please be generous.

MWF Meets For Special Program

Mrs. Jimmie Clements was in charge of a special Christmas program Wednesday afternoon when members of the Methodist Woman's Fellowship met. The meeting was held in the parlor of the church and Mrs. Clements directed a program in which all members present took part. The meaning of Christmas, using each letter of the word as a key, was carried out.

Mrs. Mark Charles was the hostess and served party sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks to those present. The next meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, January 1.

Sixth Grade Has Party

Students of Mrs. Fleta Terry's sixth grade had their annual Christmas party Friday afternoon in their classroom. The youngsters played outside for a time, before going into the room for an exchange of gifts and refreshments.

Refreshments of soft drinks and sack treats were provided by the room mothers. They were Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. Lou Baxter, Mrs. A. R. McCormick, Mrs. Bud Crump, Mrs. Bob Wilson, Mrs. Pete Gonzales, Mrs. Mose Frazier, Mrs. Billie Sudderth and Mrs. A. E. Rubio.

Don't forget my Da-Da, too. Love and candy canes, Brenda Charles

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby doll, refrigerator, stove and sink. And bring my little brother, Mike, a teddy bear and don't forget the other little boys and girls and my big brother, Larry.
I love you,
Nancy Mitchell

Dear Santa,
My name is R. D. and I am five years old. I want a gun and holster set, a rifle, a cowboy suit and a toy tractor for Christmas. Don't forget the other boys and girls.
I love you, Santa
R. D. Looney

SS Class Has Party Thursday

Members of the "Daughters of the King" Sunday School class of First Baptist Church gathered Thursday afternoon in the church annex for a Christmas party.

The girls, age 11 and 12, were sponsored by their teacher, Mrs. J. W. Gooch and Mrs. Virgil Goodwin.

The social was opened with a candlelight devotional by Mrs. Gooch. She told the Christmas story. Mrs. Goodwin closed the devotional with a prayer.

The youngsters played a game, under the direction of Patsy Lloyd, Lou Ann Goodwin and Frances Fuller. They then went caroling and visited and sang to several "shut-ins" of the community. They also took them gifts.

Following the caroling, they returned to the church for more games, a gift exchange and refreshments of punch and Christmas cookies.

Those present were Bonnie Cochran, Frances Fuller, Jeanne Ivy, Lou Ann Goodwin, Patricia Crook, Patsy Lloyd, Elaine Fuller, Paula Kay Kerby and Tonya Vee Ivy.

Quilting Club Has Christmas Social Thursday

Husbands of members of Bovina Quilting Club were special guests Thursday evening at the annual Christmas party. The party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calaway.

The Calaway home was decorated throughout to complement the Christmas season. The members and guests exchanged gifts and the hostess served refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee. Afterwards, games of "42" were played.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison, Mrs. Bessie Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Killough, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. John Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes.

The members drew names for the 1958 Christmas party, and Mrs. F. O. Turner was accepted as a new member of the organization.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 2, in the home of Mrs. Caldwell.



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Holiday Cooking Should Be Planned

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Plan your holiday cooking so that you can do much of the preparation well ahead of time—make pies, breads and prepare fowl and store them in the freezer.

You can make salads 24 hours before serving, and you can prepare cranberry jelly at any convenient time.

Since you want to save your energy so that you'll be in good spirits for the holidays, recruit the helping hands of your family. List things to do, and let them choose their jobs. You'll have better cooperation that way. They will want to help and share in what should be a family tradition.

Holidays are more meaningful to your children if you let them have a hand in the preparations. Of course you'll adapt their jobs to their ages and abilities.

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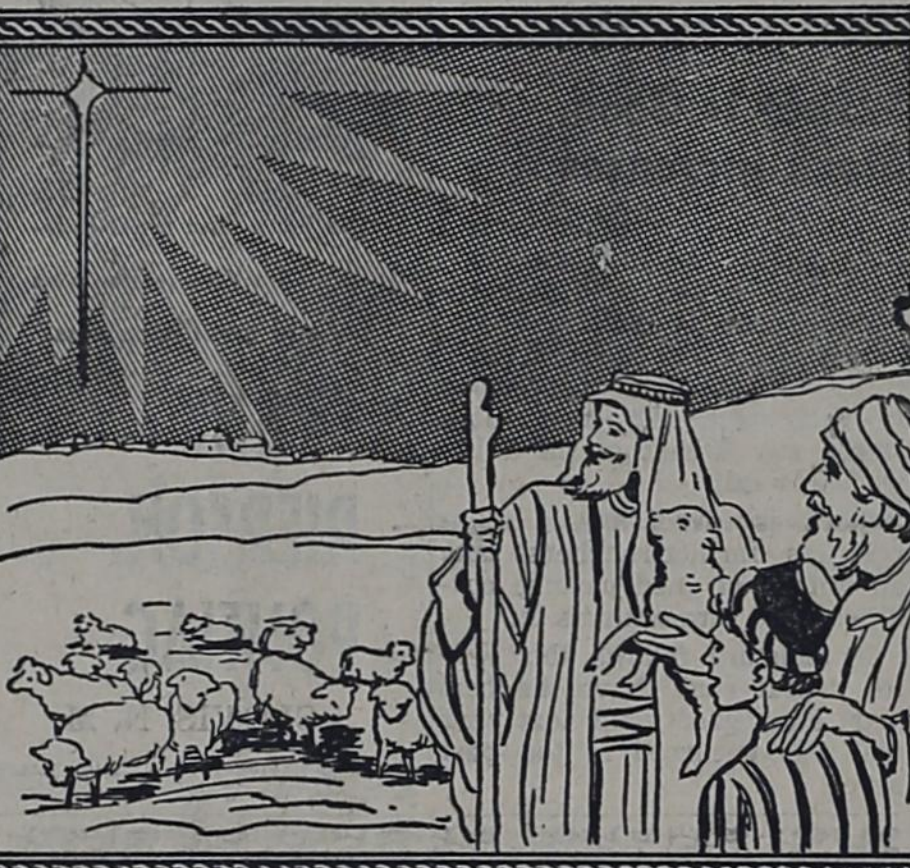
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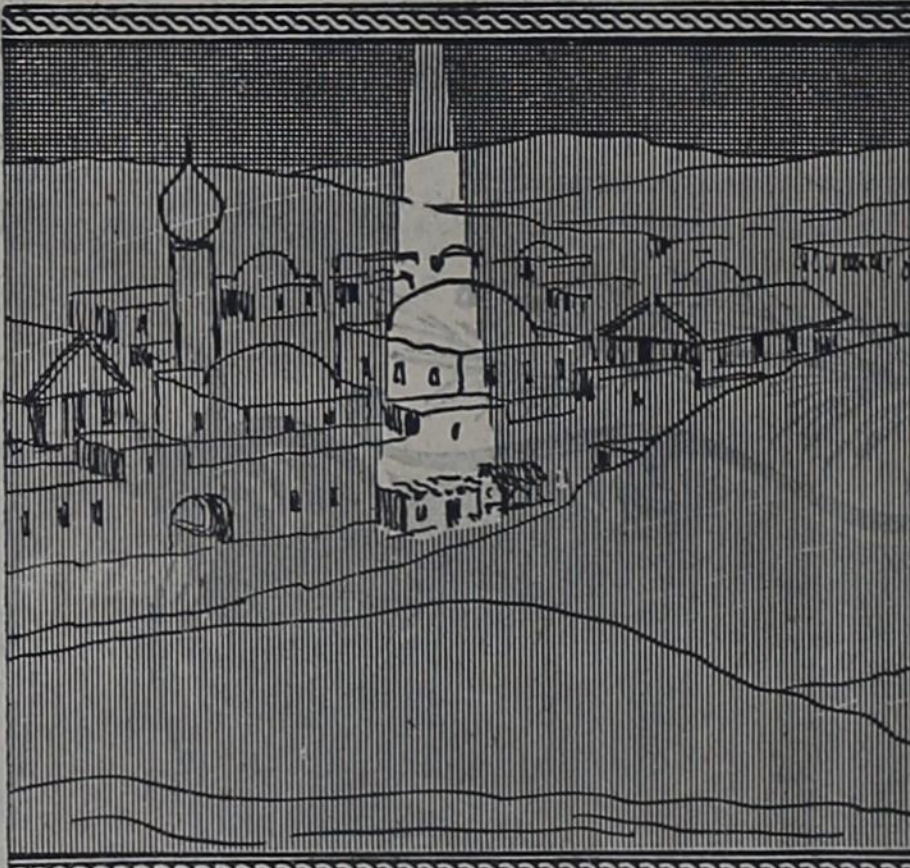
SHEPHERDS were tending their sheep in the hills near Bethlehem. For them it was an ordinary night—or so it seemed; quiet and peaceful, far away from the noise and din of the crowded city. But the night was to be one the humble shepherds would long remember and it began when there burst upon the night a bright and glorious star.



AND THE ANGELS appeared to the shepherds who were watching their sheep on the hillsides, bringing to them the glorious news that the Saviour had been born in a stable at Bethlehem. The humble shepherds were filled with fear. "Fear not," the angels said, instructing them to go forth and find the infant King wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in the manger.



THREE WISE MEN, three kings of the Orient, were much concerned with the star. They considered it a sign, a special sign, given to aid them in their search for a true and divine King. They had traveled far and were tired and weary but the star brought new hope so they followed its light to Bethlehem, where the search was ended.



IN BETHLEHEM it was registration time and the homes and inns were crowded to overflowing. Practically every available shelter was pressed into use. One family, unable to find lodgings elsewhere, had taken refuge in a particular stable. And it was about this very humble stable that the light from the star seemed to gather and shine.



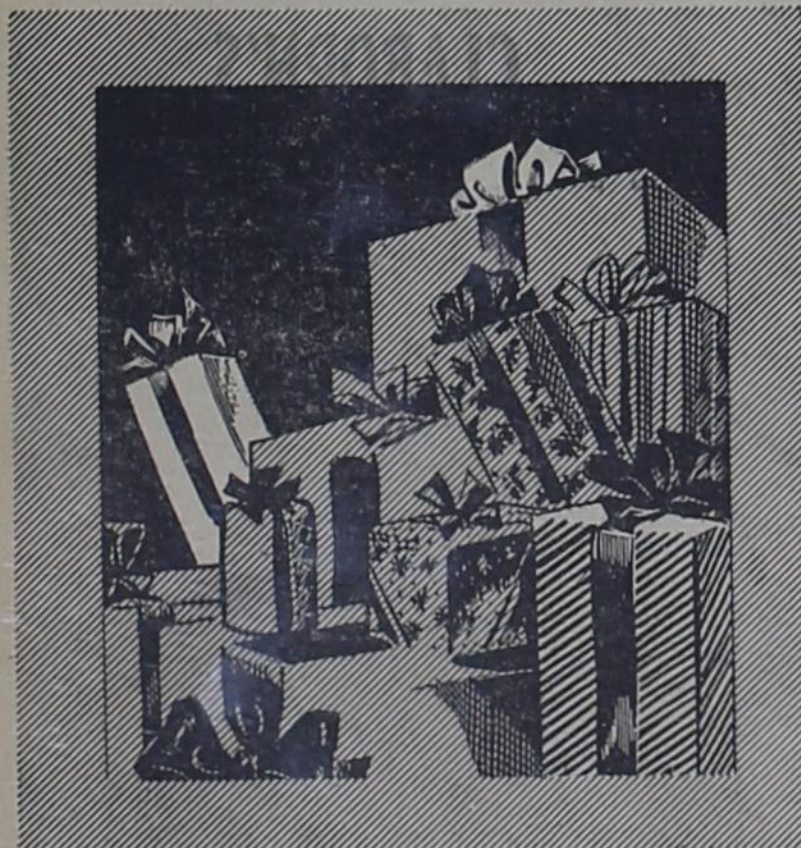
TO THE STABLE at Bethlehem there came a chosen few—the humble shepherds whose fears were gone and whose hearts were now filled with joy and happiness. And, humbly too, came the three wise kings who had followed the brightness of the star until it came to rest above the crude and simple stable where the newborn King was waiting.



THERE IN A MANGER the Holy Child lay sleeping, the comforting arms of His Mother ever near. And they knelt before this Child, shepherds and kings, bearing gifts. And on this holy night the angels sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" and there was joy and peace in the world. The promised Redeemer is born and mankind shall seek eternal salvation in His Name.

Merry Christmas

From Your Parmer County Officials



This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and a spirit of confidence.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

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- H. L. Ivy, Commissioner, Pct. No. 4
- Chas. Lovelace, Sheriff
- Mabel Reynolds, County Treasurer
- Hurshel Harding, County Attorney
- Hugh Moseley, County & District Clerk
- C. H. Jefferson, Commissioner, Pct. No. 2
- Lee Thompson, Assessor-Collector
- E. G. Phipps, Commissioner, Pct. No. 1