

HERE IN HICO

The editor had several things he wanted to say this week, but space was so limited his column was crowded out. He'll move over now and make room for some of the items other people thought were important. It's Christmas time.

Famous Redheads Introduced Before Game Next Monday

Next Monday evening, starting at 7:00 o'clock at the Hico Gym, The Famous Redheads, All Girls Professional Team, will engage an aggregation of Hico All Stars.

The affair is sponsored by the local troop of Boy Scouts.

In order that the public may get acquainted with the visitors ahead of game time, the following introduction was prepared, with comments by the undersigned:

Danny Daniels is the team captain, has played professional for seven years. One of the smartest women professional ball players in the world today. (Watch her make a fool of Bill Keeney).

Ruth Haines—This is her sixth year as a professional. She is like a big league steady baseball player, always dependable. Smart in basketball, knows her stuff in professional ball. Very pretty girl and can handle that basketball. (It will be fun seeing Simpson trying to keep up with her).

Toby McGee (Turner)—Stands 6 feet, 2 inches tall, playing 4 years as a professional. She is the wife of road manager, Joe Turner. Toby is pivot spot ball handler. This girl handles a basketball with one hand on the pivot spot, something on the order of the Harlem Globe Trotters style. Worth her weight in gold. (But Weaver won't be worth much when she gets through with him).

Beth Bohannon—This is her first season as a professional. Pride of Oklahoma, known as the "Personality Girl." (And this is the gal Hefner will have trouble with).

Thelma Cottrell—This is her first season as a professional. This girl is a natural. She has "color", showmanship and ability. She will be up there among the best at the end of the season. (Wonder what Blakley can do against her).

Virginia Posey—She has been on a winning team for the past 4 years. Has won 125 consecutive games and the Arkansas State Champion for the past two years. She established the highest scoring record ever made in the State of Arkansas during the 1946-47 season. (She will make Russell look like an Arkansaser before the game ends).

Pauline Smedley—5 ft., 10 in., "Sweetheart of the Rockies"—Colorado's best. (Baby Bruner's wife won't like this).

BILL NORTON.

Boy Scouts Attend Theatre Party As Christmas Present

Last Thursday night we met at 7:00 o'clock in the Scout Hall and had a few pre-meeting games.

Then Mr. Norton gave each of the Scouts some tickets to sell to the Famous Red Head and All-Star Basketball Game which the Boy Scouts are sponsoring next Monday night, Dec. 22, at the High School Gym. The proceeds of this game are to go in on our fund to build a summer camp, on the creek. We hope that everyone will be there as we need the money and we can truthfully say that you will really get your money's worth.

After this we marched around town and finally marched into the theatre where we enjoyed a good show. After the show Mr. Boone told us that this was our Christmas present from him and Mr. Norton.

We returned to the hall and were dismissed with our Scout Oath.

Least you forget, Santa is coming to town and the Scouts will do their bit of good cheer by singing Christmas carols next Tuesday night. May we come to your house?

"A Scout Is Helpful."

BOBBY WATKINS,
Scribe, Hico Troop No. 99.

ANOTHER PAPER BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Next week's issue of the News Review will be printed Monday night and put in the mails in time for local delivery before Christmas.

The Christmas edition will carry holiday greeting messages mainly, but spot news items received up to noon on Monday will be included. Correspondents and others interested will please take note, and act accordingly.

Items about holiday visitors requested, but will be held over until the next issue, to be printed around the first of the year. It is not the custom of the home paper to miss an issue, although some shifting of schedules is necessary to provide a breathing spell for the force—whether or not same is deserved or "well-earned."

Any cooperation extended will be appreciated, as usual.

Santa Claus Will Arrive In Hico Saturday At 2:00 P. M.

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Candy for the Kids As Long As It Lasts—Better Be Early!

Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 p. m. Santa Claus is coming to Hico.

He has informed J. B. Woodard, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, that he would like to ride all over town on our newest fire truck. Arrangements have been made whereby Santa can have his wish fulfilled.

After he rides around town pitching out apples, oranges and candy, he said he would visit the local merchants in their stores and talk with the boys and girls, just to see what they want for Christmas.

Yep! It's going to be a big day in Hico Saturday. Santa Claus will be here to spread good cheer and talk with all the kiddies.

Hamilton-Coryell Soil Conservation District News

B. A. Dunklin, whose farm is located about 8 miles south of Hico in the Falls Creek Conservation group, is cooperating with the Supervisors of the Hamilton-Coryell District in the planting of 5 acres of Canada wild rye grass and 5 acres of harding grass for seed production. This planting was done under the supervision and with the assistance of technical personnel of the Hamilton Unit of the Soil Conservation Service. These two grasses are perennial winter growing grasses and are found in the original or climax species of this district. They are especially desirable to have in connection with the summer growing tall bunch grasses for balancing the protein and phosphorus content when the summer growing grasses are dry and low in these feed nutrients. It is the hope of the Supervisor that larger amounts of seed will be available next year.

L. C. Pettigrew, also of the Falls Creek group, has 75 acres of vetch planted with rye and wheat and fertilized.

Ira Schrank, approximately 3 miles southeast of Aleman in the South Aleman soil conservation group, has 90 acres of rye and vetch which has made remarkable growth since the rains started. He also has 12 acres of fall planted biennial Madrid sweet clover that is making very good growth. In 1946 Mr. Schrank had 7 acres of Emerald sweet clover. On this ground he has a good volunteer cover which is further advanced in its growth than any other legume crop.

Jack Cates of the North Evant group has a stand of the following legumes: 20 acres of Austrian winter peas, 15 acres of hairy vetch and 5 acres of alfalfa.

W. P. Lawson on his farm 2 miles north of Shive has 50 acres of Dixie Wonder peas. The following cooperators have vetch with small grain as indicated below:

C. M. Tinkle, District Supervisor, whose farm is in the South Fairy group, 25 acres; Vernon H. Jenkins and D. C. Beck, whose farms are 1 mile southeast of Hico in the South Hico Conservation group, have 42 acres and 20 acres respectively; Jack and Louie Hohertz, whose farms are 3 1/2 miles southeast of Aleman in the South Aleman group, have 50 acres; Guy Moore, who is operating the Ben R. Renken farm 6 miles southeast of Hamilton in the Northeast Blue Ridge Conservation group, has 10 acres.

Helping Hand Class Holds Its Annual Christmas Party

The Helping Hand Sunday school class of the Hico Methodist church had its Christmas party December 9 at Firemen's Hall.

After the business session, dinner consisting of turkey, dressing, cream potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, fruit cake, and coffee was served.

After dinner the gifts were distributed from a beautiful lighted Christmas tree. All had a wonderful time.

Those present were the following: Mrs. J. L. Ray, Mrs. Roy French, Mrs. Tyrus King, Mrs. Fred Jones, Mrs. R. J. Ogil, Mrs. J. C. Barrow, Mrs. Geo. Stringer, Mrs. Annie Waggoner, Mrs. John Haines, Mrs. Andy Hutton, Mrs. Ethel Lackey, Mrs. T. A. Randals, Mrs. E. H. Persons, Mrs. Tom Munnerlyn, Mrs. J. M. Weisenhant, Mrs. J. W. Parsons, Mrs. Tom Strepy, Mrs. J. W. Richbourg, Mrs. Julius Jones, Mrs. Frank Mings, Mrs. Guy Eakins, Mrs. C. L. Lynch, Mrs. Doc Conch, Mrs. J. P. Owen, Mrs. Bud Johnson, Mrs. Nettie Mendor, Mrs. John Rusk, Mrs. Ed Ford, and a visitor from Carlton, Mrs. Jim D. Wright.

REPORTER.

Public Enjoys Open House At Hospital

Program Features Dedication of 2 Furnished Rooms

The formal opening of the Hico Hospital and Clinic began at two o'clock Sunday afternoon with special dedications of two of the rooms, furnished by the Gulf States Telephone Company, and Mrs. Velma Pearl Miller, now employed by the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

The dedication program was opened by Rev. J. L. Ray, pastor of the Hico Methodist Church, reading the declaration, followed with a prayer by Eld. J. P. Williams, minister of the local Church of Christ.

Brother Ray then read the Act of Dedication and introduced Oscar Burton of Tyler, representing the Gulf States Telephone Co., paying tribute to his position in the company which was achieved through hard work and loyalty to the company, the employees, and the public.

Mr. Burton, well and favorably known to local people through frequent visits at the local office which is a unit in the Gulf States system, expressed his delight at being present on such an occasion.

He then made the presentation of Room Number Two on behalf of the telephone company in honor of the Wood family: Mrs. M. E. Wood, the late Miss Ruby Wood; Miss Fannie Wood, veteran manager of the local telephone office; Miss Tot Wood of Dallas, and Mrs. Cora Farmer of Fort Worth, former employees.

It was most impressive when the statement was made by the speaker that the combined services of the four girls to the local telephone office totaled 60 years. Mrs. Wood and two of her daughters were present, having been invited as special guests at the ceremonies, but not advised that they were to be so honored in the dedication.

Miss Fannie and her mother were first surprised by the unexpected arrival of their daughter and sister, Tot, who was brought to Hico for the program by Millard Gates, advertising manager of the Gulf States Telephone Co., and Mr. Burton. They were met here by Frank Truitt, company manager at Hamilton. When called upon for a response, Miss Fannie said merely that when a child she had been taught by her mother not to say anything; was told in school that she should not talk, and was not allowed by the telephone company either to talk or to listen; consequently there was nothing left for her to do except be silent.

Her charming manner, however, bespoke the appreciation felt by the family for the honor bestowed upon them.

Elder Williams then made the presentation of Room Number Eight, donated by Mrs. Velma Pearl Miller, who furnished the room in loving memory of her late husband, Charles Braxton Miller, a World War I veteran. Mrs. Miller was not able to come to the dedication program, thus missing the flattering remarks made about her generosity and thoughtfulness as evidenced by her generous act.

Appropriate plaques adorn the doors of these two rooms, denoting the commendable spirit of the donors and acknowledging the appreciation of hospital officials for the gracious deeds.

Brother Ray closed the program with a prayer of dedication.

Besides the visiting officials and honored guests, there was a large number of people from out of town who joined local townspeople and guests in attendance at the dedication program. A number came by later to view the new hospital premises, and to meet the staff. A multitude of expressions were heard commending the founders and management, and congratulating local people on being so enterprising and loyal in supporting this fine institution.

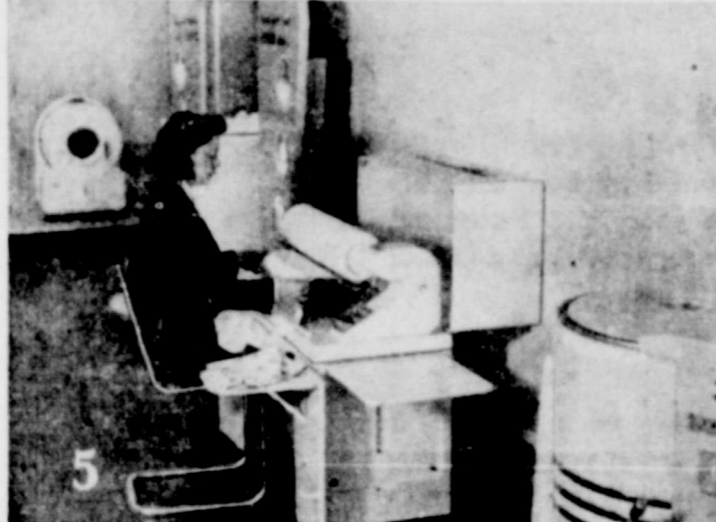
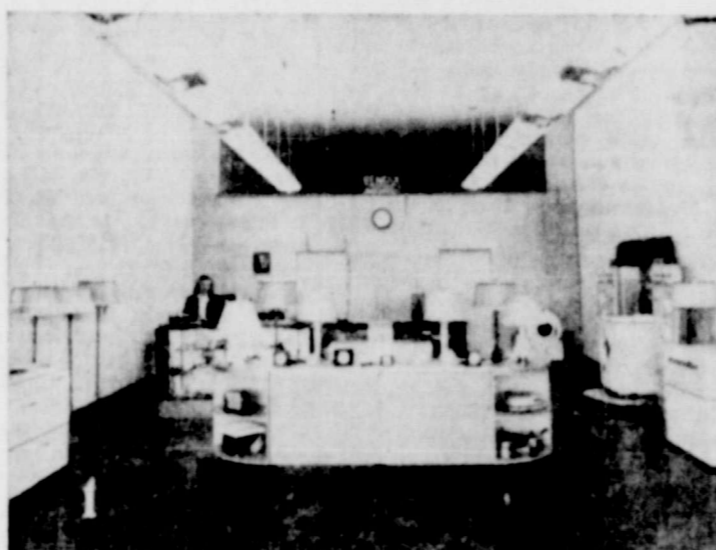
Many floral offerings were made in tribute to hospital officials and employees.

WEATHER REPORT
The following weather report is submitted by L. L. Hudson, local observer:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 10	54	41	0.00
Dec. 11	43	33	0.00
Dec. 12	44	28	0.00
Dec. 13	49	30	0.00
Dec. 14	46	26	0.08
Dec. 15	51	33	0.80
Dec. 16	50	26	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 26.74 inches.

Community Public Service Company's District Office At Hico Said to Be One of Its Most Modern and Attractive



The Communicator, published by and for employees of the Community Public Service Co., in its November issue ran the above picture and description of new company offices in Hico. The News Review reprints the cut and story through courtesy of that paper:

(1) View of interior of office from front entrance, showing continuous fluorescent lighting, modern display fixtures, asphalt tile floor and varnished plywood partition.

(2) View toward right side of office showing Bendix Home Laundry, center in background.

(3) Hico employees: Cashier Hester Jordan and Serviceman G. M. Stringer, foreground; and Manager O. L. Davis, in private office in background.

(4) View of left side of display floor, showing lamp and range displays.

(5) Cashier Hester Jordan demonstrating Bendix Ironer.

(6) Local Manager Davis (left) and Serviceman Stringer using built-in ramp to load refrigerator. This ramp is located in storeroom at rear of office and display room.

The Hico office is cooled in summer with an evaporative type air-conditioner and heated in winter with a forced draft suspension unit gas heater.

The show windows are of blue-green Solox plate glass, which screens out much of the heat from the afternoon sun.

Six adjustable spotlights are attached to the fluorescent fixtures to permit spotlighting of featured merchandise.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT OLIN CHRISTMAS SATURDAY NIGHT
The Olin Baptist Church invites the entire community to attend the Christmas tree and program to be held in the church Saturday night, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock. The kiddies through the ages of 12 years will receive gifts of fruit, nuts and candies from Santa. All over 12 and adults will each bring one exchange gift. Each man will bring a gift suitable for another man, etc. Each gift will be labeled for men, women, boys and girls. If you live in Olin, come!

Annual Meeting of Erath County REA Set for January 5

The 1948 annual meeting of the members of the Erath County Electric Cooperative Association will be held at the City Recreation Building in Stephenville, Tex. on January 5, 1948, at 10:00 a. m., according to a communication from G. A. Tunnell, Manager.

The following members were placed on the nominating committee's report, one in each group to be voted on, to serve as directors for the Cooperative for 1948:

Group one: A. H. Denke, Box 180, Stephenville, Texas; George L. Martin, Rt. 3, Stephenville, Tex.

Group Two: Phil Gilliam, Clifton, Texas; Tom C. Parks, Clifton, Texas.

Group Three: C. C. Winters, Rt. 5, Stephenville; H. G. Wolfe, Clairette.

Group Four: Grady Miller, Rt. 1, Mings; L. F. Parten, Huckabay.

Group Five: Glen Watson, Mineral Wells; S. W. Hart, Brad.

Group Six: H. H. Ramage, Rt. 2, Iredell; C. D. Herrin, Rt. 4, Hico.

Group Seven: Robert Crouch, Dublin; E. G. Russell, Rt. 1, Dublin.

There will be a short program, and attendance prizes will be given in the usual manner. Every member is urged to be present at the meeting.

New Tailor Shop Being Opened Here This Week End

E. A. Thompson and Morgan Moon have been busy the past several days installing machinery for a tailor shop to be established in the Buckhorn Cafe building. In this issue of the Hico News Review will be found an invitation for the public to give them a trial. The owners need no introduction in this territory and Moon is well experienced in this line of business. The shop will be modern in every way, including a nice dressing room and the very newest Hammond Atomic Dry Cleaning equipment.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Midland, Tex., Dec. 11, 1947.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nearly six years old and have been a pretty good girl this year. I am living at Midland at present, but will be at home in Hico for Christmas. Please bring me a set of little dishes, a set of cooking utensils, and a doll that takes its bottle. I hope you bring every little boy and girl something.

Yours truly, JUDY GRIFFITHS.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 17, 1947.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you to let you know to bring me a few presents as I have been a very good little girl. I'm 2 1/2 years old. I want a Teddy Bear, a little train that runs on a track, a wagon and blocks, a dump truck, nuts, candy, apples and bananas, and a picture book. I love you very much, Santa. Your little friend, LA VERNE GLOVER.

Field Party On Way Up the Bosque With Its Survey

Fort Worth, Dec. 15.—A field party headed by Glenn G. Commons this week moved from Waco to Meridian to survey cross-sections of the North Bosque and Nell Creek. It was announced by Louis P. Merrill, regional conservator of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. While stationed at Waco the party worked on the South Bosque.

The survey party is investigating flood conditions of sample streams in the Bosque River watershed so that a value can be placed on a recommended soil conservation program in aid of flood control. Merrill explained. The group surveys cross-sections of the stream channel and valley, recording the high water marks. It also ascertains the width and elevation of the flood plain, the use being made of the land in the flood plain, and the grade and size of the valley.

Commons is making his general headquarters with the Soil Conservation Service work unit in Meridian.

James A. Sellers Died Last Saturday With Heart Attack

James A. Sellers, 80, who had been ill in the Hico Hospital since December 3, died of a heart attack last Saturday, December 13.

Mr. Sellers was born in Missouri in 1867, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Sellers, who lived and practiced at Iredell and Cisco after moving to Texas. Deceased was reared at Iredell, employed by Connally & Co., in Hico, and later worked in Cisco. He purchased a ranch near Seminole in Gaines County, and lived there a few years before going to New Jersey where he made his home for more than 20 years, returning to Hico about three years ago to make his home with his sister, Mrs. J. N. Russell, and husband.

Survivors include two children and four grandchildren: Mrs. Holycye Hinkle and children, Bobby and Edward, of Austin, and Mrs. Velma Eckland of Little Rock, Ark., and her two children, Mrs. Hinkle's husband is a professor in Texas University and Mr. Eckland is general manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. for that area. Other survivors besides his sister, Mrs. Russell of Hico, are three brothers, Carl, Hamilton, and W. L. Sellers.

Final rites for Mr. Sellers were held at the local funeral chapel Sunday afternoon at 1:30, conducted by Rev. O. J. Robinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in the Hico Cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives here to attend the services were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Hinkle and children, Edward and Bobby of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sellers of Abilene.

SINGING AT LITTLEVILLE
Ollie McDermitt of Hamilton has announced that the regular Hamilton County Singing will be held at the Littleville Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon, December 21.

The public is invited to attend.

Santa Claus wants to meet the folks in Hico Saturday afternoon.

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Fairy

By
 Mrs. J. O. Richardson

We received more rain over the week end. Grain is needing some warm and fair weather.

The Fairy Baptist Church is having its Christmas tree and program Tuesday, December 23, at 8:00. Everyone is invited. Bring a gift suitable for your own age and names will be drawn at the tree.

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Miss Hanna Enger of Hico, who passed away in Austin Sunday. Funeral services were set for Tuesday in Hico at 1:00 p. m. and at Cranfills Gap at 2:30 p. m. A fuller account will be given next week.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of Mr. John Mickelson

of Cranfills Gap, who passed away Friday of last week in the Clifton hospital following a paralytic stroke. Mr. Mickelson was a brother-in-law of Miss Hanna Enger, mentioned above, his wife being the former Miss Carolina Enger of Cranfills Gap. Funeral services, under the direction of the funeral home at Hico, were held at Cranfills Gap last Saturday afternoon. We extend sympathy to all those bereaved in the passing of their loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adams and family of Hico visited here Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. (Bill) Bridges and Gordon Jameson of Louisiana spent the past week here visiting relatives. The men folks were on a carpentering job at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blakley most of their time here. Mr. Bridges is a brother-in-law of Mr. Blakley, and Mr. Jameson is a nephew.

Latest word received from Mrs. Lucy Burden was that she had been moved from the home of her son, Owen, in Dallas to the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, also of Dallas, and that she seemed slightly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover and the writer were in Dublin Monday night to meet our sister, Mrs. Myrtle Enger, who had come in by bus to attend funeral services for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hanna Enger, of Hico.

The writer spent last Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon with our daughter and family. Mr.

and Mrs. D. E. Allison of Dublin. Mrs. Allison, who has been ill of tonsillitis, is much better.

Road construction on the farm-to-market highway is progressing very slowly at present, due to so much inclement weather. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers and Carolyn visited Monday afternoon in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sellers of Pecan.

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Blakley were in Corsicana recently to attend funeral services of a relative.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shower For Newlyweds

Mrs. H. R. Brummett and Misses Ovie and Elsie Parks were hostesses to a shower complimenting Mary Alice Jackson, bride-elect of Louis Abel, at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Friday afternoon.

Mrs. O. J. Clark, sister of the groom-to-be, was in charge of the bride's book. The favors were miniature pink and white rolling pins bearing the names "Mary and Louis." The centerpiece was of pink and white chrysanthemums and greenery on a crocheted tablecloth. The games of Recipes, and Making the Bride A Going-Away Hat were played. Refreshments of cocoa and angel food cake were served to the following:

Mesdames J. T. Abel, O. J. Clark, J. L. Rowe, Elgin Wickman, Ella Shepherd, Herman Sills, Leslie New, Eugene Hicks and Sandena, L. A. Hicks, Sam Tudor, C. A. Brunson, Elma Keller, T. R. Parks, Truitt Turner, C. C. Parks, G. A. Lackey, Coyt Clark, H. C. Beck, M. E. Parks, Brittle Little, Ruth Cunningham, Roy Blakley, E. Z. Brummett, J. J. Jones, Homer Olson and Gail, E. C. Parks, J. E. Blakley, D. E. Allison, Bill Lackey, Emma Lackey, Ted Arrant, Carl Ray Sellers and Carolyn, J. O. Richardson, S. D. Akin, Maurice Fields, W. Gardner, W. T. Slater, Sammie Harper, Leslie Arrant, J. B. Olson, J. D. Patterson, John Rowe, B. A. Gleason, Benn Gleason, W. E. Goyno, A. W. Rachuit, G. R. Brummett, A. B. Clark, Curtis Wright, H. S. Pitts, J. E. Sikes, J. W. Abel, E. C. Allison Sr., Raymond Wilson, H. E. Wilson, C. M. Broyles, Frank Driver, C. W. Brunson, O. R. Willeford, Roy Davis, and Garlon Streater; and to: Misses Otha Mae and Olla Frances Grimes, Helen Keller, Ruby Jean Allison, Willola Slater, Ima Pitts, Nora Abel, and Dora Sikes. A number who were unable to attend sent gifts.

TRY NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS FOR RESULTS!

Duffau

By
 Elmer Glesocke

A slow rain has been falling for the past twenty hours. The roads are almost impassable.

Well, the old folks went back many years and certainly enjoyed the Christmas tree and party at the school house Friday night, given by the H. D. Club.

Ben Herring and family visited Ben's parents, Arthur Herring and wife, and family.

W. A. Ball and family spent Sunday in Ranger. We understand they will move to that city the last of the year. We certainly hate to lose them from our community.

We are also very sorry to lose the Caughveys from our midst. They are contemplating moving to Hico for school, and Mr. Caughvey will go to the oil fields in West Texas.

The Alexander school carried off the trophy at the Iredell tournament last week. We mention this because we have several high school students who attend school at Alexander.

Miss Wanda Price and Mr. Bobbie Dan Cavitt were married at the Baptist parsonage at Stephenville Saturday evening at 6:30. The ceremony was performed by Holland Smith of Brownwood Baptist College. Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Price and Bobbie Dan is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cavitt. They left at 8:30 for Abilene, Texas, for a short honeymoon, then they will settle down in that city as the bridegroom will work there. A shower for them is planned for next Saturday night at the home of Leslie Anderson and wife. Everybody invited. Our usual best wishes for a long and happy married life with all the good things for them.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON Santa Claus will arrive in Hico at 2:00 o'clock, and will greet the kiddies.

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SENIOR NEWS

Unless you saw the basketball games last week you don't know what swell basketball teams we have this year.
 The Seniors had a Christmas party at the Homemaking Cottage last Monday night.
 Everybody has been wondering why Royce Grimes and Don Eakins aren't the least bit interested in English IV. Joan Gollightly gets so excited every time a certain gray car goes by the school campus. . . . Walter Latham spends most of his time in the library. . . . Janelle Dowdy is forever writing a letter. . . . Billy Ray Ables doesn't like to write themes. . . . Physics is so amusing.

JUNIOR NEWS

Everyone is certainly glad the Christmas holidays are here.
 We're glad the basketball girls won second place in the Iredell tournament. The boys played good, too.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Well, it looks as though we have a nice start in basketball this year. We were proud to hear that the girls won second place in the tournament at Iredell.

High School is going to have a Christmas tree on December 19. We also get out that day for the Christmas holidays.

FRESHMAN NEWS

We are sorry that the boys did not win the basketball tournament last Friday night. We are proud of the girls for winning second place.

Have you seen Kenneth Delano Johnson lately? He is a curly-haired, green-eyed freshman boy. Delano is five feet tall and weighs eighty-six pounds. He is a favorite among his many friends.

BAND NOTES

The Band is going to Iredell Thursday, the 18th, for their play. We also went down there for the Hico-Alexander game and played for it, which we enjoyed although it was cold.

SPORTS

Last Thursday night the Hico boys and girls opened the basketball season against Iredell in the Iredell tournament. The girls played first and won easily by a score of 26-9. The boys had a little more trouble but came out on top with a score of 16-13. Friday night the girls played and defeated Alexander girls 27-11. The boys after holding the score close for three quarters, finally went down 28-19 before Alexander. Saturday night the boys played in exhibition with Iredell and lost 18-17 in the last minute.

The girls, playing in the finals against Kopperl, lost by a score of 33-14. After the boys' finals between Alexander and Morgan, which Alexander and Morgan won. The awards were made to all tournament players. Mildred Ellis and Vernon Hill each received one of these awards and the girls' team was awarded second-place trophy.

WORM'S EYE VIEW

I am so glad that Christmas is nearly here. For one week I'll have some peace and quiet around the school house. I think I'll need some rest after hearing the uproar the Freshman boys cause all the time.

There is one boy in the Freshman class who annoys me, but still it won't seem right without him next week. Everywhere I crawl I see Harold Prater. He is another who has a motor scooter

and that's just what makes me mad. He will not ask me to ride with him. Harold has blonde hair, blue eyes, and an engaging smile. He is a nice boy and is well liked by everyone. If you want to meet a nice person, just ask Nilly to introduce you to Harold. And you will find that Nilly is exactly right about this cute lad.
 Say—I may be lonesome over the Christmas holidays, after all!

CLASSES OF HICO III

The Freshman is grassy and grows.
 The Sophomore is sassy and blows.
 The Junior is brassy and doze.
 The Senior is classy and knows.

CRYSTAL BALL

Gee, I see more interesting things Friday night at Iredell, and I don't mean the games. Charlotte Turner and Delbert Brooks, Pat Duzan and Logan Evans, Betty Hicks and Earl Simpson, Marlene Adams and Garland Latham, Myrna Sparks and Walter Latham, Miss Rohne and Ray Cheek, Bulldog Hill and Patsy Tooley, Shirley Seago and Wendell Burden, Dub French and Patsy Meador.

Mary Nell Battershell and Harold Norrod were seen Saturday night; also Ray Keller and Joan Gollightly, Jeanette Dowdy and Truman Loden, Charles Gollightly and Mildred Ellis, Delores Robertson and James Leeth, Mary Moore and Odell Terry, Patsy Roberts and Billy Ellis, Wanda McLendon and Red Hodnett, Dinky McLendon and Doyle Nix, Betty Hefner and Bobby Ogle, "Jasper" Proffitt and Nell Dunn, Betty Gollightly and Paul Allen.

Notice: If anyone knows Billy McLendon's girl friend's name, tell the editor, because I must know.

Sunday evening I see Jean Caughey and Marshall Rogers, Jo Nell Caughey and Max Burgan.

What are the Senior girls talking about? It seems as if they are trying to get dates for their Senior party.

Altman

By
 Mrs. J. H. McAnelly

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McPherson and daughter, Miss Creola, were Dublin visitors Wednesday.

Several from this community were Hico visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yocham and children, Jerry and Kay, of Carlton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Yocham Sunday.

R. W. Bingham and Martin Bingham, H. G. Land and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnelly were Dublin visitors Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and daughter, Janice, and Mrs. Jim Moore spent the week end at Tahoka to attend the funeral of Cecil Jones and to be with Mrs. Jones and the children.

Mrs. Ray Miller spent several days last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Yocham visited relatives in Walnut Springs Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Jones and Delores of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnelly from Tuesday until Friday.

Mrs. Lois King of Denver City spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harve Yocham.

NOTICE

Annual Stockholders' Meeting of The First National Bank of Hico, Texas, will be held Tuesday, January 13, 1948, at 10:00 a. m. in the bank office, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the year 1948. 31-4tc.

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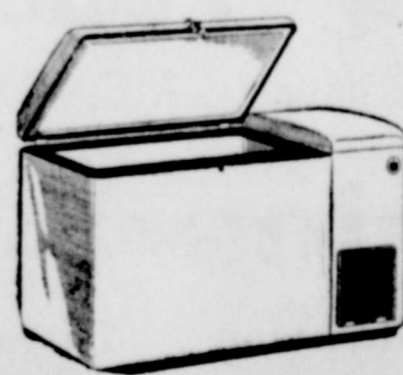
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Hico, Tex., Friday, Dec. 19, 1947.

Clairette

By Mrs. H. Alexander

Rev. Lester James from Howard Payne College preached here at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Landes and baby from Olney visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Duncan of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield over the week end.

Mrs. Jessie Mayfield is in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mayfield and new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanford, and Mrs. Mollie Johnson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Sloan and children of De Leon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Barnett and family from Hall City are visiting Mrs. Mollie Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lee and children from Fort Worth spent the week end here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lou Austin and daughter, Tessie Ann, of Bauxite, Ark., visited R. M. Alexander last week.

Mr. J. M. Denton of Amarillo spent a few days with Mrs. Claud Denton and son James Harold.

Mrs. R. W. Sherrard spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge Sherrard in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander visited in the Hub Alexander home Wednesday night.

Several from Clairette attended the basketball tournament at Iredell last Friday and Saturday.



Another surplus war plant, the Bechtel McCone plant near Berger, will be cleared of a quantity of surplus equipment Thursday and Friday, December 18 and 19. It will be a non-priority, informal bid sale by WAA.

Homes for 320 families at Pecos resulted when the town of Pecos City Housing Authority acquired titles from WAA to 85 buildings of two and four apartment units each from the federal government. The 320 buildings, which were occupied by civilian workers, were transferred on a consideration of \$34,858.80.

There will be no delay at a sale of 500 surplus government buildings at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas, Dec. 30 and 31. Prospective buyers may inspect through Dec. 29, except holidays. The general public can bid, pay for, receive title, and move the buildings then or there, or within at least 60 days.

Lead and allied metals shot from pistols and other small arms at skeet and machine gun ranges at Camp Maxey, Paris, and Camp Berkeley, Abilene, are advertised for sale on an "as is, where is" basis until 10 o'clock a. m. Dec. 30. WAA estimates the amount at 46 tons. Successful bidder will excavate, load and haul the lead taken from the grounds at the two camps.

More than 100,000 pounds of aluminum powder is being offered as war surplus to the highest bidder by WAA. The powder, located at Bluebonnet Ordnance Works, McGregor, and stored in drums, will be sold in a single lot without priority. Bids must be submitted at the Dal 6 warehouse of WAA at Grand Prairie at 9 a. m. Monday, Dec. 22.

Alexander And Kopperl Win At Iredell Tourney

The Alexander Boys' Basketball Team defeated the Morgan team in the second overtime period of the final game of the annual Iredell Invitation Basketball Tournament Saturday night to win first place in the tournament. The game was packed with thrills for the capacity crowd witnessing it.

Kopperl Girls' Club defeated Hico girls 35-12 to win the girls' division. A total of eight teams competed in each division. Trophies were awarded Alexander, Morgan, Kopperl, and Hico at the conclusion by Superintendent J. M. McCroskey.

Individual medals for outstanding performance were awarded to the following: Anderson of Meridian, Downey of Kopperl, Steinkamp of Kopperl, Bradler of Iredell, Martin of Meridian, and Ellis of Hico in the girls' division; and to Harcastle of Meridian, Mc-

Gehee of Morgan, Hill of Hico, Tatum of Alexander, and Loader of Iredell in the boys' division.

Coaches voted honorable mention to Boucher of Alexander, Day of Walnut Springs, in boys' division; and to Chaffin of Iredell, McMillan of Glen Rose, McGehee of Morgan, Birch of Morgan, Newsom of Kopperl, Cole of Kopperl, Tatum of Alexander and the Saitt sisters of Hico in the girls' division.

CONTRIBUTED.

Eye Protection Is Important In Care Of General Health

Austin, Dec. 15.—One of your most valued assets is good eyes. Many people thoughtlessly abuse them and think little about it until trouble comes, declares Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.

What can you do to protect your eyes? First, it is important to take care of your general health. If bodies are tired, naturally the eyes are tired too. If there is in-

fection in the body from teeth, kidneys, or other sources, the eyes will probably be affected.

Eye strain begins when you use too much effort to focus clearly. If you have normal eyes, you don't need to use the focusing muscles when you look at something close, like reading matter, you need to focus only a little. If you are far-sighted, your eyes have to focus, even when you look far away; and when you read, you have to focus a lot more than a person with normal eyes.

Children have strong focusing muscles, and their eyes do not tire easily or usually need glasses un-

less they have a large amount of far-sightedness. Then they need glasses to do the focusing and give their eyes a rest. Older people have weaker focusing muscles and usually need glasses for reading when they are about 45 years old. For other specific eye difficulties, glasses may be needed. Avoid unnecessary strain by reading in good position and with sufficient light. If your eyes are bothering you, have them examined by a physician trained especially in diseases of the eye.

Santa Claus is coming to town Saturday to visit with the kiddies on the streets and in the stores.



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Personals.

Miss Mary Nell Jones of McGregor spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Young returned to their home in Corpus Christi Monday after a week's visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown received word Monday of the death of their son-in-law, Bennett Van Patton of Pangburn, Ark., who died Sunday after an illness of four years. His wife was the former Edith Brown of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sowder, 219 Marett Dr., Liberator Village, Ft. Worth, announce the arrival of a little girl, Judy Elaine Sowder, born November 19. The mother is the former Bettye Jane Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Carlton of Fort Worth, all former Hico residents.

Mrs. R. B. Edwards has Gibson Girl Blouses and others; also Nylon hose. Nice Xmas gifts. 11p.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths and children of Abernathy came in last week end for a visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Griffiths and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown Sr. Mrs. Griffiths and children remained for a longer visit.

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Malone were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Young of Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Burden and children, Rebecka and D. H. Jr., of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Malone and daughter, Mary Jane of Waco.

A card from San Jon, New Mexico, advises that J. L. Poteet, former Hico citizen, was in Scott & White Hospital at Temple, Texas, preparing to have an operation. His three sons were there with him, Arlon of Fort Worth, Alva of Denver, Colo., and Lowell of Clovis, N. M.

Cecil Patterson of Iredell was a Hico visitor Thursday night, attending the picture show.

Billy Wayne Hutton F 1/c left last Friday to report back to San Diego, Calif., after spending his 29-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Golightly of Hamilton visited in Hico a short time Saturday en route to Mineral Wells to attend a Chevrolet meeting.

Jake Lane of Newkirk, Okla., came in Tuesday for a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lane, and with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lane.

See the Gorgeous CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA And AZALEA PLANTS For Christmas Gifts at the HICO FLORIST 31-1tc

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown Jr. and son Robert of Fort Worth spent the week end here with his parents. His father, who has been ill for several weeks is reported to be improving nicely.

AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

The staff, board of directors, and stockholders of the Hico Hospital and Clinic take this method of expressing appreciation to everyone for the interest shown in the institution since its inception.

Special thanks go to those who sent flowers, supported the special edition of the paper, or contributed in any way toward the success of open house and dedication last Sunday afternoon.

Also we want to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the general public for the confidence, encouragement and material contributions which have been so vital to the successful culmination of plans. It is our sincere hope that your trust and cooperation have been merited and will be continued.

HICO HOSPITAL & CLINIC.



SECRETARY OF DEFENSE . . . James V. Forrestal, former secretary of the navy, who as secretary of defense is now top boss of the army, navy and air force.

E. N. Lambert of Lubbock was here last week end visiting relatives and friends. On his return home he was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Babe Christopher, who were moving their household goods and will make their home in the future with their son, Emmett.

C. L. Woodward visited in Fort Worth Sunday with his wife, who is under medical treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital. He reported her to be slightly improved but stated that she would have to remain in the hospital for several weeks longer. Her many friends in Hico hope for her a speedy recovery.

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Funeral Services Held At Itasca For F. E. Ragsdale

ITASCA, Tex., Dec. 12, 1947.—Funeral services for F. E. Ragsdale, 66, of this city, who died in a Waco hospital at 4:59 p. m. Thursday, have been set for 3:09 p. m. today at Central Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. E. W. Goss, officiating.

He was the father of Mrs. Homer M. Spence of this city. Flint E. Ragsdale was a native of Bosque County, Texas. He was born on January 21, 1881.

He had been a resident of Itasca for only six days. He moved here with his wife from Harrison, Ark., where he had resided since 1938, and was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Spence. Before moving to Arkansas, he had resided in Clifton and Hico.

He had been engaged in farming, was a cotton buyer and had been engaged as collector for a business firm.

Mr. Ragsdale had been ill only a short time. He was taken to Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco, where his death occurred Thursday afternoon, resulting from complications of pneumonia and heart trouble.

Interment was planned for Itasca cemetery, with arrangements in charge of Sanford's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. F. E. Ragsdale of Itasca; one daughter, Mrs. Homer M. Spence, of Itasca; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Tidwell and Mrs. Zetty Jensen of Iredell; one brother, J. N. Ragsdale of Fort Worth.

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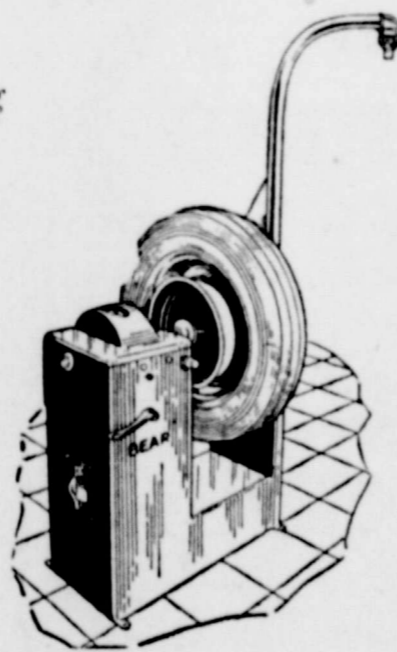
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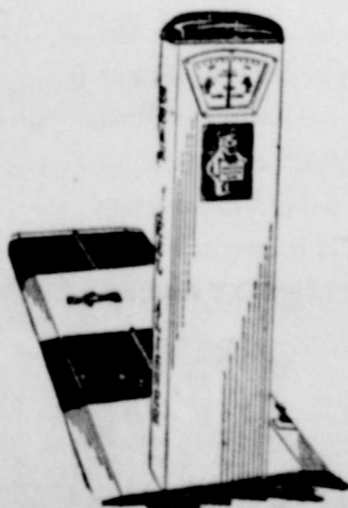
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Wednesday, Dec. 24 — Starts At 2 P. M.

Carlton

— By —
Mrs. Fred Geyer

Mr. and Mrs. Tensil Bryan were complimented with a farewell social Monday night, December 8, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Chester Sylvester. The evening was spent in playing games that everyone enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have sold their farm west of town and his place of business in town and are moving back to Fort Worth where they lived before coming to Carlton. Mr. Bryan has been serving faithfully as Sunday school superintendent at the Baptist church for over a year, and he and his wife will be missed in the church and community. Refreshments consisted of punch and cookies. Present to enjoy the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Tensil Bryan; Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Dawson, Hico, former pastor; Rev. and Mrs. Chester Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dove, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Gibson and children, Doris D. Jackie and Ouida Sue; Mrs. C. O. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vaughn, Mrs. Lilla Byrd, Mrs. Fred Geyer, Mrs. C. R. Oakley and daughters, Lorea, Patricia, and Janette; Mrs. Bertha Baird, Mrs. Charley Proffitt and daughter, Melba Jean; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rudd, Stanley McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Orho Stuckey, and daughter, Caron; Mr. and Mrs. Avery Coffman and son, Joe Arlan; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Turner, Mrs. Frank Stuckey, Mrs. Mack Stuckey, Mrs. A. L. Fisher, Misses Mattie and Alice Rodgers, Mrs. Ernest Hyles, Mrs. J. N. Clark, Mrs. Sid Fine and son, Sidney.

Matt Pruett was very ill the past week. His son, Vernon Pruett of Brownwood, and his daughter, Mrs. Woody Wilson of Stephenville, were at his bedside.

Mrs. Jessie Finley, a patient in the Hico Hospital for a week, returned home Thursday greatly improved. Her son, J. G. Finley of Fort Worth, accompanied her home and returned to Fort Worth late in the afternoon.

Mrs. Milton Whitehead visited in Dublin the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Lois Landes of Shiloh, who has a new son, born last Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fine are the happy parents of a fine baby son, Allan Keith, weight 6 pounds and 14 ounces; born in the Gorman hospital Thursday, December 11, at 4:45 p. m.

Mrs. Daymond Burnett and her daughter, Beverly, of Paris visited over the week end with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Williamson of Houston visited a few days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williamson.

Mrs. L. D. Sowell underwent a major operation in the Gorman hospital Saturday afternoon. The Methodists and Baptists are planning a joint Christmas program Dec. 22 at the Methodist church and are having a Christmas tree and will sing Christmas carols during the program.

Mrs. Jim Garner of Hamilton is staying with her parents while her husband is in the Veterans Hospital at Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Cozby and children of Stephenville visited Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lilla Byrd, and attended church here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner and children moved Friday from Ageo to the Driver farm south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Corky Lee and son and his mother, Mrs. R. F. Lee, were visitors in Stephenville last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Reeking and children visited Sunday after-

noon with her mother, Mrs. J. J. Leeth, in Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Clark visited at the Gorman hospital with his niece, Mrs. L. D. Sowell Jr., last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cope of Paint Rock spent the week end with her father and aunt, J. B. Cunningham Sr. and Miss Mittie Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Birdsong of Cleburne visited Sunday with his mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bush.

Uncle Ben Smith is visiting in Hico with his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg.

Mrs. Bertha Baird left Tuesday morning for San Angelo to visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Brooklyn Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gerreald of Hamilton visited Saturday with her mother and sister, Mrs. J. H. Tull and Mrs. Lillie Anderson.

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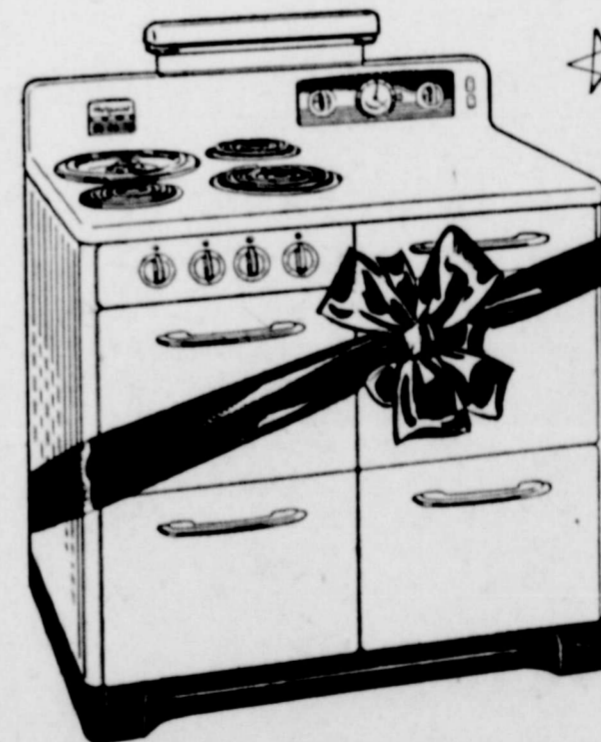
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Church News

First Christian Church

We invite you to hear Brother William Le May of Dallas preach every first Sunday in the month at 11 a. m.
Sunday school every Sunday, beginning at 10 o'clock.
Everyone is welcome, and especially do we invite each person who has no church home.

Church of Christ

Bible Study, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.
Communion, 11:45 a. m.
Young People's Class, 6:30 p. m.
Preaching, 7:00 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Class, Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.
Mid-Week Service, Thursday, 7:00 p. m.
J. P. WILLIAMS, Minister.

First Baptist Church

Order of services for Sunday, and the week:
Sunday:
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Robert Jackson, Superintendent.
The pastor will speak on "The Nativity" at 11 a. m.
The Training Unions will meet at 6:15 p. m. Boyd McClure, Director.
Sanctuary service at 7:00 p. m.
Tuesday:
The Women's Missionary Union will not meet this week. Mrs. A. C. Russell, President.

Wednesday:
Pre-Christmas prayer and praise service at 7 p. m.
We earnestly invite all peoples of all faiths, to enjoy fellowship in the church of your choice, at this sacred season of glorifying the incarnation of Christ, our king.
O. J. ROBINSON, Pastor.

Pentecostal Church

Study School Service at 10:00 o'clock each Sunday morning.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.
Everybody has a welcome to worship with us.
DOLLIE LINCH, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Church School 10 a. m. Tyrus King, Superintendent. A class and a place for all.
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Each member of the church is urgently requested to be present. Visitors will find a big welcome awaiting them.
J. L. RAY, Pastor.

Primitive Baptist

Regular meeting, second Sunday in each month; Saturday morning and Saturday night before in each month.
ELDER J. W. WEST, Pastor.

Olin Baptist Church

Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.
Church Service, 11:00 a. m.
Training Union, 6:45 p. m.
Church services, 7:30 p. m.
Come to all our services!
REV. JACK HULL, Pastor.
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