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## MUSTANGS ROLL ON WITH TOURNEY VICTORY



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—The Bovina Mustangs won their second tournament in as many weekends as they captured top honors at their own meet in Bovina last weekend at Williford Gym. Top row, left to right: Coach Bob Wills, Larry Ezell, Erith Hawkins, and Darrell Read. Middle row: Jerry Loflin, Tom Ware, Billy Johnson, Lynn Isham, and Marvin Young. Bottom row: Leon Richards, Dick Horn, Billy Richards, and Neil Smith.

### Bovina, L'buddie Champs

Bovina boys and Lazbuddie girls took away the tall, shining first place trophies at the Bovina Invitational Tournament last weekend at Williford Gym. A week earlier, at the Friona Invitational Tournament, Bovina had taken top honors in the boys' division and Lazbuddie had been runner-up in the girls' division.

Farwell girls and Adrian boys won the sportsmanship awards. Adrian girls won consolation honors by defeating Rosedale, N. M., 44-27 in the consolation finals. Lazbuddie boys won the consolation trophy in their bracket with a 56-42 victory over Hereford "B".

The Lazbuddie girls won easily over the Friona Squaws in the girls' finals, 47-23. Bovina ran past Anton in the boys' finals 69-55.

Bass of Anton was the leading scorer of the final game with 25 points. He was closely followed for scoring honors by Bovina's Larry Ezell, who had 24 points. Darrell Read made 18, Erith Hawkins 16, Neil Smith tallied nine, and Billy Johnson, two.



**TOURNAMENT WINNERS**—Lazbuddie girls won the Bovina invitational tournament last weekend. They defeated Adrian, Farwell, and Friona to cop the crown. Girls on the bottom row, left to right, are Janis Clark, Carolyn Hinkson, Wanda Steinbock, Danny Cargile, and Janis Oliver. Second row: Juanita Scott, Patsy Cox, Susie Carpenter, Jeanelle Floyd, Mandalyn Schuman, and Therese Jesko. Standing: Carolyn Scott, Joy Smith, Pat McLeod, Katherine Smith, Sharon Thorn, Maryellen Thompson, and Nealy Steinbock.

### Whittlin'

By Dolph Moten

Whether you've read this column once or all 26 times, it matters not—MERRY CHRISTMAS.

And speaking of Christmas, Willie says ("Never fear, the snow will be here by Christmas. It sure looks like it's shaping up.")

I think you'll be wise to prepare for a white Christmas.

Am going to "crawfish" just a little on last weeks basketball predictions. I said that I thought Bovina and Farwell would meet in the finals.

But did they? No, of course not. Because Farwell was defeated by Anton in the semi-finals. And Farwell and Anton had placed earlier in the week and Anton won that game, too. But last week's column was written before that game was played and I didn't couldn't know about its outcome.

However, I was right about the tournament winner and that should be worth something. Don't you think?

Understand that the tournament made money. It was highlighted by some very interesting games. Possibly the most interesting from the spectator's standpoint was the Bovina vs. Friona semi-final girls' game. With the score 34-36 in favor of Friona and time almost gone, Janice Richards, Bovina forward, made a desperate attempt for a basket and the two tying points. As the game-ending whistle blew, the ball was bouncing atop the goal. However, it did fall through to tie up the game at 36-36 and send the teams into an overtime period.

Farwell's Tournament is scheduled for January 5-6-7. That early date will just give local fans time to get their Christmas dinner digested.

Bovina's Christmas lights shine just as brightly at 6:30 in the morning as they do at 10:30 in the evening.

Most of our advertisers have offered Christmas greetings to you in this issue via ads. As a matter of fact the Christmas greeting ads have doubled the size of The Blade this week. This increase in ads, of course, means more space for copy. Some of the stories that were written "extra" concern Christmas, some would be interesting any time during the year, and still others probably would never be interesting. But nonetheless, considerable time has been spent in getting it ready and it is sincerely hoped that you enjoy it.

If you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoy getting it together—it will be successful.

Memo to husbands who have waited to this late date to secure Christmas gifts for their wives: Give them what they said they want.

Break that rule and I have no sympathy for you. But I will do this—if you'll feel sorry for me, I will be as good to you. I have a

fear that I have, on this first married Christmas, broken said rule. But I'll sure know better next year. And I believe that that, too, should be worth something.

Last week's lead story concerning vegetable growing in the Irrigation Belt has created quite a bit of interest among local people.

Too many people throw up their hands when vegetables are mentioned and this will have to be overcome to a certain degree before the plan can be a success. However, I feel certain that this can be accomplished.

### METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. W. R. Beaird, Pastor

Church school, 9:45 a. m.; public worship, 11:00 a. m. Sermon subject, "A Christmas Meditation."

The 11:00 a. m. service will be the last service at this church on Christmas Day. Come to Church School at 9:45 a. m. and stay for the Christmas service at 11:00 a. m. A very happy and blessed Christmas to all.

**Christmas Worship in The Home**

The membership of the Methodist Church at Bovina will receive this week a very beautiful Christmas Worship service for Christmas Day worship in the home. I am asking that this be used sometime during Christmas Day. Call the family together and read this service. Christ should be at the very center of our holiday thoughts. Join with the parsonage family in this home worship on Christmas Day, won't you?

### Students Home For Holidays

The students from Bovina, who are enrolled at West Texas College, came home for the Christmas holidays during the weekend.

Those coming Friday and Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steelman, Sondra Jefferson, Huey Lowrie, Glendon Sudderth, Ted Walling, Dick Martin, Charles Williams and Evelyn Steelman.

### With Aunt

Hall Looney, his son, Marvin, and his son, John Perry, visited with his aunt, Mrs. H. A. Hall, and his brothers, Perry and Reagan, Friday morning.

### Baptist Choir Presents Cantata

The Choir of the First Baptist Church presented a Christmas cantata, under the direction of Mrs. Harold Hawkins Sunday night entitled "Yuletide Memories."

Special parts were sung by Alfred Moody and Grady Sorley, tenor duet, Mrs. Hodge Rigdon, alto solo, Nancy Cumpton and Barbara Taylor, duet, June Gay Hanan, soprano solo, and Mrs. Harold Hawkins, alto solo.

A girls' chorus, consisting of Nancy Cumpton, Barbara Taylor, Jackie Davies, Sue Moody, Bobbie Routt, and Julia Lloyd, opened the cantata.

Other members of the choir were Mrs. Vernon Ward, Mrs. E. H. Moody, Mrs. P. A. Adams, Mrs. Kenneth Horton, Mrs. Bill Lane, Mrs. Virgil Goodwin, Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mrs. Roy Fuller, Grady Sorley, Alfred Moody, Virgil Goodwin, Weldon Moody and Leslie McCain. Mrs. R. E. Everett accompanied the choir.

### BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Virgil Goodwin, Pastor

Last Sunday night there was a very good crowd to attend the Christmas Cantata which was given by the choir. We wish to thank everyone for their fine cooperation, and the Choir of the First Methodist Church of Bovina for the use of their choir robes.

After services Sunday night there was an all-church fellowship during which the church presented to the pastor and his family some very nice gifts.

Next Sunday being Christmas Day we will have our services both morning and evening, but the morning services will begin 45 minutes earlier, or at 9:00 a. m. The morning worship service will begin at 10:00 in the place of 11:00. Morning services will be over by 11:00. The evening services will begin at 6:30 with the Training Union, and 7:30 for the worship service.

Last Sunday there were 188 in Sunday School and 89 in Training Union.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore visited over the weekend with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moore Jr., in Amarillo.

### Girls in Running For Meet Honors

Both the "A" and "B" teams of the Bovina Fillies were contenders in the Bovina Invitational Tournament held December 15, 16, and 17, the "B" team taking the place of the Anton Girls' team.

The "A" girls defeated Rosedale in their opening game, 50 to 44. Janice Richards and Pauline Lloyd made 23 and 22 points respectively in this contest. The score by quarters was Bovina 14, Rosedale 6 in the first, 25-19 in the second, and 40-29 in the third.

Pat Rierson made 16 points for the visitors. The "A" team lost their chance for the finals, when they were defeated 40-39, by the Friona girls, who went on to win second place.

A field goal by Janice Richards just as the buzzer sounded for the end of the fourth quarter tied the game 36-36. In the three minute over-time that followed, the Fillies failed to push ahead.

Pauline Lloyd made 16 points for the Fillies, while Janice Richards made 13.

The "B" team, substituting for the absent Anton girls, held their visitors from Farwell during the first three quarters of their contest, but were defeated 52-42.

The "B" girls came within one point of the visitors, but could not go ahead.

Nancy Cumpton made 12 points for the Fillies.

Nancy Cumpton and Kay Leake each made 16 points for the Fillies in their second game, against Adrian, Friday night.

The score by quarters was Bovina 11, Adrian 9 in the first, Adrian 20, Bovina 16 in the second, 26-20 in the third and the final score of 47-34.

Lazbuddie girls' team won the first place trophy by beating Farwell, Adrian, and Friona. Friona won second, and Adrian won third. The sportsmanship trophy was awarded to the Farwell girls.

The Fillies will open their conference season against Farwell, January third.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll with a christening dress on and a set of dishes.

Please do not forget all the other children. I am eight years old. And I have tried to be my best.

Love, Brenda Marie Pruitt

Dear Santa Claus, Would you please not forget boys and girls. I have been nice.

Would you please bring me a bicycle.

Love, Clovis Downing

Dear Santa Claus, I have tried to do my best. I am in the second grade. I am seven years old.

Please bring me a pair of skates. Santa please remember all the boys and girls.

Love, Irene Thornton

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle. I tried to be a good girl.

Love, Joyce Weatherhead

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring a tool box and hammers and nails and saws.

Love, Gary Lynn Meier

Dear Santa Claus, I want a baby doll and a bed for my doll. I want a high chair and a suit case and a big red and yellow ball for Christmas.

I am seven years old and I have tried to be a good girl.

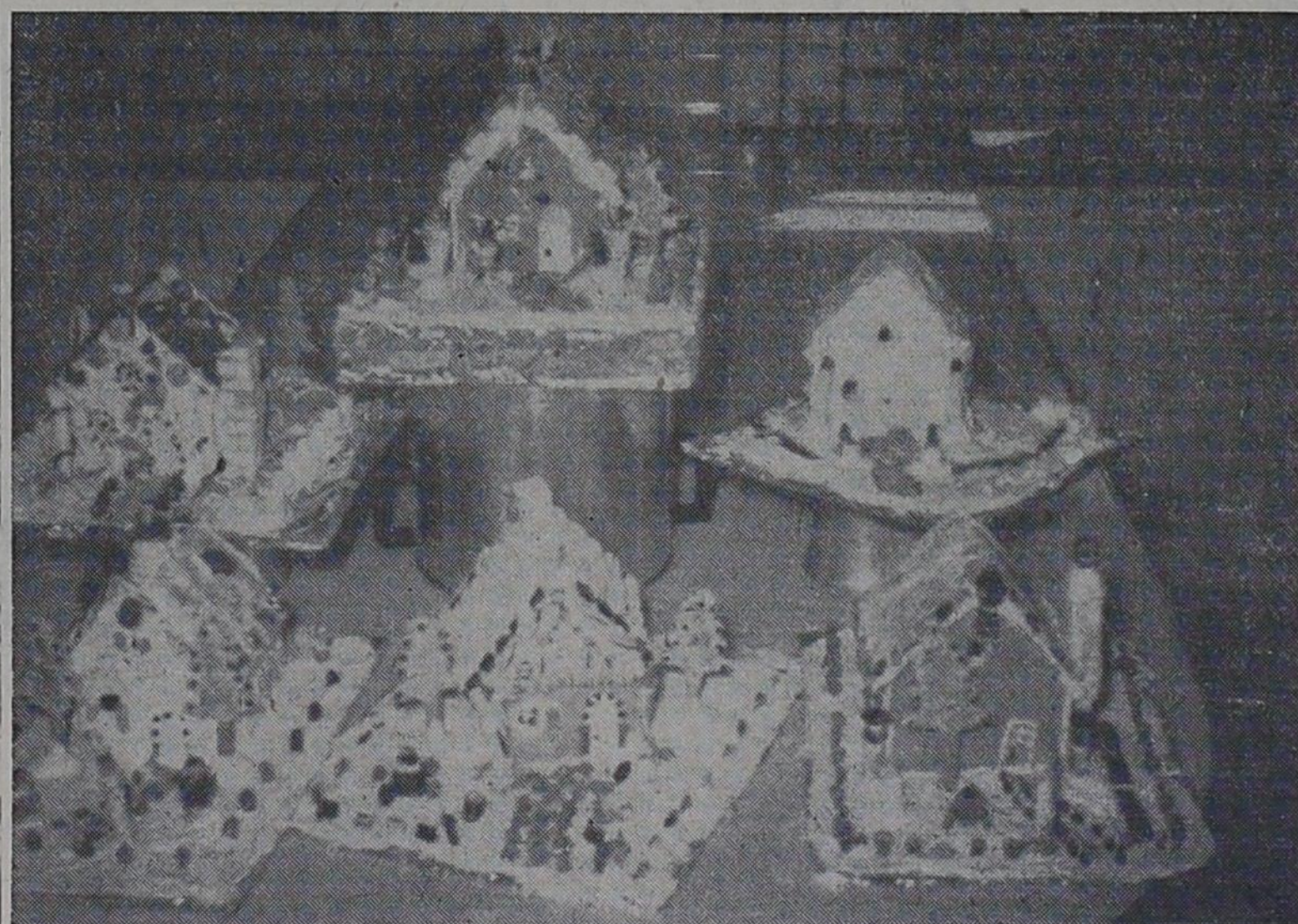
Love, Linda Sue Willoughby

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby doll with a christening dress on. I will thank you very much for some candy and fruit. I hope you are as good to other boys and girls as you have been to me. I have been a very good girl.

Love, Martha Alice Snodgrass

Dear Santa Claus, I want some fishhooks. I am in the second grade.

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**PRETTY PRETTIES MADE FROM GINGERBREAD**—These gingerbread houses were cooked and constructed by members of Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe's homemaking classes at the local high school. A story on the next page tells how they were made.

### Holiday Plans Set

#### School Is Out For Christmas

Bovina schools were "turned out" for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays shortly after 1:00 p. m. today (Wednesday).

Each home room in the school had a short Christmas party after lunch today. Members of the home rooms drew names and exchanged Christmas gifts.

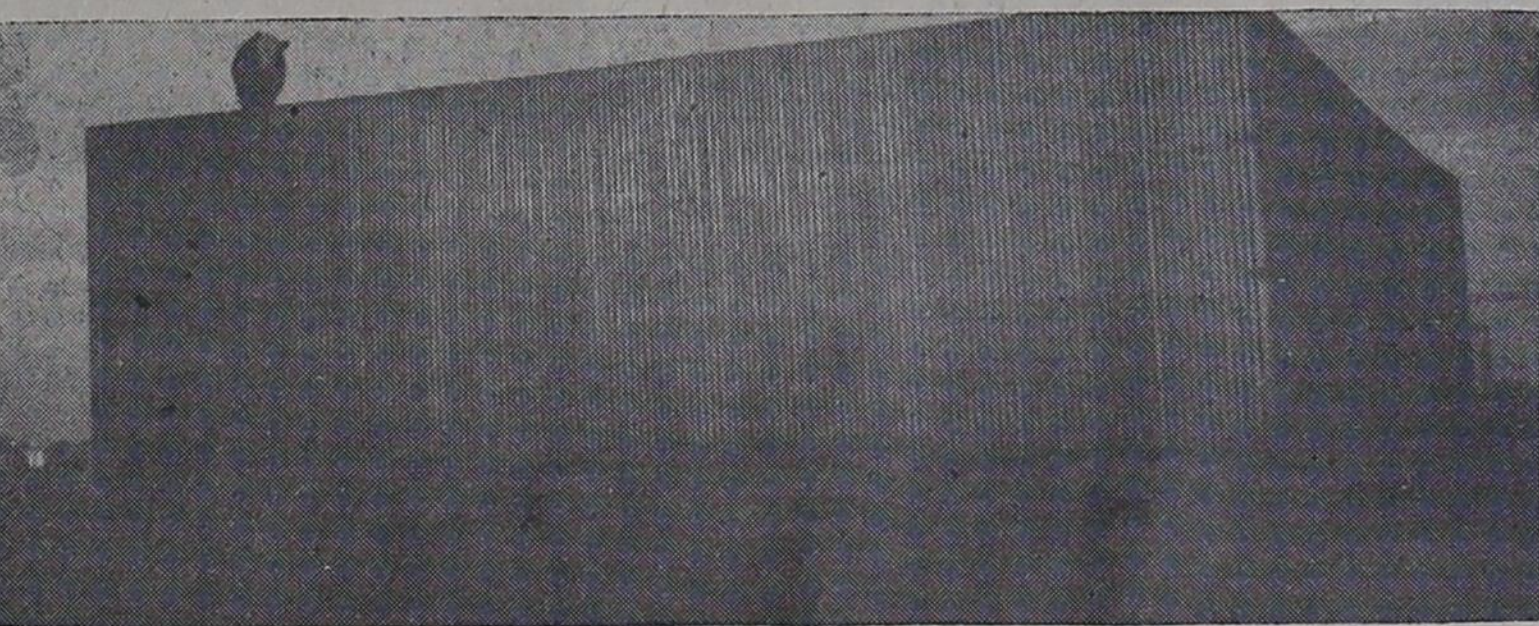
School will begin again Monday, January 2. Superintendent W. H. Willoughby said that the schools would not observe January 2 as a holiday because doing so would delay the school closing time in the spring.

#### Most Local Merchants Will Close Monday

Most Bovina businesses will be closed Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.

Though no agreement has been made among the businessmen due to the absence of a Chamber of Commerce in Bovina, a survey of many local businessmen shows that the majority will be closed.

Gene Ezell, postmaster, says that the post office would be closed and City Secretary, Henry Minter, says that the city offices will also be closed Monday. It is suggested that Bovina citizens plan their needs in advance.



**WARMING HIS FEET FOR CHRISTMAS**—The black and white calf pictured here was discovered atop the burr burning pit at Lawlis & Ely Gin in Bovina early Tuesday morning. The structure does not have a roof, and the animal is standing on unburned burrs in the pit. He entered the pit through an opening on the opposite side and had to walk across burning burrs to get to his lofty perch. The calf belongs to George Trimble.



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### EAT 'EM, TOO—

## Pretty Pretties Are Made of Gingerbread

Do you want to make a ginger bread house?

Pauline O'Keefe, homemaking instructor of Bovina High School, has conducted lessons on constructing ginger bread houses in her homemaking classes for the past month. Some of the finished products are pictured. Mrs. O'Keefe has also held adult classes. She says that 30 houses have been made by students in her homemaking classes and that her adult classes have produced eight.

In order for you to be able to add a ginger bread house to your Christmas decorations, you must have cardboard patterns. Mrs. O'Keefe has given a few of these patterns to The Blade. If you want to try your hand with this unique Christmas decoration, contact The Blade's office.

Supplies that you will need besides patterns and recipes, are multi-colored mixed Christmas candies, cake decors, cube sugar, cake coloring, colored cellophane paper, and any other Christmas decoration that might strike your fancy.

The recipe for the ginger bread house dough is as follows:

#### GINGER BREAD DOUGH

- 4 c. sifted flour
- 2 T. sugar
- 1 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/2 t. soda
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1 1/2 t. ginger
- 1 c. molasses
- 1/2 c. shortening
- 1/4 c. milk

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, soda, salt and ginger together. Heat molasses and shortening together until it just boils. Stir in the dry ingredients until smooth. Divide dough into two balls. Wrap in wax paper and chill in ice box. Next day roll dough to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut out the pattern with a sharp knife. Bake in a 350° oven 7 to 8 minutes. Cool on a flat surface until hard.

The recipe for the frosting for Ginger Bread House is as follows:

- 1 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. water
- 2 egg whites
- 1 t. cream tarter or 1 1/2 t. Karo
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1 t. vanilla

Mix all ingredients except vanilla in the top of double boiler. Place over boiling water, beat constantly for 10 minutes or until icing will hold a peak. Remove from heat. Add vanilla. Beat until thick.

After your ginger bread pieces have cooled and hardened, you decorate your windows and doors. The windows are in the pattern but your door must be outlined by making a scratch with a knife and should be deep enough to be seen. To decorate the windows, turn your dough on the wrong side and put a patch of colored cellophane paper over the windows. You can make the paper stick by putting frosting on the corners. Then turn your ginger bread over. Cover the door, previously outlined, with frosting and decorate as you please. With a toothpick dipped in frosting you can make window sections.

After your windows and doors are dry, you can begin constructing your house; but in the meantime, you could be decorating the trees, previously cut from patterns in your ginger bread dough, by adding green cake coloring to a small portion of your frosting. After spreading the colored frosting on your trees, you can then decorate the trees with Christmas candies to fit your own taste.

You can make a base for your house by covering a piece of cardboard with foil. Then spread your frosting over this foil and start constructing your house by placing the sides in the frosting and using more frosting as plaster to stick the sides together. After the sides have sufficiently dried to stand, you can plaster the roof on.

After you have your house standing, you are ready to decorate it at will. Various approaches may be used. You can leave your house the ginger bread color or cover it with frosting to make it white. You can decorate the sides with Christmas candies. The roof should be covered with frosting and then decorated with candies as you choose. A chimney can be made with cube sugar with frosting in between the cubes as mortar.

Mrs. O'Keefe made the house standing on the top row, center in the picture. A candy cane is placed on each outside corner. Her windows are covered on the inside with red cellophane paper. By the aid of frosting, Mrs. O'Keefe has

made window sections. Small pieces of peppermint placed in a row run along the edges of the roof. The roof itself is made of candy slices overlapping to give a shingled effect.

Her front door is covered with white frosting with candy red dots around the edge. Another red dot marks the door knob. The front walk is made by sprinkling yellow cake decors on the frosted base and outlining this with corn candy. Her front yard consists of two snowmen and five Christmas trees placed at will. Santa is about to enter the house via the chimney. (The snowmen and Santa are figurines that can be bought in almost any variety store.)

There's how you do it. It's quite simple and fun, giving you a chance to use your own creative mind in choosing attractive decorations. If you want a pattern, contact The Blade office.

### Sees Friend

Mrs. Bill Lane and children and Mrs. Kenneth Horton were in Amarillo, Thursday. While they were in Amarillo, Mrs. Lane visited with an old school friend, Mrs. Jessie Freeman, of Perryton.

Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Lane returned to Bovina Thursday night.

### Royal Service Given by WMU

Members of the WMU of the Bovina Baptist Church gave a Royal Service Program in their regular meeting, Tuesday, at the church at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The Dorene Hawkins Circle was in charge of the program, and it was under the direction of Mrs. Wayne Garth. The program was opened with the song "Oh, Little

Town of Bethlehem." Taking part in the program were Mesdames Glenn Kelley, Bobby Englant, Virgil Goodwin, Don Murphy, J. D. Kelley, Dean McCollum, and J. S. Williams.

Other songs sung were "Away In A Manger" and "Joy to the World." Closing prayer was given by Mrs. Alvin Giasscock.

Other members present were Mesdames J. W. Gooch, P. A. Adams, J. O. Combs, and Bob Williford.

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TOWN TREES, TOO—

# Bovina's Mayor Recalls Christmases of Past Years

"We (the people of Bovina) used to put two big Christmas trees up on Bovina's main street during the Christmas season," O. W. Rhinehart, mayor of Bovina, remembered about Christmases of the past. "We decorated the trees—one on each end of the street—with lights and other things. I'm sorry we quit doing that. I think 1940 was the last year that we had the trees."

Not only did Bovina's citizens put up Christmas trees on the main street but they had street lights such as there is in Bovina this year as well. "Nearly every business house would have a decorated Christmas tree in its window."

Rhinehart's first Christmas in Bovina was in 1929. He moved here from Oklahoma City, Okla., with his wife and three daughters, Oleta, who was 12 years old at the time, Joyce, who was nine, and Gwendolyn, who was six. They arrived in Bovina on December 1 in a

Model "T" Ford touring car and Rhinehart was planning to establish an auto repair shop here. However, J. Sam Gaines owned a cafe building and fixtures in Bovina and his cafe operator had suddenly left the country due to some minor trouble in which he had become involved. The Rhineharts were offered the chance to go into the cafe business in place of the recently departed operator, so to the cafe business they went.

They spent the month of December, 1929 getting the cafe in order for their operation. The cafe opened the first day of 1930 under the name of "American Cafe." There was one other cafe in town at the time—an eight stool affair—and it was operated by "Dad" Bridgford.

Why did the present mayor decide to leave Oklahoma City, where he had a good job a service man in the Lincoln division of Fred

Jones Motor Company?

He came to Bovina to visit the C. R. Elliotts and the J. Sam Gaineses in May of 1929. He had known the Elliotts in Oklahoma and knew the Gaineses through the Elliotts. After that visit to this section of the country, he couldn't get the Bovina area and its growth potential off his mind. It looked to him like that it would, in the not-distant future, be one of the leading agricultural areas, not only in the Southwest, but in the entire nation. The country was primarily grassland, but it was all level, and it "just looked fertile." "It was fascinating to a man who was interested in agriculture," he says. As a matter of fact, the opportunity that existed in this area "haunted" O. W. after he returned to Oklahoma City. So six months after he left Bovina he was back to stay for good.

Incidentally, Rhinehart says that this country still has that fascinating effect on him; and when he leaves for a period of time, he gets anxious to return to the section of the country that he loves so well. "We (he and Mrs. Rhinehart) can't find any place that is as attractive to us."

Bovina's population was in the neighborhood of 350 in 1932 when Rhinehart left the cafe business to go to work for the state highway department. After about two years, with the highway department, he bought the Phillips wholesale business and ran it for 10 years—until 1944 when his health got bad. After 1944 he spent more time with his farming operations, which he had taken on as a sideline in 1932. When his health improved in 1947, he began his present business, real estate and insurance.

But back to 1929. O. W. says that he didn't think that Bovina would be a big town and if he had thought that, he would not have settled here since he left a big town for something different. And then jumping to the present, he says, "Bovina is made up of good people, for instance, it has five good churches and no jail. As a matter of fact, it doesn't even have a law in its record books."

"Probably the thing that has made Bovina into a town is the type of people that settled here. These good people were bound to attract others of the same quality,"

he explains. Another thing that has helped Bovina as well as neighboring towns is Highway 60. A delegation of Bovinians, of which Rhinehart was a member, is partly responsible for the highway going thru Bovina. When this highway to the West Coast was in the planning stage, there was some debate as to whether it should go as it does today or through Tucumcari, N. M., etc.

Five men from Bovina—Rhinehart, C. R. Elliott, C. A. Norton, E. T. Caldwell, and M. H. Martin—attended a meeting of the Highway 60 Association in Amarillo. The purpose of this particular meeting was to decide which route the road would take to the West Coast. Other towns along this route—Farwell, Hereford and Canyon were represented along with representatives from the Tucumcari route. But the Texas route, led by Bovina's five votes, won the decision and Highway 60's route was settled.

To explain that the weather played tricks even then, Rhinehart says, "When we were on our way

home from the Amarillo meeting, we were caught in a big rain just the other side of Hereford. The road (which was, of course, unpaved) was extremely muddy. So, we decided to leave the car at Hereford and catch a train on to Bovina. But the train was late, and we decided to drive outside of Hereford and see just how bad the road was. About a mile west of Hereford, we ran out of the wet area and drove all the way to Bovina in dust."

Rhinehart says that 1949 was the most prosperous year from an individual's standpoint that he has known of the 26 years he has been in Bovina. "Prices were good and crops were good."

From the town's growth standpoint, 1955 was the best ever, he believes. And "1956 shows signs of being the biggest year yet as far as growth of the town is concerned!"

A statement like that from a man who has witnessed 26 Bovina years is encouraging.

## Mrs. Wilson Gives Bridge Luncheon

The Bovina Bridge Club met Thursday in the home of Mrs. A. M. Wilson for their regular meeting and for a Christmas luncheon. The members exchanged gifts.

A pink motif was carried out. An angel and pink candle display adorned the buffet. The table was spread with white lace over pink linen. Gracing the center of the table were candles and cedar branches covered with pink suds. The Christmas tree was also covered with pink suds.

Mrs. Jimmie Charles entertained the group with songs, and Mrs. Vernon Estes played Christmas carols on the piano.

Mrs. Bob Sudderth won high scoring honors with Mrs. Durward Bell winning low.

Members attending were Mesdames A. M. Wilson, the hostess, Bob Sudderth, Ed Gaston, Emmett Tabor, G. W. Mayben, Johnnie Horn, Dean McCollum, Vernon

Estes, Jimmie Charles, Charlene Barton, Adrian Martin, and Duward Bell.

The next session will be held in the home of Mrs. Charles Barton on January 5.

## Moves from Flomot

Mrs. Stella Purcell, who is the mother of Mrs. J. D. Stevens, recently moved to Bovina from Flomot. She will be employed here. Mrs. Purcell will make her home with the Stevens.

Mrs. J. D. Stevens and children, Mrs. Stella Purcell, and Mrs. Chester Newbrough of Rhea spent Friday in Clovis.

## Visit Parents

Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Goodwin, John and Lou Ann, left Friday to spend the night with Mrs. Goodwin's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Jordan.

The Goodwins returned to Bovina Saturday.



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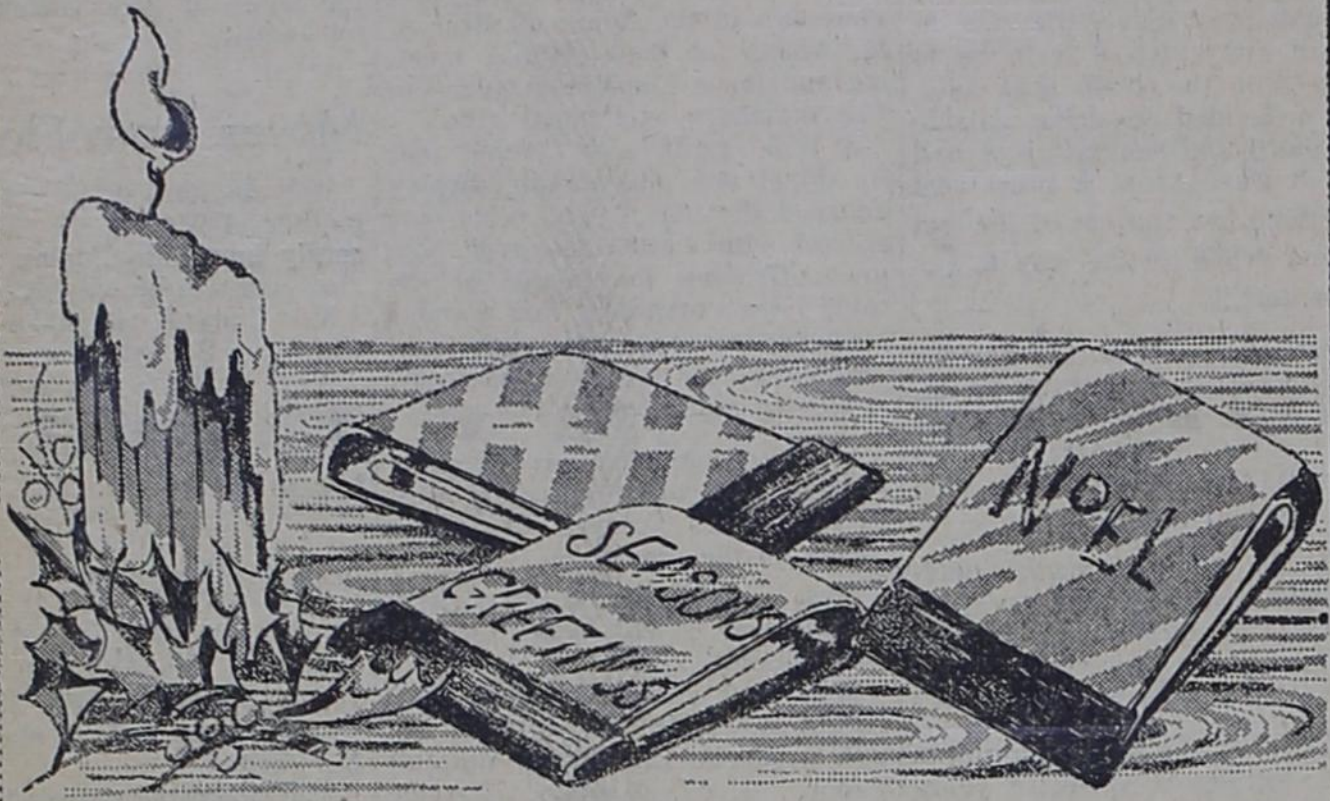
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First work on throat muscles. Then clasp hands under chin and slide upward toward ears which is following the line of the facial nerve.

Work from ear toward the upper jaw bone. Again center attention on chin and work under it with a hand-over-hand movement, firmly and rapidly to strengthen muscles in that area.

Use firm strokes pressing on muscles but be sure you have enough creme to slide over the skin so as not to pull the skin too much. Remove creme with as-uringent and apply makeup.

These treatments must be done regularly if you are to show improvement.

**OES Installs Officers At Christmas Program**

The Bovina Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star met in the Masonic Hall for their regular Christmas party and program.

Mrs. Charles Ross was in charge of the program, which was given around the altar, by the officers. Mrs. Hodge Rigdon sang a solo, "Away In A Manger," and Mrs. H. J. Charles read the Christmas story from the Bible. The other officers paid tribute to the Christ Child.

After the program, each member and officer placed money on the tree. This money will be sent to the OES old folks home at Dallas.

The chapter presented Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Everett, who are Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, gifts.

The chapter installed two new officers. The installing officers were Mrs. Aubrey Brock, Mrs. Reagan Looney, and Mrs. Charles Ross. The two new officers were Mrs. E. R. Barry and Mrs. Hodge Rigdon. Mrs. Everett presented gifts to the installing officers.

After the chapter was closed, the members retired to the dining room, and had refreshments of fruit cake and coffee. The tables were decorated with pine boughs and candles on white cloths. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and a Christmas centerpiece adorned it.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Alton Hobdy, Mrs. H. J. Charles, Mrs. Otho Hammonds, Mrs. Hodge Rigdon, Mrs. Lewis Pesch, Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mrs. Julia Leake, Mrs. Paul Rea, Mrs. Aubrey Brock, Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mrs. J. P. Macon, Mrs. Troy Fuller and Mrs. Lucy Jones.

The hostesses for the Christmas meeting were Mrs. J. P. Macon, Mrs. Reagan Looney, and Mrs. Troy Fuller.

**Widows Club Meets With Mrs. Glover**

The Bovina Widows Club met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Glover, on Thursday, December 15, for its Christmas meeting.

The program included Bible readings, and the story, "The Other Wise Man," read by Mrs. Margaret Caldwell.

Each member attending the meeting received a Christmas corsage from Mrs. Caldwell, and Rita Caldwell. After a covered dish luncheon gifts were exchanged.

Those present were Mesdames G. E. Free, Stella Rochelle, Lucy Wilson, J. R. Caldwell, Margaret Caldwell, J. Sam Gaines, Rick Adams, J. F. McCutchan, Maidee Brown, Sally Potts, Maggie Tims, U. B. Wheeler, Tom Hastings, J. R. Glover, the hostess, and Misses Rita Caldwell, and Loula Smith.

One visitor, Mrs. Dolly Williams, attended the meeting.

Mrs. Amos Steelman was co-hostess with Mrs. Glover.

The next meeting will be January 19, in the home of Mrs.

Tom Hastings.

**Mrs. Rhodes' Class Entertains Guests**

The children of Mrs. Aubrey Rhodes' third grade in the Bovina school, entertained their mothers and other guests with a Christmas tea Tuesday afternoon in their classroom.

The room was ornamented with many decorations made by the children. At the front of the room was a border made of houses, snow, and glittering evergreen trees, with Santa Claus and his sleigh sailing over the house tops. On the opposite side, was a border of Santa Claus figures, candles, and a large poster showing the star over Bethlehem. Other decorations included a fireplace with illuminated logs, a Christmas tree of pastel chenille pipe cleaners made by the boys, and a gingerbread house made by Barbara Taylor.

Plate favors were star-shaped Santa Claus figures. Christmas napkins added to the scheme.

The program which was planned by the program, consisted of two short plays, two songs, a choral reading, and a short Christmas story, written and read by Freddy McLean. To end the program, everyone sang "Jingle Bells."

Refreshments of punch, cookies, and Christmas candies, were served by the committee. Patsy Lloyd served at the punch bowl.

The children taking part were Hazel Harrison, James Burnett, June Gay Douglas, Patsy Lloyd, Freddy McLean, Dennis Johnston, Larry Loflin, Lynn Looney, Hugo Espinoza, Dale Whitesides, Patricia Crook, Betty Latham, Telipa Barraza, Gene Pruitt, Radford Venable, Jimmy Fagg, Sandra Patterson, David Anderson, Dean Mayhew, Larry Downing, Gail Joplin, and Lou Christian.

The room mothers surprised the children with a gift for each one.

Some of Mrs. Rhodes' former pupils were also guests.

**WCSM Meets At Church**

The WCSM met in the parlor of the Methodist Church, December 13, with 11 members present.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. George Turner. Mrs. Earl Ware gave the call to worship and Mrs. Turner read the Christmas story. Mrs. Vernon Estes played a piano prelude and Mrs. Jimmie Charles sang, "We Would See Jesus."

Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Ike Quickel told Christmas stories. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles.

Following the benediction, the group went to the Fellowship Hall where homemade cookies and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. L. M. Grissom and Mrs. H. H. Eden.

Those present were Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Quickel, Mrs. Earl Richards, Mrs. Billie Sudderth, Mrs. Wilbur Charles, Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Lewis Pesch and the hostesses.

**Entertains With Christmas Party**

David Anderson entertained guests in his home with a Christmas party Saturday afternoon. The house was decorated with a big Christmas tree, a Santa Claus on the coffee table, candles and greenery.

The guests and their host played several games and exchanged gifts.

Refreshments of popcorn balls and soft drinks were served to Gary Pumroy, E. L. McCutchan, Tonya Ivy, Maureen Hammonds, Dale Whitesides, Betty Latham, Deanie Mayhew, Linda Estes, Lynn Looney, Billy Charles, Larry Downing, Mrs. Aubrey Rhodes, Mrs. Bula Pumroy, Mrs. John S. Williams, Jo Ann Williams, and the host, David Anderson.

**Visits Aunt**

Randy Sublette, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sublette, of Clovis, has been visiting his aunt and her

family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevenson, since Wednesday.

**Rainbow Girls**

**Plan Program**

The Bovina Assembly of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls met for its regular bi-monthly business meeting in the Masonic Lodge Monday night.

The members planned the program for their annual Christmas party which will be held in Clovis, December 23.

Those attending were Judy Garrett, Ann Whitley, Mary Hartsell, L'Orchid Latham, Kay Leake, Fern Tipton, Harriet Charles, Kathryn Billington, Carole Hammonds, Carol Wiley, Julia Leake, Gail Lynn Crook, Sherry Vestal, Joy Redden, Patsy Richards, Celia Berry, Sharon Coffman and Mrs. Alton Hobdy.

Reports of the sales of candy, perfume, and Christmas cards were made.

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**BOVINA FFA NEWS**

The Bovina Chapter of the Future Farmers of America met for its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, December 12. At this meeting four short films concern-

ing FFA work were shown.

The vocational agriculture students have been working in the shop. They have been building hog feeders and automatic water troughs.

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**Marzie Lynn Circle Members Entertain**

The members of the Marzie Lynn Circle of the WSCS entertained their husbands with a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Charles Monday evening. The dinner was served buffet style from a table covered with a lace cloth over green. A centerpiece carried out the Christmas theme. The individual tables were decorated with lighted candles.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. John Booher, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. Rouel Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Suddorth, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dunavant, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Charles and Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Beard.

**Gleaners' Class Honors Teacher**

The Gleaners' Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church had a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Arnold Hromas Saturday night.

The members of the class presented their teacher, Mrs. P. A. Adams, with a rhinestone pin.

The "secret pals" exchanged gifts and the "pals", who have been secret during the year, were revealed.

Refreshments of date pudding with ice cream, and coffee were served after the guests had played Christmas games and sang carols.

Those attending were Mesdames P. A. Adams, Jack Morris, Virgil Goodwin, Charles Hawkins, C. R. Brandon, Ovid Lawlis, J. D. Stevens, and the hostess, Mrs. Arnold Hromas.

**Have Christmas Party**

Mrs. Harve Alverson entertained guests in her home Monday night with a Christmas party.

The guests had supper and were entertained by Don Alverson, who played the piano, and Charles Williams, who played the saxophone.

Those attending were Mrs. Scott Levins, Mrs. George Trimble, Mrs. Jack Berggren, Mrs. Emmett Tabor, Mrs. Catherine Byler from Amarillo, Mrs. Joe Wilson, Mrs. Tiny Walling from Amarillo, Mrs. J. E. Sherrill, Mrs. Robert Read, Mrs. Dee Ellison, Mrs. Nat Read, Mrs. Odis White, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. A. M. Wilson, and the hostess.

**Has Birthday Party**

Larry Truitt was honored with a birthday party for his sixth birthday Saturday afternoon in his home.

The members of his kindergarten were the guests.

The gifts for Larry, and the treats for the guests, were on the

**Christmas tree.**

After several games were played, refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and cocoa were served. The cake was decorated with the traditional signs of Christmas and birthdays.

Those attending were Donna Gaston, Carol Mast, Diane Suddorth, LaNell Christian, Martha Ann Adams, Cindy Garret, Roy Crawford Jr., David Stevens, Mike Grissom, Rex Cumpton, Lee Terry, Donnie Garret, Larry Glen Mitchell, Bill Caldwell, David Garroth, Woody Smith, and Ronnie and Mac Glascock.

**Have Guests**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell were host and hostess to some of their family Sunday afternoon in their home.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ezell and family of Portales, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ezell and family of Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Parker of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Sanderlin of Yuma, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Parker and family from Roswell, N. M., Lieutenant and Mrs. J. R. Ellison, Chuck and Margie, of Bovina, Mrs. Lena Bonine of Ralls, Mrs. Della Ezell, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ezell, and Angelea.

**Return to Bovina**

Mr. and Mrs. Odis White went to Amarillo Sunday to meet their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kelly, who were returning to Texas from Chicago.

The Kellys returned to Bovina to visit with Mr. and Mrs. White, before he enrolls in West Texas State College at Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Williams visited their daughter and family, Rev. George Small and children in Plainview Sunday.

**Visits Uncle**

Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner visited his uncle and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Odis White during the weekend.

Don, who is in the Air Force, is stationed at Amarillo Air Base.

**Visit With Hawkins**

Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, June Gay Hanna and son, Stuart, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins and family Friday night.

The Looneys, Mrs. Hanna, and Stuart and the Hawkins, ate supper and watched TV.

**Ex-Students Plan Annual Banquet**

The Bovina School Ex-Student's

annual banquet has been set for Saturday, December 31 at 7:30 p. m. in the school cafeteria, says Mrs. Lester Rhinehart, ex-student secretary.

All former students of Bovina schools are urged to attend the

banquet as well as former students of Oklahoma Lane school who now live in the Bovina School District.

Plates for the banquet will cost \$1.50 per person and the former students are asked to place their reservations with Mrs. Rhinehart.

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# A CHRISTMAS STORY— PAULA SEES SANTA

By Jeanie Shannon

"Humph! I know there isn't a Santa Claus! They just tell you that cause they think it'll make ya be good, but they can't tell me that!"

With this pint-sized eruption, Paula kicked her poor ole teddy bear in the face. "Why, good gravy, I'm almost six years old! Who do they think they are? Just because I kicked the plaster off the wall. Now they tell me I'll get nothing but swatches for Christmas. And they even made me go get a switch to get whipped to death with!"

Paula stomped out of the room with the thought of this further indignation and tromped up the stairs to her room, mumbling all the way. "The way they've got Baby Sister scared to do wrong because of Santa makes me sick! Why she's even in there helping clean the plaster up! But I don't care what they think! I don't want any ole presents, anyway!"

Paula slammed the door to her room, jerked off her clothes, wadded them into a ball, jumped up and down on them three or four times, then hurried into her pajamas and jumped into bed. But sleep didn't come right away; and after tossing and turning for what seemed an eternity, she fell asleep. Not an easy sleep mind you, because her mind was filled with dreams.

In one dream she saw Baby Sister riding on a merry-go-round, and she was running along behind Baby Sister's horse holding to its tail. Then all of a sudden, the

horse broke loose from its bearings and took off into the sky. Paula was hanging on for dear life when out of nowhere a pack of Christmas presents was placed on her back. Baby Sister was laughing and screaming at the top of her voice, but Paula was about to fall. Then she stirred and awakened a bit, but soon drifted back to sleep.

Her next dream was different. Eight angels floated into the room and formed a semi-circle around her bed. They were singing in the sweetest voices and were singing songs Paula had never heard before, but they were soft, sweet songs. Then Mary and the Christ Child appeared! And shepherds, and there were the three wise men she'd heard so much about in Sunday School. And they were bringing gifts. She found herself wishing she knew what those gifts were.

But then a great clatter arose, and she looked out the window and there was Santa Claus. With all his reindeer, too! Just as Santa had put one foot over the window sill, Paula awoke with a start and bolted out of bed.

Where were the angels? Where was Santa, and Mary and Baby Jesus? I must have been dreaming, but it seemed so real!"

Then as suddenly as she had awakened, Paula started to cry. She ran down the hall to Mommie's room and crawled into bed with her mother.

"Why, Paula, what's the matter, Baby? Did you have a nightmare?" Her mother slipped an arm around Paula and held her till she was

able to check her tears and tell Mommie what the trouble was.

"No'm, I just had a pretty dream. And Mommie, I've been an awful little girl. And Baby Sister got to ride the merry-go-round and I didn't. And Santa wouldn't come to see me. He almost did, but I woke up before he could."

"And Jimmy (the little boy down the street) told me that there wasn't a Santa Claus and laughed at me cause I said there was. That's why I kicked the wall. But I'm gonna try to be good. Cause even if there isn't a Santa, the wise men gave Baby Jesus a gift, and that's all that really matters."

"Now, slow down a minute, Paula," laughed her mother. "I'm afraid I don't quite follow you. But you're really not such an awful little girl. And you're right about Santa. Christmas is Baby Jesus' birthday. And the main thing about Christmas is to praise and thank him for all he's done for us."

"Over the years, the custom has grown up to give gifts to those we love; and I'm sorry to say, this gift receiving seems to be most important to young children; but Paula, you're beginning to understand and I'm proud of you, sweetheart."

With this Paula kissed her Mommie goodnight, ran back to her room, climbed into bed, and slept dreamlessly the rest of the night.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll with a suitcase and some clothes. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Gwendolyn Louise Christian.

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a Ricky Jr. doll, a doll bed, and a make-up set.  
Thank you,  
Love,  
Carol Jan Everett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll with a suitcase, a girl's Davy Crockett suit.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Patsy Ann Cumpton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a set of dishes. Will you bring me a doll, and a bicycle?  
Please bring me a doll bed.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Carla Jean Meacham Bovina, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Tiny Tears, and dishes. Thank you.  
Love,  
Bonnie Sue Morris

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a drum and a Davy Crockett Suit. Bring me some guns, too. Thank you.  
Love,  
David Garrett

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a set of dishes, a doll with clothes, a make-up set, a doll house, and sewing set.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Dianne Anderson

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a doll and a set of dishes and a doll bed?  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Carolyn Damron

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a doll and a bike? Thank you.  
Love,  
Margie Fuller

Dear Santa,  
I want a set of dishes.  
Love,  
Paulette Goolsby

Dear Santa,  
I want a farm set. Thank you.  
Love,  
Richard Lynn Carson

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a BB gun?  
Love,  
Bobby Fowler

Dear Santa,  
I want a ranch and a bicycle.  
Thank you,  
Don Ballard

Dear Santa,  
I want boots, a bicycle, a ranch, a gun, and a Davy Crockett Puppet.  
Love,  
Travis Fagg

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me football britches and a shirt.  
Love,  
Randy Jones

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll, doll buggy, and candy.  
Lillie Ramirez

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a tricycle and a football and a football suit.

Love,  
Dan Booher

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## Girls' Auxiliary Has Mission Study

The Junior Girls' Auxiliary met at the Baptist Church Wednesday night for Community Mission

study.  
The girls made a poster to illustrate their study. Frances Fuller read the stewardship devotional. Members present were Lou Ann Goodwin, Jeannie and Tonya My, Frances Fuller, and Janet Gooch.



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# THE PARING KNIFE

By JEANIE MOTEN

The other day, put on one of Dolph's shirts and went blithely on my way. Pretty soon felt some paper in my pocket (or his pocket whichever you prefer); so took it out.

It was a note addressed to "Jeanie." It read: "I don't wear your clothes. Why is it that you wear mine? Dolph."

Until then, wasn't going to tell this, but guess I might as well. About a week ago Dolph quit smoking (He's started again now though).

Anyway, all my life I've heard the many, many beauties of not indulging in the nasty weed. But during the time of his abstinence, never have heard so many little lovelies attributed to nonindulgence. According to him, it even makes the ceilings lower.

Well, it's almost Christmas. School is out and everyone is ready for the big day. But ever since I was a senior in high school and a member of the student council, can't help but think of Uncle George at Christmas time.

That Christmas, the student council took gifts to the old folks home in Amarillo and sang Christmas carols for the old folks. The old folks home consisted of an abandoned army barracks; and needless to add, the facilities afforded them were very crude.

Uncle George was the oldest inhabitant and was bedridden. As I remember, he was also blind. But after our group had sung carols in his room, he sang some for us. There were very few dry eyes, even among the boys.

A few days later, the old folks home burned down; and Uncle George was one of the many not able to escape the flames that so rapidly burned the primitive quarters.

Sad? Yes, and we don't like to think of such things at such a happy time. But actually, there are many "Uncle Georges;" and just because we are so safe and happy, we don't always remember them.

The various organizations and individuals who devote their time, money and effort to help needy persons are to be commended.

Wish you all could have seen Mrs. Emma Beaird's third grade class's presentation at the school assembly Friday. It was really good. The little kids knew their parts and didn't stumble even once.

They gave a very cute play called "A Bomb for Santa" and then presented traditional Christmas scenes. Sure was good.

Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe tells this one on herself. The other night she tried to start her car, but to no avail. It was just plain dead, or so she thought.

After worrying a little, she discovered that she had forgotten to put the gear in neutral. Made her feel rather foolish.

But to top it off, a few days later, Mrs. Earl Richards came in to borrow Mrs. O'Keefe's phone as her car was dead and she couldn't start it to save herself. Mrs. O'Keefe laughingly suggested that maybe her "car trouble" was the same as she had had.

Was it? As a matter of fact, it was.

Last week in his column, Dolph mentioned that Lillian Fisher's fender skirts were stolen, but think he left out the funny part of it. Miss Fisher didn't know they were gone.

That is, she didn't know they were gone until she got a letter from the sheriff asking her to come claim them. She didn't know what

to think—either someone was playing a great big joke or a mistake had been made. Just to make sure, she looked, knowing all the while that they weren't missing. But sure 'nough, they weren't there.

Sure do think Bovina's Christmas lights are pretty. The fact that no lights have been broken out, amply illustrates how much the people appreciate them.

Sure is a great feeling to have your Christmas cards all mailed and your Christmas shopping almost done. Now when this Christmas issue is on the press, guess we'll have time to really get the Christmas spirit.

Nearly all the kids at school have it. Feel kinda sorry for the teachers next week. With such exuberant little spirits running around, don't quite see how they'll manage to hold class, much less teach anything.

The school cafeteria food sure is good. Ate there for the first time a few days ago, and now can't break away to the hot dogs and hamburgers we usually have.

Am especially looking forward to the Christmas lunch.

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## Junior Girls' Classes Have Church Party

The Junior Girls' Classes of the Bovina Baptist Church, The Early Birds and The Daughters of The King, had a Christmas party Friday afternoon after school at the church.

The members brought their gifts to the party, drew numbers, and then exchanged gifts. They played Christmas games and sang carols. Refreshments of hot chocolate with marshmallow and cookies decorated in the Christmas theme were served.

Mrs. Virgil Goodwin and Mrs. J. W. Gooch were sponsors of the girls' party.

The members attending were Janet Gooch, Lou Ann Goodwin, Jeanne Ivy, Tonya Vee Ivy, Paula Kay Kerby, Lynn Looney, Kay Looney, Betty Mae Stevens, Marilyn Brandon, Elaine Fuller, Bonnie Cochran, Frances Fuller, Patsy Lloyd, Patricia Ann Crook, Nellie Bea Crook, Betty Latham, Judy Meacham and Margaret Taylor. Also attending were Mrs. Goodwin and Mrs. Gooch.

## In Bovina

Pfc. Bill Bailey, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., was in Bovina, Tuesday afternoon. While in Bovina he visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hobdy and Donna Jean.

He returned to O'Donnell where he is spending his leave, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hobdy attended a Christmas party Friday night.

## Party Given By Young Marrieds

The Young Married Class of the Baptist Church had a Christmas party Tuesday night in the church.

Mrs. Don Murphy gave the devotional. She spoke on "What Christmas Means To You" or "Do You Celebrate Christmas." Her scripture was found in Luke 2:1-14, and she also read a poem, "The Best That We Have."

Rev. Virgil Goodwin offered thanks, and then the class was served a turkey dinner.

Betty Hawkins was in charge of the games. The group played two games, then they sang Christmas carols. J. D. Kelley closed the evening with prayer.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. H. N. Turner, Mrs. F. O. Turner, Mrs. Don Murphy, Mrs. Grady Sorley, Mrs. Charles Don Smith, Mrs. Harold Hawkins, Mrs. Charles Vickers, and Mrs. Dick Sparks.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Dean McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Garth, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hromas and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Turner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hawkins and girls.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Sorley, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hutto, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kelley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Barrett, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Murphy.

Also, Mrs. Leslie McCain, Mrs. Iva Lee Latham and children, Mrs. Bobby England and children, Mrs. Billy Ray Horton, June Gay Hanna and son, and Rev. Virgil Goodwin.

## Third Graders Present Assembly

"Bombs for Santa," a Christmas play, was presented Friday morning at 10:00 in the Bovina High School auditorium by the members of Mrs. W. R. Beaird's third grade.

The third graders also presented scenes of the shepherds watching their flocks and of the manger where Christ was born. Billy Minter read the Christmas Story from the Bible.

Linda Estes and Billy Charles led the audience in Christmas songs. Verna Marie Estes, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Vernon Estes, played violin numbers.

Other students participating in the program were Jimmy Redden, Tonya Vee Ivy, Joyce Hudson, Janie Aragon, Maurine Hammonds, Kenneth Conley, E. L. McCutchan, Billy Ray Roberts, Bennie Ray Peel, Ronnie Glasscock, Garry Beauchamp, Carl Green, Jose Espinoza, Harold Stanberry, Larry Smith, and Roman Ramirez.

Other members of the class composed the choir singers.

Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker, Mrs. Ernest Woelfel and Nickie, Mrs. Bessie Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Looney, Mrs. Bill Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Killough and Sid.

## Music Climbers Have Party

The Younger Music Climbers had a party in the home of their teacher, Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, Thursday afternoon, December 15.

Patricia Crawford and Carol Jean Hastings had charge of the program which consisted of piano solos by Mike Grissom, Judy Crawford, Brenda Ellison, Jerry Rigdon, Mary Ann McKinney, Patricia Crawford, and Carol Jean Hastings.

Others who were to have been on the program, but who were absent were Billy Jay Charles, Larry Downing, and Myrtice Shockley.

Games were played and refreshments were served. The refreshments consisted of candy, nuts, cookies, and punch. Also, Santa left something for each.

## Bovina MYF Presents Christmas Pageant

The Bovina Methodist Youth presented a Christmas Pageant, "Candles of Faith," at the Bovina Methodist Church Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m.

Taking part in the first episode were Helen Hartzog, Don Caldwell, Lexie Stevenson, Pauline Lloyd, Verna Marie Estes, Carole Hammonds, Denny Ware, Don Jones, and Roger Ezell.

In the second episode, Janie Alverston, Nita Estes, Patsy Richards, Myrtice Shockley, and Jimmy Redden participated.

Third episode participants were Patricia Lloyd, Harriette Charles, Barbara Rea, Penny Lloyd, Brenda Jones, Joy Redden, Janice Richards, Joan Kay Ezell, Jonalene Booher, Phil Caldwell, Billy Burnam, Ronnie Isham and Gene Stephens.

The pageant was under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hastings, and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Moten.

## Visits Brother

Mr. and Mrs. James Burnam visited Sunday in the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnam.

The James Burnams make their home in Dimmitt.

## LETTERS To The Editor

The Bovina Blade, Bovina, Texas

Gentlemen:

We have for a number of years been a subscriber to the State Line Tribune which is our only source of information as to weather, crops, prices, people, etc. Since we are owners of 240 acres of land there near Bovina which we purchased some 49 years ago we of course are eager to obtain all the information possible, therefore we ask that you send us a sample of your Bovina Blade and give us the subscription price per year.

Yours Very Truly, C. O. Peek

## Dorcas Class Has Christmas Party

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church honored its teacher, Mrs. Troy Fuller, with a Christmas party and a lovely gift, Friday night, in the home of Mrs. Emma Woltman.

Refreshments of pumpkin pie and whipped cream, fruit cake, coffee, and tea were served to the guests by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Ray Davies, and Mrs. Emma Woltman.

The guests attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Fuller, and daughter, Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bonds, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barry, Miss Lillian Fisher, Mrs. Emma Minter, Mrs. Woltman and Mrs. Davies.

## In Vernon

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Charles, Johnnie and Lisa, visited in Vernon over the weekend.

Mrs. Charles' parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Frost and Keith live in Vernon.

Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe was called to her home in Panhandle Friday because of the death of a close family friend.



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## Mrs. Killough Host To "Jolly 15ers"

Members of the Jolly 15 Club had a Christmas Party Tuesday night, December 13, in the Lloyd Killough home.

Names of secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged. Those present played the card game "42", and were served refreshments.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Me

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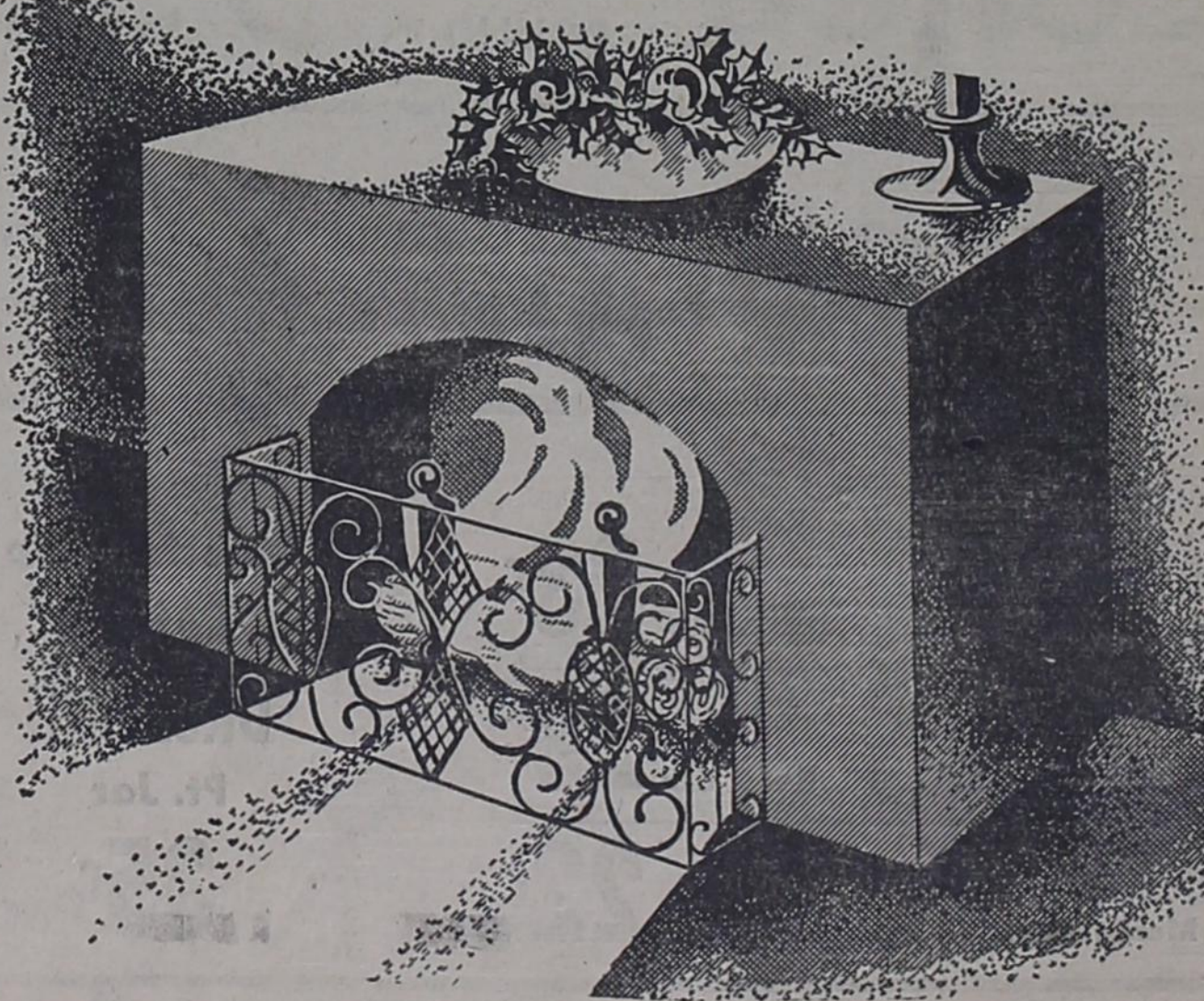


Sunday & Monday Dec. 25 & 26



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is that time of year when our thoughts turn to the more noble things of life... to the happiness we can bestow rather than that which is bestowed upon us. As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your good will, we extend to you our most sincere good wishes for Christmas.



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**LETTERS—**

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Love,  
Larry Ray Riley

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me an Alamo and a Davy Crockett rifle and a ball. I want a tool box and toys with it. I don't want you to forget my sister Judy.

Love,  
Jerry Dale Roach

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a big doll with a pretty dress. I am in the second grade. Bring my sister a cedar chest.

Love,  
Barbara Sue Sherrill

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring a bicycle to me and my sister.

Love,  
Mary Yolanda Pena

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring tool box. Please bring gun. Please bring candy cane. Please bring to my sister a doll.

Love,  
Mario Espinoza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle and an electric train and a football. I am seven years old.

Love,  
Raymond Drager

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a BB gun. Will you bring all the boys and girls something?

Love,  
Delbert Allan Lorenz

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a BB gun. Santa Claus, do not forget other people. I am in the second grade. I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Billy Lynn Marshall

Dear Santa,  
My name is Phil Sorley. I am three years old. I have been a good boy this year. So please, Santa, bring me an air gun, Davy Crockett guitar, road grader, truck, and a doctor's set. My little sister's name is Debbie Sorley, and she has been a good girl too. Please bring her a baby doll and some other toys.

Phil Sorley  
Route 1  
Bovina, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a fire truck and a farm set. My mother will only let me ask for two things.

Rex Cumpton

**Junior Class Has Christmas Supper**

The Junior Class of Bovina High School met Monday night at the home economics cottage for a Christmas party and supper. The class exchanged gifts and presented their sponsor, Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe with a tea set. The menu included ham, sweet potatoes, gravy, beans, salad, rolls, iced tea and pie. Those attending were Dee Pounds, Tom Ware, Joyce Lorenz, Jane Wasson, Donnie Spring, Helen Hartzog, Phil Caldwell, Sonny Brito, Leon Richards, Neil Smith, Marvin Young, Ellen Berry, Sue Moody, Bobbie Routt and their sponsor, Mrs. Pauline O'Keefe.

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**Dorcas Circle Has Party in Battey Home**

The Dorcas Circle of the Methodist Church had its Christmas party December 14 with Mrs. Lloyd Battey.

Mrs. Lewis Pesch gave the prayer and Mrs. Earl Richards read the second chapter of Luke and Mrs. Ike Quickel gave a reading, "The Invited Stranger."

Games were played and gifts were distributed among Mrs. G. A. Bandy, Mrs. Lloyd Battey, Mrs. H. H. Eden, Mrs. Luther Grissom, Mrs. Lola Grissom, Mrs. T. J. Hopingardner, Mrs. Pat Kunselman, Mrs. Linden Moore, Mable Newberry, Mrs. Lewis Pesch, Mrs. Ike Quickel and Mrs. Earl Richards, Mrs. John Wilson and Mrs. Frank Wilson.

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- CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD ARE PRESENT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Matthew 26:26-28—Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
  - IT IS INTENDED ONLY FOR TRUE BELIEVERS**  
Matthew 26:26—Jesus—gave it to His disciples. 1 Corinthians 10:21—Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's Table, and of the table of devils.
  - A BELIEVING COMMUNICANT MUST BE ABLE TO EXAMINE HIMSELF**  
1 Corinthians 11:27-29—Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
  - BY RECEIVING IT A COMMUNICANT ALSO MAKES A PUBLIC CONFESSION OF HIS FAITH**  
1 Corinthians 11:26—For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come. Acts 2:42—They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
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Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray ..... 303 Can **21c**

Hershey Cocoa 1/2 Lb. .... **35c**

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"JUST A DRINK"—

## The DANCING KNIFE

A TRUE EXPERIENCE as told to Jeanne Shannon

The day was fading into night; the gang and I were down at the corner drug. As it was almost supper time, my sister Mary and I were just about ready to take our leave.

Then someone came up with a great idea. "Let's all meet back up here in 30 minutes and go to the show!" Of course, everyone approved of the idea and we made our plans.

But before I go any further, maybe I should tell you more about our home town. The name was Apta, and its population was pushing 400 in 1919. There was not much about our town to make it notable. One dry goods store, one drug store, two grocery stores, and a gas station or two.

But our town did have one institution of uniqueness—a home

for the mentally ill. Don't guess I'll ever forget the eerie feeling I felt whenever we passed that old building. We'd all break into a fast trot whenever it was unavoidable to pass it. And unavoidable it usually was as our family had recently moved directly behind the institution and to get to and from town it was necessary to pass the "crazy house," as we kids called it.

Perhaps you should also know something about my dad, although he doesn't figure too prominently in my story. He was a country doctor. And like all country doctors, he was rich in friends and poor clients and had too few paying patients. Maybe I'm prejudiced, but he was one of the many men that helped make the U. S. what it is today. I guess the

only way you could describe him is that "he liked people."

Anyway, back to my original story. Mary and I, breathless from our run past the sanitarium, bounded into the house and told our parents that we had to eat and run because we were going to the show with the gang.

"Hymp!" snorted Dad, "and just what do you plan to do about the dishes, may I ask?"

Then the awful truth dawned—it was our week to do the dishes. "We could do them when we get home, Dad," pleaded Mary. "Come on, let us do it that way just this once."

I piped in with vows of being very quiet and not waking the family and other appropriate promises that only kids can think of so quickly. But as I remember, it

didn't take an abundance of persuasion as Dad was really an awfully kind person with a wonderfully big heart.

So we saw our movie. Needless to say, afterwards we weren't so all fired hepped on doing the dishes; but since a promise should and usually does mean something, we did our chore.

After the last dish had been put away, I went out to empty the trash into a cardboard container on our back porch. Just as I had upturned the waste paper basket, my heart stood still. There within two feet of me was a man, crouched and holding a knife, which seemed to be dancing as it reflected the light from the house.

Heretofore, I had always maintained that if I were ever to be real scared, I'd freeze and wouldn't be able to do anything about what ever might be causing the fear. But not so. I screamed, dropped the basket, and ran back to the house as fast as my chubby legs could carry me. God bless her heart, Mary had enough presence of mind to shut and bar the door after me.

All this, of course, had awakened the family. Dad stuck his sleeping-cap-bedecked head out the upstairs window and yelled, "You boys leave those girls alone!" But when we finally got through to him that "those boys weren't bothering those girls," he

phoned the police.

Guess all's well that ends well, to quote a wornout Shakesperian phrase. The man crouched on our back porch was, as you may have figured out, an escapee of our "crazy house;" and as he said at his trial, "I wasn't going to hurt the little girl. I just wanted a drink of water."

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll and a vanity set. I wish we could have a doll house for all us girls.  
Cecilia Denney

Dear Santa,  
I am 4 years old. Please bring me a doll and a set of dishes.  
Rose Marie Denney

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Rin Tin Tin cavalry set and a drum. Bring something nice for Darlene and H. R.  
James Denney

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a little flash light that turns on so I can see on the ground. Please, Santa Claus, bring me a little tractor that brings a wagon' hind it, and some dirt in it, and a telephone that calls people.  
Please bring all the other little children toys and make them happy.  
I'm a little boy three years and Mommie's writing this for me.  
Love you Santa,  
Stuart Hanna

Dear Santa:  
I would like a Ginny doll, some games, and a teacher set, a sewing machine and some records.  
I tried to be nice.  
Love,  
Linda Estes

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football and helmet.  
Love,  
Lee Terry

OTHER THINGS, TOO—

## Bovina Teachers Like Their School Building Best

What do the teachers like best about Bovina Independent School District? When asked, the teachers came up with various answers; but as would be expected, the new school building with its physical equipment and improved conditions was the one thing liked best by a majority of the instructors.

The friendly, cooperative spirit of the teachers and the school patrons' interest ranked a close second and third. A variety of other beauties particularly enjoyed by Bovina's Independent School District's faculty were also brought to light.

### Center Of Interest

When asked the one thing she liked best, Pauline O'Keefe, the homemaking instructor, said, "I don't believe I've ever seen another school that was so much the center of interest as Bovina's school." Mrs. O'Keefe was particularly impressed by the interest and the cooperation shown by the patrons of the school.

### Quotes Visitor

Lillian Fisher, one first grade teacher, said that the way she felt could be best stated by quoting a recent visitor in her home, D. H. Sodowsky. Sodowsky, who is an ex-major league baseball player in the National League in the time of Billy Sunday's ball playing and who consequently has been quite a few places, came home after one of his many walks around Bovina and said to his wife, "Minnie, do you know that this is one of the cleanest little towns I've ever seen? Why, I haven't seen even one beer joint!"

Another time, Sodowsky said, "I haven't been here very long, and people speak to me just like they knew me."

Miss Fisher went on to say, "The teachers here don't work for themselves. They cooperate and share ideas. Whenever you walk into their room, they don't feel like you're there to swipe any good idea they might have." She feels that all the teachers are open-minded and will do anything for the good of the school. She also said that this is the first school system like that that she's been a part of.

Miss Fisher complimented her fellow workers as she has yet to hear one malign another or criticize another's work. In her opinion, you can't have a good school system unless the teachers cooperate among themselves.

Evangeline Wills, commercial instructor, commented upon the fact that the school system has wonderful equipment. She was particularly impressed by the typewriters used in her commercial department.

Mrs. Wills also expressed her appreciation of "the help that you get from parents when you're planning a program or something similar."

Bob Wills, the first year coach of the Bovina Mustangs, remarked that he especially liked the physical equipment and athletic set up. Also, he said, "I like the fine boys and girls that we have to work with." He was also impressed by the "cooperative spirit among patrons of the school toward athletics."

When approached on the subject of what she liked best, Emma Beard, one third grade teacher, voiced her liking of the school's wide halls. She said that so many new buildings have such narrow ones.

Mrs. Beard also said, "I've  
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# Christmas Greetings

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FOR MANY REASONS—

# Many Bovina Seniors Have College Plans

By Donna Jean Hobby

The 1956 Senior Class of Bovina High School will graduate on the 19th day of May. The class is composed of 19 members, nine boys and 10 girls. Of the 19, nine began school in Bovina. Four of these members began their schooling in Bovina, moved away and later returned to Bovina. The remaining six joined the class in junior high and high school.

To show the individual traits, interests, and achievements of the class, we present them to you:

**Darrell Read**  
The senior class president is

**Darrell Read**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Read, who was born February 19, 1937, and has attend Bovina schools since 1944.

Darrell has been active in three different sports each year. He has been selected for the All-District 3-B Football team for three years. He has been on the All-District basketball team for two years, and last year, was selected on the All-Regional basketball team. In baseball, Darrell has had three successful seasons as a pitcher.

Darrell was football co-captain during the past season and was elected Football Hero of 1954-55. He is a member of the student

council and of the annual staff.

Darrell will graduate with 16 credits and plans to attend college in the fall. He will major in physical education.

**Janie Alverson**

Janie Alverson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Alverson, was born July 6, 1938 in Childress. She started to school in Bovina in 1944, moved to Friona at the age of eight, and returned to Bovina, the next year.

Janie is president of the Bovina Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America for the second year, an officer in the student council, president of the pep club, and a member of the Girls basketball team. She was elected Best-All-Around-Girl in this year's annual elections.

Janie will graduate with 17½ credits and will attend Texas State College for Women at Denton after graduation. She plans to major in business administration.

**Dorothy Rogers**

Dorothy Rogers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones. She was born October 4, 1937, and has attended school in Bovina since 1944.

Dorothy is active in FHA and the Pep Club. She was class favorite during her freshman year.

Dorothy was married to Jerry Rogers, in June of 1954. She will graduate with 17 credits and plans to enroll in a beauty school in the fall.

**Kenneth Estes**

Kenneth Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Estes, was born December 26, 1937. Since 1948 he has attended school in Bovina.

Kenneth has been part of the football team for three years. He has been active in FFA, and is a member of the Yucca staff.

Kenneth will graduate with 16 credits and plans to attend a special telephone school in Illinois after graduation.

**Billy Richards**

Billy Richards, son of Cash Richards, was born August 17, 1938, and has attended school in Bovina for 12 years.

Billy was an important member of the football and basketball teams for the past three years. He is active in FFA and Student Council work. He is boys' sports editor of the high school newspaper.

Billy will graduate with 16 credits and plans to study veterinary medicine at Texas A&M College after graduation.

**Sue Hoffer**

Sue Hoffer, daughter of Mrs. Otie Ellison, was born April 4, 1938, and is one of the original

first grade starters.

Sue is the drum major of the Bovina High School Band. She was a majorette for her freshman and sophomore years. She has been active in FHA and Student Council work, and is a member of the annual staff.

Sue will graduate with 17 credits and plans to attend college at Texas State College for Women or Coty in Missouri. She will study costume design and fashion illustrations.

**Erith Hawkins**

Erith Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hawkins, was born January 1, 1938. Erith started to school in Bovina, but moved to Mineral Wells in 1946. He returned to Bovina in 1949.

Erith is an essential member of the football and basketball teams. He was a co-captain during the past football season. He is a member of the student council and is senior class favorite.

Erith will graduate with 16 credits and has made no definite plans for the future.

**Ruby McCormick**

Ruby McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilcox, was born April 10, 1938. She moved to Bovina from Hereford in 1952.

Ruby has been an officer in the FHA, and is a member of the Pep Club and the annual staff.

Ruby was married recently to Everette McCormick, and they will continue to make their home in Bovina.

**Pauline Lloyd**

Pauline Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lloyd, was born January 30, 1938. She has attended school in Bovina since 1944.

Pauline is a forward on the girls' basketball team, an officer in the FHA, an officer in the student council, a cheerleader for the Pep Club, and a class officer.

Pauline will graduate with 17 credits. She plans to attend a business school after graduation.

**Matilda Brito**

Matilda Brito, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brito, was born April 6, 1936. Matilda has attended school in Bovina since 1942.

She has played basketball for three years and is a member of the FHA and of the Pep Club.

She will graduate with 17 credits, and plans to enter some branch of the women's armed forces, after she is graduated.

**French Crook**

French Crook, who was born September 23, 1938, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crook. Although he started to school in Bovina, he moved away in 1946, and returned to Bovina in 1954.

French was the editor of the school paper during the last football season. He was football and basketball manager in 1954-55.

He will graduate with 16 credits and plans to work in El Paso after he is graduated.

**Lois Terry**

Lois Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ellison, was born June 5, 1938. She is another of the original first grade.

Lois was elected Wittiest Girl in 1954-55. She has played basketball and is a member of the FHA and Pep Club.

Lois, who was married to Melvin Terry last January, will graduate with 16 credits and plans to work in Clovis.

**Jerry Loflin**

Jerry Loflin, who was born November 11, 1937, and who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ausburn Loflin, began his school years in Bovina. He moved to Colorado, but returned to Bovina in 1953.

Jerry was named all-district center this year. He has lettered in football and basketball for the past three years.

Jerry, who will graduate with 16 credits, has not made up his mind definitely about the future.

**Donna Jean Hobby**

Donna Jean Hobby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hobby, was born May 21, 1938. She moved to Bovina in 1953.

Donna Jean is manager of the girls' basketball teams, editor of the 1956 Mustang, an officer in the FHA, sports editor of the

school paper, and a member of the Bovina High School Band. She has been a class officer, and a member of the Student Council.

She will graduate with 18 credits and will study journalism and creative writing in college. She has not as yet chosen her school.

**Lynn Isham**

Lynn Isham, son of E. V. Isham, was born November 18, 1938. He is one of the original members of the class.

Lynn was chosen for the all-district football team this year. Last

year, he was captain of the team. He was elected Football Hero of 1955-56 by the Pep Club. He is also on the basketball squad.

Lynn is an ad salesman for the 1956 Mustang. He was a member of the Student Council last year, and an active member in FHA for three years.

He will graduate with 17 credits, and will study engineering at Texas A & M.

**Pat Burnam**

Pat Burnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Burnam, was born

October 9, 1937. Pat moved to Bovina from Dimmitt when she was in the eighth grade.

She is head cheerleader of the Pep Club, senior class favorite, and 1955-56 football sweetheart. She has been active in FHA and is now editor of the school paper.

Pat will graduate with 16½ credits and has made no definite plans for the future.

**Billy Johnson**

Billy Johnson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, was born May 14, 1937.

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Billy was a member of the Bovina FFA judging team for three years, and was assistant editor of the Yucca during football season. Billy will graduate with 16 credits and plans to study agriculture at Texas Tech in Lubbock after his graduation.

**Larry Ezell**

Larry Ezell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ezell, was born December 9, 1937. He has attended school in Bovina since 1944.

Larry has been the backbone of the Mustang football team. He has lettered in football for three years. He was one of the starting five for Bovina at the state basketball tournament last year. He was also named on the all-regional basketball team last year. He was captain of the football and basketball squads last year. Larry also has played baseball during his first three years in high school.

He is president of the Student Council. He has been either an officer or a member in the Council for three years. He was junior class president.

Larry will graduate with 17 credits and will enter pre-medical school at Texas Tech in the fall after graduation.

He was married to Irene Jones, daughter of Mrs. John Hartwell, in 1954.

**Irene Ezell**

Irene was a cheer-leader during her first two years in high school. She was a member of the Student Council in 1954, and was junior class president.

Irene will graduate with 17 credits, and probably will work in Lubbock while Larry attends college.

There, in a nutshell, are the seniors of 1956, presented to you. Keep your eye on the class. This will not be the last you hear of them.

U. S. Senators originally were elected by the state legislatures.

Mrs. Rebecca Felton of Georgia was the first woman to serve as U. S. Senator.

**THE PARING KNIFE**  
By JEANIE MOTEN

(Continued from Section I)

Guess this is sorta off the subject of Christmas, but thought it pretty thought-provoking myself. One of the teachers at school handed me this article to read and liked it so much that thought you all would.

The title of the article, which appeared in PARENT TEACHER COURIER, January, 1947, is "What is a Good Report Card?" and it is written by Betty Irish.

Long ago, when first the world began, there was a mother. This mother had a child who, having reached the age when he should go to school, was sent to First Teacher. First Child attended First School for several weeks, and the time came for First Report Card.

First Teacher gave First Report Card to First Child, and he carried

it happily home to First Parent. But First Parent looked sadly at First Report Card and said, "I do not understand the marking upon this card. Does this mean that my child is better or poorer than all the other children in First School? Does this card mean that First Child reads as well as other children? Does this card mean that First Child can add?"

So First Mother put on her newest tiger skin and went to call upon First Teacher at the very end of the last hour on Friday afternoon. And First Mother said to First Teacher, "I don't understand the marking on this card."

Now, if First Teacher had been a woman of both courage and sagacity, much of the trouble which followed upon her words would have been avoided. But it was the last hour on Friday afternoon, and First Teacher was weary, and her courage was greater than her sagacity. So she said, "First Mother, First Child can sing so sweetly that all the birds stop to listen. All the children are his friends. He is quicker to run than all the others, but slower to read than any other child. Therefore he is not up to Standard. Unless he works very hard and very long he will not pass. And he cannot add, even a little—so, although he is so happy and so kind, and although in time he will grow to read and add, he is not an Average First Grader."

So First Mother sadly nodded her head and said, "I see, you could not give a Good Report Card."

And First Mother took First Child by the hand into the cave, and she scolded him soundly because he could not add nor read as well as the other children. And First Child wept and he hated the other children. And First Child hated them because they could read and add. And he forgot his music, and he threw stones at all the other children, to prove he was UP TO STANDARD. And as the weeks went by, he threw his stones straighter and straighter, and hit more and more other children, and grew to hate them all.

Now, if First Teacher had been a woman of greater sagacity on that fateful day so long ago, this is what she would have said to First Mother:

"First Mother, listen and heed! This is the most important learning of life: That your child learn to live well with other children. Because it is the school which is the most important learning in life—for school is a part of life. No child is born with this skill to live with others, and no child has ever mastered it completely. Each child learn little by little to be kind to others, to do his share of the work, to help, to wait

his turn, to say the thing he believes to be true, in such a way that no other is hurt by it. The question to ask is this: Is my child growing every day in his ability to live well with others? Is he growing happily and proudly in his skill? Never can report cards be a yardstick to measure your child against another child—to say "My child is better than the rest" or "My child is poorer than the rest." For each child must grow at his own rate and in his own pattern. Let that measure be true for him, and let each day find him greater by that measure.

And this is the second important learning of life: that each must keep his body well and strong in order to live well with other people. Your child must understand how to do this, and must perform faithfully all that he knows. This knowledge and this skill grow slowly, little by little, and never is the learning finished. And never can the learning be measured except by the child's own yardstick, which shows how much greater that learning is today than yesterday. So when your child is growing in his ability to stay well and strong and to help others so likewise, his is a satisfactory child. He cannot be measured by another's yardstick, for each child grows in his own pattern and at his own rate.

And this is the third important learning of life: First Child finds there are many tools he needs to use, and to use well as he grows in his skill in living well with others, and as he builds a strong and healthy living, he must write, that others may share his knowledge. And his reading and writing and counting must be done well, for on these tools hinge a part of human progress. But even as First Child has learned to run at his own rate, even as he has made friends and kept them in his own way, so must he learn in his own pattern to use these important tools with skill which grows slowly, a growing which is never done.

And the wise parent measures the growth from day to day and says, "First Child, you grow well—and we are proud of you. First Father and I." For a wise parent remembers that, by careful teaching we can help the child to grow—but we can help him to grow only at his own rate and in his own pattern. We help him to grow only if we help him to want to grow. We shape the pattern only if we help him to want to shape it.

A report card is neither a club to beat the child into that pattern nor is it a measure by which all children may be judged. It is a record of taking stock, so that we may, all of us—First Teacher, First Parent, and First Child—know what has been done, what needs to be done, and the direction now to be taking the doing. And this is the meaning to be found in the marks on First Report Card.

Merry Christmas to you from Dolph and me.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear Santa,

I am Craton Looney, and I am 6 years old. I have a little brother who is 3 years old and his name is R. D. We have tried to be good all the time and have been pretty good most of the time. I want a Roy Rogers gun set, a toy typewriter, a steam-shovel, some clothes to wear to school, an electric train, and a BB gun. R. D. wants a wind-up train with a track, 2 gun and holster set, a rifle, a great big DC6 airplane. I want a big airplane, too.

My mother is writing this for us.

Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Craton and R. D. Looney

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Dear-r-r Santa Claus, These are the things I'd really like to have—A Bible (a little bitty one), a bicycle and a doll house. There are other things I'd 'preciate, but if you don't have room or enough toys to go around to all the other boys and girls you can just forget them.

Please don't forget my three sisters and Granny. You can bring the big babies toy telephones that ring and a woolly toy for Honey.

Thanks alot, we'll leave you something to eat on the kitchen cabinet.

I love you alot,  
Carol Mast

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a wagon and baseball suit.

Love,  
Wayne Davies

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football suit and a football.

Love,  
Eddi Corn

Seven U. S. Presidents have died in office.

**Merry Christmas and Happy Remodeling**

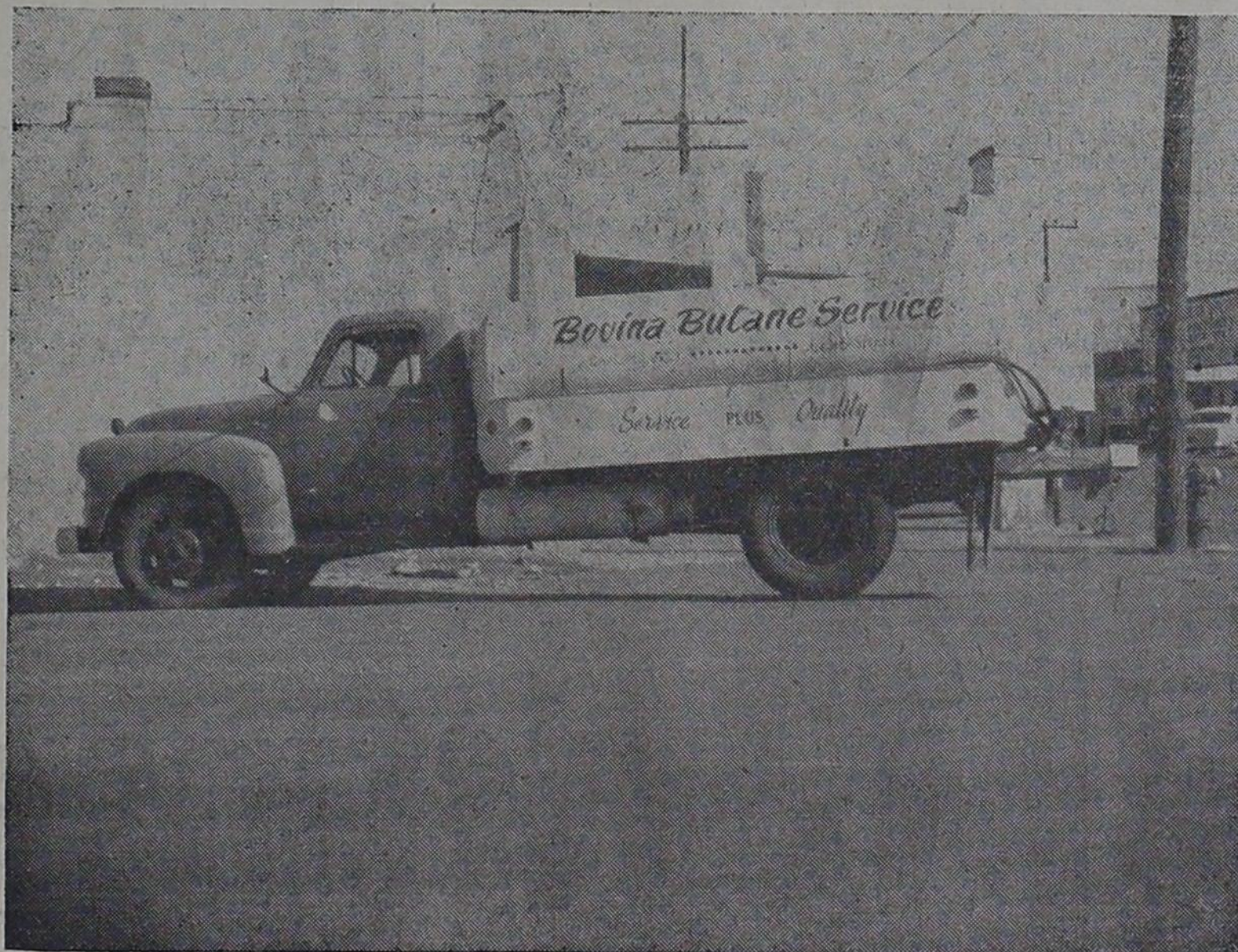
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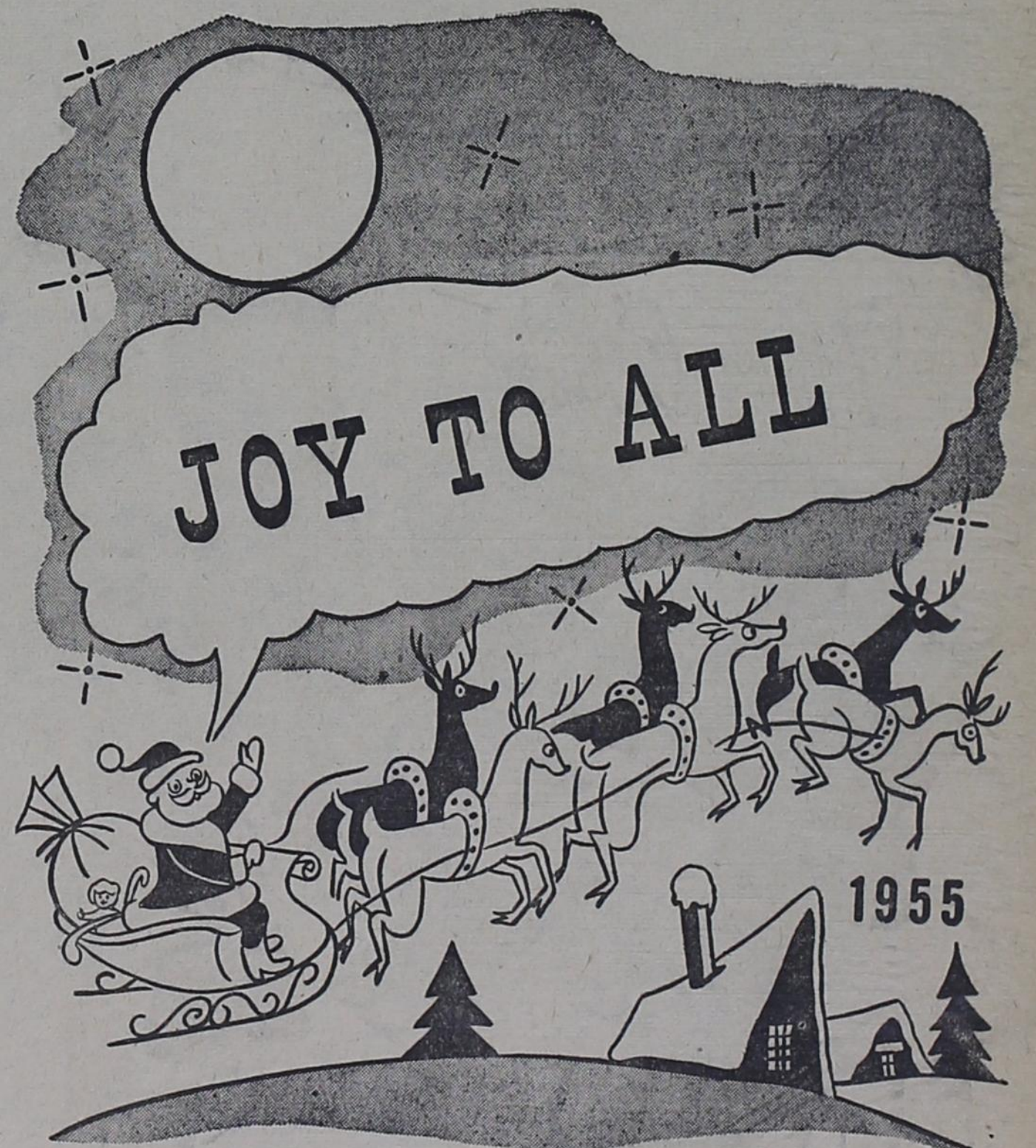


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POLL REVEALS—

# Most Exchange Gifts the Night Before Christmas

In an effort to determine which is the more popular time in Bovina to open Christmas presents, Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, 23 families were polled. According to the results of the polls, most Bovinians commemorate their Christmas on Christmas Eve, as 13 out of the 23 contacted open their presents at this time. Five families wait until Christmas morning, while five more families can be placed into a luckier class, a class in which partici-

pants thereof get to open presents both times.

Various reasons were given for observing Christmas as they do, and the following excerpts of conversations reveal these reasons:

Mrs. Jimmie Charles: "Christmas Eve the whole family, the Vernon Estes, the Harry J. Charles, Grandmother Charles, Aunt Ellen, and us, go over to the Wilbur Charles home and exchange gifts. Then the Sunday before Christmas, our family goes

to Vernon for dinner and an exchange of gifts with my folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Frost. And then Santa comes on Christmas Eve night, and the kids find his gifts on Christmas morning. It's really sort of a mess at Christmas cause the kids don't know when Santa comes."

Wallace Rogers: "Christmas Eve." When asked why, "Cause my wife can't wait till Christmas morning. It's always been more her doing than the kids."

Mrs. Al Kerby: "If we're at home Christmas morning, it's then; but if we're not, we have it on Christmas Eve. This year we're not going anywhere so we'll have our Christmas tree in the morning."

Mrs. Ronald Berggren: "We always have it at night. Al and Bobby Berggren have dinner with us and then we open our presents. On Christmas morning we go to my folks, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols, in Amarillo to spend Christmas with them."

Mrs. Bill Tritsch: "Christmas Eve, 'cause the kids can't wait even if they are grown."

Mrs. E. H. Moody: "We have ours on Christmas morning cause the Ray Hawkines have theirs on Christmas Eve, and we can't conflict with the in-laws. We used to have our Christmas later on Christmas Eve after the Hawkines had theirs but it was just too late."

Mrs. Bob Johnston: "It's a tradition in Bob's family to have Christmas in the morning. We have the biggest time you ever saw. We go to Bob's folks in Lubbock, and we all stagger out of bed at 4:00 in the morning to open presents. There's always one little urchin who's just learned to sing who sings a carol. A Christmas carol at 4:00 in the morning! Linda (her daughter) thinks she's going to get to sing this year, but I've got news for her."

Mrs. J. O. Combs: "Christmas morning. Usually the bunch doesn't get here till the morning. It's the only time to have Christmas."

Mrs. Henry Minter: "If I can keep them from it till then, we open our presents on Christmas morning. But usually Henry and Bill can't wait."

Mrs. Herman Estes: "We have ours on Christmas Eve. Since the kids have quit opening their stockings, there's no point in waiting 'til morning. When stockings quit being opened is when a lot of fun leaves Christmas."

Mrs. Troy Armstrong: "Christmas Eve." When asked why, she said, "that's just always how we've done it. Christmas Eve is the time for Santa to come."

Mrs. Vernon Ward: "We have ours on Christmas Eve." The only reason for doing so that she could think of right off hand were, "That's the way Vernon did when he was little and that's the way I did while I was growing up."

Mrs. J. A. Loflin: "Christmas Eve, because we generally go to Auburn's mother's, or we have so much company that I have to get that tree down."

Mrs. Earl Derrick: "We have it when we can all be together, but usually it's Christmas morning."

Bill Denney: "Christmas Eve." He had no comment as to why they did have Christmas at that time.

Mrs. R. E. Everett: "We always have ours on Christmas Eve." Her reply as to why was, "We just always have."

Mrs. Elton Venable: "Christmas Eve, just 'cause we always have."

A. L. Glasscock: "We open them different times. We open our presents in Bovina as soon as school's out; or sometimes we take them with us when we take off for Greenville to spend Christmas with my mother, Mrs. R. L. Glasscock. We used to live in Greenville. We'll probably open our presents in Greenville on Christmas Eve this year."

Mrs. Olan Turner: "We usually have our tree on Christmas Eve with the F. N. Turners and members of the immediate family. Then Santa comes during the night and the kids find their presents the next morning. But this year we're going to my folks in Roby, and will either open gifts before or after we get back or will take them with us."

Allen Cumpston: "We have ours in the morning. We go over to W. E. Cumpston for Christmas Eve, and Santa comes that night and the kids have their tree in the morning."

June Gay Hanna: "We usually open presents after Christmas dinner on Christmas day, but this year we're going to Groom to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Max Wade, my aunt. We'll probably have our tree on Christmas Eve and then Stuart (her son) will have Santa the next morning."

Mrs. Lloyd Killough: "We have it on Christmas morning. It's the way Lloyd and I did when we were children. Just here lately, the kids have not wanted to wait; so we usually let them open one or two presents, but the main Christmas is when we first get up on Christmas morning."

John Wilson: "I've already had half my Christmas—got a pair of socks the other day. But guess I'll open my handkerchief on Christmas Eve. We always go over to A. G. Whites to open our presents of Christmas Eve. We eat Christmas dinner over there, too."

Grace Paul, seventh grade instructor and grade school principal, stated that more than any one thing, she liked the cooperation among the teachers. She said, "Each teacher tries her best to put the subject matter over and not to just get by. Each teacher will go out of her way to better the school."

Roy M. Crawford, who is Bovina's vocational agriculture instructor, reported, "The physical facilities are tops." He believes that Bovina is equal in that respect to any other school of which he knows. When asked how the agriculture department compared to others he had taught in, Crawford said, "It's way out ahead of any I've taught in before."

The superintendent of Bovina Schools, W. H. Willoughby, had a hard time answering the question of the one thing he liked best, as he has been here so long and the school means so much to him. But Willoughby finally decided upon the way that something which needs to be done always gets done by the patrons of the school as well as the teachers. "It may take a little while, but they all pitch in and get it done."

When approached, Fleta Terry said, "Why, I like the lovely school building. This is the first time I've ever taught in a new school, and it isn't very often a person has that opportunity."

The fifth grade teacher, Ruth Thornton, was especially impressed by the lighting of the new building. But Ruth went on to say that what she liked the very most were her children. She feels, "My group of fifth graders are exceptionally cooperative. They always try to the best of their ability."

Wayne Stevens, director of the band said that he liked the facilities and the plant mainly; but he added, "Also, I like the spirit or cooperation and friendship among the teachers and faculty."

When asked what she liked best, Otie Ellison, senior sponsor and government and history instructor, expressed her liking of the new school building and facilities. "Needless to say," she added, "They are much, much better than those we had to use last year."

"The superintendent and principal are friendly and cooperative. We have all kinds of equipment to work with, and the school board is cooperative in getting equipment as it is found to be needed," voiced L. D. Rochell, the high school chemistry teacher.

Myrna Hammonds, teacher of one second grade, said that she especially liked her fellow workers. She also is impressed by the friendliness of the school as a whole. Mrs. Hammonds further added, "I like the attitude of the students as a whole toward school, too."

In her opinion, June Rhodes, teacher of another third grade, the lovely school building, the sweet third graders, and all the other children are the very best things

about teaching in Bovina Independent School District. To quote Mrs. Rhodes, "I like it all."

R. E. Everett, high school principal, is most pleased with the new school building. "The space is as near complete as anything we could hope for. It could be improved some, of course, but you can't do that without using the building and finding out what you need," says Everett.

Another second grade teacher, Mrs. R. E. Everett, says, "I like my room better than anything, it's light and it's large. It has every convenience—storage space, drinking fountain, a place to wash your hands, and a rest room."

When approached with the interrogation of what she liked best, Carmaleet Truitt, high school English instructor, replied, "If I could mention any one thing that I like particularly better this year than last year, it would be the nice blackboard space and better library facilities."

Leola Williams, the other teacher of the first grade, said, "Well,

I guess the thing I'm most grateful for is the confidence people have shown in me as a teacher for the last umpteen years."

The new librarian, Dalphin Hartsell, expressed his admiration of the school plant. When questioned as to how it compared to the places he had taught in before, Hartsell replied, "Oh, there's no comparison to THE other place I've taught in before!"

"The new school building is such a treat," remarks Rita Mast, new sixth grade teacher. "It's spaciousness and cleanliness have impressed me most," she continued. "Also, there's a spirit of comradeship between the teachers that I especially like."

There is what the teachers like best about Bovina Independent School District. Probably the members of the faculty have thought of countless beauties since they were questioned that didn't enter their minds on the spur of the moment. But the more apparent beauties have been brought to your attention.



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### Teachers—

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been teaching these many years, and have never eaten better food in a school cafeteria than we eat here."

Hazel Rigdon, fourth grade teacher, expressed her liking of the children more than any other thing. But she went on to add, "I like the way the teachers cooperate and the support we get from our administration."



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