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THE BAIRD STAR

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SUPPORT YOUR HOME TOWN

SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

This is it! The time to wish you a Merry Christmas, 'cause this time next week Sandy Claws will have come and gone leaving everything in a state of delightful confusion and everybody in a sort of post season shock. Right now though, its only three days before Christmas and we bet in your house everything is stirring, including the mouse.

Someone really stirred in the M. L. Hughes house and in the yard too. By all means drive by and see the gorgeous Christmas display there. A huge snowman has been constructed of tumbledweeds and he stands by an exquisite poinsettia tree. Decorations for the tree was hand crafted by Mrs. Smith, Earlene Hughes' Mom, and that same lady concocted the soap and starch mixture to color the snowman. The overall effect of the wintery scene is just one of the prettiest you'll see anywhere. Inside the Hughes home you can see Lloyd Ray's lighted tree and all in all its all full of the wonderful holiday spirit.

Did you attend the Beauty Contest Monday? It was one of the best ones the annual staff has ever produced and the winner and 1956-57 Champion of Baird High School is pretty brunette Dorothy Shaffrina. Congratulations are in order and we offer them. Barbara Snyder, sweet and charming, walked off with second place honors and Virginia "Cissy" Barnes, lovely as always, was third winner. Judges had a hard time making their decisions because competition was stiff. Baird High has more pretty girls to the square inch than any school we know of. Folks who saw the contest were delighted with the clever way in which it was presented and we have Ethelyn McGowan to thank for that. The script was her own original work. Set decorations were arranged by Mrs. Clyde White and the Senior Class and music by Melba Foy—and oh yes, star performance by Santa Clause can be credited to Lynn Payne.

Wednesday was party day at school. Class rooms blossomed with decorations the children have been making, and mothers brought in special treats for each class. Christmas tree programs and exchanging of gifts climaxed everyone's party and to add a wonderful time was had by all seems sort of superfluous because you know those youngsters have never had so much fun since this time last year.

We've been gathering data on Christmas trees and door decorations for you and here's a few of them. Nancy Gilbreath has her tree lighted and so do the Gobel children, Gary and Julie. Edwin and Joe Lynn Ault have their home decorated for Christmas and so do Bobby Jack and Cheryl Sue Simms. They have a beautifully lighted Santa and deers as well as decorated trees. Billy Seelig has a lighted tree and so does Scotty Mitchell. Sotty, by the way, did his own arrangement, constructed the big jolly Santa Clause and put the whole thing up himself. Dan, Gary, and Craig Franke have their tree lighted and so do the La Cours. Justin, Linnea, Hilma, and Betsy. Mary Joe Thompson has one of the brightest trees we've ever seen, and the Corns, Dona and Rea have a beautiful tree in their window. The Dunlaps have a lovely tree and yard scene, and one of the most attractive trees we've seen any where is at Robert Martins house. Donnie Atood has a lovely lighted decoration, and the Lewises have a pretty tree in their window. The precious baby girls at Terrell William's home have a beautiful tree all ready for Santa Claus and ditto for Jud and Gary Gilliland. The Towles, Karen, Larry and Alay have their tree ready and Sandy Cummings has a pretty one too. Johnny Bowler has his tree lighted and its extra pretty. All the little Windhams, Tally, Dyer, Tom, and the baby have their tree ready for Christmas and Fred and Maude Hart have a lovely tree in the picture window of their new home. The Youngs, Sharon, Suzan, and Mike have a tree and so does Jerry Jones. Franklin Alexander has his tree lighted and there's a lovely doorway and tree at the Frank Hudson home. (Next door to the Hodson's there's a beautiful lighting arrangement but

County Over Quota In Saving Bond Purchase

Mr. Howard E. Farmer, Chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Committee for Callahan County advised today that citizens of the county had purchased a total of \$8,434 Series "E and H" Savings Bonds through November 1956. The County's goal for the year is \$210,000. Bonds purchased thus far represent 118.9% of this goal.

Mr. Farmer also had some timely advice for the lucky folks who will receive money for Christmas this year. "There is a wonderful way to spend Christmas Cash to make it worth much more. Buy United States Savings Bonds and watch them grow."

Mr. Farmer had a timely suggestion for a New Year's Resolution. He said all of us could help ourselves, our families, our community and our country by resolving to use a systematic savings plan. A plan that works automatically and pays off with guaranteed results. The Government has such a plan, the Payroll Savings plan for the purchase of Series "E" United States Savings Bonds.

"The way to put this New Year's Resolution into operation," he said, "is to sign up for the Payroll Savings plan in your payroll office."

Baird Choir to Present Cantata

The Choir of the Baird Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday night, December 23 at 7:00 p. m. The Cantata this year is "The Music of Bethlehem" music written by Fred B. Holton.

As a setting for the music color slide films will be projected on the screen. The Cantata of Christmas music includes the full choir, men's and women's chorus, solos, and other special parts. Mr. Glenn Rocky is the choir director. Mrs. C. M. Peck is organist with Mrs. W. O. Wylie Jr. pianist. You are invited and urged to be present and worship in this service of music.

we don't have the name, how about calling and telling us?) Lula Mae and Ben Russell have one of the most attractively lit home you'll find anywhere and the Spencer Price's have done a fine job with their home. Barbara and Joy Lynn Bruce have their tree lighted and the Blacks, Mary Ray, and the girls have their home beautifully decorated. The Ringhoffers have decorated very attractively and so have Ann Glasson and her folks. Bob Parks and his family have a beautiful decoration and so do the Alexander Youngsters. Joy, Lee, Jim, and Jeff Jackson have their tree and doorway lighted and around at Carol Lynn McGowan's there are lighted trees, deer on the lawn, a bright doorway and Christmas all over the place. Ann and Tommy Batron have their home decorated and that gal Betty Jackson has the twinkling red tree in her window that any one ever dreamed of. Sandra Saunders and her brothers and sisters have their tree lighted and so does Nancy Deal. David Lusk has a beautiful tree and that goes for a nice little guy named Frank Robbins. John Lambert and Cora Sue are all ready for Christmas with their tree and you've never seen a prettier one than Kerry White has. Mary Ann Bell has her tree ready for a visit from Saint Nicholas and she has a pretty doorway too. Lewis Belyeu has his tree up and you should see the lovely one in Vivian White's home. Jackie Smith has his tree ready and there's one for Jimmy and Jan Alexander and their baby sister. Keith Price and Suzan have a lovely tree and a window decoration too. Barbara Volights and her folks have their tree lighted and Sheryl Alexander have a tree at their house. Whewwww—who have we skipped on that list? Hope we haven't missed a one, because Christmas trees are just too nice and friendly to leave out even one.

Going anywhere special for the holidays? Tell us about it. Mr. and Mrs. Kale Weldon will spend Christmas with the Charles Burnett family in Amarillo. Mrs. Burnett is the former Helen Weldon. The Burnett's have a brand new baby girl who arrived December eighteenth.

Grain Program Extended

Walter T. McKay, State Director, Farm Home Administration, today advised Herschel A. Lynch, County Supervisor, of the extension of the Emergency Feed Grain Program in Callahan County. Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through February 15, 1957 for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry their basic livestock through March 15, 1957. Mr. McKay also advised that the Emergency Roughage Program will be extended, however, there will be a delay in accepting applications for roughages until sometime in early January since financial aspects of the program are being worked out in Washington.

Clyde - Wylie Wins Tourney

The Clyde boys and Wylie girls won championships in the Clyde Invitation basketball tournament Saturday night.

The Clyde boys downed Cross Plains, 43-31, behind the 16-point shooting of Gerald Breeding. Clark Baum tossed in 14 for Cross Plains.

Wylie won the girls finals with a 35-26 over Albany. Janice Evans scored 21 for Wylie. Gloria Williams meshed 14 for Albany.

In the boys' consolation Albany nipped South Taylor, 35-31. Ralph Boiling paced Albany with 12 as Bill Swindle dropped in 10 for the Flying Tigers.

Clyde's girls won the consolation trophy with a 51-22 victory over Baird. Eva Barr hit 16 for Clyde and Mary Jagers 15 for Baird.

The boys all-tournament consisted of:

Jerry Atwell of Albany; Clark Baum of Cross Plains; Pete Mendez of Putnam; Gesald Breeding of Clyde; and John Jensen of South Taylor.

Girls all-tournament was made up of:

Forwards: Gloria Williams of Albany; Mary Jagers of Baird; and Shirley Clement of Cisco. Guards: Nancy Inghram of Wylie; Barbara Bar of Clyde; and Cynthia McCuin of Cross Plains.

R. L. Sutphens Hold Open House

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sutphen were hosts Sunday for an open house to their many friends and relatives. The recently completed structure of pink stone is a three bedroom home with the interior finished in a pink color scheme throughout. The master bedroom has double closet space with folding doors and a bleached mahogany suit with drapes of beige and spiced beige trim, bringing out a lovely blend of color. The other bedroom is equally as beautiful in its special blend of color and spacing closets. There are two baths, one in pink tile and the other in green. The large liveable den floor has a tile covering. Tile covered floors are also found in the kitchen which has tile top cabinets, built in fixtures and match stick drapes. Wall to wall carpeting cover the combined living room and dining room floors, bringing out a beautiful color scheme in the drapes and other decoration.

Presiding at the serving table were Mrs. John Bostick, a daughter of Abilene, and Mrs. Margie Ray, a sister to Mr. Sutphen of Baird. Mrs. Haller presided at the register. The entire home is complete even to the heating and cooling system. Special shelvings in the hall way displayed one hundred and seventy salt and pepper sets. Mrs. Sutphen's mother, Mrs. J. A. Caraway, makes her home with them and Mr. Sutphen's mother, Mrs. G. E. Sutphen of Baird was also present. A large number attended the open house from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner are announcing the birth of twins, Elizabeth Kay and Phillip Ray, born Saturday, December 15 in a Dallas Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mills, formerly of Baird and now of Corsicana, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Skinner of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Collins of Baird are uncle and aunt of the babies.

Clyde Man's Father Dies At Zephyr

Dee Andrew Robinson, 73, died at 2 a. m. Saturday in a hospital in Zephyr.

He had been in ill health for four years and became critically ill Friday. He and his wife lived with a son, A. C. Robinson, in Zephyr.

Mr. Robinson was a retired farmer. He was born in Williamson County and moved to Mills County in 1946. He had farmed in Howard and Martin Counties.

He was married in Howard County to Linda Westfall in 1909. Funeral services were at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Baptist Church in Coahoma.

Burial in Coahoma Cemetery was directed by River Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, A. C. Robinson of Zephyr and W. A. Robinson of Clyde; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, W. W. Robinson of LaPryor and one sister, Mrs. Mamie Reid of Big Spring.

New and Renewal Subscriptions

E. M. Seale, Baird
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 Mrs. Juke Shelton, Baird
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 Mrs. L. L. Ford, Torrance, Calif.

D. L. Blair, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Charlie Stephenson, Clyde
 S. E. Edwards, Clyde
 Mrs. Bob Wally, Hannibal, Mo.
 Mrs. Kate Crawford, Clyde
 M. A. Reynolds, Mason

Garden Club Meets

The Baird Garden Club met Tuesday Dec. 18th with Mrs. I. E. Warren, Mrs. W. B. Weekly and Mrs. Ben Ross as hostesses in the home of Mrs. I. E. Warren.

Invocation was given by Mrs. E. C. Fulton. Roll Call was answered by 18 members and two guests, recalling their happiest Xmas.

Mrs. Hubert Ross gave an interesting story of Christmas of Yesteryears. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was surrounded with gift packages, each bearing a number which was drawn by the guest holding the duplicate number.

"White Christmas" pie and coffee was served to: Mmes. S. W. Lilley, John McGowan, Clyde White, Sue Ivey, D. J. Anderson, H. D. Hart, E. C. Fulton, C. Z. Anderson, Leo Tyler, Ace Hickham, W. E. Box, Felix Mitchell, Maria Leach, Dick Young, Hubert Ross, W. B. Weekly, Ben Ross, I. E. Warren and guests, Mmes. Frank Cunningham and Alice Crutchfield.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR NETTY DONAWAY

A bridal shower honoring Nettie Donaway was held in the home of Mrs. Vena Shackelford Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The guests were greeted by Nettie Lu, her mother, Mrs. Vernon Donaway and the grooms mother, Mrs. Jack Ramsey.

Georgia Kay McClesky of Cisco, cousin of the bride, presided at the brides book.

The table was laid with a white Italian cut work cloth. The centerpiece arrangement was a fan shape made of cedar and blue balls flanked on each end by blue candles in crystal holders. The crystal punch bowl was at one end of table balanced by a large white cake at other.

Meta Reynolds presided at the punch bowl. The hostesses were Jo Everett, Elaine Normand, Marjorie Bailey, Margarite Mendez, Janice Reynolds and Meta Reynolds.

CARD OF THANK S

Let me take this means of saying thank you to all our friends who were so kind during the illness of Mother and after her death. Your expression of concern and sympathy will always be remembered.
 Froy N. McCaw.

McCaw Rites Held Sunday

Mrs. Addie Martin McCaw, 69, of 1, died at 12:15 p. m. Friday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene.

Mrs. McCaw had been in the hospital for several days. Born in Belton March 22, 1887, she was a long-time resident of this area. She was married at Baird in 1920.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the Methodist Church in Clyde with the Rev. A. B. Armstrong officiating. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery under direction of the Wylie Funeral Home. Pallbearers were nephews of Mrs. McCaw, E. M. Ashley, Carl Ashley, Bob Martin, John Stash, Marcus Johnston, Tom Marchen, Otto May, and W. Carroll Wallace.

Mrs. McCaw had been a member of the Clyde Methodist Church for 55 years. She is survived by a daughter, Floy McCaw of the family home; three sisters, Mrs. L. V. Ashley So. of Snyder, Mrs. Ruth Wallace of Belton and Mrs. Aradla Morrisette of Abilene; two brothers, J. Z. Martin of Clyde and Hub Martin of Bomarton and several nieces and nephews.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Admiral Baptist Church will have its Christmas tree Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Doyle Hopper's Grandmother Dies

Mrs. J. W. Anthony, 82, died at Elda, N. M., at 5:30 a. m. Friday following surgery.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday in the New Mexico town.

Mrs. Doyle Hopper of Clyde, was at the bedside when Mrs. Anthony died.

Mrs. Hopper's husband, two children, Norma and Doyle Jr., and her father, A. E. Stevenson of Clyde, attended the funeral.

The families of two other granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rios of Holdenville, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pyeatt of Farmington, N. M., also attended the funeral. The couples are former Clyde residents.

Mrs. Anthony also is survived by her husband and three sons. Mrs. Anthony had been a visitor in Clyde many times.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr.
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 E. C. Pretz, M. D., Orange
 Frances Rettig McGee, Memphis, Tenn.
 Carl Hensley
 George Nitchke of Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cook have also returned home after several weeks vacation at Port Aransas.

Former Resident Dies In Colorado

Mrs. Alma Cranford, 57, died in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Helen Casebier of Delta, Colo., at 4 a. m. Thursday, Dec. 20, following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Cranford was born in Coleman County July 8, 1898, the former Alma Burrow. She resided in Callahan County for a number of years.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Survivors include her husband, Morgan Cranford; four sons, Fuller Beaver of Lawn, Jack Beaver of Fort Worth, E. J. Cranford of Delta, Colo., and Audrey Cranford of Odessa; three daughters: Mrs. Arlie Nobles of Oplin, Mrs. Helen Casebier of Delta, Colo., and Karon Cranford of the home; four brothers: Rube Burrow of Abilene, Punch Burrow of Lawn, James Burrow of Abilene, Canada, and Joe Burrow of Tularosa, N. M.; five sisters: Jessie Poe of Baird, Lottie Johnson of Carlsbad, N. M., Mary Coy and Bertie McDonald of Carlsbad, N. M., and Mrs. Aubrey Loper of Medford, Ore.; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Earnest Hill and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Jr., and son Keith of Abilene have returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Davis.

Merry Christmas

As another year passes we realize how important your friendship and goodwill have been to our success.

We appreciate the opportunity the Holiday Season brings to say "Thank You" and wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chas. M. Isenhower
 Ray J. Green
 Lynn Ault

Mrs. L. F. Patterson
 Mrs. Pearle Blakley
 R. L. Smedley, Jr.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

Putnam Personals . . .

Mrs. R. L. Clinton visited relatives in Knox City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cunningham of Midland visited relatives and friends in Putnam one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fanny Schubert and two daughters of Ft. Worth were Sunday visitors with Ruth and Betty Mobley. They were enroute to San Francisco, Calif. to spend Xmas.

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown and three children of San Antonio were weekend visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Mrs. M. H. Sargent, La Verne Rutherford, and Vella Sandlin, attended the O. E. S. Christmas party at Baird Tuesday night.

Mmes. S. M. Eubank, W. R. Francisco, G. S. and Homer Pruet, were visitors in a hobby shop at Ranger Thursday.

John Payton Wingo and family of Baird visited with Betty and Ruth Mobley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warlick Jones and family were Friday night visitors with the Homer Pruet's.

Foy Jobe and family who are now living in Fort Worth, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon.

Aura Frances Waddell of Abilene was in Putnam Friday

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

Mr. and Mrs. Royle White and family of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White Sunday.

G. W. Weeks and family, R. D. Weeks and family of Abilene were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks Sunday.

Nettle Lou Donoway and Vernetta Pierce spent Thursday night with Vernetta's grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen and son, David of Merkel visited with Mrs. L. B. Moore, Eva and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls returned home from Port Aransas Friday where they have spent the last two months vacationing.

Mrs. J. R. Gunn was shopping in Abilene Monday.

Lonnie Smith, Dock Smith's youngest son came by and visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman Sunday. He is in the Navy and was on his way home for Xmas holidays in Altus, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls Sunday.

We are very happy that Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Reese have returned home from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allyn of Trent are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Isenhower.

Ruth and Betty Mobley spent Friday with their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey in Gorman.

Word has been received that Tran Butler of Anson is very ill. He is a former resident of the Union Community, and his brother, Loyd Butler lives in Putnam.

High Neighbors! We still have dry weather here, and cold weather too. A new norther blew in today. Suppose to get pretty cold tonight.

Roma and John McIntyre visited Tuesday in Opalin with John's parents, The Clint McIntyres. They made some of that good chili. Mr. Mc wasn't feeling as well as usual. Hope he is feeling OK now.

Olle Burnham, Mrs. Herring and Mrs. John Cook went to Abilene shopping last week.

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Gerold, Mildred and James Carter will be here Saturday. James has finished his schooling at Fort McClellan and will go to Europe in January.

Roma and I finished our shopping last Wednesday and are about ready for Christmas. If anyone ever gets ready of course, still got to make some cakes, pies, cookies and maybe some candy.

Louise Isenhower visited with John and Roma Sunday afternoon. Little Boy Jim and I visited with them a while too.

D. A. Yarbrough had supper with Jim and I Saturday evening. Roma and I visited with D. A. last Friday afternoon. Think old Santa has already visited him.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clinton visited last Tuesday evening. We were so glad to have them. Mrs. Clinton said it had been three years since they had visited with us and they would be back in three more years. Hope they don't wait that long to come back.

Good morning! This is a cold Tuesday. Drizzled, rained and froze all over the ground and is real cold today. My don't you feel for the old cows that have to take weather like this—I do.

We were so sorry to learn Mrs. Earl Rutherford is sick and in the hospital. Hope you soon get well Mrs. Rutherford. We really do miss you.

Not much news out this way so be good and have a Merry Christmas everybody. I hope to see you again next week.

STUDY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Womens Study Club had their Christmas party Monday in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre. The Roll Call—Christmas Verse or Scripture Book Review—"All the Women of the Bible" given so well by Mrs. Fred Cook. After refreshments, gifts were exchanged.

Those present were one guest, Mrs. Fred Allyn of Trent, Members Mmes. Mark Burnam, R. L. Clinton, Fred Cook, John Cook, S. M. Eubank, W. A. Feely, Douglas Fry, Tex Herring, Fred Heyser, Weldon Isenhower, John Petty, H. A. Pruet, F. P. Shackelford Jr., R. B. Taylor, L. A. Williams, R. D. Williams, J. A. Yarbrough, R. W. Reynolds, Vena Shackelford, Ruth and Betty Mobley and the hostess, Mrs. John McIntyre.

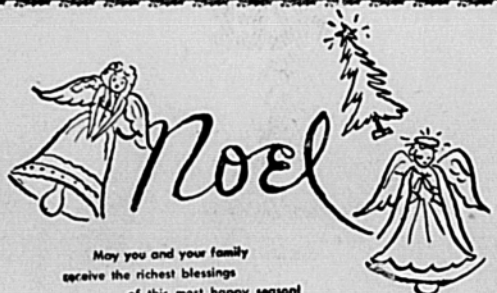
NOTICE!

My shop will be closed
Dec. 24-25-26
Margie Ray



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Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

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Peace On Earth Good Will Toward Men!



THE ART Beauty Salon
Lillie M. Williams
Putnam, Texas

Greetings OF THE SEASON!

May we extend a truly sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and may every good thing be yours during the coming New Year!

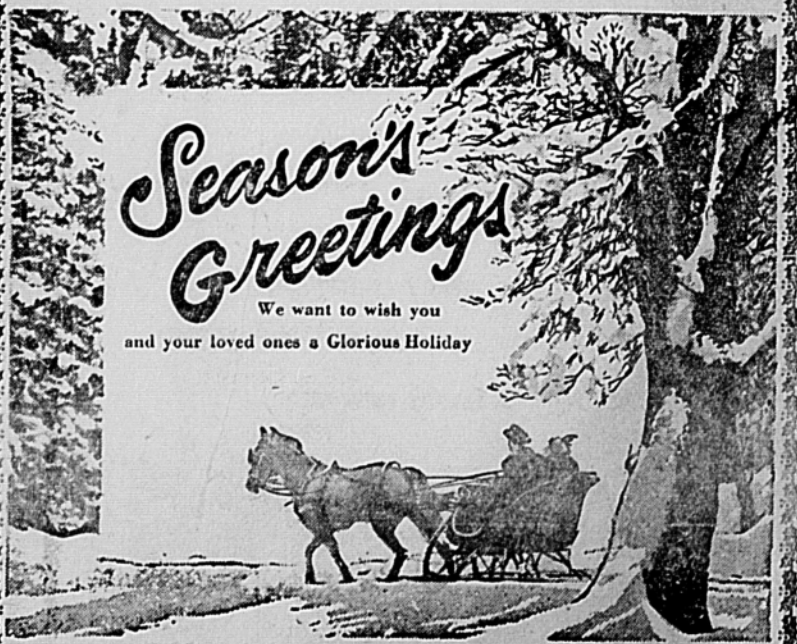
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Mrs. James R. Gibson.
50-2-c

FOR RENT—Furnished Apartment. 404 Arch St. See Mrs. Emerson or Mrs. George Sadler. 49-1f-c.

NOTICE

We will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24th and 25th. Bryants Laundry. 59-2t-c.

FOR SALE: Fat steer Otto Schaffrina. 51-2-p.

FOR TRADE: Four room house with bath in Putnam for farm tractor or auto. Would consider renting.

R. W. Reynolds
Putnam, Ph. 74F3
51-2-c

FOR SALE—Better tanks, all sizes, made in Albany, for less money. Have on hand one 10-ft. Aeromotor windmill, 40-ft. steel tower and heavy duty pump. All slightly used, good condition. 1/2 price new one. By George. 51-3-c

NOTICE

The Farm Bureau has 200 tons of Alfalfa hay which will arrive between now and Christmas at a reduced drouth rate to the Farmer and Rancher. See Bill Lawrence for orders. 51-1-p.

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ADMIRAL NEWS

By Mrs. Roy Higgins

Mr and Mrs. Sim Smith visited in Anson Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grogan and children.

Those visiting Mrs. Tom Smart and Ruebelle over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smart, Mrs. Vivian McGuire, Mrs. Minnie Lincum, and Mrs. Nettie Miller all of Abilene.

Rev. Causey and family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker.

Mr and Mrs. C. P. Porter visited Sunday with the Claxton Jones.

Ethel Eastham was honored last Friday with a handkerchief shower, in the home of Mrs. Claxton Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith.

The Rev. Griswell and family of Brownwood attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Higgins of Carbon visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Higgins and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Higgins.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Sunday night, Dec. 23.

Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Wiseman, and children from Florence, visited his sister, Mrs. Ace Gill and family over the weekend and attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick visited her brother, Joe Granad and family Monday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Respass of Sweetwater visited Sunday in the Respass home.

Mrs. W. B. Gilliland and Hazel I. Respass attended the Christmas party Saturday night at the Putnam Methodist parsonage.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick visited Wednesday night in Talpa with their daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee and family.

Mrs. Frances Gilleland, Beulah and Hazel attended a Stanley party at Miss Eunice Hembree last Thursday of last week at Scranton.

Several attended singing at Rowden Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Swafford, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Billie Coats, Mrs. Raymond Demere, and V. L. Fulton.

The Baptist Church and Methodist people will each have a Christmas program Friday night December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lewis of Pampa visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lewis Saturday over Monday.

TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:

Most folks don't like to think about their income tax during Christmas week or any other time for that matter. It does pay, however, to be educated in tax matters. The Internal Revenue folks like for everybody to start work on their tax returns after Christmas. What sort of Christmas gift do you get for that?

Rowden Round-Up

By Thelma Crow

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nowell and Dicky had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dany Brown of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Voncelle Gibbs and Judy Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dale Brown of Baird spent Sunday with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odle Smedley.

Frank Muncelle and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brown spent Saturday with Mrs. Gene Maulden and boys.

Mrs. Lois Elliott and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell and children of Abilene visited their father, Mr. W. F. Jones and attended the singing at the Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nowell and Dicky had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ross Sunday night.

Every one enjoyed the singing convention which was at Rowden the past Sunday.

Mrs. Ludie Owen is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.

The little Duncan girls visited Judy Gibbs Sunday.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the American Legion Hall in the City of Baird, Callahan County, Texas on the 8th day of January 1957 for the purpose of electing three Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

The officers of said election are: Election Judge, W. C. White; Clerks, Mrs. Eva Lee, Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and Mrs. Alice Crutchfield. All persons who are qualified voters and who pay taxes in said District shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Gilbert Hinds, President
Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.
12-14; 21; 1-4.

Santa's Letters . .

Dec. 15.

Dear Santa:

I'm a little boy, 5 year old. Mamma said I had been a good boy. I wish Santa could bring me 2 guns and 200000, some Army tanks, Army men.

Thank you
Warren Donaway
Putnam, Texas.

Dear Santa:

Will you bring me a doll house for Christmas, but if you don't have enough, please bring me something else. I love you.

Shirley Simmons
Baird, Rt. 1.

Moran, Texas
Dec. 12, 1956

Lynda and Bert Jones. I want a doll, and a record player. Bert wants a gun, and a filling station.

We love you Santa Claus,
Lynda and Bert Jones.

Safety Topic of Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met on December 12th in the home of Mrs. V. E. Hill with Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield giving the invocation.

As guest speaker for the Safety Program, Mr. Ross Kemp of the State Highway Patrol, Dept. of Public Safety, was presented. Mr. Kemp emphasized the importance of Driver Education courses for the high schools of Texas. He suggested that the students of the 9th and 10th grades are the age groups which should receive the training; consisting of both classroom instruction and practice phase.

The speaker stated that insurance companies offer a reduction in car insurance rates to a family whose teenage drivers have completed the Driver's Education course. He also mentioned the fact that at present, Cross Plains High School is the only school in Callahan County offering such instruction.

Club members donated money for purchase of Christmas gifts to be sent to the Abilene State Hospital from Callahan County.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated tea table emphasizing the Christmas theme.

May all the Joys and Blessings of the CHRISTMAS SEASON be with you, and may the coming year bring health and happiness to each and all.
the Max Levi Family.



As the Christmas bells ring out and another year is about to be born we realize how very important your friendship has been to our success. We appreciate the opportunity this Holiday Season brings to Thank You and say . . .

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Merry Christmas

As we usher in the year-end holidays again, we recall the loyal friendships and cordial relations enjoyed in the year just closing. We take this time to express our sincere appreciation for your patronage.

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MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT
Baird, Texas

Missionary Society Meets Dec. 17

The Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. John Alexan-

der Monday, Dec. 17th, at 8 p. m. with Mrs. James Asbury, president, presiding. Silent Night was sung by the group. The opening prayer was given by



The beauty of the old Christmas story has been an inspiration to many for many centuries... may this Christmas bring all of us closer to the hopeful message... Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men!

PIONEER LODGE

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weekley

Mrs. E. C. Fulton. During the business session a motion carried to invite Mrs. G. E. Everett of Snyder who is the Abilene Presbyterian President to visit the society Jan. 28. Mrs. Asbury gave a beautiful Christmas Story and closed the meeting with prayer. During the social hour which followed gifts were exchanged from a beautiful lighted tree and delicious refreshments were served from the table which was centered with candles and Christmas decorations. Those enjoying the delightful occasion were Mrs. James Asbury, Henry Berry, T. O. Boyd, Joe McIntyre, E. C. Fulton, Mary Kehrer, V. F. Jones, Arthur Johnson, George Jones, Jeff Jackson and Shyle and Linda Alexander.

Club Hears Mrs. S. L. McElroy

The annual Christmas party for members of the Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club was held in the home of Miss Edith Bowls with Mrs. G. H. Tankersley as Co-Hostess, on December 17, 1956. Mrs. McElroy reviewed "The Wood Carver" by Grace Noll Crowell.

Christmas Carols were sung by the members and guests and gifts were distributed.

T&P MENU SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Baked Turkey - Dressing - Cranberry Sauce
English Peas - Asparagus Tips
Creamed Potatoes
Fruit Salad - Mince Pie
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Private Dining Room

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Warren



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Merry Christmas



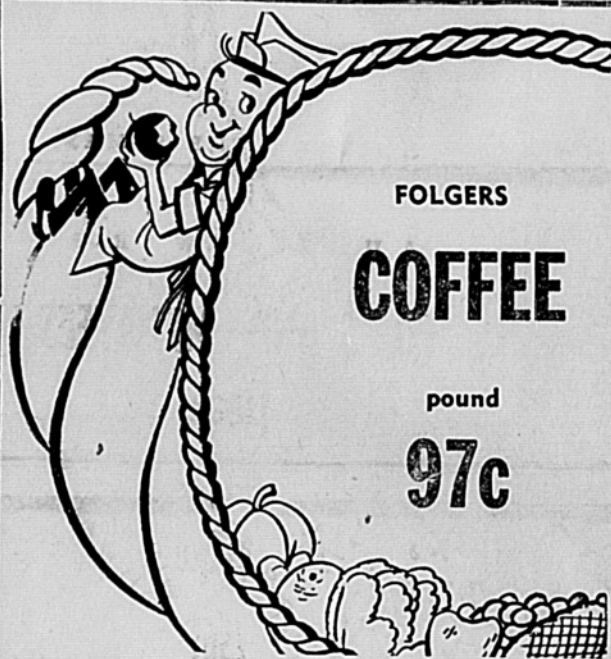
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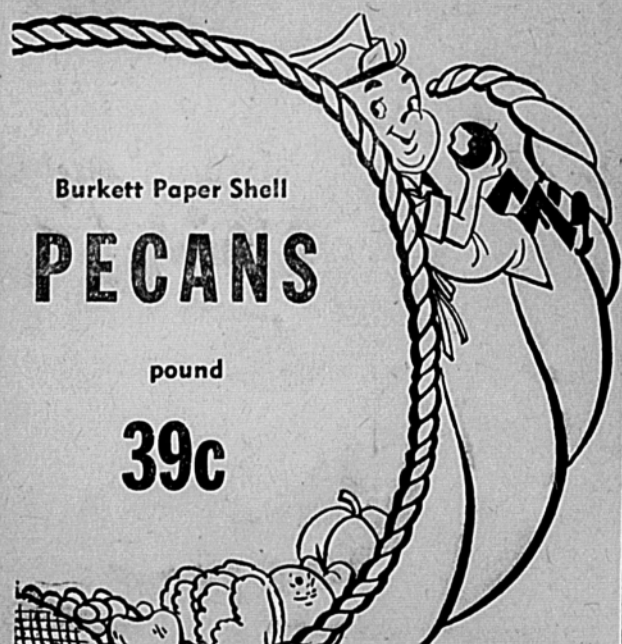
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- CRISP GREEN
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BANANAS, 2 lbs. 29c

- KIMBELLS—CUT ROCK
XMAS CANDY, 12 oz. pkg. 19c
- WORTHMOOR CHOCOLATE COVERED
CHERRIES, 1 1/2 lb. box 49c
- DEL MONTE 2 NO. 303 CANS
FRUIT COCKTAIL 39c
- DEL MONTE
PUMPKIN, 1 No. 303 cans 25c
- MISSION — ALL GREEN
ASPARAGUS, 2 No. 303 cans ... 49c
- GOLD MEDAL
FLOUR, 10 lb. bag 89c
- BETTY CROCKER
CAKE MIX, 3 boxes 98c
- OCEAN SPRAY
CRANBERRIES, 1 lb. box 23c
- EAST TEXAS NO. 1 SWEET
POTATOES, 2 lbs. 25c
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PHONE 297

Be Careful Dear Santa

The Director of Law Enforcement for the Game and Fish Commission said he considered cabling an alert to Santa Claus to "act natural" when he whizzes through Texas Christmas Eve.

The warning was prompted, said the Director, by "some pretty wild carrying on" during the current fall wildlife harvest.

He qualified his observation by citing that, during the last thirty days, three hundred seventy-eight complaints were filed against hunters who paid a combined total of \$10,816.96 in fines and court costs.

This was one of the highest overall assessments ever levied in one month in recent years.

The Director cited one item as typical of the harem-scarum antics: forty-eight persons were charged with shooting game from an automobile.

Other major offenses included: No hunting license, 52; taking game in closed season, 36; hunting at night, 33; exceeding bag limit, 22 (including ten over limits on geese) untagged deer, 22; and using unplugged gun, 6.

The Director called particular attention to "a rash of complaints" about hunters not properly filling out deer tags. He suggested gunners follow instructions and abide by the State Law.

Fishermen also got into the arrest report act. Twenty-four were fined for lacking licenses and thirteen were fined for "telephoning" fish.

"It was a pretty busy month for our field men," said the Director. "But the violations really were not out of proportion in considering the hundreds of thousands of hunters in the field. They really cooperated pretty well. I must admit some of the totals caught the eye. But I'm confident we can safely conduct Old Santa through here when the big night comes."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—I want to go to school under the War Orphans education program. How can I find out what courses are approved for this training?

A—Any course that's State-approved for veterans under the Korean GI Bill also is approved for the War Orphans program. Your VA Regional Office can tell you whether the course you want has been approved.



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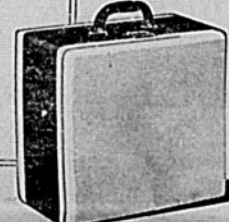
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70th Anniversary Near For 1st Mullin Wedding

Southeast of here, where the rolling grand prairie of Texas shades into the rocky uplift of the Edwards Plateau, lies the little community of Mullin and Mills County.

Jan. 2, 1957, will mark an important date for both community and county. This will be the 70th anniversary of the first marriage ceremony performed in both.

There are not many left to remember the time—except the bride and bridegroom; she was a gay and tender 29, and he was a vigorous 24-year-old son of a cotton gin owner and a cowpuncher on the great Trept ranch near Eskota, in Fisher County.

For you hundreds wed since in Mills County: the marriage of Josephine Epley and C. W. Conner is strong and warm yet. They are now white-haired and hard of hearing in these days of great-grandchildren. For 42 years they have lived in the same two-story brown house with the red brick foundation, located west of

the Callahan County Court House and next to U. S. Highway 80. Signs under the broad front porch advertise rooms for rent in the large home.

Inside, with comfortable rockers and soft slippers, live two fragile people who remember the days of the trail herds, terrific blizzards which killed cattle by the hundreds, the days of the unfenced range, the immigrant farmers swarming in on the railroad, organization of new counties, the sod shanties, and Indian raids on the horse herd, although never fighting an Indian.

Eskota was a town mushrooming around a red water tank, a coal chute and a boxcar telegraph office. Sweetwater was the big noise, the meeting place for railroad men, gamblers, cowboys and settlers.

At one time Conner knew the name and value of almost every man and woman in Callahan County. The couple and their children moved from Eskota to Callahan County to farm, about the turn of the century. They settled near Cottonwood and later operated a grocery store at Putnam. He moved into Baird in 1911 after being elected county treasurer. He held the post for four years. Then he became a roving peddler, touring the county for about four years. He re-entered politics and was elected county tax assessor for another four years. It was in this time he began to build up his vast memory for names of people. He returned to peddling wares over the county, adding still more names to his mental storehouse.

He held one more public office, the many-hated one of "city marshal, tax assessor-collector and water superintendent" of Baird. "As city marshal I made some kind of a record," he smiles. That record: one arrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner's children are Mrs. Harold Graves of 1202 Briarwood Dr., Abilene; Mrs.

George (Myrtle) Page of Dallas and Mrs. Fred (Maude) Hart of Baird. There are six grandchildren and a great grandchild. Conner has been an elder in the Church of Christ for 31 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pillams Sunday afternoon in Abilene. They also visited Gerald Foster who is still in the Baird Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gobel and

children from Abilene and Mrs. Ila Rouse from Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse Sunday night.

Mrs. Jim Hewes and Miss Maggie Wilson were shopping in Abilene Friday.

Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Rev. J. B. Chick from Abilene preached at the Baptist Church Sunday. He was accompanied by his wife and son. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nell Tatom were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Dupriest from Texon visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rouse over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Chapman and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eagley and baby from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nell Tatom Sunday.

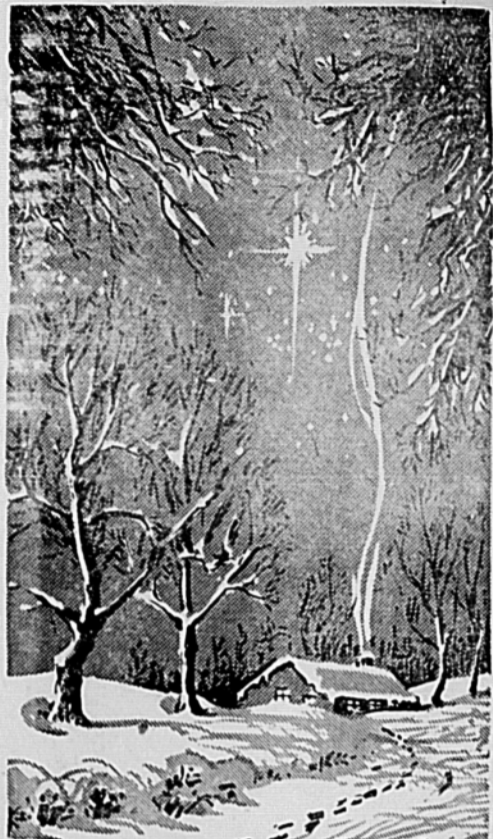


W. L. IVEY
Baird, Texas



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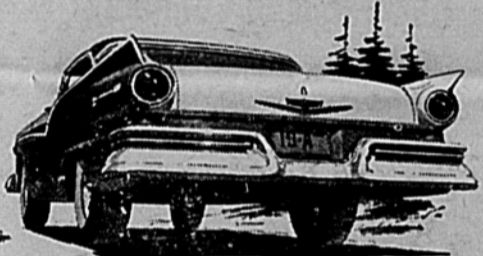
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RINGHOFFER HUMBLE STATION



Kill Crop Robbers!

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 21.—Have you ever stopped to think how much undesirable trees and brush in the farm fence rows cost? A. H. Walker, extension range specialist, says a recent study showed that a single large mesquite tree was using all of the water from one-

sixth acre of cropland. The farmer on whose farm the study was made reported that the tree cost him \$9.10 last year. He averaged a half bale of cotton to the acre on his other cropland but got nothing from the area around the tree. He stopped and did a little figuring and for less than five cents killed the tree.

On another farm, Walker said, no crops were growing for a distance of 90 feet from a brushy fence row. In one mile of fence row the farmer was losing 10 acres of cropland. Countywide surveys have shown that in many counties upwards of 5,000 acres of cropland are not producing crops because of fence row thieves. Walker says if fence rows, trees and brush are not controlled, the farmer would at least save his planting seed, time and labor by not trying to produce crops close to brushy fence rows. This he adds would be a waste of good cropland and not very good management.

Now is the time of the year to apply chemicals to these moisture and soil nutrient robbers. Walker says research and farm demonstrations have shown that best control is obtained by spraying the cut-off stump, the trunk base or by applying a solution in frills to the standing trees. The accepted chemical is 2,4,5-T which should be mixed with diesel oil or kerosene and applied with a hand or back-type sprayer. For the hard to kill trees, Walker recommends a pound of the chemical in six gallons of oil. For easier to kill trees a pound to 12 gallons of oil is suggested.

December, January and February are good months for carrying out the control program. Labor is usually available and working conditions more desirable. Too, few broad-leaf crops are growing which might be damaged from drift from the chemical. The chemical is non-poisonous to man or livestock in the recommended formula.

Better Seed Make Better Crops

A good New Year's resolution for Texas farmers should be, Resolved: To plant Texas registered or certified seed for Texas the 1957 crop year.

There is no such thing as "bargain basement" seed. Cheap seed often results in inferior plants—you get about what you pay for, with few exceptions. Registered or certified seed isn't necessarily expensive it is sensible—you know what you are paying for.

The farmer should look for the official tag on the bag of seed which indicates that the contents have been inspected by the Texas Department of Agriculture. It means the seed meets specifications of the Texas State Seed Law that demands certain regulations.

A seller of certified seed must plant his plots with the purest foundation or breeder's seed. The fields to be certified must be isolated from similar crops according to the standards and these fields are checked by impartial state inspectors for purity and freedom from disease and weeds. Warehouses where seed are stored must measure up to certain standards and the seed are sealed in a bag with the red, white and blue State of Texas seal and the Texas certified or registered tag securely attached.

Registered seed, strictly, is not guaranteed quality seed. The tag merely guarantees that the bag is properly labeled as to content; what percent is foreign matter, etc. This label is purple. Certified seed, on the other hand, must meet strict standards and this tag is pale blue.

These labels are the farmer's protection against inferior or misrepresented seed products. He knows exactly what he is buying and that his seed bags contain exactly what the tag says they contain.

In other words, the tag on the bag guarantees the breeding in the seed.

Further information about Texas registered and certified seed will be given on request. Address inquiries to John C. White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, Capitol Station, Austin 14, Texas.

Darkness Labeled Major Traffic Hazard

E. C. McFadden of Dallas, Vice President of Employers Casualty Company and President of the Texas Safety Association, today charged "darkness" with being one of the major traffic dangers faced by walkers and drivers this month. As the spokesman of the Texas Safety Association, which is co-operating with the National Safety Council in sponsoring the current holiday hazards program, McFadden stressed the necessity for increased caution and decreased speed after dark.

"When driving at night a motorist can't see an object until it comes within range of his headlights," McFadden said. "It's obvious that, if he's driving at a speed that won't permit him to stop within that distance, he'll hit the object. Reduced speed is a must for night driving."

"However, lowered speed is not the whole solution," he said. In order to see danger quickly and act immediately to avoid it, the driver must step up his alertness.

McFadden pointed out that the walker is similarly handicapped at night. But the pedestrian has the advantage of being able to see a vehicle's headlights long before its driver can see him, so the main responsibility for his safety rests with him.

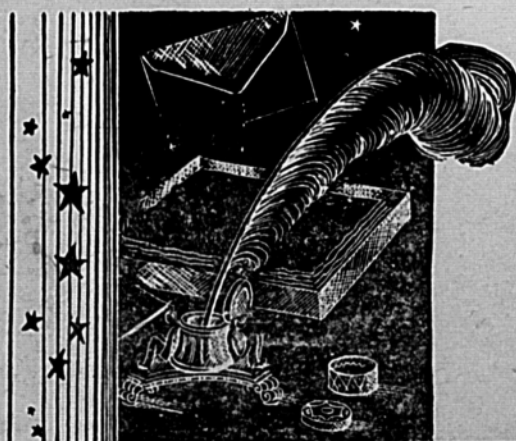
McFadden advised pedestrians to wear something made of white or reflectorized material when walking at night. Carrying a flashlight, or even a newspaper, helps drivers spot them sooner, he said.

"Now, when Christmas shoppers are likely to be out after dark and Christmas parties are in full swing, the night driving and walking picture becomes more complicated," McFadden said. "Often it's further complicated by rain, snow, sleet or ice. Drivers and walkers must have their wits about them every second, if they want to stay safe under such conditions."



May this Christmas be the merriest one you've ever had and may the bright New Year hold for you the fulfillment of all your cherished dreams.

BRYANT LAUNDRY



At Christmas

The time for remembering old friends, old songs, old pleasures of years gone by... and it's also time to start a fresh page in your book of memories for the new year!

W. CLYDE WHITE



Merry Christmas

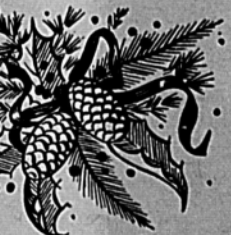
WORK'S DEPT. STORE

22 Attend Sunshine Circle Meeting

Members of the 22nd Sunshine Circle met in the home of Mrs. Hilton Edwards Wednesday Dec. 12 for their annual Christmas Luncheon and Program.

Mrs. Lester Farmer, outgoing president, presided over the program which consisted of readings, devotional and singing of carols, after which plans were made for the Christmas party and gifts to be taken to Ward 3 at Abilene State Hospital. The meeting was climaxed with a lovely Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. The next meeting will be held Jan. 9 in the home of Mrs. R. A. Farmer. Those attending were Mmes. Austin McClure, Fred Farmer, Earl Milliron, N. A. Trotter, Marjorie Jolly, Wilson Gray, J. O. Hallmark, A. E. Battles, Ella

Mrs. Lester Farmer, outgoing Farrar, McGowan Bentley, Ross Farmer, Tom Stoker, Norman Gray, Hilton Edwards, Russell, Max Logan, Lester Farmer, E. E. Harrison, R. H. Brack, R. A. Farmer and Miss Gertie Harris.



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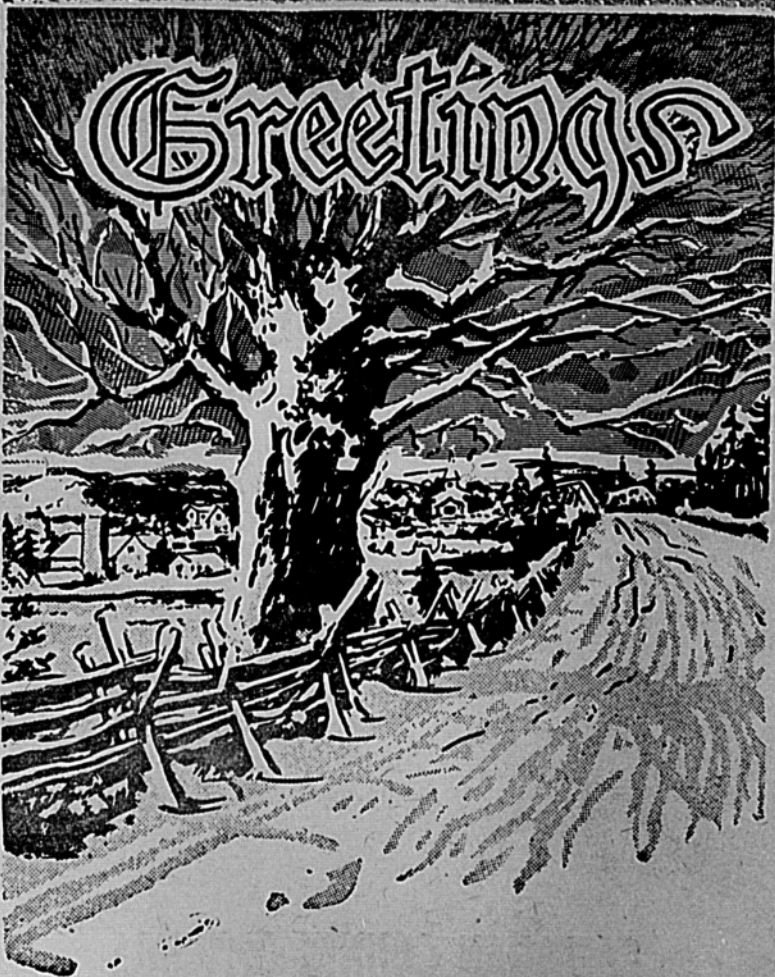
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

AUSTIN, Tex.—Christmas has come to the Capitol, and all the traditions are being observed. A mammoth 40-foot tree with hundreds of lights centers the rotunda. State employees, from youngest clerk to the top man, gather round the huge tree once

each year to sing Christmas carols.

For the first time, Gov. Allan Shivers and his family will spend Christmas in the Mansion. In the past they've gone to Sharyland, their Rio Grande Valley home. But this year they're staying here to get ready for moving . . . to make room for Governor-Elect Price Daniel who takes office on Jan. 15.

Sen. Daniel is working against time to get legislative and inauguration plans settled before the first of the year. Then he must go to Washington to serve two more weeks as senator. But between being senator and getting ready to be governor, the Daniels hope to sandwich in a simple family holiday at their Liberty ranch home.

"BETTER GOVERNMENT" BILLS—An extensive legislative program designed to prevent recurrence of state scandals has been unveiled.

Sixteen "better government" bills were formulated in the attorney general's department under sponsorship of the Texas Press Association. TPA's legislative committee approved the measures and has called on Texas newspapers to work for their passage.

Bills are aimed primarily at secrecy in public affairs. They would outlaw closed meetings of governmental bodies, force publication of official transactions and impose penalties for suppression of public records. Insurance companies would be required to publish



financial statements at least twice a year. Names of veterans applying for land under the veterans land program would be publicized. Committee members also endorsed creation of a special Travis County grand jury for state affairs.

DANIEL BACKS WATER PLAN—Gov. Elect Price Daniel will submit an emergency legislation the proposed \$100,000,000 water development fund.

Daniel said he will support this and other objectives of the Texas Water Resources Committee's program. But he said he wants to study further before making a tax recommendation. According to committee members, the \$100,000,000 revolving fund would not require a special tax. It would be used to extend credit to local governments for water conservation projects.

However, the committee did suggest taxes to buy water storage space in federal reservoirs. Proposed levies would increase fishing licenses 50 cents and place a five per cent excise on pleasure boats and motors.

CITIES FIGHT OVER WATER—Texas' largest cities have squared off in a water rights battle that promises to surpass all others.

Southern Canal Company has asked the State Water Board for a permit to withdraw 200 million gallons daily from the Trinity River for industrial use in the Houston area. Houston has indicated it is backing the company's plan.

Trinity River Authority, together with Fort Worth, Dallas and other cities using Trinity water are protesting.

Testimony before the Water Board is expected to be complex and lengthy.

WATERFALL DEFICIENT—All areas of the state are nearing the end of the year with substantially less than normal rainfall.

State Board of Water Engineers reports 11-month deficiencies ranging from 12 to 19 inches. Storage in major lakes continues at about 43 per cent of capacity.

DROUGHT AND EXTENDED—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has extended from Dec. 31 until March 15 the emergency program to help livestock owners

in drought areas buy feed.

Gov. Shivers commended this decision and asked that USDA also extend grazing privileges under the soil bank program. He requested railroads to continue reduced freight rates for hay shipments to drought areas.

Cameron and Willacy Counties have been added to bring the total drought-hit counties in Texas to 238 out of 254.

SECOND WOMAN GOVERNOR—To Mrs. Neville Colson of Navasota went the distinction of being Texas' first woman governor since Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Mrs. Colson's senate colleagues had named her interim president pro tempore, an office second in line to the governorship. Gov. Shivers and Lt. Gov. Ramsey gallantly left the state so Mrs. Colson could have the traditional "governor for a day" honors.

She proclaimed State Highway Day in recognition of one of her primary legislative interests.

SHEPPERD OFFERS AID—

Atty. Gen. John Ben Sheppard will go to Tennessee next month to help defend persons charged with interfering with school integration.

Sheppard, whose term of office ends Jan. 1, will act as a private citizen.

A federal court order has enjoined persons from interfering with Clinton school integration by "thought, deed or word." Sheppard said he thought this "too broad."

SHORT SNORTS—There'll be a several months delay, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder has told some 13,000 veterans applying to purchase land. Money from the additional \$100,000,000 bond program voted in November will not be available until some time between April and June . . . USDA has upped its forecast of Texas' 1956 cotton crop to 3,610,000 bales—a 10,000-bale increase over the November estimate . . .



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To Our Friends



As we prepare for another visit from Santa we like to pause to remember all the wonderful friendships we've made in the past and look forward to those of the New Year. We thank you all for your every kindness and hope you have a

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Sunshine Club Meets With Mrs. E. R. Beck

The Sunshine Club met in the home of Mrs. E. R. Beck for their Annual Christmas Party. The members exchanged gifts from a beautiful Christmas tree. Those present for the occasion were Mes: D. C. Greer, Mary Kehrer, Hazel Johnson, Edna Neithercutt, Kate Goble, Willie Lambert, Inez Baker, Annie Asbury, Alice Crutchfield, Miss Jeffie Lambert and Granny Jackson; one guest, Mrs. Joe Baldwin, and the hostess Mrs. E. R. Beck. Members, Mrs. Bud Walker, Mrs. E. L. Wood and Miss Katie Lou Walker were absent.

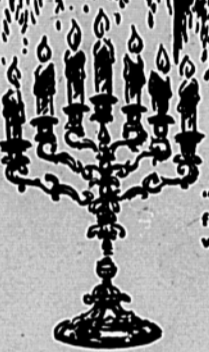
SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

WHEREAS by virtue of Order of Sale issued out of the 142nd Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 9th day of November, 1956, in Cause No. 9874, where Southern California Petroleum Corporation was Plaintiff, and Sorrells Oil Company was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty and 17/100 (\$12,460.17) Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 30 day of November, 1956, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Callahan County, Texas, as the property of Sorrells Oil Company, to-wit:

Defendant's share and interest in the oil and gas lease, leasehold estate and production from the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Survey 118, G. H. & H. Ry. Co. Survey in Callahan County, Texas, 160 acres, more or less, and on the 8th day of January, 1957, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Sorrells Oil Company in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 30 day of November, 1956.
Homer Price, Sheriff
Callahan County, Texas
12-14, 21, 28

Joyous NOEL



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." ST. LUKE, Chap. II, 10

Let us all remember the blessed story and its lessons. Let us keep faith and love in our hearts for all mankind and this will be a truly Joyous Noel!

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Sure Anglers See Rattlers

Surf bathing rattlesnakes, routed by the inland drought, have been providing a few extra bargains for anglers probing the beaches along Matagorda Island, according to Captain Pug Mullinax, Game Warden Supervisor for this area. The Captain frankly reported the unusual migration with some concern because he feared some

unsuspecting surf fishermen might be bitten. He cautioned anglers to be on the lookout particularly in cover growth at water's edge. Mullinax quoted Foreman Leon Parker of the T. L. Wynn Ranch as saying the rattlers had moved to the surf "in unusual numbers." In the semi-tropical coastal areas, the balmy winter days lure the surf casters in large numbers. The Captain said one man

fisher at Cedar Bau "tied into" a five foot rattler by casting over it while the reptile lay motionless in shallow water. He added that the snake was "as big around as a man's forearm" and that it put up a fierce struggle on the light tackle.

Rural Youth To Have Special Day At Fort Worth

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations. Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day.

On Jan. 27, the Sunday School breakfast for junior show exhibitors will be held in Pioneer Palace with the First National Bank of Fort Worth as the host.

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

Virginia Stephenson and Marilyn Gilliland, spent the weekend at Denton with Virgie Mae Stephenson.

Army Offers Young Men Choices

Young men who are thinking of enlisting in the service will find the Army offers them "Choice, not Chance."

There are many choices for those who enlist in the United States Army. For the high school graduate, choice of technical training is offered. Selection of the training desired is made and a written guarantee for attendance at the school is given before being sworn in. Courses in such career fields as electronics, medical, engineering, atomic, aircraft, armament, automotive and photography are a few that are available. In all, there are more than 100 courses from which selection may be made. Some of these courses are also offered to young women.

Another choice is branch assignment which includes Armor, Artillery, Medical Service, Infantry, Military Police Corps, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal Corps, Transportation, Engineers, Counter Intelligence Corps, Army Security Agency and Airborne.

For Prior service personnel who re-enlist within ninety days after discharge, a selection of the army post where they would like to be stationed is offered; provided a vacancy exists.

Under "Operation Gyroscope", individuals may enlist for direct assignment to certain units. This is the Army's rotation plan which replaces units overseas with like units from the United States. Through this plan, enlistees serve in the same organization with friends throughout the complete enlistment.

Those who are interested in choosing before enlistment and not leaving fate to chance, are urged to contact SFC Joseph W.

Robbins at the U S Army Recruiting Station, Room 307, Post Office Building, Abilene.

Frank Jones of Fort Worth was a visitor in Baird Monday.



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A Christmas Wish

May you be with those you love during this gala holiday season and receive the blessings of prosperity and happiness. May you be steadfast in your faith that there will be peace on earth and have good will toward all men!

Friendly Greetings

May happiness be with you and yours at this Christmastime... and throughout the coming New Year!

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Oplin Observations

By Daphne Floyd

The Quilting Party met at the Community Center last Thursday and quilted for Mrs. Albert Betcher and Mrs. Edith Likens. The ladies had made aprons and exchanged them that day also. Mrs. Amelia Poindexter was surprised with gifts honoring her on her 75th birthday. The covered dish luncheon proved to be a regular Christmas dinner with chicken and dressing and all the trimmings.

Mrs. J. E. Casey of Tuscola is visiting her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd.

Tom Poindexter was ill last week with virus pneumonia. Latest reports found him to be some

one. Mrs. Dona Ford of Lawn is visiting with her brother, Arlis Nobles and daughter, Virginia Mae, while his wife, Ida accompanied her brother, Fuller Beaver, to Olathe, Colo., to be at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Red Cranford. Mrs. Cranford is critically ill as she has been fighting a battle with cancer for some time now. She is in the home of her youngest daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Casabair.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dad Poindexter

were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hendon and sons of Abilene and Mrs. Bernice Graham and son of Rotan.

Sue Hall of Abilene was the weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Windham and Paula. The Methodist people presented a most enjoyable Christmas program at the church last Sunday night. As is their custom, they had an exchange of gifts from a large beautifully trimmed tree. Also fruit and candy was presented to everyone present.

Visitors in the A. W. Gibson home during the weekend, were: Albert Criswell of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Cook of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. Gravel Pierce and Jan, of Abilene.

Questions & Answers

Q—I just received my GI insurance dividend, and I want to use the money to pay my insurance premiums a year in advance. Is there any advantage in doing this?

A—Yes. You will save money. When you pay your premiums annually, the amount will be discounted at a rate based on your type of policy.

NO. 1689
ESTATE OF OREITA SU BURLESON, ET AL MINORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATES OF OREITA SU BURLESON, JAN GRAY BURLESON, RU KAREN BURLESON, MICKI JEAN BURLESON, PATSY EARL BURLESON, WILSON HENRY BURLESON, JAMES LUCIAN BURLESON, MINORS:

You are notified that I have on the 24 day of November, 1955 filed with the County Clerk of Callahan County, Texas, an application for authority to make an oil, gas and mineral lease on that certain real estate belonging to said minors, described as follows:

50 acres of land in the northwest corner of Lot or Block No. 30 of Sub Division of League No. 121 of Guadalupe County School Land, Taylor County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake on the south side of road for the northwest corner of said Block No. 30 for the northwest corner of this tract:

THENCE North 75°E 424.2 varas with the North boundary line of said Block No. 30 to a stake and stone mound for the northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 15°E 665.5 varas to a stake and mound for the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 75°W 424.2 varas to a stake for the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 15°W 665.5 varas to the place of beginning. Said minors own jointly an undivided 1/16, minus an undivided 1/8 thereof, mineral interest in the above described property, however it being the intention of and this application being for authority to include all

Interest owned by the estate of all of the aforesaid minors.

That J. L. Farmer, Judge of the County Court of Callahan County, Texas on the 13 day of December, 1956 duly entered his order designating the 7th day of January, 1957 at 10:00 o'clock A. M. in the County Courtroom in the courthouse of such county as the time and place when and where such application would be heard, and that such application will be heard at such time and place.

Mrs. Jounentia Burleson Guardian of the person and estate of Oreita Su Burleson, Jan Gray Burleson, Ru Karen Burleson, Micki Jean Burleson, Patsy Earl Burleson, Wilson Henry Burleson and James Lucian Burleson, Minors.

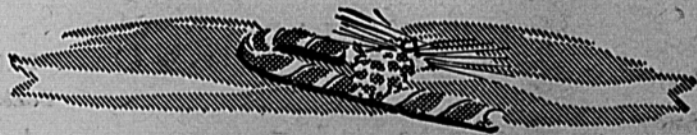
Q—I am going to school under the Korean GI Bill. Will I have the right to make my one change of course at any time during my training?

A—You have the right to make your one change of course at any time within three years from the date of your discharge or release from military service. After that date has passed, you may change your course only if you are not making satisfactory progress in your present course due to no fault of your own, or if the new course would be more in keeping with your aptitudes and abilities.

The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, December 21, 1956



It's Christmastime again, and, as this season foretells the passing of another year, we think of those who have helped make that year so very enjoyable. Knowing and serving folks like you makes business a pleasure. It is indeed a privilege to greet you and wish you a Merry Christmas.



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IS THAT CHRISTMAS GIFT TAXABLE?

Although it may come as a

surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year. The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000—before the tax ap-

plies. The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift. The purpose of many gifts to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies. It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes

as well as the given in gift taxes. For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death. An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he given the farm to his daughter. Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000.) On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax. Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter. (This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Holiday Fever Season Here

Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever, should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become the mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accidents — both at home and on the road.

Duties should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking — thinking of what Christmas really means.

If there are children you will want them to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and a share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the younger children's routines should be upset as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him too many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can be easily over stimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.

Merry Christmas

We would like to extend at this time our best wishes to you and your loved ones. May your Holiday be a merry one and filled with goodwill! May the New Year bring you luck, success, and happiness!

R. B. CUNNINGHAM
PUTNAM, TEXAS

I. A. (Hoot) ALLPHIN

IN A LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

The child Jesus was born in a manger on Christmas Day and for centuries people the world over have remembered the joyous event with prayers and stories and songs. It is the prayers and the stories and the songs that hold the true meaning of Christmas. Let us all follow His teaching and work toward Peace on Earth and Good Will To Men!

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