

Christmas Services At Baptist Church Sunday

MRS. DUCKWORTH IS HONORED AT MINGUS GYM DEDICATION

Distinguished visitors at Mingus Thursday night, December 12, for the formal dedication of the new \$35,000 gymnasium recently completed on the Mingus High School campus...

ADULT CLASS OF HOMEMAKERS TO MODEL NEW DRESSES FRIDAY

Members of the adult class in home-making, conducted two afternoons each week by Mrs. Boyd Greenway, home economics instructor, will model the new dresses, which they have just completed, Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock preceding the Christmas tree in high school auditorium.

TEXAS BLUEJACKETS TO PLAY FOR CHRISTMAS DANCE AT CLUBHOUSE

Dave Foust and his Texas Bluejackets, a 9-piece swing band, will furnish music for the Christmas Dance next Wednesday night, Dec. 25, at the Bluebonnet Country Club. Dancing will start at 9.

Lighting Contest Entrants

The Christmas lighting contest committee of the Chamber of Commerce has released the following list of entries: Hico Confectionery, Barnes & McCullough, News Review, Hoffman's Dept. Store, Willard Leach Service Station, J. R. Bobo and Sim Everitt, the latter two in the residence division.

Weather Report

The following report, submitted by L. L. Hudson, gives conditions locally as reported to the Chronological Service of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture:

The Christmas service to be held at the Baptist Church next Sunday night at 7:30 promises to be interesting and impressive, according to announcement by the pastor.

PUBLIC REQUESTED TO COOPERATE IN CHRISTMAS CHARITIES

Word comes to us that Hico will be on the job this Christmas, as it generally is, toward seeing to it that no home goes without being remembered in a Christmas way.

County's Proposed Bond Issue One Among Many

HICO CAGERS CHALK UP 42-17 WIN OVER GUSTINE TUESDAY NIGHT

The boys basketball team chalked up another victory Tuesday night by drubbing the Gustine team to a score of 42-17 on the court at the local gym.

HOW FAR WILL SANTA CLAUS GO?

Along with other letters to Santa Claus came the one which follows. Original is on file for inspection:

Fears Expressed As To Wisdom of Statewide Moves

Hamilton County voters are not alone in passing on a proposed bond issue this month. A number of other counties have called elections for bonds in varying amounts, similar to that which will be held in this county Nov. 28.

SEVENTH GRADE PRESENTS PROGRAM AT P. T. A. MEETING WEDNESDAY

Under the direction of Principal Robert Jackson and assisted by Mrs. Jackson, the seventh grade students of the Hico Grammar School presented the program for the Parent-Teachers meeting in the High School auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, December 18.

REVIEW CLUB ENTERTAINS HUSBANDS AND GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Hico Review Club entertained their husbands and a few invited guests with a Christmas forty-two party last Thursday evening in the club rooms.

Charged With Slaying

Mrs. Margaret Gray, about 37, was at liberty under \$5,000 bail this week in the fatal shooting last Friday of her husband, Arthur Gray, 28, who was found dead at his home near Cranfill's Gap.

Want Ad Gets Results

Mrs. J. M. Anderson, who lives at 255 Koberlin St., San Angelo, writes:

New Teacher Employed

Miss Freida Rape of Cumby has accepted a position on the faculty of the local high school, and assumed her duties in that capacity last week.

Another Paper Before Christmas

While many Christmas messages appear in this issue of the paper, next week's edition of the News Review will be printed early in order to carry the bulk of these greetings.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



Hico, Tex., Dec. 16, 1940. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a steam shovel, a Lone Ranger gun, and a truck full of candy...

Hico, Texas, Dec. 16, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I think I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a harp, a truck and a Lone Ranger gun...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 16, 1940. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a bedroom suite, a house-cleaning set...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 14, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little girl six years old. I go to school and like it fine. I want you to bring me a stove, cabinet, sink and refrigerator...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 16, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school and like it fine. I want you to bring me a tricycle, truck, ball, a pocketbook and fruits and candy...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 14, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school at Clairette and I am in the second grade. I want you to please bring me a big doll with long hair and sleeping eyes...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 16, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old, and go to school at Oden Chapel. I am in the 4th Grade. I want you to please bring me a pretty doll with nice clothes...

Hico, Tex., Dec. 14, 1940. Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school and like it fine. I want you to bring me a harp, a truck and a Lone Ranger gun...

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Big Future Income Seen This year the lateral road account distributed about \$2,500,000 among the counties. It is not apt to be worth much more to them annually for several years to come. But thereafter, under the plan, obligations about \$3,000,000 are imposed upon the county road district highway fund, which gets annually one fourth the pro-

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SISSER CLIPPINGS

"Better watch out, you better not cry, better not pout, I'm tellin' you why, Santa Claus is a particular old gentleman." Well here goes for another letter to Santa Claus. I have written one every year since I was able to hold a pencil. So far I have not received the things I have asked for. Perhaps I have asked for too much.

Dear darlin', precious, angelic, good natured, kind hearted, jolly, elusive, apple cheek Santy.

I will have to admit I have not been the best type of a student. However I have done my homework. I haven't been tardy a time and was absent only one day. So please bring me, if you have it to spare, one of those little cards of hobby pins, and I will love you so much for your generosity.

Your worshipful admirer,
Priscilla Rodgers

PUSH BUTTON

Everybody is getting the good old Christmas spirit. Even to Joyce's writing Santa Claus for a CLICK mechanic to fix the typewriters that are broke. Jackie says he tired of doing CLICK the drum corps sure did show up the band. At least their lines are CLICK what's this about everybody's saving their nickels to go to the drug store even to Norma. CLICK and Gracie just can't be good, even if it is nearly Christmas. You know better than to peek, don't you CLICK basketball game with Gustine Tuesday night. Martha Faye strutting CLICK Gracie tells us some more about Betty Zane. Even tried to tell us she came last CLICK one week for Christmas holidays. Just what will we do with so much time and CLICK what did you see at Fairy Saturday night, Ikie? Was it an old flame or a new CLICK teachers all seem to be reminding us that it isn't far to mid-term exams. Like we could forget such CLICK new teachers. They really mean for us to get to CLICK Needham, White and McAnally, all juniors, are on the main team of basketball. Even if they don't have such good grades they have some good basketball CLICK don't anybody indulge over the holidays and make yourself sick.

WHAT NOTS

When Noah sailed the ocean blue, He had his troubles same as you, For forty days he drove the ark, Before he found a place to park.

Santy old dear, you are a kind old man
Please hurry and come just as soon as you can
Full well I know that you have a hard task
But I'll call you had names 'less you bring all I ask.

NEW ADDITIONS

The entire high school is glad to welcome the new principal, Mr. Fred Schwarz and the business teacher, Miss Freida Rape. We hope they will enjoy the remainder of the school year with us.

BOYS' SPORTS

"The boys are improving every day by leaps and bounds," says Mr. Levisay and all others concerned. Thursday and Friday night will be the beginning of a big tournament in our gym. The drum corps will furnish entertainment between halves. Mr. Levisay, who is coaching the boys, knows that they will have no trouble winning the games if they will put themselves into it. However it takes practice.

HOME EC. UNIT III NEWS

We have finished our slips and started our dresses which we hope will be successful. Maybe we'll have a style show someday soon. Don't be too sure; we just said "maybe."

Most of us are doing nicely on our home projects. They will soon be ready to grade.

We are planning an exhibit shortly after mid-term which will include our slips, dresses (?), home made toys, home projects, etc. We'd like to have some visitors; so when we set the date, all you folks come a-trottin'.

HOME EC. II

Well, it is getting closer to Christmas every day. Thursday we plan to make Christmas candy and Friday we are going to wrap it. We are going to give this to a friend. Ruby says she hopes she doesn't have to send hers to San Antonio; she had just rather save the postage and give it to him here.

Our meals are coming right along. Although we don't have as much money to spend as we'd like to have, we find we come out pretty good.

HOME EC. UNIT II NEWS

Our dresses are well under way.

Most of us have ours cut out. We have found that the way we lay our patterns means a great deal. We certainly lose pins and have to pick them up.

We often wonder why Hazel and Bernice spilled their pins. Of course they couldn't have been angry. Or could they?

One of our members was running around with the sleeve of her pattern the other day and wondering what "this thing is." We won't tell her name because we wouldn't want to embarrass her.

We hope to have our dresses basted before the Christmas holidays.

Joyce Latham: "I live in the dim, dim past."
Betty Jo: "Why is it dim?"
Joyce: "Well, I got my past in dim places."

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Hico, Texas
Dec. 17, 1940

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl, I am 14 years young, I am a very good little girl, I am sure my teachers will tell you so. I sure hope that you will come to see me Christmas night. Please don't let any of your reindeer get away from you. And most of all, don't get any soot on you when you come down the chimney.

Here's what I want for Christmas: a gun, a cowboy suit, a rope to rope steers with and a pair of boots. I guess if you can bring me a horse, I don't want a doll; just leave it with Jackie W. I am sure he would like it very much. Most of all bring me a "Bible." Please I will always be thinking of you at Christmas time.
Mary Sue Langston
P. S. I want a football. Don't punch it with your claws.

Dear Santy,
I have been a very good little girl and have gone to bed early all year. I have learned all my poetry from "A" to "Z." So Santy, please bring me the following: A lady doll and English grade, plenty of time to sit and dream and just anything else you have to give me.
I remain your behaved girl,
Ruth Lowe

Dear Santa Claus,
If you really do exist, please bring me just one hour a day to be used in any way I choose.
Hopefully yours,
Louise Bryan Angell

Hico, Texas
Dec. 17, 1940

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 14 years old. I am in the ninth grade. For Christmas I want, for one thing, a good grade in history next six weeks, and I want a ring, a pair of cowboy boots, a dresser set, a coat and I guess that is all. Be sure and don't forget that good history grade. Please bring plenty of fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget me.
Your little friend,
Hazel Higginbotham

Hico, Texas
Dec. 17, 1940

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little freckle faced boy, 12 years old. I go to school, but well you see, Santa, there are a few teachers who are rather grumpy, so you can hardly blame me for not liking it so much. Or can you?
Hico, Texas
Dec. 17, 1940

I would like it very much if you could bring me a jumping jack, a teddy bear (one that won't bite), a little wagon so's I can take Blondie a-coasting down the hill. Oh, yeah, I want an all day sucker and nuts and candy.

Please don't get hung coming down my chimney. It's sort of small and it's quite a fall to the bottom.

Your little friend,
Pallie Wallie Whitte

Mrs. Angell: "Ima, explain to the class what a hypocrite is."
Ima Norton: "A hypocrite is a kid what comes to school with a smile on his face."

SENIOR NEWS
We are all in a stir about our new home room teacher and our new principal. We can only hope they are pleased with us as well as our work.

In our English class we wonder how everyone can get so much out of the lesson when everything else is going on. For example, eating, filing fingernails, working on P. G. and looking out the windows. However we all know what the teacher is talking about.

When Miss Rape asked why we study bookkeeping most of the answers were different from what she expected.

Mamye Jones: "I can't decide whether I ought to be mad at Wayne or not."
Mary D.: "How so?"
Mamye: "He sent me a post card from San Antonio that said: 'This is the rack from which the ancient Americans used to hurl people they didn't like. Wish you were here.'"

Golden: "I want to marry four times, once to a millionaire, an actor, a preacher and an undertaker—and in that order."
Nell: "Why so?"
Golden: "One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go."

JUNIOR NEWS
Well, Monday was begun with new spirits by all the juniors. For three reasons: one because of our new principal, another because of our new typing teacher, and last, but not least, because Friday will begin the Christmas holidays.

Nell: "Why so?"
Golden: "One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go."

The juniors had a theatre party Friday night. It was enjoyed by all who went.

Joyce and Betty Jo, as usual, went to Fairy Saturday night. To skate, of course.

The scenery between Hico and Stephenville and between Dublin and Stephenville was beautiful Sunday. Everything was covered with ice. Of course, Dewayne and Charlie Faye were unable to see it. The rest of the bunch told them about it though. W. J., do you like to fix flats? Or is it too cold to do that?

For Christmas the juniors all want good English grades and some book reports that count six points each.

This week we are interviewing Thurman Bradfute. Thurman is one of the very popular juniors. He is liked by all, including the girls. He is a tall brunette with black hair and hazel eyes. He is better known as "kinky". His favorite dish is fried chicken. And favorite song is "New San Antonio Rose." His favorite course is V. A. His favorite sport is football. Not knowing who his favorite girl is, but I'll give you a hint. She might be a senior.

All the juniors are busy writing to Santa Claus. Looking forward to seeing him we remain, the ever faithful juniors.

SOPHOMORE NEWS
We all seem to have frost-bitten toes. Everyone comes in with red noses.

Now you are going to be introduced to Roy Thompson. Roy is 15 years old, dark blond. He came here from Clifton and likes to eat

chicken. His favorite song is "Scatterbrain." Of all his subjects he likes Vocational agriculture best.

We like our new principal and history teacher. Hope he likes us. The Christmas spirit is certainly in the air. Everyone is buzzing around wondering what they can get for some friend or relative. Of course all of us are wondering what Santa is going to bring us.

We would be certainly disappointed if someone failed to give us a present because they didn't know what we wanted. To prevent this we'll tell of the things some of us want.

Mary Joyce wants a watch.
Jo Evelyn wants a snare drum.
Hazel wants a ring.
Edna wants a watch.
Mary Nell wants a doll.
Evelyn wants a box of snuff and a brush.

Bernice wants a boy friend.
Wilma wants a bottle of ink for Raymond.
Joyce Gandy wants some English books like they have at Camp Joy. (Would it help your English at school?)
Mary Sue wants a Bible and a sweetheart.

Sorry we can't tell you what the boys want, but they've gone to a show.

FRESHMAN NEWS
We were sorry to lose our class sponsor, Mrs. Grimland. Last Wednesday we gave her a farewell party at the home of Betty Carlton.

We are glad to welcome our new general business teacher and principal, Mr. Schwarz. We can't talk as much because of the way our seats were arranged alphabetically, but we guess it's best anyway.

We have drawn names for Christmas and are looking forward to that day with great anticipation. We also like the holidays around Christmas.

SEVENTH GRADE
The seventh grade Physical Education classes participated in the program Friday night. We were pleased to note so many mothers and fathers present.

We have been decorating our room for Christmas the past

week. We would be glad to have any visitors who would like to see our room.

If you don't believe the seventh graders are mathematicians, listen to this:
Wayne B.: If a dog starts after a cat, what's his interest?
Don G.: One purr scent.

SIXTH GRADE NEWS
Bobbie Jo Tidwell went to Stephenville Friday and to Fairy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Needham and family visited W. J. Newton Sunday. Joan Houston went to see Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Messengale and family Sunday.

Hollie Dean Holder brought us a Christmas tree and we are proud of it.
Joan Houston is in the drum corps and looked very pretty in her uniform Friday night.

These pupils made a hundred in spelling: Raymond Lane, Clayton Loyd Reberson, Joan Houston, Billy Howerton and Wade Jones.

Nelson Ables spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Driver.

We were very proud of our class members when they performed so well in the drum corps Friday night. They are Bertha Jean Connally, Dolores Roberson, Maidee Ash, Patsy Ruth Meador, Richard Barnette, J. W. Connally and Donald Ray Davis.

Bertha Jean Connally went to Clairette Sunday.
Charles Grimland of Brownwood, Texas, spent the day with Donald Ray Davis.

Mrs. Ira Johnson visited her niece, Bobbie Jean Newton, Sunday.
Charles Golightly took another shot of typhoid fever vaccine.

Glenna Maude Russell was ill during the week end.

SECOND GRADE
Wanda Jean Carpenter's daddy, who works in Brownwood, visited her this week end.
Mrs. Carroll McLendon, Minnie

Louise Barnett's aunt, spent Sunday with her.
Loren Hatley's grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hatley, spent Sunday with him.


We have quite a few absentees because of the bad weather.

The following pupils made 100 in spelling last week: Doyle Jones, Valma Norrod, Wanda Jean Carpenter, Barbara Rodgers, Glenn Ray Ross, Max Roberts, Betty Jo Hicks, Fred Ray Noland, Don Doby and Marie Pruitt.

FIRST GRADE
Dean Barnett visited his grandfather Barnett Sunday.
Eugene Barnett's Grandfather Adams came to see him Sunday.

Peggy Jean Chaney was absent Friday because she was ill.
We had a party in our room Friday afternoon. For refreshments we had hot chocolate and cookies.

We are sorry that Charles Grimland has moved to Brownwood. Earl Cotten Jr., went to Sunday School Sunday.



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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoffner, en route to California from Ohio to visit his brother, Elmer, and wife, stopped by here for a few days this week and visited Mrs. Scates.

Mr. Dudley Davis of Levelland is visiting his brother, Bill Davis, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris went to Dallas Thursday and brought their daughter, Georgella, home. She is getting along fine and was at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Conley, this week end.

John L. Tidwell and Bryan Smith were in Waco Wednesday.

The merchants here have the Christmas spirit. They have their windows decorated and the streets are also decorated, which is pretty.

Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Tidwell of De Leon visited his parents here Thursday.

Mrs. Hugh Harris, Mrs. Lola Triunfer of San Antonio and Willard Myers of Austin went to Vernon Friday. Their sister, Mrs. Joe Fouts, is very ill. They returned Sunday and she is some better.

Mrs. Hortense Prater spent the week end in Hico with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades. She keeps house for Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell.

Mrs. J. M. Blue visited her nephew, J. D. Nix, this week. He is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lumberg at Noshem. He was operated on at Waco two weeks ago.

Mrs. John Tidwell and Mrs. Bryan Smith were in Waco last Thursday.

Mrs. Dora Chambers and Mrs. Deborah of Yoakum and Mrs. Sally Kirby of San Marcos visited Mr. and Mrs. Laswell and Mr. and Mrs. Dearing this week.

Harris Tidwell, Guy Frank Main and Jewell Ramage, who are in A. & M. College at College Station, came in Saturday as the flu had broken out there. Jewell stopped in Waco to spend the week end. Eleanor Faye Perkins spent Friday night with Faye Hensley. Misses Mary and Joe Heyroth attended the funeral of their grandfather, Mr. Martin, at Hamilton Wednesday.

Junior Woody, who is in the Navy, came in Monday, Dec. 9 and spent a week with his parents.

Miss Pauline Allen is working in a drug store in Fort Worth.

Mr. Johnson, a teacher in our school, spent the week end in Waco. He was accompanied by Jimmie Ramage.

J. L. Goodman, who is in school at Austin, spent the week end at home.

Albert Pike, who works in

Brownwood, visited his parents here this week.

Paul Patterson of Meridian spent the week end with his parents. Travis Huckaby, who is in the Army at Fort Sam Houston, spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Echols of Brownwood spent Sunday and Monday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence spent the week end in De Leon with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neighbors.

Mrs. Earl Word of Waco spent the week end with her husband.

Rev. Morphis preached a Christmas sermon Sunday morning. On account of bad weather the crowd was small. He didn't preach Sunday night. The text for the sermon was from Acts 20-25.

The words of Jesus when He said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." At Christmas most everyone gives presents to their loved ones and friends, and it sure gives a thrill to give for it is true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. All enjoy receiving, but we get the blessing by giving. We as Christians should give our lives to Jesus for service and then we would get a blessing. I get a great deal of good out of giving and all those that can do so should remember someone or ones that cannot buy the many gifts. For Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We have had rain and more rain and it has been very cold. It is hoped that the weather will stay fair until after the holidays so those that want to visit will have pretty weather. Today (Monday) is a bright, sunshiny day and it sure is warmer.

Rev. Daniels and wife came from Waco Saturday. He was to have preached Sunday at Spring Creek, but the day was too bad and they spent the night and day with Mr. and Mrs. Loushlin.

Mr. Patterson was very ill last Tuesday night, December 10, with acute indigestion. He has been confined to the house all week. He is up most of the time, but is not well. His friends hope he will be well again real soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Baxter of Brownwood visited her mother, Mrs. Gann, last week. All of them went to Meridian and spent the week end. R. Y. also went.

Clifford Main, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Word Main, was happily married to a fine young lady December 10 in South Bend, Indiana. The girl isn't known here. Clifford finished high school here a few years ago and finished at A. & M. College. He works for an automobile company.

Clifford's friends wish for him and his bride much joy and happiness.

Unity

By MRS. L. A. COLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. J. Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Hipp were in Waco Tuesday.

Mark McElroy visited home from Mineral Wells Monday.

J. W. Tolliver of Walnut Springs spent last week with his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Cole, and family.

Mr. Ince spent the week end at home. He is working at Mineral Wells.

J. L. J. Kidd and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffiths were in Hamilton Monday.

Miss Mary Emma Lewis was on the sick list this week.

Clifford McElroy and mother visited the Rance McElroy home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffiths and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Griffiths and daughter, all of Dallas, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffiths and Joy Ann. Mr. Griffiths is greatly improved and hopes to soon be up and about. He and Mrs. Griffiths greatly appreciate all the kindness and help from every one who helped in any way. Those who helped out were Mr. Lawrence Koonsman, Mr. Weston Newton, Mr. Burl Bales, Mr. Alvin Hicks and Mr. Ira Johnson. Others helping in other ways are Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Hipp, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Koonsman, Bro. Stanley Giescke and wife, Ernest Lester, Lather Cole and many others.

The Mt. Zion H. D. Club is having a social on Friday night, Dec. 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Hipp. There will be a Christmas tree for the kiddies as well as the grownups.

Salem

By MRS. W. C. ROGERS

This community has more rain than news. It was a fine rain. All the sloughs, seeps and bogs are in existence now.

Mr. Vernon Bramblett of Stephenville spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bramblett and children.

Miss Dimple Lambert spent the week end at Cedar Point, guest of Miss Winnie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott are the proud parents of a fine girl born to them at the Stephenville Hospital Saturday, Dec. 14. The young lady was named Lynda, and both are doing nicely at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Scott at Johnsonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone and grandsons, J. C. and Melvin Park, of Duffau visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stone and children.

Miss Bobby Gean King of Duffau spent Monday night with Miss Tina Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Savage and sons, Howard and Norman Lee, visited Sunday afternoon in Stephenville guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huckabee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewin Sumrall and son of Indian Creek spent last Friday in the F. M. McElroy home.

School News

Our honor roll for the third month: James and J. D. Lambert, Maida Pate, Billy Bramblett, Patty and James Weiden Noland, J. D. Walker, Carl Dean Laney, Gladys Driver and R. D. and Alma Gean Koonsman.

The school will turn out Monday with a Christmas program at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Martha Lee Houser is moving away. She will be missed in the school room here.

J. C. Lambert, Carl Dean Laney and Gladys Driver have not missed a day in the past three months.

Maida Pate, who is in the 4th grade made a hundred in spelling.

Mrs. Rogers and Eldon treated the school to a pop corn feast Monday afternoon.

Misses Bobby Gean King of Duffau and Tina Rogers visited school Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson of this community and Mrs. Fred Higginbotham of Duffau were called to Dallas to the bedside of little Billie Ynez Roberson Sunday. She is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Roberson.

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Mancy Hart's HOME NEWS

A Jack Horner pie is lots of fun for the Christmas dinner table, and can be as simple and inexpensive as your imagination and pocketbook warrant.

A trip through the dime stores will provide the "plums" for the pie if that is the kind of pie you plan to have. If your family indulges in really expensive gifts, then it's quite exciting to draw a ring or bracelet or whatever you out of the pie at the end of the dinner.

One year we had a huge snowball guarded by a Christmas cherub for our pie. The snowball was made of cotton on a wire frame. After it was put on the table it was thickly sprinkled with artificial snow. The gifts were tied to broad red ribbons that ran out through the cotton and to each place at the table. A wreath of holly and mistletoe encircled the centerpiece.

A tiny tree dripping with tin-foil icicles can bear the gifts wrapped in gold and silver papers. Place the tree on a table mirror and flank it with candles in low holders. If you use a white damask tablecloth, red and green ribbons are effective. A bare table with lace doilies is loveliest with gold and silver ribbons running from the tree to each place. Children will love a Santa Claus standing beside his well-filled pack. A doll can be dressed as

Santa, and you can make his sack of any color your fancy dictates. In my "Night Before Christmas" Saint Nicholas had a big brown pack that looked strong enough to come down the chimney.

The "miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer" is another idea for the pie. Of course the sleigh makes the container for the gifts.

A small replica of a fireplace made of cardboard covered with red brick paper is fun to make and can be used on quite a small table. The chimney of the fireplace holds the gifts. Hang tiny stockings from the mantel-piece and put a wreath on the chimney face above them. You can find all sorts of tiny candle-sticks and clocks and what-not to dress up the mantel-piece.

A yule log can be filled with the gifts. Trim the log with sprays of holly and place it on a bed of evergreens. Choose a log in proportion to the size of your table. A branch of a tree will make the log. Scrub it clean and hollow out the center.

You can use the log idea without the pie suggestion. Get the branch you want and scrub it, but don't make it hollow. Instead, bore holes for candles at regular intervals lengthwise. Use tall tapers, the fluffy bows of red or green or silver mulline on each candle and stick a sprig of holly or mistletoe or a spray of some variety of evergreen in each bow.

Clairette

By NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

The Methodist Church sponsored an old-time box supper Thursday night and it was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Alexander and Miss Elliot made a business trip to Stephenville Saturday.

C. G. Alexander and Mr. Donaldson of Waco, employees of the Railroad commission, stopped by to see C. G.'s father, R. M. Alexander, on their way to Eastland Thursday afternoon.

Several from this community attended the basketball games between Alexander and Lingville boys and girls at Alexander Friday night. The Alexander girls lost by a small margin and the boys tied.

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Hico, Tex., Friday, Dec. 20, 1940.

CHRISTMAS 1940 — NEW YORK HARBOR

The great whistle roared as the ship beat through the snow to the harbor. The passengers crowded to the rail.

It had been a long trip, a harsh trip. Bombs as they left Southampton, a torpedo attack on the second day, separated from the convoy before the week was out—zigzagging across a wild Atlantic, harried by the sea, hunted by men. And now it was over.

A man and a woman sat in the main cabin, alone now, as they had remained alone throughout the voyage. Behind him was a ravished home, a concentration camp, a lifetime of small gains piled one on the other for forty years, then swept away overnight. Behind her, months of waiting, months of not knowing, panic, heartbreak, despair.

"John," she said, "we're almost there."

He nodded absently.

"John," she said, "we're not too old, we can do it again, John."

He looked at his hands, withered under old callouses, the strength gone from them, the marks remaining. He said nothing.

Presently he rose and stretched out his hand to help her. "Come," he said, and they went out on deck.

The snow was still falling, but kinder now, blanketing down in caressing, graceful sweeps. The ship moved into the narrows, creaking drearily as it relaxed from the pounding of the seas.

Ahead, a glow seemed to appear in the night and someone said: "That's it!"

The passengers leaned forward but the glow faded. A little bustle rose and died. The whistle roared again. The night closed in as the ship edged down the channel.

The man was holding, or to a stanchion, leaning far over the side. "John," the woman said. "Be careful, John!"

He patted her hand, and a strange hope welled up inside her. For so many months, she had been the comforter, asking nothing, receiving nothing.

Ahead, the black opened, gradually and majestically, lifting a curtain to silhouette a tall figure. The figure blurred and became clear, standing etched in a white spotlight of its own making.

"It's the statue!" a Yankee accent shouted. The other passengers looked and said nothing. The ship moved on.

As they came abreast of the Statue of Liberty, John, from some forgotten chord of his youth remembered a line—a line followed by others to become a poem. A poem he had been taught in the Lyceum, so many years ago.

He began to recite, mumbling to himself at first, then, as memory freshened, louder, so that others could hear. The passengers crowded about him, drawn by some queer magnetism—not of John, but of the words engraved on the bronze tablet inside the statue that France had given America. His wife was crying, softly to herself.

He came to the end, the last verse. The passengers, silent, listened.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses Yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore—

"Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

He was quiet a minute after he had finished. His wife, still crying, touched his hand. "Maybe," he said, "we're not too old."

The curtain dropped on the Statue, and the great ship steamed ahead.

"Why," said the Yankee voice, "it's after midnight!"

A man beside him shouted: "Merry Christmas!"

The great whistle roared.

Six Inch Sermon

Sharing the Shepherds Joy, Lesson for December 22: Luke 2:8-20.

Golden Text: Luke 2:14.

Great truth is often hid from the wise, as Jesus said, and revealed unto babes. Many of the revelations of God have been made to the lowly, to the humble, and to men in the way of duty, while the great and the wise see him not. Shepherds, whose names no one knows, as they watched their flocks by night, heard the announcement of the Savior's birth, then saw a choir of angels and heard the grandest music.

The angels' message to the shepherds should calm the hearts of believers in a world of fears; certainly so if the "good tidings of great joy" are heard by all people now. Can the tidings be heard above the horrid din of war and the voice of God above the rapid beat of the heart?

Heavenly truth cannot be hid. Human hearts cannot confine it. The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem and, seeing the Babe and his mother, told of the wondrous things they had seen and heard, and returned to their sheep, "glorifying and praising God."

We may share the shepherds' joy if we share with others the blessings we have received through Jesus. Christmas should be more than a time of merry-making, feasting, and giving and receiving among kin and friends. First of all we should honor Him whose birthday we celebrate—by bringing unto the King ourselves his gifts, and by sharing His relationship in ministering unto the needy.

Week's Fashion



Christmas Toys

PATTERN 8835—You can make your gift budget go much farther if you make these toys at home in a few hours. The pattern No. 8835 includes instructions for the doll body and the rabbit body in 15 inch height, a size that is easy for the youngest in the family to carry and cuddle.

You'll find the pattern useful, too, in making gifts for the bazaars and benefits that come at this time of year. You need not hesitate to try and make these diminutive pieces, for the pattern includes a complete and easy-to-follow sew chart.

Choose gay colors that will attract the eye of the child; reds, greens and deep golden yellows.

Pattern No. 8835 is designed in one size—15 inches high. The doll's body requires 1/2 yard of 35-inch fabric, 1/2 yard for dress and hat; 1-8 yard for bloomers, 1/2 hank of wool for hair.

Rabbit's body requires 5-8 yard; plus 1-8 yard for jacket.

For **PATTERN**, send 15 cents in coin (for each pattern desired) your NAME, ADDRESS, STYLE NUMBER and SIZE to Patricia Dow, Hico News Review Pattern Dept., 115 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Christmas Communique



REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO THE SHOPPING FRONT ASSURED EFFECTIVE COUNTER ATTACKS ALL ALONG THE LINE

INCREASED ACTIVITY ON THE CHRISTMAS FRONT HAS FORCED THE ENEMY INTO HIS AIR RAID SHELTERS — AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

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TIMELY TOPICS

STOCKBRIDGE

Frank Parker Stockbridge, author of Today and Tomorrow for many years, missed a deadline this week for the first time in his 50 years of reporting. He had probably started writing his column, dictating it to a nurse, when the heart attack from which he was suffering overtook him and he died suddenly.

His column was an important part of his life. It was a means of self-expression for an intensely active mind. It was an opportunity to pass on the vast store of information about America and American ways that he had gathered during 70 busy years of living. To some people it is a mental strain to write. To Frank Stockbridge it

would have been more of a strain to hold back the things he so fervently wanted to say.

WRITING

Frank Stockbridge knew he was apt to die soon. His doctor had warned him that unless he gave up all of his many activities, his heart was apt to give away. But he had a passion for living actively and a passion for self-expression. It would have been easier for him to give up eating than to give up writing.

The last time I saw him he was planning to write a book about his life. One title he had considered for the book was "The Presidents I Have Known," since he was an intimate of every man in the White House during this century. But he said that his wife thought the book should be called "No Moss—The Biography of a Rolling Stone," because, during their entire life together, he had always had so many irons in the fire that they never were able to settle down in one place.

The most remarkable thing about Mr. Stockbridge's keen mind was his memory. If he had written that book about his life, I doubt if he ever would have had to look at a reference. All the facts he'd ever needed were catalogued in his mind. I remember when someone asked him recently who was secretary of the treasury under Cleveland. He not only named him—but for good measure spelled off the names of every other member of Cleveland's cabinet.

CAREER

Mr. Stockbridge was a small town boy who made good. He was born in Gardiner, Maine, in 1870. There he learned the printing trade and when he was 24 years old he became a reporter for The Buffalo (N. Y.) Express. Ever since then, probably not a day has gone by that he hasn't written something for someone.

Among the jobs which he held during his career were: Editor of The American Home Magazine (which he founded); editor of Popular Mechanics Magazine; president and managing editor of The New York Evening Mail; editor of The American Press magazine; and in an editorial capacity he also worked on The New York Herald, The New York American and The New York Globe. He contributed to many magazines and newspapers and is well-known among readers of The Saturday Evening Post. He wrote several books, the most recent being "So This is Florida," written in 1938, and "Hedging Against Inflation," written in 1939.

Always active in politics, one of the most notable jobs he did was to launch the campaign which led to Woodrow Wilson's going to the White House.

AMERICANISM

Although Mr. Stockbridge has written on every conceivable subject, as followers of his column know, his greatest interest has been in preserving the American way of life... in defending our freedom, in trying to end class hatred and in protecting America against foreign "isms." Because of his close contact with the newspaper world, the principle of a free press has always been one of his passions. In 1931 he was vice-president of a committee of leading newspaper men who organized for the sole purpose of protecting the free press.

His greatest personal quality was his understanding of the other man's viewpoint. Always fond of discussion, I've heard him argue with people whose political viewpoints were as far apart from his as men's thoughts can be, and argue in such calm, intelligent way that he made a lasting impression on his opponent.

It was one of the very few men who ever had been able to get another man to change his mind about politics.

LOSS

During these times, with the world in a turmoil and America having to make such momentous decisions, it was able to call upon the wisdom and common sense of Frank Stockbridge. We need Americans of his type to guide us.

But if Frank Stockbridge could read this column I imagine he'd smile at that idea. For it has always been his firm belief that the strength of America is founded on the united desire of all of us for freedom and democracy—that so long as a large group wants to preserve freedom above everything else nothing can ever take that freedom away from us. The boys who are really worrying are the chaps who own the "big name" bands, who have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in orchestra arrangements of

ASCAP MUSIC

ASCAP charges broadcasting stations a percentage of their receipts for a blanket license to use any and all music of which the copyright is owned by ASCAP members. The stations pay this fee, but the broadcasting chains, which supply much of the program material to about half of the stations, pay nothing. A little under \$4,000,000 is collected from the stations annually. But the big broadcasting chains take in more than \$80,000,000 a year, and ASCAP think they should pay, also, for the use of copyright music.

PUBLIC name-calling

I always get a kick out of any scrap between the buyers and the sellers of the products of creative minds. And I'm always root- ing for the seller, especially in a case like this where it doesn't cost the public a cent. Radio listeners don't care how much the broadcasters have to pay for music; it costs the public nothing. And it is my observation that in the long run, the public will get the kind of music it wants.

The participants in this big row are calling each other names, as usual. The broadcasters are shouting "monopolists" at ASCAP and the composers are shrieking "chiselers" at the broadcasters. The boys who are really worrying are the chaps who own the "big name" bands, who have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in orchestra arrangements of

ABOVE THE HULLABALOO

Are we Americans so gullible as to believe that if we get into the war in Europe, or into the one in Asia, or into both—we will do our fighting entirely with our navy and air force? If so—we need mental attention.

Why should we go to war with Germany unless we intend to whip that nation? And how do we expect to whip Germany unless we use troops? Britain hasn't the manpower to do it. The white population of the entire British Empire does not equal in number that of Germany.

Nether Britain nor her colonies can afford to denude themselves of fighting men to attempt an invasion of the Continent. At the present time any such invasion would be out of the question even if Britain had an army twice the size of Germany's, and equally well equipped. Armies just can't be landed at will upon a defended shore. But the time may come when it WILL be possible to get a foothold somewhere on the Continent, for a flank attack. For example, if Italy collapsed it might be feasible to attack the Germans from the south.

It would be a mighty undertaking to cross the mountains of northern Italy in the face of Germany's experienced mountain troops and then defeat probably the most powerful army the world has ever known—on its own ground. It is improbable that Britain could perform this task unaided. The German army is not the Italian army. And if Britain were to weaken her home defense by sending away an army of two million men to attack Germany's flank, the Germans would certainly attempt an invasion of England with some hope of success.

We could, of course, replace these two million British soldiers with our own men and prevent an invasion; but does anyone believe that two million men could march into Germany and defeat her vast army?

It would take many more than two million to perform this feat even if the German army wasn't.

Paragraphs

Texas declared its Independence of Mexico March 2, 1836, at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

For every man flying a plane today there are 17 men backing him upon the ground.

John Paul Jones served briefly as a rear-admiral in the Russian navy after the American revolution.

The dry spell of 1930 exceeded in duration and aridity any ever recorded in 95 years of U. S. Weather Bureau records.

The automobile industry uses 75 per cent of America's annual consumption of plate glass, or some 117,725,000 square feet.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

There's a row in progress between the owners of musical copyrights and the radio broadcasting chains which may have a profound effect upon the kind of music we'll be able to hear on the air after January 1. The musical composers are trying to get what they consider a fair fee for the performance of their works, and the radio people are arranging to use only music from other sources.

Most people don't realize that whenever anybody plays a tune or sings a song as part of a public entertainment from which anybody derives payment, the right to use that particular piece of music must be paid for. That is, unless it is so old that the copyright on it has expired. To infringe a copyright subjects the one who does it to severe penalties and legal damages.

One of the specific powers granted to Congress by the Constitution is to provide for granting exclusive rights to authors and inventors, in the form of copyrights and patents. And the courts have long held that a composition is as much an author as the writer of the words of a song or a book. It is only in recent years, however, that composers have been able to protect their rights effectively.

ASCAP protection
It would be impossible for any composer or author to keep tab personally on every possible infringement of his copyright. So a few years ago an organization was formed to do that job for

all the folk concerned with the production of music. It is referred to as ASCAP, which stands for the American Society of Authors, Composers and Publishers. Its job is watching the interests of copyright owners.

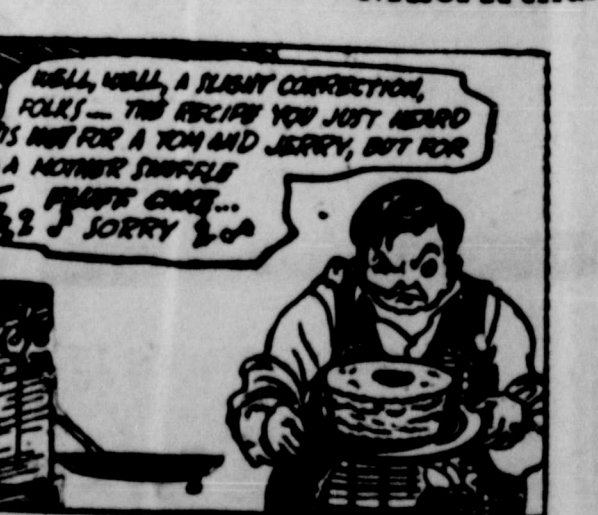
Every theater and movie house pays an annual fee, based on the seating capacity, for which it has the right to present any copyrighted music. Every broadcasting station similarly pays a fee, based on its gross receipts. So do night clubs, hotels which put on musical entertainments and other places where music is publicly performed for profit.

ASCAP keeps tab on all such places, fixes and collects the fees for all of its members, and divides the money among them in proportion to the popular demand for their respective musical contributions. Under this system the author and composer get a money return for the product of their labor which bears some relation to the merits of their work, gauged by popular acclaim.

CAPITAL copyright
The capital which a writer or composer earns is the copyright in his works. As one who has made his living by writing all his life, I feel very strongly about any attempt to deprive any writer of all that he can possibly get for the use of his creative products, and am happy when I hear of someone in my line getting a top price.

A friend whom I have known since before he began to write, Ernest Hemingway, has just got the highest price ever paid, \$155-

The House of Hazards



MacArthur

At one time rubber came only from trees; now a rubber compound is made from coal, limestone and salt.

Local Happenings

Mrs. A. J. Jordan and daughter, Hester, were visitors in Stephenville last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Gladys Baker of Comanche was here Sunday visiting Miss Mayo Hollis.

ROSS SHOP, Jewelry, Watch, and Clock Repairing. 14-16.

Miss Dorothea Holladay was back at work Monday after being confined to her home since last Wednesday because of illness.

Mrs. R. F. Wiseman returned home last Thursday afternoon from Dallas where she spent the week visiting relatives.

Misses Wynama and Betty Jo Anderson and Thoma Rodgers visited relatives and friends in Stephenville Sunday afternoon.

Max Ragsdale of Brooks Field, San Antonio, spent last week end with his father, J. N. Ragsdale, and brother, J. N. Jr.

Miss Ana Loue Moss returned home Saturday after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Cisco, Breckenridge, Ranger and Eastland.

Place an order for Christmas morning delivery to your friend. A blooming plant, cut flowers or corsage. **THE HICO FLORIST.** 30-1c.

Mrs. H. C. Marcum of Bell, California, spent last week with her son, W. M. Marcum, and family. She left Sunday for a visit with her daughter in Quannah.

Get your Chiropractic in Hico **DR. A. S. CRAVER** Chiropractor and Masseuse. Get treatments at Alpine Hotel until permanent quarters are secured. 30-1p.

Mrs. Mary Lackey of Las Cruces, New Mexico, came in Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Everett, at Carlton and with her brother, Sim Everett, and family of Hico.

MEMORIAL WREATHS & SPRAYS Lasting memorial designs as remembrances for those who are no longer with you. Specially weather-proofed to keep their beauty longer. Call The Hico Florist. 30-1c.

H. N. Wolfe spent the week end in Georgetown with Mrs. Wolfe and sons, Paul and Tom. He was accompanied to Georgetown by his mother, Mrs. Anna Wolfe, who remained there through this week with the boys, and Mrs. Wolfe returned home with him.

SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS" WITH FLOWERS Let flowers bring cheer to your home and that of your friend. At The Hico Florist's you will find seasonable cut flowers and lovely blooming plants. Out-of-town orders given personal attention. Flowers delivered anywhere by wire. 30-1c.

Grady Brown of Brooks Field and W. H. Brown Jr. of Kelly Field were guests last week end of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown Sr. They were accompanied by Albert Martin of Dallas, who is also stationed at San Antonio and who was a guest here in the Brown home.

Mrs. Ila Boettcher and Mrs. Hugh Clark returned to their homes in Dallas Tuesday after a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dorsey. They were accompanied from Dallas Monday by Mrs. Mae Bates, who had been in Dallas with Mrs. Boettcher since the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. T. J. Jordan, several weeks ago.

Miss Mary Ella McCullough will arrive tomorrow from the University of Texas at Austin to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough.

Mrs. Mary Graves and Mrs. L. O. Phillips of Fort Worth stopped in Hico one day last week for a short visit with Mrs. Guy Aycock. Mrs. Graves is chairman of the benevolent fund of the O. E. S. Grand Chapter of Texas. She has visited with the local Eastern Star chapter on previous occasions and was highly impressed with their work.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough and daughter, Frances, and F. M. Atkins were in Goldthwaite Sunday visiting Mrs. Paul McCullough, who has been ill for some time, and whose condition is very grave. Mr. Mings left later in the week with his daughter, Mrs. James Bauknight, and family for Ganado for a visit there, duration of which will depend upon the condition of Mrs. McCullough.

Cranfill's Gap Man Buried B. T. Gaston, 60, who died suddenly Friday afternoon at his home near Cranfill's Gap, was buried Saturday afternoon at the Boggy community cemetery near Cranfill's Gap.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Russell, pastor of the Cranfill's Gap Baptist Church.

Saws for Christmas Sheriff Smoot Schmid of Dallas disclosed Wednesday that a carefully-planned Dallas County jailbreak plot had been foiled by interception of a Christmas package with three hacksaw blades in its false bottom. The alleged sender of the gift, a 19-year-old girl, was arrested. The package was addressed to Gilbert F. O'Brien, whose 30-year sentence on a robbery charge was affirmed by a court of criminal appeals at Austin. Sheriff Schmid quoted the girl as saying, however, that she did not know O'Brien but sent the blades in an effort to help her sweetheart, Shirley Stockman, 21, another inmate of the jail.

Takes Budget Too Seriously Sheriff Norfleet Hill of Harris County inadvertently carried economy to extreme limits in submitting his 1941 budget estimate. County Auditor Harry Washburn discovered Tuesday that Hill's prepared budget request failed to include an item for the Sheriff's own annual salary of \$7,400. "Was that intentional, Sheriff?" Washburn inquired. "No, sir," replied Sheriff Hill, turning slightly red. The salary item was added.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 13, 1940. Dear Old Santa: Another year has rolled around, and I have a new baby brother this Xmas. So don't forget us all with fruits, nuts and candies and any toys you wish to leave at our house. Your little friend, MILDRED THOMPSON. P. S. Santa, don't forget I have a big brother too, and my daddy is in Dallas.

Hico, Tex. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. I go to school, Mrs. Holton is my teacher. For Christmas I want you to please bring me a wagon, dump truck, football, a gun that shoots sparks, and fruits, nuts and candy and lots of fireworks. Your friend, CECIL HIGGINBOTHAM. Hico, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 10 years old. I go to school and am in the fourth grade. Mrs. Pinson is my teacher. I have my tree ready for you, so please don't disappoint me. I want you to please bring me a machine gun, submarine, army plane and pearl handle pistol, fireworks, nuts, candy and fruits. Your friend, BOBBY JACK RAINWATER.

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Carlton

By CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Lawrence Adams and Mrs. Charlie Stephens and daughter, Mrs. B. Grey, were Dublin and Stephenville visitors Tuesday.

Bill Grey, Hunter McKee and Grady Laws and Wilson Christopher, who is employed in Brownwood, spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. Lola Lackey was carried back to Waco Monday for treatment. We are glad to report Mrs. Lackey improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Grey attended the funeral of Mr. Grey's brother, Oscar Grey, of Jonesboro Sunday. They also attended the funeral Sunday of an infant niece of Mr. Grey's in Comanche. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Grey and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins of Stephenville spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sander and son of Dallas spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. E. G. Thompson and family.

Mrs. Jim Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rothrock were German visitors Monday morning.

Elmer Ray of Clairette was a business visitor in Carlton Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kincheole of Waco spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scott.

G. W. Hickerson and son of Tahoka spent Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. J. B. Lowe, and husband.

C. L. Stephens, Jim McKinney, Sam Butler came in Sunday night from Haggard, New Mexico, where they have been employed the past few months.

Raymond Jordan and family of Big Springs are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Scott were in Hamilton Sunday.

Mrs. Mac Everett and daughter, Bobbie, and friend of Stephenville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lefever, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lefever and Mrs. Sid Clark were Hamilton shoppers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Short and son, H. R. Short and wife were business visitors in Hamilton Thursday afternoon.

Elna Earl Smith and Betty Joe Holmes of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Marilyn Pierce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carmichael spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carmichael, of Lamkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Culmer Jordan were Hico shoppers Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith of Clifton are visiting his mother, Mrs. Dee Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fisher of Dallas spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Grady Laws and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter and children were Dublin visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barnett and family were in Dublin Friday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Autrey were in Hico Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George McGuire of Dallas spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McGuire.

Charles Stephens of Carlton and Miss Mildred Hawkins of Haggard, New Mexico, were married Friday, Nov. 13, in Haggard. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stephens of Carlton and has many friends here. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hawkins of Haggard. They will be at home at Carlton for a while. We wish for them many years of success and happiness through life together.

JOTS... Jokes & Jingles

JEDDIE MAE

BEHOLD THE FISHERMAN

He riseth up early in the morning
And disturbeth the entire household
Mighty are his preparations
He goeth forth full of hope
When the day is far spent he returneth
Smelling of strong drink and the truth is not in him.

This bit of philosophy or call it what you may was handed our Dad a few days ago by a friend of his. Printed in bold letters on a large card it leaves a vivid impression on the mind—and might also apply to hunters.

From reports on all sides we gather that the youngsters' drum corps has put the high school band in the shade—especially as far as marching, preparing and execution of formations are concerned. Mr. Boaz, who's put in a lot of time and work with this little group, has always thought they were good, and now he's more than gratified to find that others think so too. They will be performing at a number of school programs and ball games during the future, and if you haven't seen them, you are missing a treat.

That huge, life-like, mounted buffalo head—the first thing you notice when you enter the Barrow furniture store—was killed several years back by J. P. Miller on a ranch in South Texas. The hide from the same animal is being used as a rug in the living room arrangement on display at Barrow's.

These blustery cold nights won't be too stiff for an American Santa Claus, but there are many places in the world this Christmas where the bombs will be bursting too thick and fast for the genial old gentleman to think much about providing for his little admirers. There may even be some places in America where hopeful little boys and girls will be forgotten in these troublous times, but not in Hico. Several local organizations will play Santa and distribute Christmas baskets to many Hico families who have not been expecting such a Christmas visit. There will be a pleasant surprise—and a grateful one.

The J. P. Rodgers family is sitting on pins and needles—not literally but figuratively. A number of years ago when Bernard Ogle, Leroy Guyton and Paul Barbee were mere kids they dug a cave and a network of tunnels underneath the old Barbee home, now owned by the Rodgers family. Not an ordinary cave either—this one was a two-story affair, for after outsiders and the youngsters' mothers found out about the first cave it was necessary to dig another room below where they could hide and evade call to homework and school lessons that needed attention. Upon completion of the excavation the lower room extended some twenty or thirty feet underground. Recently parts of the yard over the caves and tunnels have been tumbling in, causing the Rodgerses, who thought the old tunnels had long been filled up, no end of anxiety. And Bernard has not lessened the weight on their minds by telling them the extent of the cavernous space that may lie underneath the house and yard. If that cave is still there, just as they built it, they may wake up some morning

Epworth League Members Enjoy Christmas Party

Thursday night, Dec. 12, the Hico Methodist League met at 7:30 at the home of June Malone for their Christmas party.

After a number of games were played gifts were handed out by Shirley Jean Prater and Mary Jane Thrash.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, cookies, apples, and candy were served to the following: Lola Mae Hendrix, Joyce Lively, Bobby Jones, Mary Nell Jones, Owen Weiborn, Odell Weiborn, Rev. Floyd Thrash, Clara Jean Thrash, Mary Jane Thrash, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Prater, Shirley Jean and Harold Glen Prater, Virginia Stanley, Mary Brown, Mamee Jones, Maynard Marshall, Norma Jean Weisenhunt, Raymond Hefner, Golden Ross, Billy Hancock, Lela Riley, Louise Blair, and June Malone. REPORTER.

Two From Bullard Family Married On December 13

Two members of the same family, a son and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bullard of Hico, were married December 13, the ceremonies being performed within several hours of each other, but in different cities and the principles in neither wedding knew of the occurrence of the other until several days later.

Miss Juanita Freeman, formerly of Hico but recently of Leveland, where she has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Brown, was married to Dalton Bullard of Electra in a ceremony performed at the Brown home.

Mrs. Bullard is a graduate of the Hico High School. The couple will make their home in Electra.

Miss Ila Bullard, sister of Dalton, both of Hico, were married on the same day at Stephenville.

Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Bullard are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trantham, pioneer residents of this community.

Miss Muriel Phillips Wed To Herschel A. Patterson

Miss Muriel Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips of Hico, and Herschel Andrew Patterson, also of Hico, were married Wednesday night at 6:45 o'clock at the home of Rev. Alvin Swindell, who officiated in the ceremony.

The bride, who was reared at Iredell and Hico, is a graduate of Hico High School. Both she and Mr. Patterson have many friends here who extend their best wishes for the future.

Flag Branch By HAZEL COOPER

Miss Jeanne Parker spent Monday morning with Mrs. J. M. Cooper.

M. H. Burks and family spent awhile Tuesday night in the F. D. Craig home.

S. I. Bandy and family and his father spent awhile Thursday night with Will Finary and Bud Dotson and family.

Frank Craig and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cooper were in Iredell, Meridian and Clifton Saturday on business.

Clovis Graves, who is in school at Stephenville, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graves.

Joe Phillips of Hico was out at his place here Friday.

Will Hanshaw spent Thursday with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Hanshaw of Salem.

W. A. Dotson and family were in Glen Rose on business Friday. We certainly have been having lots of rain the past week.

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R. A. HERRINGTON

FAIRY

SCHOOL NEWS

Editor-In-Chief, Martha Ann Abel
Asst. Editor, Oletta Blakley

Christmas Day

On Christmas day I always go
Over the roads covered with snow
Up the big white house on the hill
With the high wall and big windmill
The same old familiar place,
The same old familiar face,
Receiving her greetings at the door,
And Auntie Floss's little boy seated quietly on the floor
Watching the beautiful Christmas tree
Where there are gifts for him and me
When I go to see Grandma at Christmas time
These are the things that I find
But this, the saddest moment of them all
The sad moment when I hear father call
That we have to go
Back over the roads covered with snow
Then we leave with a happy Christmas to each and all.

Girls Sport News

We girls were invited to a tournament at Cranfill's Gap this past week end. We played Morgan Thursday night at 6:30, and even though we were defeated by a score of 27 to 18, we enjoyed the game and extend a welcome to the Morgan team to visit us and play in our home gym.
We are glad that Myrtle Duncan is able to be back in school after she was hurt in the ball game with Hico. But we are still sorry she cannot play basketball for another month or two. We hope she will be able soon, as we need her.

Senior News

We are all looking forward to seeing Santa Friday. We hope we haven't been so bad that he won't come to see us at all. Maybe it would be a wise idea for us little two-year-olds to write Santa a letter.
Dear Santa,
We have been very good little boys and girls. (Just ask Mrs. Dutton) and we would like to have the following things if you can get around to us.
Oletta wants a baby doll, she prefers a rubber one.
Martha Ann wants a bicycle.
Travis wants a little red wagon.
Mutt wants somebody to love.
Jerry wants a little green car.
Vernon wants a pair of boots.
Thelma wants a Pottsville boy.
Mildred wants a little puppy dog.
Wynone wants a red pickup.
Jack wants a blonde headed woman.
Elton wants a diamond ring to give his girl.
Horace wants a big red ball.
Barber wants a free trip to New Mexico.
Lula Mae wants a Brownwood boy.
Buster wants a steam shovel.
Jean wants a diamond ring.

—F—
Even though we aren't very small in size, we are looking forward to seeing Santa Claus. Maybe we will see him Friday. We have ordered our play books

and they should be here in a week. The title is "Old Crab."
We will play Hico one night this week. We entered Cranfill's Gap tournament last Thursday night and played Morgan.
Feature:
Oscar making a good Santa.
Jimmy dating Myrt.
Joylette making 12 points against Morgan.
Eloise not going to California so soon as this.
—F—

Ninth Grade

We wonder why
Peggy wants to go to Dallas.
Elverne didn't come to school Wednesday.
Cecil goes home just before English Class.
Imogene likes to go on field trips in Biology.
Milla Fae isn't at school today.
Lola Mae likes to play basketball.
Margaret wants to go to the show.
Frog didn't go to the ball game Saturday night.
James wants to be Santa Claus.
Norma Ruth doesn't like to be teased.
Wynell's hair is blonde this morning.
Mardie goes to the mail box so often.
—F—

Freshman News

It is nearly Christmas, and we all want to be good or Santa will miss us.
For this week we will interview Jimmie Thompson.
Jimmie is five feet, five and a half inches tall.
Color of eyes—green.
Color of hair—brown.
Favorite food—chocolate pie.
Favorite actor—Robert Taylor.
Favorite sport—basketball.
—F—

Seventh Grade

We are all looking forward to a joyous Christmas time. We are all trying to be good so Santa won't pass us up.
Nelda Joy Cunningham went to Fort Worth Friday and told Santa not to forget her dollie.

Third and Fourth Grades

We are being very good because Santa Claus is coming to visit us.
Several of the pupils in our room were visiting last week end. They were:
Vera Lee Doris visited her sister in Carlton.
Peggy Brunson visited her grandmother in Cameron.
Alton Parks visited his cousin near Hico.
Peggy Nell Hicks visited her neighbor, Mrs. Brandon.
The Third and Fourth Grades wish every one a very happy Christmas.
—F—

First and Second Grades

We are very glad that Virginia Slater, Virginia Anderson and Gerald Douglas Warren are back with us after being ill.
We are all looking for Santa Claus. We hope he comes to see us as we are trying to be good. It is very hard for us to keep our minds on our books, so don't disappoint us, Santa.

Falls Creek

By LULA MAE COSTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coston and girls, Lula Mae and Virginia, spent Friday at Temple visiting Mr. Coston's brother, J. B. Coston, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cummings of Mosheim spent Sunday with Mrs. W. W. Foust.
Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coston made a business trip to Hamilton Tuesday.
Mrs. Walter Williamson of Hico spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Foust.

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Opposition To Bond Issue Spreads Rapidly Over The County

Taxpaying voters are amazed and aroused over an attempt to vote bonds at this critical time. Do the citizens of Hamilton County want to vote a \$680,000 bond issue on an "IF" proposition?

READ THIS CAREFULLY!
And Pass It On To Your Neighbor

COUNTY JUDGES' AND COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

November 18, 1940.

Several bond brokers are sending out circular letters generally over the state advocating that counties now vote bonds, the proceeds of which would be used for constructing state highways, the taxpayers being promised that these bonds would not be issued unless they are assumed 100% by the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness, this to be accomplished by amending the Road Bond Assumption Act by changing the date of eligibility of bonds from January 2, 1939, to January 1, 1941.

BEWARE OF THIS PROPAGANDA! If you have received one of these letters, so have the other counties. If this plan is received one of followed, it will break down the county in the state. If it is not obvious that the funds allocated to the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness are not sufficient to take on this added burden, but there would be nothing left of the lateral road fund for distribution to all the counties, should be condemned on these grounds.

Our Association in convention at Waco, after full discussion, passed a resolution opposing changing the date of eligibility from January 2, 1939, to January 1, 1941. If the date is changed, in accordance with the propaganda of these bond dealers, who are being just a little unethical in searching for business, not only would these many bonds fail of 100% assumption, but there would be nothing left of the lateral road fund for distribution to all the counties in every county in Texas.

In keeping with the policy that this organization must always promote the GENERAL WELFARE of the counties as a whole, please let me urge that you be not deceived about this propaganda, and that you begin now talking to your senators and representatives, asking that they not change the date of eligibility of road bonds.

Sincerely yours,
MERRITT H. GIBSON, President,
County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Read the letter to the right and decide for yourself if you want to vote these bonds for Hamilton County.

A LATER COMMUNICATION, DATED DECEMBER 6, 1940, APPEARED IN THE SCURRY COUNTY TIMES:

You have my permission to use this letter in whole or in part as you may see fit.

May I also call your attention to the fact that several years ago the Legislature of Texas had under consideration a resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of Texas so as to permit the issuance of state road bonds in the aggregate of approximately \$250,000,000, the gasoline tax revenue to be pledged for their retirement. This proposition was defeated in the Legislature and was, therefore, never submitted to the people for their action. It occurs to me that the present movement is an attempt to evade the present constitutional limitations on the power of the State to issue bonds. Under this proposed plan, Counties would be voting bonds which would constitute a lien on all property in the County for the purpose of carrying out purely State functions. If proponents of the plan want to saddle a huge debt on the people of Texas for new construction of roads, let them come out into the open and advocate a change in the Constitution that would permit the State to issue these bonds and not seek to consummate their clandestine schemes in the manner proposed.

Please let me assure you of my appreciation of your interest in this matter. Yours very truly,

MERRITT H. GIBSON, President,
County Judges' and Commissioners' Association of Texas.

If a Bond Issue, based on the proposition that the Bond Assumption Board, by enactment by Legislature, will assume new bonded indebtedness voted by some Counties is good for those Counties, it is also good for all Counties needing roads!

If only a small proportion of the Counties vote such bonds under such circumstances amounting to millions of dollars, it is not reasonable, even hardly conceivable, that the State Legislature would enact legislation providing for a small portion of Counties to reap the millions for roads at the expense of all the remaining Counties, which are entitled to share in the one-cent gas tax in proportion.

If based on the theory that new bonds will be assumed by the Board, all Counties should vote bonds, then the amount to be assumed would inevitably be so great that the one-cent tax would not begin to take care of it, and once the bonds are voted and sold it is certain that such bonds will be a County obligation and any time that the one-cent fails to pay off the bonds, the County voting them will have to pay.

For argument sake, suppose that all the Counties voted just enough bonds to consume the amount of one-cent gas tax and the Legislature made provisions for such assumption; then in that event the County Lateral Road Fund which the Counties are now receiving would be entirely put out of existence, since there would be no money left in that fund.

Suppose that the Legislature should enact measures for the assumption of new bonds by setting up the date for eligibility, the life of such legislation act is only two years, and we cannot tell what succeeding Legislatures may do. But we do know that in the interest of the National Defense Program, with pressure at the proper time, Texas people can be sold overnight on the proposition of using the one-cent gas tax for defense purposes and then in such event the Counties would have all the bonded indebtedness, both old and new, to take care of, and the question for us to solve is: How can it be done?

Do you think it shows sound business judgment?

We call your attention again to the letter from Mr. Gibson, stating that the Bond Assumption Law will be broken down if many of the Counties vote bonds and they are assumed by the State.

Let us see how this has worked so far in paying for the bonds already insured. The figures in the following table were taken from the budget for 1940 for Scurry County, a copy of which is on file with the County Clerk, and these figures may be verified therefrom:

Issue R&B Bonds \$ 29,000.00—State assumes 47.25%
Issue R&B bonds \$116,000.00—State assumes 16.76%
Issue R&B bonds \$ 17,000.00—State assumes 37.37%
Issue R&B bonds \$ 63,000.00—State assumes 71.09%

You see of those bonds the State assumed less than 50% of all but the last. Scurry County at present owes \$465,000 in bonds, including that portion assumed by the State. Interest on said bonds is approximately \$23,500. Suppose the State does assume

these bonds and later turns them back to the County, the interest alone on the new issue would be \$24,000, which, added to the payment on the principal would amount to \$40,000 per annum and necessitate the doubling of the existing County tax rate.

This is an "IF" campaign. It runs like this: If the people vote the bonds, and if the Legislature amends the Bond Assumption Law, and if the State assumes said bonds 100%, and if there is enough of the one-cent gasoline tax to take care of all of them (which there is not), and if the State turns all or part of them back to the Counties to pay for, then there will be no IF about Hamilton County paying for the next 20 years on a \$680,000.00 bond issue that should never have been voted.

Promoters of the bond issue say that the one-cent gasoline tax had accumulated and would continue to accumulate. Why don't they say further that there are already enough bond elections called to take up twice the present accumulation?

We call attention to statements made in arguments for the bonds that in the event the State failed to assume the bonds they would automatically become null and void. Something spooky here! An election is duly called and carried by a two-thirds majority vote of the people. It becomes a matter of record; it is the will of the people. Can the Commissioners Court declare it null and void? Have they the power to void an election held in accordance with the law? This Court says the bonds may not be issued. We believe them—but what about subsequent Courts four, six, or 10 years from now? The Court will perhaps have an entirely different personnel. They will not be bound by any statements made by this Court.

In proof of our doubts in the wisdom of such a procedure we quote from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of December 1:

Leon County already has negotiated the sale of \$475,000 of road bonds, part of a \$510,000 issue authorized in July, 1927. Dallam County has received from an Austin brokerage firm a proposal to float \$300,000 in road bonds voted in 1932, but not yet issued. Funds derived from this sale would go into the building of Highway 51 from Dalhart north to the Oklahoma State line.

Leon County voted \$510,000 of bonds 13 years ago, and 13 years later they are issued and sold. Dallam County voted \$300,000 in 1932 and now is considering selling them.

And now the citizens of Hamilton County are asked to vote \$680,000 of bonds with only a promise from the Court they will not be issued and sold, when the life of the Court is only two years.

IF WE MISSED THE GRAVY TRAIN, WE MISSED IT A LONG TIME AGO. LET'S NOT JEOPARDIZE THE GOOD CREDIT OF OUR COUNTY NOW BY GRABBING AT STRAWS AND TRYING TO OUT-FIGURE THE FIGURERS!

The Citizen Voters who have bought this space have no fight to make on any individual or organization. They believe that both sides of this proposition should be presented, and let the voter decide the issue.

Christmas Illness Can Easily Be Avoided

METHODIST CHURCH
 Christmas will be the theme in both worship services at the Methodist Church Sunday. One of the main features of the day will be completing the offering for the Methodist Home in Waco. The Home has a yearly budget of \$125,000. It provides for the care and training of 400 boys and girls and is supported entirely by the gifts of Methodists in Texas and New Mexico. Every Methodist will want to make a contribution for this fine work this Christmas. Let's make a worthy offering.
 Sunday School begins at 10. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The pastor's subject will be "Getting and Keeping the Christmas Spirit."
 Young People's meeting at 6:30. Let's have a good meeting Sunday night. Let every young person of the church be present.
 Evening worship at 7:15. A program of special Christmas hymns, choruses and anthems will be a feature of the evening service. "If Jesus Had not Come" will be the title of the evening sermon.
 These will be our Christmas services. There will be no services at the church during the week. Come let us praise Him.
FLOYD W. THRASH,
 Pastor.

CARE OF YOUR RANGE
 A good range deserves proper care. Daily wiping with a soft cloth and soapy water and special cleaning at least once a week are necessary. The traps beneath the burners should be deep and large enough to hold any spilled liquids. Spilled food in the oven and drip pan of the broiler are easiest to clean if done as soon as the oven is cool.

WINDOW FLOWERS
 Try window garden plants for winter cheer. Nasturtium seed may be planted in five-inch pots and set in a sunny window. Oxalis is potted now will bloom in six or seven weeks and continue blooming straight through the winter. Other suitable plants are sweet alyssum (set two or three to a six-inch pot and double camellia-flowered balsam.
 World production of oil since it started in 1859 would fill a space a mile square and 1 1-3 miles high.

Have Pie For Meat Course

QUESTS usually look politely baffled when this pie arrives on the table as the meat course. You see, the pie is not a deep dish affair filled with chunks of meat. It is a flat two-crust pie, like an apple pie. When cut into smoking hot



and fresh from the oven, each wedge shows brown and crumbly and glistening.
 The secret of its fitness is ground meat. This is cannily seasoned with onion and condensed tomato soup, and topped by a crust rich, short and flaky as you can make it.
 Cauliflower, broccoli, carrots or peas are suggested as suitable vegetables to serve with it.
 The pie is put together this way:
 4 tablespoons minced onion
 1 pound ground beef
 1 can condensed tomato soup
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1 tablespoon butter
 Pie pastry for two-crust pie
 Cook the onions in a little butter until soft. Add the ground beef and cook until barely brown. Blend in the soup. Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and mix. Line a nine inch pie plate with short pastry, rolled 1/4 inch thick. Moisten the edges of the crust with cold water. Fill the pie shell with the meat mixture. Cover with the top crust, prick top, brush with melted butter, and bake in a 375° oven for 1 hour, or bake in a hot oven (450°) for 15 minutes and then decrease heat to 350°, and bake 15 minutes longer.

KODAKS For Christmas
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Austin, Dec. 18.—The Christmas season of all seasons is traditionally a time when happiness and good will should prevail on the earth. America more than any other nation has cause to celebrate Christmas in its proper spirit, and allness has no place in this celebration," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.
 Unfortunately, during the holiday season many of us relax our principles of good health which normally we observe. The stimuli of Christmas shopping, holiday parties, family reunions, and a too rich dietary cause us to transgress against the rules of simple living. The result is unnecessary illness at a time when we can least afford it.
 The chances for contracting influenza are greater during the holiday season this year if we do not watch our health. Influenza epidemics are widespread in California and are sweeping through the West, and if not guarded against, may strike a large section of the Texas population.
 Dr. Cox states that there is no essential difference between the health principles to be observed during the holidays and those we maintain throughout the winter. A few simple rules, if observed, will enable Texas to enjoy the spirit of Christmas without ill effects.

1. Do not over-indulge in foods or seasonal cheer.
 2. Do not hibernate in overheated and ill-ventilated rooms.
 3. Try to maintain your regular sleep quota.
 4. Get some exercise in the open air during the Christmas season to counteract the detrimental influences attendant upon holiday festivities.
 5. Shop early. Avoid the last-minute hurried Christmas crowds. Keep the children out of stores during the Christmas rush.
 6. Watch out for accidents. Do not use open candles on Christmas trees or in decorations. Use asbestos wool to replace cotton for decorations. Keep foliage and paper wreaths from direct contact with electric bulbs. See that Christmas lights are properly wired to prevent short-circuiting.
 7. Choose safe as well as appropriate toys for children. Take into consideration the place available for their use as well as the age of the child to minimize the accident factor.

Thus it will be seen that holiday hygiene is merely an adaptation to a special occasion of the principles of good health which are observed at ordinary times. Inasmuch as these rules are sane, reasonable, and intelligent, their application should result in more holiday pleasure and less discomfort. After all, health and happiness are so closely interwoven that even the holiday season should not interpose a barrier.
Planting Shrubs and Trees
 Now's the time to set out more trees and shrubs around the house. Select trees for permanence; some for year-round effect; some for shade, framing, and background, and some for flower effect. Use nut-bearing and fruit trees in the home grounds planting. Pecans, pears, plums, peaches, and apples are desirable and should be given preference when they will serve the same purpose as ornamental trees.
 Locate trees to the side, a little to the front, and 15 to 30 feet from the house for framing. Pear, apple, and pecan trees are suitable for this purpose. Locate trees to the rear of the house for shade, background and screening. Use trees such as pecans around the barnyard for shade. Do not plant trees directly in front of the house. Place specimen trees (trees standing out by themselves) to the side, and possibly a little in front of the house and as desired in the side and back yards. Flowering dogwood, American redbud, peach, plum, and common crape myrtle are trees suitable for such specimen purposes.
 Set shrubs, trees, and vines in well-prepared fertile soil, in holes six inches deeper and at least one foot wider than their root systems. Protect from sun and wind until planted in desired locations.

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CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS
 Take a tip from high-spirited Lauritz Melchior, famous tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who perches his petite wife on his shoulder, the better to drape their chandelier with tinsel and holly.
 A handsome gift for a homemaker is a set of Beauty Hem bed-linen with the new woven-in hems instead of the old turned and stitched type. They reduce lengthwise shrinkage, lend a neat, tailored appearance to the bed, and have the helpful projecting size index tabs.
 A gift your entire family and your friends can enjoy is the solovox, a musical accessory to the piano. A small three-octave keyboard, it clamps on to the piano so that your right hand can span both. Solovox produces tones similar to those of the horn, violin, saxophone, etc., and even the one-finger virtuoso can play it effectively.
 An ingenious combination of time, alarm and automatic calendar (day and date) is the electric clock shown above. In a handsome striped mahogany case with a long-lived slow speed synchronous motor, it is a thoughtful and dignified gift.

REDUCED PRICE ANNOUNCED FOR AMERICAN BOY



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 To subscribe for The American Boy simply send the name and address of the one who is to receive the magazine together with proper remittance (\$1.00 for one year or \$2 for three years) direct to The American Boy, 7430 Second Blvd., Detroit, Michigan.
 DON'T SCRATCH! Every jar of Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to quickly relieve itching of Eczema, Ringworm, Ordinary Itch or Athlete's Foot, or purchase price promptly refunded. Large jar 60c at Corner Drug Co. 29-16c

Housewives Find Tips Like These Helpful

December is the best month in the year for setting shrubbery, rosebushes, and shade trees. Before setting, cut off clean all broken or injured branches and cut back the side limbs and tops. Thus pruned, the plants will have a better chance of living and growing off quickly.
 If they have not already been planted, following is a list of flowers to put in now:
 Phlox, columbine, Madonna lilies, bleeding heart, daylilies, pansies, peonies, sweet peas, bulbs, regal lilies, and hardy garden iris.
 Dahlia bulbs must not be allowed to freeze. Where there is danger that the ground may freeze deep enough to reach the roots, they should by all means be taken up and stored in a basement or elsewhere. Do this job soon after the first frost.
 This month and next is the best time for making cuttings of soireas, crape myrtle, snowball, hydrangea, lilac, weigela, golden bell, etc. Select wood that grew the past season. Plant in the open, as soon as the cuttings are made. Make them six to ten inches long and cover all except one bud and about an inch or two of the top. Mulch thoroughly.—L. A. Niven in The Progressive Farmer.
 Brighten rooms with harvest colors. Now that frost is bringing an end to garden flowers let's resort to colorful arrangements of fruits, vegetables, grasses, fall foliage, and berries. Stone crocks and jugs, earthenware bowls, and wooden bowls and trays are ideal containers. Bright leaves preserved with a colorless shellac combine beautifully with red apples and a few nuts. A handy bowl of fruits is colorful and also a tempting means of supplying fruits for the family diet. Polished vegetables may include squash, wax beans, green and red peppers, red onions, eggplant and pumpkins. Don't overlook Chinese lantern plants, colored berries, pine cones, strawflowers, gourds and evergreens.—The Progressive Farmer.
 In the opinion of some experienced motor mechanics, most cars are driven on a fuel mixture that is entirely too rich.

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13 THRILLING CHAPTERS

In the future there will be no Sunday afternoon shows. The Saturday midnight show will be the same as that shown on Sunday and Monday nights.

**SAT. MIDNIGHT,
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"THE SEA HAWK"
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CHRISTMAS WARNING

Refer to Page 100, Article 480, Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas, you will find this language: "Any person who discharges any gun, pistol, or firearm of any kind, or discharges any cannon crackers or torpedos on or across any public square, street or alley of any town or city within one hundred yards of any business house in this State shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars."

Please do not mar the Christmas spirit by destroying property and the happiness of others — help to bring good cheer to all.

We wish you a Merry and Happy Christmas.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.
29-2c.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Black Spanish stocker turkeys. I won every ribbon on this breed at the Hamilton County Poultry show in 1939. Bought breeding tom from Mrs. W. T. Hall, Denton. This tom won 2nd place at State Fair of Texas in Dallas in 1939. Mrs. A. T. Jones, Hamilton. 29-4p

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Farnall F-12 Tractor, two-row equipment, with Avery one-way. Sam Battershell, Rt. 1, Hico. 30-1p.

Anyone finding license No. 526-337 please leave at City Hall, Reward. 30-1c.

FOR SALE: 19 acres in Hico. Well improved. The Ben Turner place. M. P. Walker. 30-2p.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Pair of work mules. W. L. Thompson, Rt. 4. 30-2p.

FOR RENT: 5-acre place, wove wire fenced; house, windmill and outbuildings. Near Hico city limit, on Highway 281. See D. M. Yarbrough, Carlton, Tex. 30-2c.

SORE THROAT — TONSILLITIS! Nothing equals a good mop for sore throat or tonsillitis and our Anesthesia-Mop is guaranteed to give prompt relief or your money will be refunded. Corner Drug Co.

WANTED TO BUY: Pair of old-fashioned andirons. Call at News Review office.

One Home Comfort Range. In perfect shape. Priced to sell. Barrow Furniture Co. 29-1fc.

Second hand lumber for sale at Alpine Hotel. 29-2p.

BUY, sell or trade through the Bird Land Co. in Stephenville. No deal too small nor too large for us to handle. V. H. Bird and Fred L. Wolfe. 28-1fc.

FOR SALE: Blue serge suit, \$7.50; dark gray suit, \$8.75; both suits almost new. A bargain for some one. Frank Mingus, Phone 51. 28-1fc.

RANCHERS: — We maintain the only **HAND-MADE BOOT SHOP** in Hamilton County. Give us a trial on your next pair. Hamilton Market Place. 29-3c.

FOR SALE: Baby beef type turkeys from Sunflower Hatchery stock of Newton, Kansas. \$1 above market price. Aubrey Smith, Rt. 3, Hico. Hens only now. 27-3p-1fc.

FOR LEASE: Pasture for 1941. Everlasting wire. 50 cents acre. S. O. Mingus, Route 3, Hico. 27-3p-2p

FOR SALE: My place in Hico on Duffau road. See Mrs. R. C. Pryor. 29-1fc.

POSTED: — No bird hunting on the Nelms estate. 21-1fc.

FOR ELECTRICAL WORK of all kinds see J. R. Bobo. 1-1fc.

Joins Caterpillar Club

The latest addition to the Caterpillar Club, the members of which owe their lives to silk parachutes, today is Russell A. Potter, Spokane, Wash., flying cadet stationed at Kelly Field, Potter, due to receive his commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. army air corps Friday, was on a routine training flight late Monday night when his motor failed near Cotulla. Potter "bailed out" and landed safely. It took him several hours to walk to the nearest telephone.

Life Insurance Commissioner Dies

Walter C. Woodward, state life insurance commissioner and former state senator, died in a hospital at Coleman Tuesday after a long illness. Woodward has been active in state politics for many years. In 1939 he was appointed life insurance commissioner by Gov. O'Daniel. After his service in the senate, the Coleman lawyer made an unsuccessful race for attorney general in 1934 against William McCraw. He was McCraw's run-off opponent.

County's Proposed Bond Issue One Among Many

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ceeds of the gasoline tax, the additional obligation of bonds issued and used since Jan. 2, 1939, in building roads designated since then as parts of the state system. It will grow steadily, and should eventually, if the law is kept alive and unimpaired long enough, become a copious fount of county income, and present the possibility of being converted into one of unrestricted utility.

That the interests of the several counties are not concordant is manifest. Those of them which have as much state highway mileage as they want are naturally averse to any modification of the law which would work a diminution of the lateral road account in which they have a joint ownership of highly variant portions. Much more does the possibility of its temporary extinction dismay them. But those counties not so well accommodated in the matter of state highway mileage see in the issuance of bonds eligible for state assumption under a concept of equity already established in the law, a speculative chance to get more out of the county and road district highway fund than likely ever would come to them out of the lateral road account.

It will be seen that, as among the counties, rather a poignant issue lurks in the highway bond assumption act. Sooner or later it is likely to provoke a lively legislative contest.

A healthy fern plant produces about 45,000,000 spores, each capable of producing a new plant.

If the spare tire is not used occasionally, the rubber will deteriorate.

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- WOMEN'S ROBES & HOUSE COATS**
- Chenille House Coats \$2.98
 - Taffeta House Coats \$1.98
 - Quilted Satin House Coats \$5.95
 - Slipper Satin House Coats \$3.95
 - Printed House Coats \$1.00

- FOR THE HOME**
- Blankets \$1.19 to \$6.95
 - Towels and Sets 15c to 98c
 - Pillow Case Sets 59c to 98c
 - Medicine Cabinets With Mirror \$1.25
 - Bed Spreads 98c to \$4.95
 - Hostess Sets \$1.00
 - 5-Lb. Comforts \$1.98
 - Wall Plaques 25c to 49c
 - Alarm Clocks 98c

- FOR HIM**
- All-Wool Robes \$4.95
 - Beacon Robes \$1.98
 - House Shoes \$1.00 and \$1.98
 - Suspenders, Glass \$1.00
 - Glass Belts \$1.00
 - Dress Socks 19c, 25c, 35c
 - Ties 50c and \$1.00
 - Shirts \$1.00, \$1.65, \$1.95
 - Shaving Sets 25c, 50c, \$1.00
 - Car Blankets \$1.49
 - Men's Pajamas \$1.00, \$1.65
 - Bill Folds 29c, 59c, \$1.00, \$1.95
 - Men's Leather Jackets \$5.95 to \$14.95
 - Men's Sweaters 98c to \$2.98
 - Handkerchiefs, Boxed 25c to 50c

- FOR HER**
- New Topper Coat \$3.95, \$5.95, \$7.95
 - New Christmas Dresses \$2.88, \$3.88
 - Bed Jackets \$1.00
 - Slips 59c, \$1.00, \$1.65
 - Panties 25c, 50c
 - Brushed Wool Gowns \$1.98
 - Satin Gowns \$1.00, \$1.98
 - Manicure Sets 25c to \$1.00
 - Dresser Sets \$1.00, \$1.98
 - Women's Bags \$1.00
 - House Shoes 49c, \$1.00, \$1.49
 - Boxed Stationery 25c, 49c
 - New All-Wool Sweaters 98c, \$1.98
 - Boxed Hankies 10c, 25c, 50c
 - Handkerchiefs, each 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c

- FOR KIDDIES**
- Parka Hoods 59c, 98c
 - Children's Coats \$3.88
 - Boys' Suits \$2.98, \$3.95
 - Boys' Overcoats \$3.95
 - Children's Pajamas 59c
 - Girls' Boxed Hankies 10c

HOFFMAN'S

TO THE PEOPLE . . . OF COMMISSIONERS PRECINCT 3, HAMILTON COUNTY:

This advertisement is run, not in a spirit of bragging about what I have done during my term of office, but in order to inform taxpayers and citizens of the shape of the precinct's business and how their affairs are handled. The following statement covers receipts and expenditures from July 1 to December 18, 1940:

MONEY RECEIVED	
S. O. Mingus	\$ 5.80
C. R. Williams	30.00
A. Coffman	2.25
J. W. Jordan	15.00
M. E. Waldrop	45.30
J. F. McCarty	13.50
A. J. Patterson	.70
P. B. Bolton	25.00
O. R. Morrison	28.00
W. M. Grant	4.50
Jim Grisham	52.00
J. B. Cunningham	19.50
Paul Reeves	18.00
Treasury	14.50
Treasury	18.00
J. B. Pool	170.00
Cyrus King	5.00
L. A. Hicks	33.60
J. B. Curry	27.00
B. L. Hartgraves	50.00
Kal Segrist	19.10
Edna Sheppard	51.25
A. E. Barker	10.00
L. A. Jaggars	20.00
Palmer Domstad	33.84
Clyde Adams	7.00
J. O. Richardson	33.75
Robt. Ogilvie	6.88
T. J. Box	19.40
Mrs. J. C. Laney	13.25
Tom Griffiths	13.75
C. V. Hall	29.00
H. G. Coston	25.00
Adie C. Shaffer	5.00
Walter Tolliver	17.50
J. D. Wright	23.00
Jimmy Richardson	35.00
Frank Wiseman	4.88
Mrs. Elleen Copeland	91.50
H. W. Allison	20.00
E. F. Bonner	140.00
Grady Anderson	2.00
J. J. Jones	10.50
J. H. Tillinghast	17.50
J. C. Oxley	16.25
Charley McCoy	1.86
W. H. Burden	1.50
W. C. Roberson	36.00
Deck Coffman	45.75
J. S. King	39.00
Coffman	14.25
J. H. Hicks	118.50
C. H. King	5.00
Hoover	35.00
O. E. Meador	.50
L. S. Lane	9.00
J. W. Bingham	9.00
Dr. C. M. Hall	171.47
Jim D. Wright	35.00
H. D. Hanson	42.00
A. C. Coffman	9.50
Mrs. Sue Segrist	15.27
O. Longthorn	42.75
Hanner Eager	9.00
TOTAL	1900.60

DISBURSEMENTS	
Lumber, wire, nails and posts	\$221.17
Tractor and Truck Parts	1453.02
Truck Hire	61.70
Gas, Diesel and Oils	848.19
Labor	2795.60
TOTAL MONEY PAID OUT	5379.68

All machinery warrants for this year have been paid, although there is still some indebtedness against the machinery. There remains in the treasury at Hamilton \$3,708.40; in the bank at Hico, \$2,099.14; and a sum of \$1,950 for terracing is owing. This makes a total of around \$7,500.00. With tax money coming in every day, it is impossible to give the exact total of this amount.

All machinery is in tip-top shape, as we try through frequent overhauling to head off trouble before it happens. I have fuel oil bought and paid for to last the remainder of this year, and grease, lubricants, etc. enough to last through the Spring of 1940. The public is invited out at any time to inspect the machinery and see how the work is handled by my operators.

In matters pertaining to road work, and in those pertaining to finances and conduct of the county's business I have tried during my first term in office to use the best of my energies and judgment. I am making every effort to handle the county's affairs in an efficient and business-like way, and welcome any constructive criticism or suggestion from taxpayers at any time.

Sincerely
R. W. HANCOCK,
Commissioner, Precinct 3, Hamilton County.

CRANBERRIES Red Eatmors LB. .19	GRAPEFRUIT Marsh Seedless DZ. .12	
CELERY Bleached lg. size 15c	Lettuce Crisp Iceberg hd. 5c	
ALMONDS Calif. Drake LB. .25	WALNUTS English Diamonds LB. .25	
Sh'd Pecans lb. 39c	Coconuts Full o' Milk ea. 5c	
SWIFT'S SILVERLEAF PURE LARD 4 lb. carton 35c	SWIFT'S JEWEL SHORTENING 4 lb. carton 39c	SUPER CREAMED CRISCO 3 pound pail 49c
Folger's Maxwell House Coffee lb. 25c		
Cane Sugar Imperial Cane 20 lbs. \$1		
Spuds No. 1 Colo. 10 lbs. 17c	Chocolate Cream Candy lb. 10c	
YAMS Yellow Pumpkin 10 LBS. 19c	CHOCOLATE Covered Cherries LB. 19c	
Crackers 2 lb. box 13c	Bar Candy 3 for 10c	
FRESH SHREDDED COCONUT Lb. 13c	IMPERIAL BRAND Mince Meat 3 reg. pkgs. 25c	FINE CRUSHED PINEAPPLE No. 2 Can 15c
SUGAR 25 lb. CLOTH BAG \$1.17		
Pork Sausage HOME MADE PURE PORK lb. 15c		
Pork Chops lb. 19c	Block Chili lb. 17c	
Pork SHOULDER lb. 17c	GEM OLEO lb. 10c	
Seven Steak lb. 17c	WISCONSIN CHEESE lb. 25c	
Veal Loaf lb. 15c	PREMIUM BACON lb. 30c	

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