



THE RANGER TIMES

37TH YEAR

RANGER, TEXAS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1956

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DAY'S END—The good old Army combat helmet is still a dependable wash basin for soldiers maneuvering in the field. Here Private First Class Jesse W. Reid Jr., of Manassas, Va., removes the crime of the day while Specialist Second Class William E. French of Grapevine, Tex., gives an assist. Both are members of the 601st Field Artillery Missile Battalion, Fort Bliss, Tex.

Ranger Slips - Fewer Babies Born In '55

Contrary to the national birth rate, there were fewer new babies born in Ranger in 1955 than there were in 1954. Only 164 babies were born in 1955 while in 1954, a bumper year, 136 were born. Figures on the statistics come from the birth files at Ranger City Hall. There were undoubtedly other Ranger couples who helped boost the city's population. But their babies' birth records are in other cities. First baby born in 1955 was a Christi Lynn Carr, daughter of M. and Mrs. S. E. Carr of Ranger. Ranger's birth rate was not keeping with that over the nation which has been on a high plateau since war years. Now the plateau is rising. New babies this past year totaled more than four million. All signs are that the high rate will continue through the coming year. Statistics show that young women are having more babies, more than their mothers had. Age group 25-39 has already had more babies as those age 45-49, and the younger women still have a lot of time in which to go further. The baby boom is now in its 15th year. It started in 1946, just before the war, after slipping sharply during the depression 39's. Main reason for the baby boom, according to analysts, is prosperity. Pallbearers were William A. Lewis, Robert W. Bundick, J. S. McDowell, Leslie H. Hagaman, V. V. Cooper and Lloyd L. Bruce. Mrs. Hodges was born at Temple, Texas and had lived in Ranger since 1918. Mrs. Hodges was a very active member of the First Baptist Church. She was also an active member of the Child Welfare Association and was a member and past president of the 1920 Club. Mrs. Hodges is survived by her husband, Dr. Bob Hodges, two sons, Ross Hodges of Garden City; Dr. Dick Hodges, Ranger; two brothers, Prentice Bristow and Ed Bristow, both of San Antonio; one sister, Mrs. Alvin Strange, San Antonio and five grandchildren.

Services For Mrs. Bob Hodges Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church for Mrs. Bob Hodges who died Tuesday morning in a Ranger hospital. Rev. Ralph Perkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church and Rev. George Thomas of Breckenridge, officiated at the services. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. Killingsworth Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Holiday Time Again! Then School, Work

Most city, county and federal offices and many businesses will be closed Monday as Ranger joins the remainder of the nation in observance of New Year's Day. The holiday will serve as a cue signaling the opening of public schools and Ranger Junior College here again Tuesday. The Post Office will be closed all day and no mail deliveries will be made. Ranger's Retail Merchants Association has announced that New Year's Day is one of the cities holidays as approved by the members of the organization and that most businesses would be closed.

Olden Baptist Church To Hold Round-up Sun.

The Baptist Church at Olden will observe Sunday, Jan. 1, as Membership Round-Up Day, in services at the church. The Rev. Lee Fields, pastor, will deliver the sermons both morning and night. A cordial invitation to all interested, to attend, and an urgent invitation to all members of the church were extended. "It is our hope," said a church leader, "that every member of the Olden Baptist Church who finds it at all possible to attend will be present."

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Weather Reports

Fair and slightly warmer Saturday and Sunday. High Saturday 55. Low Saturday night 35. High Sunday 60. Fair and slightly warmer Saturday and Sunday. High Saturday 55. Low Saturday night 35. High Sunday 60.

BUY'S NASHUA — Leslie B. Combs II, above, heads the combine which has purchased fabulous Nashua, "horse of the year," for \$1,251,200. Combs owns Spendthrift Farms, famed bluegrass breeding establishment near Lexington, Ky.

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New Year's Celebration To Be Relatively Quiet

Sunday Menu: Blackeyed Peas And Hog Jowl

There may not be anything to it, but if the old story about black-eyed peas bringing good luck if eaten on New Year's Day is true, Rangerites should have a boom year. For a check of local food stores revealed a great boom on cowpeas (just another name for 'em) here. Store managers reported the sale of peas started early this week and was climaxed Saturday by a big rush to get can and/or packages. Eating of black-eyed peas cooked with salt hog jowl on New Year's Day carries with it the legend that the custom associates itself with luck. Its observance is more universal in Southern states, but has now moved into practically all states. According to grocers and other experts on the subject, any kind of black-eyed peas are satisfactory for the observance of the custom, but the truest interpretation calls for cooking dried peas with hog jowl. Believe what you want to about it... if you forget to buy some peas, several local cafes have them featured on their New Year's menu.

Final Rites Set Saturday For Ranger Woman

Mrs. Nora Vinson, 76, died here Friday morning in a local hospital. She was born Aug. 20, 1879 in Walker County and had lived in and around Ranger since 1916. Her husband, James P. Vinson, preceded her in death in 1926. Mrs. Vinson was a member of the Church of Nazarene. She is survived by a son, Claude Vinson, Maljamar, N. M.; three step sons, Jim Vinson, Strawn, Perry Vinson and Will Vinson, both of Ranger; three brothers, John Ivy and Richard Ivy, both of Ranger; Bob Ivy of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Green and Fannie Ivy, both of Macon, Ga.; 16 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel with Rev. B. L. Hagar, Church of Nazarene pastor, officiating. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery. Killingsworth Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



'TEN-SHUN!'—How the well-trained Army dog reacts to command is demonstrated by this German Shepherd at the Army Dog Training Center, Fort Carson, Colo. That's a two-by-four he's sitting on. His handler is Private First Class Jerry E. Coppus of Lake Odessa, Mich., who trained him for sentry duty.

Vacation End In Sight

With the exception of special Church services and a few social gatherings, the celebrations of the New Year in Ranger is to be relatively quiet, evidently. Only the usual fireworks are expected to add to the color of the beginning of the New Year. Monday will be second "closed" weekend for the business houses here as scheduled by the Retail Merchants Association early in the year. With no other particular observation set up for the day itself, it is expected to be a quiet, restful time, welcomed by many who have been through the Christmas "rush." Several churches in the area have arranged special services and programs as Watch Night occasions, Saturday evening. Having company or being company is the case with numerous households in the New Year season, as it was at Christmas time. Prosiding graphic evidence of that fact is the heavy traffic of passenger cars which continues. And the younger sets are still enjoying a Christmas - New Year vacation period, which ends with their return to school next Tuesday morning. As usual, the superstitious will have their black-eyed peas - New Year's Day, for luck—the good kind.

Annual County March Of Dimes Drive Opens Here Tuesday

The annual March of Dimes drive, which has in the past few years contributed so greatly in reducing the terrible toll of paralytic polio, will open in Eastland County Tuesday, Mrs. J. A. Bates, county chairman, who will assist in supervising city campaigns, has announced. Mrs. Bates said that various chairman here would be appointed Tuesday. Jess Cole, who again serves as county chairman, the director of the entire Eastland County project, anticipates another overwhelming year. Many of the same events, as auctions, that were so effective last year will be employed in the 1956 campaign. Proclaiming the opening of the new drive, Cole said, "Thanks to the dimes a and dollars donated, medical science has won a great victory over polio. We have a polio vaccine now—a safe and effective vaccine—and it is already protecting millions of children. We can foresee the day when that protection will extend to all. And yet—this year—the March of Dimes is asking for \$47,000,000 to continue the fight against polio. You are entitled to ask why."

Now that medical science has worked its wonders, why should Americans go on giving to support this cause? "The answer is that polio is not licked yet. Science has won a battle—not a war—and there's still much to be done before we have finished the fight." There were 30,000 victims last year, despite the vaccine, and the casualty rolls will be swollen this year by many thousands more. Some 68,000 polio patients now depend on the March of Dimes for aid. These persons need more than an inoculation. They need mechanical substitutes for arms and legs and lungs. They need lots of help in paying medical bills which pile up month after month. Many of these patients are respirator cases. Help for them means quite literally a chance to breathe—a chance to live. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis works at this job through 14 regional respirator centers supported by March of Dimes contributions. At these centers there are patients who have only one-sixth or one-seventh of the normal capacity to breathe. Doctors keep them alive through the use of ingenious mechanical aids. Some patients keep themselves alive through a process called frog breathing. They gulp air—then force it down with the tongue, in compensation for lung muscles which no longer work. The knowledge gained at respirator centers is used to help hundreds of iron lung cases in hospitals all over the country. To stop this program would be like pulling the electric plug on an iron lung. The National Foundation also seeks basic new knowledge on polio's cause, prevention and cure. The Salk vaccine is one fruit of (Continued on Page Four)

SPiritual SYNOPSIS

By Thomas F. Shropshire Minister, Church of Christ A WORTHWHILE GOAL FOR '56

Most of us are interested in getting ahead in a material way and much of our thinking is along this line. While we are entering upon a new year, our thoughts are especially centered around plans for the year and our goals and aspirations are fixed for the year ahead. We have been so constituted that we naturally think of our material welfare. This is a part of our nature. But to make our material advancement the primary goal for the year is contrary to what the God who created us expects of us.

In making a comparison of these things, that is, the material of the spiritual, Jesus said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. In dealing with these things, we must deal with two things—the natural and the spiritual. We will find in the study of two laws that they are very similar in many respects and very different in some ways. Since the natural law was designed to govern material things, it operates with each of us from birth.

This may be seen in an infant as it struggles for life. The spiritual law was designed to govern spiritual things and appeals to our intellect. The Lord did not need to tell us to try to live physically apart from because his natural law was placed within us and was operative from birth. The spiritual law is one which is taught by the Lord and is one which we must learn in order to be governed by it. If we would naturally seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, why did the Lord see fit to tell us in his word to do it?

We are interested in knowing why the Lord tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. And we can know this when we learn what the Lord teaches about the difference in the importance between the natural and the spiritual. The natural has to do only with the things of this life and cease being important to us when our natural life is over. But the spiritual has to do with our eternal destiny. That is why the spiritual is of so much greater importance to us.

To seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, is to consider as of primary importance the things which concern the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God. In doing this, it becomes necessary for us to study a new law from God's word which he has revealed to us concerning these things. Jesus came to the earth to establish his Kingdom and provide thereby a way for us to be saved or live eternally.

After he had made the preparation for the establishment of his Kingdom by his life, his death, his burial and his resurrection and upon a resurrection was given all authority in heaven and on earth, he then ascended to the right hand of God, established his spiritual Kingdom over which he has reigned and will continue to reign until the end of time.

The Old Testament contains the events and prophecies leading up to the coming of Christ and the (Continued on Page Four)

Tax Declaration Deadline Listed As January 16

Taxpayers making quarterly installment payments on individual estimated income tax have until Jan. 16 to amend a prior declaration of estimated tax return to avoid possible penalties for under-estimation. Howard O. Nichols, administrative officer in charge of the Revenue Service office at Abilene, said Jan. 16 also is the deadline for paying the final installment on 1955 estimated tax.

Boatman Well In County To Be Cored Soon

Drilling in the Kendall and Smith Boatman Estate No. 1, three and one-half miles south of Rising Star, was being watched with considerable interest this week. The well was drilling at somewhat deeper than 2,400 feet and preparations were being made to core. Contract depth is 3,000 feet in a test of the Marble Falls formation in an area where both gas and oil were found in earlier operations. Location is 733 feet south of a gas well still producing, and 600 feet from a flowing oil well which produced between 1942 and 1947. Drilling was started about December 20.

Meanwhile, northwest of the old Hilburn field about 4 1/2 miles, the John Chamberlain Albert Hansen No. 1 has found oil production in Caddo at a total depth of 2,814 feet. Production of approximately 60 barrels per day has been registered in an area where a number of good gas wells has been drilled. Location is in Section 13 of the Abraham Winfrey survey, about 5 and one-half miles south by west of Nimrod.

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1955 Activities Bring Prosperous Outlook

How many can you recall? Jan. 4—Dick Henderson resigned as head coach at Ranger Junior College. Jan. 6—A joint celebration on the completion of the newly constructed bridge spanning Lake Leon was tentatively scheduled to occur Thursday, Feb. 17 in a meeting of the highway committees of the Ranger and Eastland Chamber of Commerce. Jan. 9—State Highway Patrol officers put a radar unit to work on U. S. Highway 80, the first time the device had been used here. Jan. 14—Harold Barrett, a Ranger Junior College and Hardin-Simmons University graduate, was named assistant coach at Ranger High School. Jan. 18—Stan Burnham, coach at Mineral Wells, was named to fill the vacancy at Ranger Junior College created by the resignation of Dick Henderson. Jan. 20—The Oil Workers International Union, an affiliate of the C.I.O., completed negotiations for a five percent wage increase for all employees of the Lone Star Producing Co. and the Lone Star Gas Co. Jan. 31—The Ranger Farm

Store, a combination of two of the cities former businesses was opened here by John Tibbels. Feb. 6—Marshall Formby, member of the State Highway Commission, was chosen to be principal speaker at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Staff bridge. Feb. 15—Seven-year-old Kimberly Ann Hailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hailey of Staff cut a white ribbon across the new Lake Leon bridge, formally opening the 3172,568 road to Staff. Feb. 17—The Lone Star Gas Co. announced the purchase of the interests of Community Public Service in Ranger and Olden. Feb. 27—A movement to re-activate the teen canteen project was recognized. March 1—A new agriculture work shop was opened at Ranger Junior College. It was the first such shop in the history of the school. March 17—Rev. Calvin Bailey of Abingdon, Va., was named to fill the pulpit of the Second Baptist Church here. April 5—Plans for a new \$65,000 armory building for the Ranger National Guard were revealed here. A. H. Williams, Owen Bray and

H. M. Bagwell were elected to city commission seats during the city election here. A runoff election was set for the mayor and fire and police commissioner seats. April 12—Health officers here began making plans for mass polio inoculations after the success of the polio vaccine was heralded. April 19—Lee Dockery was elected mayor and Jim Ingram, fire and police commissioner, are the city's runoff elections. April 24—The host Ranger American Legion post wound up its ceremonies for the District 17 convention here. May 17—Dr. A. W. Brazila was appointed city health officer by the city commission. May 18—A torrential downpour flooded Eastland County with more than 10 inches of rain in some sections and lacked only five feet in filling Lake Leon. May 21—Thousands gathered here to see one of the largest Armed Forces Day parades ever staged in Ranger. May 22—Jimmy Phillips, a Ranger resident for 25 years before moving away, won the 26th Annual Ranger Invitation Golf Tournament sponsored by the Ranger City Country Club. July 28—The city began taking its first water supply from Lake Leon. July 28—J. Floyd Killingsworth announced the purchase of the Morris Funeral Home. Aug. 10—A giant western parade here signalled the opening of the 10th Annual Ranger Rodeo with championship stock and produced by George E. Colborn, producer of the Madison Square Garden Show and many of the nation's top rodeos each year. Aug. 25—Dr. Price Ashton, president of Ranger Junior College, announced that construction of a new boys' dormitory would soon begin. Sept. 3—Thousands of visitors poured over Lake Leon as the new water reservoir was officially opened with a two day celebration. Nov. 1—W. F. Creager, Dr. W. P. Watkins, and R. V. Galloway were elected president, vice-president and manager of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce respectively. Nov. 3—De. L. D. Haske, University of Texas vice-president, was main speaker for the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

Nov. 9—C. B. Pruet outlined the plans for a "Greater Ranger" edition of the Times before 140 persons at a luncheon in the basement of the First Baptist Church. Nov. 18—The Ranger Bulldogs pulverized the Eastland Mavericks 28-0 to sew up the District 7A flag race and gain the right to meet Albany in the bi-district playoff. Nov. 25—The Ranger Bulldogs smothered the Albany Lions 20-0 in a Thanksgiving Day bi-district tilt here. Nov. 26—Burglars took an undisclosed amount of narcotics and \$100 in cash from Swaney's Pharmacy in the years most successful and lucrative robbery in the city. Dec. 3—Trailing nearly the entire contest, the Ranger Bulldogs scored in the last 18 seconds on a 21-yard pass to oust the McCamey Badgers from the state playoffs in a regional contest here. Dec. 10—The Ranger Bulldogs bowed out of the state football race, 27-19, to the Stinnett Badgers at Childress. Dec. 19—With more than 40 pages the "Greater Ranger" edition of the Ranger Times was published (Continued on Page 2)

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To the many friends and relatives of Mrs. Myrtle Cook Bailey. The children of Mrs. Myrtle Cook Bailey wish to express their deep appreciation and gratitude for the thoughtfulness and kindness of her many friends and relatives during her recent illness and passing. We would also like to thank you for the beautiful flowers and those of you who were so kind to bring such delicious food to us.

Odell W. Bailey
Lloyd M. Bailey
Velma Bailey Stroud
Norman W. Bailey.

SPEND HOLIDAYS WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williamson of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Williamson of Wichita Falls spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson.

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Tuesday - Wednesday
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3:45—East-West Football	2:30—Zoo Parade	2:00—Christopher Program
6:30—Justice	3:00—Wide Wide World	3:00—Wide Wide World
7:00—Top Plays	4:30—Sunday Devotions	4:30—Sunday Devotions
7:30—Dragnet	5:00—Meet the Press	5:00—Meet the Press
8:00—Texas Wrestling	5:30—TBA	5:30—TBA
9:00—George Gobel	6:00—People Are Funny	6:00—People Are Funny
9:30—Hit Parade	6:30—My Hero	6:30—My Hero
10:00—Late Report	7:00—Comedy Hour	7:00—Comedy Hour
10:15—TV Weatherfacts	8:00—Break The Bank	8:00—Break The Bank
10:20—Movie Time	8:30—Years News in Review	8:30—Years News in Review
SUNDAY, JAN. 1	9:00—Loretta Young	9:00—Loretta Young
12:54—Sign On	9:30—Toast of the Town	9:30—Toast of the Town
12:55—This is The Life	10:30—Late Report	10:30—Late Report
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1:15—Blue-Gray Football Game	11:00—Church Services	11:00—Church Services
4:00—Saturday Matinee	12:00—Industry on Parade	12:00—Industry on Parade
6:00—Stories of the Century	12:15—Cartoon Capers	12:15—Cartoon Capers
6:30—Overseas Adventure	12:30—Hopalong Cassidy	12:30—Hopalong Cassidy
7:00—Perry Como Show	1:30—Christian Questions	1:30—Christian Questions
8:00—People are Funny	2:00—Movie Marquee	2:00—Movie Marquee
8:30—Texaco Star Theater	3:00—Wide, Wide World	3:00—Wide, Wide World
9:00—George Gobel Show	4:30—Capt. Gallant	4:30—Capt. Gallant
9:30—Your Hit Parade	5:00—Meet the Press	5:00—Meet the Press
10:00—Telephone Spotlight	5:30—Ray Rogers Show	5:30—Ray Rogers Show
10:15—Weather Telefacts	6:00—You Asked for it	6:00—You Asked for it
10:25—News Final	6:30—Famous Film Festival	6:30—Famous Film Festival
10:30—Les Paul & Mary Ford	8:00—Chance of a Lifetime	8:00—Chance of a Lifetime
10:35—Swink Football	8:30—Ted Mack's Show	8:30—Ted Mack's Show
10:55—New Years Eve	9:00—Loretta Young Show	9:00—Loretta Young Show
11:10—Movie Marquee	9:30—Justice	9:30—Justice
12:00—Midnight Movie	10:00—Texas News	10:00—Texas News
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Clark Gable and Susan Hayward rendezvous high on a hillside above the seething metropolis of today's Hong Kong to plot a desperate plan to go behind the bamboo curtain — and return, in this scene from Twentieth Century-Fox's action-packed drama, "Soldier of Fortune," which opens Sunday at the Ranger Drive-In Theatre. Filmed in-Hong Kong in CinemaScope and in De Luxe color, the feature also stars Michael Rennie and Gene Barry.

1-C Gunner Rate Won By Countian Serving Abroad

Pvt. William R. Agnew, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Agnew, 702 E. Ninth St., Cisco, recently qualified as first class gunner in firing 76 mm. tank weapons in Germany, according to word from Bamberg.

Private Agnew, a driver in the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment's Company D, entered the Army in January 1955 and received basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He arrived in Europe in August.

Agnew attended Cisco High School. He is a former employee of the W. R. Watson Drilling Co.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith of Borger are visiting Mrs. Mae Carr and friends here during the holidays.

SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen and children of Weatherford spent Christmas with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lummus.

SPENT CHRISTMAS IN OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swink spent Christmas in Swink, Oklahoma, visiting Mr. Swink's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Swink.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Barbara Flowers of Abilene is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Flowers.

VISITING PARENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith and Kristi Jean of Corpus Christi are spending the holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bruce.

VISITING MOTHER AND SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fuller and Mike of Anniston, Alabama are visiting Mr. Fuller's mother, Mrs. T. J. Fuller and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Warford.

RETURNED TO LUBBOCK

Mrs. Peggy Blanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Russell has returned to Lubbock. Mrs. Blanton plans to attend the Sue Bowl game in El Paso, January 2.

HOME FROM EUROPE

Lt. and Mrs. William E. Lummus are home after a 16 month tour of duty in Europe. Lt. Lummus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lummus.

RETURNED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White have returned from Austin, where they spent Christmas.

RETURNED HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carroll have returned from Houston, where they spent Christmas with their daughter.

GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Frank Weekes had as her guests Christmas her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Jankowiak and Joe of Midland, and her son Buck Weekes of Midland.

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Nazarene Church Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule for the Church of the Nazarene, as announced by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Hagar, is as follows: Sunday

School, 10 a.m.; J. I. Jones, superintendent; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; NYPS, 7:15 p.m.; and Evening Worship, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 each Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. It is scarcely a pork dish where apples are not pertinent.

First Baptist Announcements

Rev. Perkins begins a series of sermons on the theme, "This I Believe," Sunday morning at 11, the theme will be, "This I Believe, The Bible is the Holy Word of God."

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with each department assembling for their worship before going to their classes to study God's Holy Word. At 10:55 the morning worship begins. The choir will furnish the special music.

Training Union begins at 6:30 p.m. with the age groups meeting in the same place as on the morning for Sunday school.

The pastor will bring the message at 7:30 on, "This I Believe, The Trinity - God the Father - God the Son - and God the Holy Ghost."

Bring your Bibles and enjoy the scriptural interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. Man has no right to change, pervert or molest the writings of the "Holy Spirit" as is related to the prophets of old.

A wonderful New Years Resolution would be for each person to "Resolve, God being his helper, to live the kind of Christian life that God will accept on the judgment day."

The Bible does not teach that man can live like the devil on earth and then find a spiritual home in "Glory." Man merely saying, "I am ready to meet God doesn't necessarily make it true." Man is ready to meet God when man meets God's standards and follows His Son who died on the cross. "Oh! Man where is thy god?"

There is a welcome for all Baptists without a church home are invited to come worship with us, and become part of the program here.

Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Study club for the high school students Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Study club for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Religion class for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

Church of God Services Set

The following is the weekly schedule of services for the Church of God, Strawn Road and First St. as announced by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Starks.

Sunday School 10 a.m.; Morning Services, 11 a.m.; Evening Evangelistic, 7 p.m.; Y.P.E., 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone that helped in any way on my nice chair and other gifts, also for the food, and other things that has been done for us since my illness. May God bless each one of you. Thanks again. Mrs. Ruby Wells and Family.

Christian Science

How lasting peace and harmony may be gained through steadfast trust in God's goodness and power will be brought out at Christian Science services Sunday.

The Lesson - Sermon entitled "God" will consist of readings from the King James Version of the Bible and correlative selections from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

Isaiah's promise of peace for those who rely on God is included in the scriptural readings (26:3): "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Also emphasizing the availability of God-given harmony and goodness are correlative passages to be read from Science and Health, including the following (515:22): "All that God imparts moves in according with Him, reflecting goodness and power."

"Bible Week" To Begin, Jan. 2

"The Teachings of Jesus" as recorded in the 5th, 6th and 7th chapters of the Gospel according to Matthew, will furnish the basis for the "Bible Week" beginning Monday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 5, at First Baptist Church.

Classes will begin at 7 p.m. each evening and adjournment will be promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Ralph Perkins will teach the book. There will be one class for all over 15 years of age. This week of intensive study on the Sermon on the Mount, by our Lord Jesus, will be of utmost value in the life of any Christian, it was stated.

An open invitation is extended to everyone who would love to enjoy a week of Bible study. Bring your Bibles and come study with us. The Nursery will be open for the little ones.

Monday night, the first 5 chapters, with "The Upward Way" and "The New Method" being the topics for study. Tuesday night, "The New Mission" and "The New Morality" will be the themes used.

This Bible study is sponsored by the Sunday school department under the leadership of Superintendent Lonnie Stephens, and the Departmental officer and teachers.

Church of Christ Announcements

Services for the week of January 1, 1956 at the Church of Christ, Mesquite and Rusk, Carey B. Looney, minister, are: Sunday: Bible classes 9:45 a.m.; worship 10:45, visiting of shut-ins 4:30 p.m.; Young people's meeting 6:00 p.m.; Evening worship 7:00 p.m.

Monday: Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study 7:30 p.m. Friday: men's training class 7:30 p.m. Saturday: Young people's work and devotional 6:00 p.m.

For information concerning the Church of Christ or to arrange a Bible study period, for counsel concerning a problem or for help of any kind, please call 540 or 158.

Brotherhood of First Baptist To Meet Tuesday

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday night, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. according to President A. W. Wardford. Tuesday was selected because of the holiday. The Brotherhood Council met and selected J. W. Warren as Social Chairman. He will assume his duties Jan. 1.

The theme, "A Greater Ranger-Spiritually" will be carried out during the evening. All the ministers of the city are invited as guests of the local Brotherhood. There is a steady growth and inward feeling that as a citizen of this city there ought to be a "Spiritual Life" that God could honor.

The men have prayed and planned on this type of program for many months. The program will be announced at a later date.

First Methodist Announcements

The first Sunday of the new year 1956 will be observed in the First Methodist Church with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m., January 1. Rev. Bruce Weaver will preach the sermon and the Chancel Choir will sing an anthem entitled "O Clap Your Hands Together."

The evening worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be congregational singing of favorite hymns and special music. Rev. Weaver will preach the sermon.

Sunday School classes for all age and interest groups will begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Visitors are invited to come for worship, study and fellowship.

Church of Christ 225 South Rusk Weekly Schedule

The subjects of the sermons to be delivered by Thomas F. Shropshire, minister of the Church of Christ, 225 South Rusk, this Sunday are: Morning, "Planning for the Future"; and Evening, "A Positive and Negative Gospel."

The weekly schedule of services is: Sunday: Bible Classes 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday: Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m. and Mid-week service 7:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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Former County Resident Dies At San Angelo

Mrs. Downey Simpson, 51, former Cisco resident, died Thursday in a San Angelo hospital following a long illness. Her home was at Ballinger where Mr. Simpson was employed by the Humble Company.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Cora Meglasson, the mother of Dwayne Simpson and the sister of Wilson Meglasson, R. W. Meglasson, Mrs. Albert Morgan and Mrs. Thomas H. Lee, all of Cisco.

Mrs. Simpson was born in Bosque County and moved to Cisco soon after her marriage. For the past few years she had lived at Ballinger.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Ballinger First Methodist Church with the Rev. Wooten, of Cleburne, officiating. The body will be taken to Cisco where graveside rites and burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, probably at 3 p.m. Friday.

Survivors are her husband of Ballinger; her mother of Cisco; two sons, Dwayne of Cisco and Weldon of Santa Anna; four daughters, Misses Louise Simpson and Nettie Simpson of Houston and Mrs. Joe Minshew and Mrs. Hank Ohlen of Fort Worth.

Also five brothers, Wilson and T. W. Meglasson of Cisco, George Meglasson of Houston and Ed and Tom Meglasson of Waco and five sisters, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Lee of Cisco, Mrs. Sheldon Tomlinson of Coleman, Mrs. Ed-

ward Clark of Winlow, Ariz., Annie. Also Mrs. V. V. Burns of San Angelo.

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Royal Neighbors To Meet Jan. 2

The Royal Neighbors Lodge will meet Monday night, Jan. 2, at 8:30, for their regular meeting. Anyone is requested to be present, as important business will be transacted.

TIMES PERSONAL HOLIDAY GUESTS

Guests in the home of Mrs. T. W. Chambers and her father during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chambers and Burl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewell and Dianna, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neeley, all of Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Freudiger, Marsha and Donna, of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neeley, Howard and Claud, of Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neeley, Jackie, Teddie, and Peggy, of Ranger; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Stephens and Edward Lee of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Purner, Jimmy and Keith of Colorado, and Mrs. Addie Harris of Ranger.

RETURNS FROM ABILENE

Mrs. L. E. Wolfe has returned from Abilene where she spent the holidays with Mrs. E. L. Rogers and family.

Woman's World

society, clubs, churches

Miss Betty Reuwer Honored With Pre-Nuptial Coffee

Miss Betty Reuwer was complimented with a pre-nuptial coffee in the home of Mrs. T. J. Anderson, Thursday, December 29 from 10 until 11:30 a.m.

The hostesses for the occasion were Misses W. A. Lewis, Frank Deaton, R. V. Robinson, Gorman

SPENDING HOLIDAYS HERE WITH PARENTS

Ralph Cooper, student at Texas Technological College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cooper.

GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Langston had as their guests Christmas their son, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Langston, Jr. of Abilene.

Morton, O. F. Sides and Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson, Miss Betty Reuwer and Mrs. W. A. Reuwer were in the receiving line.

The living room was decorated with seasonal decorations, a small blue Christmas tree was on a table in one corner of the room, with the mantle having a Christmas scene upon it.

Mrs. Robert Mahaffey presided at the registry table, where 65 guests were registered in a lovely white bride's book.

The dining table was laid with a white cut-work cloth and centered with an arrangement of pink carnations and fern, sprayed silver, in a silver container.

Dainty round cream cheese sandwiches, topped with pink cheese roses and tiny sugar coated cookies were served from the table. Miss Carolyn Fruet poured coffee from a silver coffee service.

The hostesses presented a token of honor with a Bates bedspread.

Annual -

(Continued from Page One) this research effort. It's 60 to 90 per cent effective against the three types of polio virus. It would protect about three persons out of four if everyone were vaccinated today, however, there always remains that fourth person for whom the vaccination doesn't "take."

There's one other big reason why the March of Dimes is needed now. It's needed because thousands of skilled medical specialists must still be trained as front line fighters against polio. More than 5,500 such scholarships have been granted since this effort began. In one field alone—the field of physical therapy—the March of Dimes has provided a part or all of the training for one-third of those now qualified.

That kind of program costs a lot of money. It costs hundreds of dollars to buy a single pair of leg braces, thousands of dollars to continue the fight on every front.

Synopsis -

(Continued from Page One) establishment of the kingdom. The New Testament contains the spiritual laws by which the things concerning the kingdom are governed. And the verse of scripture which we quoted is the Lord's admonition to us to consider these spiritual things of primary importance.

Therefore, when you consider the year which lies ahead, place in the number one position, the spiritual things which have to do with your eternal destiny. What if you do come out at the end of 1956 with a few dollars less? You have lost little. Face the year, and each day in the year, not with the thought uppermost in mind as to what material gain can be made in the year, but with the determination in mind to learn and conform to the will of Christ concerning the things of the kingdom of God and his righteousness. This will be a goal worthwhile which will pay off in dividends eternal.

HOSPITAL NEWS



New patients in the West Texas Clinic are: Mrs. Kenneth Mitchell, Strawn; Mr. T. W. Fench, Mingus.

New patients in the Ranger General Hospital are: Mrs. J. R. Tankersley, Eastland, medical; Mr. M. S. Warren, Eastland, medical; David Rosen, Ranger, medical; Mr. Roy Tackett, Ranger, surgical; Charles Frense, Eastland, surgical; Reubin Rodriguez, Cisco, medical.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindness and consideration during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother; for the food and beautiful flowers. Especially we do wish to thank Dr. Brazda and the entire staff of the Ranger General Hospital for their care of her. May God bless each of you.

G. F. Landtroop
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Landtroop
Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Landtroop
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Landtroop
Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Angus.

VISITING IN SAN ANTONIO

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Montgomery and family are spending the holidays in San Antonio.

LOOK WHO'S NEW



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Howe of Dallas have announced the birth of a baby boy, born December 29 in the Methodist Hospital. The baby has been named William Lawrence, after both his grandfathers. He weighed 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces. They also have a girl, named Becky.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Brazda of Ranger. Paternal grandparents are G. L. Howe of Pampa.

SPEND WEEK IN RANGER

Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick has as her guests her grandchildren, Mary Ellen, Margaret, Suzanne and Dorothy Rhoads all of Bastrop.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

John Rush is home from Baylor University for the holidays. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Rush.

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