

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

BAIRD, pop. 2,000. On "The Broadway of America." Has beautiful homes, modern schools, fine churches, and healthful climate — "where there ain't no poor, and there ain't no sick; where the fat get fatter, and the thin get thick."

In original square 11,600. Rolling wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr. Editor

Light Contest Winners To Be Announced

Winners in the Christmas lighting contest will be announced in next week's Baird Star by the Old Fashioned Garden Club. Out-of-town judges have been asked to pick the winners in the various groups which will be done some time this week, but the announcement of winners will not be made public until after Christmas.

Everyone is invited to drive around and see the decorations all over town. Baird has surely gone all-out with the Christmas spirit this season. Those who have entered the contest are: O. B. Pool, lawn scene; G. M. King, outdoor tree; N. A. Waldrop, doorway; Wade Johnson, window; E. O. Parsons, window; Herbert Koneczak, window and doorway; N. L. Dickey, tree; Allen Johnson, window; Joe Warren, window; Erle Hall, outdoor tree and doorway; Mr. Avery, tree and decorations; Russell Warren, doorway and window tree; Fabian Bell, doorway, Mrs. Clark Edwards, window.

Other attractive decorations include a window at L. L. Blackburn's; window and door at W. Clyde White's; door at H. L. Ross; door at Mrs. Mary Vochelle's; door at Bruce Bell's; door at T. Lambert's, and many business places.

REVOTE ON ROAD BONDS SET FOR DECEMBER 31st

Citizens who vote at Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Atwell, will make their second trip to the polls December 31st to vote on the \$75,000 road bond issue with which to hard surface the farm-to-market road from Cottonwood to Cross Plains, and gravel all school bus and mail routes in that precinct. The state highway department will pay twenty-five per cent of the costs, as well as to furnish engineering and maintenance.

Voters of that precinct went to the polls on October 23 and approved the bonds by 275 to 50 votes. Administrative irregularities which occurred in the first election made it necessary to hold the second election.

CALLAHAN COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSE DEC. 22nd.

Practically all Callahan County schools closed Dec. 22 and will reopen January 3 for observance of the Christmas holidays, County Supt. B. C. Chrisman has announced.

Christmas Seal Sale Reminders Sent Out

Callahan County residents who have yet to answer their 1948 Christmas Seal letters, were asked to do so as soon as possible in an appeal made by Mrs. Jack Ashlock, county Seal Sale chairman, and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, TB Association president.

A number of people who received Christmas Seals in their mail Nov. 22 have forgotten to make their returns thus far. Since we understand that in the rush of other Christmas preparations they may have overlooked the Seals, we are sending cards this week to remind them of the oversight.

Returns from the Seals will finance the 1949 tuberculosis control program of the Callahan County Tuberculosis Association. Won't you please let us have your returns at the earliest possible date because the work of the association depends on the success of the Seal Sale. Those of you who removed your name from the return envelope and sent money, will you please tell Mrs. L. L. Blackburn so that you may be credited with your remittance.

BRIDAL SHOWER HONORS MRS. R. D. SIMMONS

Mrs. R. D. Simmons was honored with a bridal shower at the C. Z. Anderson home last Thursday with Mrs. A. J. Pierson, Mrs. C. Z. Anderson and Mrs. Hubert Ross as hostesses. The Christmas motif was carried throughout the decorations and program. Beside the hostesses in the receiving line was the bride's mother, Mrs. M. C. Bowden.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the bride as they were taken from a large basket under the lighted Christmas tree. The guests told of their happiest Christmas as an interesting feature. As the gifts were opened and passed around, the recorded wedding ceremony was heard and Christmas carols were played softly. Delicious refreshments of cake and coffee were served on a plate decorated with live holly and marshmallow candleholders. Besides some thirty-five local guests, out-of-town guests in attendance were Mrs. S. A. Bacon and Mrs. A. J. Nix of Tuscola, Mrs. L. F. Dorton of Merkel, Mrs. J. W. Bryant, Mrs. Bruce Proctor, Mrs. J. W. Bryant and Mrs. W. G. Brad-dock of Abilene.

Renew your subscription today.

All-Star Game Set For Saturday

The Baird All-Stars and Putnam All-Stars will meet in the Bear's Den on Christmas Day at 2:30 p. m.

The Baird All-Stars are being coached by Eddie Bullock, former coach of Baird High School. The Baird club started working out last week with a squad of about 20 men. The boys you will see out on the field Christmas Day for the Baird All-Stars will be boys who formerly played on the Baird High School football teams of past years.

A star-tudded backfield of players of recent years are: J. J. (Trotter) Walker, tailback; H. T. (Ziggy) Varner, wingback; T. A. (Tittle) White, spinnerback; J. E. (Podoo) Poindexter, blocking back; O. B. (Froggie) Pool, Jr., wingback; Don Gorman, blocking back; Frank Miller, spinnerback.

Linesmen are as follows: Tom (Ox) Odom, end; R. L. (Buck) Warren, end; Bob J. Hawk, end; Earnest (E) Poindexter, tackle; B. H. (Judge) Freeland, tackle; Jimmie (Lard) West, tackle; Sam (Millsap) Gorman, tackle; Gene (Stormy) Yeager, center; Charles (Chinkie) Walker, center; Leon (Swab) Daniell, guard; Harpo (Freight Train) Henry, guard; P. L. (Buriy) Burleson, guard.

More players whose names are not mentioned will probably play, coming in later for the holidays.

There has been considerable rumor around town as to where the proceeds of the game will go. For your benefit, the money will be donated to the athletic department of Baird High School for the purpose of enlarging the seating capacity of the present stadium. The boys who have been working out for two weeks, and will play in the game, will receive no money; their time and effort only shows their loyal support to their former school and the gridiron on which they love to play so well for their school. These boys have spent weeks for the service, you spend a dollar and show your appreciation to your school and your boys.

The following merchants have donated money for the advertising in The Baird Star: Black's Grocery, Bill Work Dept. Store, Gray's Style Shop, Baird Recreation Club, Jones Dry Goods, Holmes Drug Co., T-P Cafe, White's Auto Store, Sutphen Motor Co., Johnson's Gulf Service Station, Boyd Cash Grocery, Earl Johnson Motor Co., Baird Furniture Co., Modern Cleaners, Brashear's Food Store, Parsons Electric & Refrigeration Service donated the use of their PA system, City Pharmacy, Mayfield's, Williams Grocery, B. L. Boydston's Hardware, McElroy Dry Goods, Thompson's Variety Store, Little Onion Cafe, Emmett Bullard Used Car Parts, Ray Motor Co., and The Baird Star.

This game will be played regardless of the weather. There are no softies on either team, so if it's raining pitchforks and nigger babies, don't let that keep you from seeing this great game on Christmas Day.

SIXTEEN TEAMS TO PLAY

Brownwood — Eula basketball squad will be one of sixteen high school teams participating in the sixth annual invitation tournament at Howard Payne College to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 30-31 and January 1.

On hand to defend its position will be the Olney team, winner of last year's championship bracket. Challengers are from schools from Pampa to Laredo.

The contests will be played in the Howard Payne gymnasium which seats 2,000 spectators. Preliminary games are scheduled Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, with elimination matches leading to the championship and consolation games Saturday night.

Trophies are to be presented to the winner of the consolation bracket and to the runner-up and winner of the championship bracket, said J. H. Shelton, tournament director. Gold basketballs will be given to ten men of the winning team and to an all-tournament team to be packed by tournament officials and basketball officials.

The Star editor enjoyed a pleasant visit with Max Logan of Eula when he was in town Friday. Mr. Logan recalled the acquaintance of our father, J. Marvin Hunter, Sr., when they both lived at San Angelo almost fifty years ago.



THE STAR STILL SHINES . . .

Every Christmas young and old alike delight in hearing again the story of the Star of Bethlehem which hovered over the stable, where lay the Christ Child. That star still shines . . . it will point the way to the manger for humble shepherds as well as for those steeped in the wisdom of the ages. What better time to look for the star and to follow its guiding radiance than this Christmas? May joy and peace abide with you at this glad season, and may the light from the Star of Bethlehem shine on you and yours, is the Christmas wish from the Baird Star as it joins the other business people in extending greetings this day.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BARTON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton entertained their bridge club with a Christmas dinner at their home Saturday evening.

The reception rooms were decorated with a Christmas tree and arrangements of holly and evergreens. After a delicious turkey dinner, gifts were distributed.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Settle of Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Presley Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sutphen, Mr. and Mrs. Fain Hollingshead, Mrs. Bruce Bell, Miss Maxine Williams, Miss Ruth Dyer, Miss Ernestine Hill, Randall Jackson and Homer Garlitz of Moran.

40-YEAR PIN PRESENTED TO MISS SUSIE WALKER

A handsome gold 40-year service emblem was presented to Miss Susie Walker when the Rebekah's held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the lodge hall. Only one other member of the local lodge, Miss Lorena Gunn, holds the 40-year pin. The emblem was presented by Mrs. Susie Smith, a past noble grand. The Christmas program and the exchange of gifts followed the presentation of the pin, and a delightful meeting was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell and family of Lamesa are spending Christmas with Mr. Mitchell's sister, Mrs. Tee Baulch and Mr. Baulch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lambert left Sunday for El Paso to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Vince Whitehead and Mr. Whitehead.

Among college students home for Christmas holidays are: James Dyer, Gerald Dallas, Jo Bess Miller, John Tarleton, Stephenville; Ann Hill, Carol Ivey, Wanda Jo Windham, Virginia Stevenson, Maurine Cooke, Bill Jones, Norman West, Bobbye Hanks, Sonny Burleson, Jack Freeland, N.T.S.T.S. Denton; Estelle Freeland, Vonnie Folter, T. S. C. W., Denton; John Poindexter, Jon Hardwick, W.T.S.C. Canyon; Gene Yeager, Cisco Junior College; Jimmy Hatchett, S.W.T. S.T.C., San Marcos; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pool, Hugh Shrader, Sul Ross, Alpine; Bill Davis, S. M. U., Dallas; E. J. Hill, Texas Tech, Lubbock; Ruth Swim, Theda Kerby, Jackie Gilliland, McMurry College, Abilene; Nell Gilbreath, Billy Fred Hart, and Franklin Miller, A.C.C., Abilene.

GLEN BOYD BUYS McCAMEY BUSINESS

Glen Boyd, who recently sold his grocery store here to Judge J. R. Black and son, reports that he has purchased a Gulf Service Station in McCamey and will take charge of it on January 1st. The purchase of the service station was culminated after an extensive search for a business location throughout West Texas. Mr. Boyd stated that the station is among the best in McCamey, now employing four men. The place is equipped with two hydraulic hoists, a steam cleaning rack, and other equipment to handle a large volume of business.

Mrs. Boyd and their daughter, Barbara, plan to remain here through the school term and then join Mr. Boyd in McCamey.

WHO LOST THEIR FALSE TEETH

A small boy found a pair of false teeth on the street of Baird and brought them to the Star office where the owner may claim them. The boy was somewhat concerned over the owner calling for them before dinner time Christmas Day. They are here in the paper sack in which they were found. The Star office will remain open Christmas Eve, and we hope they will be claimed by closing time.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Although I haven't been 100% good this year, I'm wondering if you wouldn't please stop at my house Christmas Eve night and at least, leave a few things under my tree. I'm very pretty with brown eyes and blonde hair, so you see you'll be missing a "treat" also if you miss me. I want a wagon, tricycle and a baby doll that coo's. Remember all my little friends also.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT METHODIST CHURCH

A Sunday School Christmas tree and program will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church Friday at 7:15 p. m. Officers of the Children's Department are in charge of the program. All children of the community are invited to the tree and program.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the Yuletide Season and the years to come bring our friends much joy, happiness and good health.

Mrs. Olivia Schwartz
Mr. and Mrs. Cayle E. Hall
Mr. and Mrs. Max Levi and sons.

Two Youths Killed In Auto Wreck

Two youths were killed about 7:30 Sunday night when their car collided head-on with a truck, eight miles south of Albany on the Baird highway. William Grady Martin, 18, of Rt. 2, Clyde, driver of the car, and Ernest Mixon Studer, Jr., 27, of Rt. 1, Seymour, were killed instantly. The automobile was said to be a total wreck. Among the other four occupants of the car were Willie J. Weldon, 27 of Clyde, Patsy Ruth Willingham, 14, Paul B. Willingham, Jr., 20, and Helen Flemings, 16 of Clyde. Weldon and Willingham were hospitalized at the Callahan County Hospital, suffering serious injuries, while the others were given first aid for slight injuries.

The truck figuring in the crash was driven by Roy S. Kilgore of Abilene. The Martin car was traveling north and the truck was headed south, it was reported. It is said that the people were enroute to Seymour when the accident occurred. The bodies were taken to Wylie Funeral Home and from there Studer's body was transferred to Seymour for burial. The funeral for the Martin youth was held at Clyde Tuesday, under direction of Wylie Funeral Home.

WRITERS FOR WRECK VICTIM HELD TUESDAY

Funeral for William Grady (Billy) Martin, 18, of Clyde, who was instantly killed in a wreck on the Albany highway Sunday night, was held at Clyde Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. Sidney Cox, Clyde pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery with Wylie Funeral Home in charge.

William Grady, who had lived in Clyde for the past six years, was a star football player and a 1947 graduate of Clyde High School.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. J. V. Adams, step-father, J. V. Adams, grandmother, Mrs. Josie Storm, a step-sister, Pauline Adams, all of Clyde Route 2; his father, Grady Martin of Denver City.

Palbearers were Barton Johnson, Grady Barr, Don Barr, Dick Ham, Billy Merle Medley, Billy Hicks, Tommy Smith and Douglas Farrell, all members of the football squad with Martin.

CLAUDE FLORES IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Claude Flores regret to learn that he is in the local hospital suffering an attack of pneumonia. As we go to press, his condition is reported to be improving.

Roy Higgins, Star Route 1, was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Baird May Get City Mail Delivery

Randall Jackson, president of the Callahan County Club, was informed by a letter from John Hardesty, secretary to Congressman Omar Burleson, last week that Baird may obtain city mail delivery when all residents along the city mail routes place numbers on their house and place suitable receptacles for mail. Mr. Hardesty stated that, "Officials of the Post Office Department, in view of Mr. Burleson's expression of interest of last August, have agreed to waive the regulations as regards minimum population, and will approve the establishment of delivery service within the near future."

Miss John Gilliland, postmistress, has received instructions as to street numbering and equipment needs. All who have not as yet placed numbers on their houses are requested to do so at their earliest convenience. Residents may learn what number to place on their homes from the city hall. Uniform number plates are being sold at Thompson's Variety at wholesale. The new service will require one full time employee and one half-time employee. The luncheon club has worked on the project for the past year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FRESHMEN CLASS

Members of the freshmen class were honored with a Christmas party in the High School Home Economics room Tuesday night. Gifts for all members of the class were under a beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served by the following room-mothers: Mmes. Spencer Price, Aigie Price, Preston McIntosh, Chatham, Bullard, Manion and the sponsors, Miss Evelyn Frazier and Mr. Briggs.

SAW RAIN FILL A 10-POUND LARD BUCKET

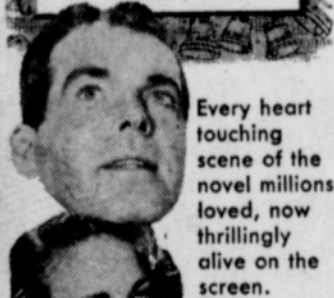
Robert H. Holder of Clyde returned from a trip to Conway, Arkansas, last week and reported that he watched a 10-pound lard bucket fill up in a hard rain. He said there were no tricks to it, it simply rained so hard that the bucket, sitting out in the middle of the yard, filled up and ran over in a very short time. Mr. Holder's mother, Mrs. Maggie Holder of Wichita Falls, who was visiting there, returned home with him for the holidays.

Mrs. L. A. Reese returned Monday from Big Spring, where she had been at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Myrick, who has been very ill. Mrs. Myrick is reported improving nicely.

PLAZA THEATRE

Thursday & Friday
DECEMBER 30 - 31

STRANGE AND WONDROUS STORY OF A BRIGHT AND SHINING LOVE!



RUSSELL JANNEY'S
'THE MIRACLE OF THE BELLS'

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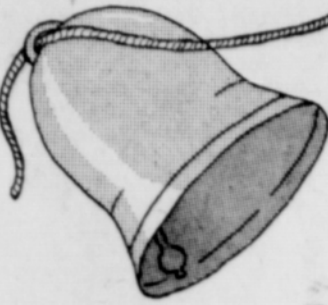
MORE PEOPLE WEAR STETSON HATS THAN ANY OTHER BRAND.

NOTICE!

The First National Bank of Baird will close at 12:00 o'clock, noon, on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th. This notice given, so that customers may be governed accordingly.

We Heartily Extend

Best of Good Wishes



for the **MERRIEST OF YULETIDES**

Rev. J. L. Carter
Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Dallas and son,

Hospital Notes

Mrs. J. F. McFarlane, who had the misfortune to break her hip recently, is resting as well as can be expected.

Mrs. J. D. Campbell and infant son have returned to their home in Oplin.

Master Robmert Urunga, accident victim is slowly improving. Claude Flores was admitted the 18th for medical treatment. Patsy and Paul Willingham Jr., have returned to their home in Clyde. Both were injured in an automobile accident.

Among dismissals: the baby of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vicars of Clyde, Mrs. D. S. Greene, Mrs. Elvina Rodriguez and infant daughter, Mrs. S. A. Kanady, and B. Irvin of Nimrod.

Miss Edith Bowlus was a recent medical patient.

Mrs. J. B. Brandon, Putnam, was readmitted to the hospital the 18th for further medical treatment.

Mrs. J. E. Ogle, surgical patient, is very much improved.

Gilbert Spinks, Clyde, Rt., is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Louis Honea, Clyde, is feeling much better.

Mrs. N. E. McGee is feeling fine.

Willie Weldon, Clyde, who was injured in an auto accident, is improving.

Mrs. R. D. Campbell, Clyde, is a medical patient.

Mrs. M. W. Harrison underwent appendectomy the 22nd.

Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Parks, Putnam, underwent tonsillectomy recently.

COURT HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY THURSDAY

Callahan County courthouse employees had their annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon, Dec. 23, in the lobby of the courthouse. A large beautifully decorated tree, with gifts for the employees, was in the center of the lobby.

Mrs. Nellie Mills spent the weekend in Big Spring and Midland.

DALLAS NEWS

DELIVERED DAILY

ABILENE Reporter-News

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Community Chatter Carefully Collected For Your Consideration.

Those who attended the Worker's Conference at Eula last Thursday from here were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick, Mrs. J. F. Coffey and Mrs. Norman Coffey.

Givens Ray of San Francisco formerly of this place, was here Saturday morning.

Miss Claudene Stanley of Cross Cut and Melvin Wilcoxon were united in marriage at the Church of Christ, Dec. 11, with Rev. Roy J. Clark reading the vows. Miss Nelda Wood and Mr. Eugene Wilcoxon were the only ones present.

Mrs. Jim McGowen of Odesa is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. A. Coppinger and the Van Pelt this week.

Misses Billie Smith and Patsy Respass, of Hardin-Simmons U. in Abilene, attended services at the Methodist Church Sunday, and rendered special music.

Junior Joy, who is attending college at Flagstaff, Ariz., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purvis of Bryan, Texas, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Varner are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cal Richardson at Hale Center this week.

Mrs. Lee Coats of Portales, N. M., spent one night last week with Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Gilleland.

Miss Eunice Hembree of Abilene is spending a few days here with friends.

Mrs. W. J. Cross was a business visitor in Abilene last week.

Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin
Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Parrisher Sunday and Monday were Mrs. Harold Pycatt and Sammie Daryl, of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parrisher and son of San Angelo.

Mrs. R. W. Cook spent Saturday and Sunday with Edna Cook in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne of Abilene spent Sunday with the Rogers family.

On the sick list this week we have had Charley Mosely, Joel Griffin and S. E. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Griffin and Dale, of the Fairview community, visited the Joel Griffins Sunday evening. The E. T. Griffins are moving to O'Brien soon after Christmas.

The Midway Sunday School will have their Christmas tree and program Friday night.

Louise Faircloth, of Midland, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faircloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Austin, of Douglas, Ariz., visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Webb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb and children of Marfa spent the weekend with the Webbs.

Oplin Observations

Odds and Ends Opportunely Offered in Open Order.

Joretta Gwin

Mrs. Tressie Pierce was called to Melrose, N. M., last week because of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cloris McKinley. Mrs. McKinley was a former resident of this community and had many friends here who mourn her passing. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, also by her father and two sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Campbell are the proud parents of a son, born at Callahan County Hospital December 18th.

Mrs. C. P. Correll of Melrose, N. M., is visiting her son, Selman Correll and family this week. She came to attend the funeral of Clifford Monroe, which was held here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Monroe and Otto McKinley and daughter, Verna Lee, of Melrose, N. M., attended the funeral of their nephew here last week.

Both the Methodist and Baptist Churches had Christmas programs Sunday night, also a Christmas tree complimenting their pastors, there were good crowds at both churches.

Mrs. Jack Bryson is still in the hospital, doing as well as could be expected.

The girl's basketball team entered the tournament held at Eula last weekend, but were not so fortunate in winning games. The first game was lost to Eula and the second to Bayou. The junior boys and girls went to Ovalo Monday night, the girls winning their game but the boys lost by one point.

In last week's Observations, there was a mistake in one item which read as though Mrs. Chester McCarter of San Antonio was critically ill. It should have been Mr. McCarter, who was injured in a motorcycle accident some six weeks ago, but is slowly recovering at this writing.

Mrs. Joe Warren visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirkendall last weekend.

Here's hoping the readers of this column have a very merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson of Crane are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. vest spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Fetterly.

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Good Luck

MEDFORD WALKER



Merry Christmas

Those two little words express our feeling at this joyous season better than any others we can find. We've searched for old-time phrases in modern dress but each time we come back to the old familiar expression of "Merry Christmas" May it be you happiest!

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Let us make the Yuletide season a happy one, a time of reverence and thankfulness, for the many blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

May we insure the future happiness of our community by dedicating ourselves toward helping to preserve the spirit of Christmas throughout every day of the New Year.

It is indeed a pleasure to extend the very best of Greetings in the true spirit of Christmas.

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Visitors Welcome
C. J. (Shorty) Ault, N. G.
G. H. Tankersley, Sec.

BAIRD LODGE NO. 522 A. F. & A. M.
Meets Saturday night, on or before each full moon.
7:30 P. M.
Members urged to attend, visitors welcome.
J. B. Easterling, W. M.
J. Brice Jones, Sec'y.

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for American Queens

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Greetings

AS the warm glow of the Christmastide envelopes you and yours, may the cares of the year just closing be lost in the mellow, festive spirit of the season.

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REAL ESTATE



To the Customers and Friends
of This Firm and A Hearty
Thanks for Your Patronage

Johnson's Gulf Service Station



to ALL OF YOU
Merry Christmas

BAIRD FROZEN FOOD LOCKER



McINTOSH DAIRY

from
the
COUNTY OFFICIALS



Christmas came from a light that glowed in a manger; shone in a star; and illuminated the soul of humanity. Christmas again sheds its gentle blessings so let us rededicate ourselves to Peace on Earth — Good Will Toward Men.

T.-P. CAFE

It is our wish that you will have a

Jolly
CHRISTMAS



THELMA'S BEAUTY SHOP

to You

ON CHRISTMAS DAY



This little message has a pleasant task—to convey our good wishes for unlimited Christmas joys to each of you.

C. J. (Shorty) AULT
THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH



As we eagerly await the coming of this all-important event, Christmas, we want to take inventory of ourselves to see if there are some ways in which we can improve the scope of our service to our friends.

It is our aim to improve our usefulness in every way possible for the benefit of our customers. In setting this policy as our goal for the coming year, we are remembering your kindnesses during the past year.

May we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you and wish you all the joys of a happy Yuletide.

A JOYOUS NOEL

J. A. TROWBRIDGE, Trucking

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

Year End Clearance
USED CARS

Used cars are now at the ROC KBOTTOM, better get one now before the spring rush. We are offering our entire stock of LATE MODEL used cars at a great reduction. We don't believe you can duplicate these prices anywhere before Jan. 1st, we will sell these cars at the absolute rock bottom price; bring your old car in and let us look at it. Most cases it will make the down payment on one of these clean used cars. Terms can be arranged on any of these clean used cars.

HERE THEY ARE

- 1-1940 FORD COUPE — We sold this car new, has had careful service by a local owner. Motor re-conditioned and a thorough check over. Ready to go.
 - 1-1940 FORD TUDOR — Had a new motor put in it not too long ago. A Steal!
 - 1-1942 MERCURY 4-DOOR SEDAN — Local owner, checked over and has been re-conditioned, new tires, clean inside and out. You will want this one. Radio and Heater.
 - 1-1946 FORD SUPER TUDOR — Radio and heater, tailor-made covers, looks like new black color. At the price we have on this one, you might not want a new one.
 - 1-1940 LINCOLN SEDAN — Radio and heater, clean as a pin, runs perfect, shines like a new car. This as precision made automobile that you will be proud of. Why not ride in luxury? You can now get it for only \$995.00.
 - 1-1946 MERCURY CLUB COUPE — Heater and radio. This is a popular model and a good one. Come drive it and see. You will not get a price like this again at the unheard-of price of only \$1595.00.
- Remember, after we invoice these cars on the first of the year, they will not have this kind of price. Better Hurry!

EARL JOHNSON MOTOR CO.

SALES  SERVICE
Phone 218

CLASSIFIED

POSTED — My pasture is posted. No fishing will be allowed. Frank Windham. tfn.

Take your car troubles to Sutphen Motor Co., Baird, for prompt and efficient service. tf.

FOR SALE — Pigs, pigs. Dr. McCrary's farm, 1 mi. north of Clyde. tfn.

FOR SALE — New \$54.00 set of Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia, 26 volume Library edition. Price \$40. W. A. Chrisman. tfn.

Take your car troubles to Sutphen Motor Co., Baird, for prompt and efficient service. tf.

Would appreciate listings of Oil and Gas leases, royalties, drilling blocks, and real estate. B. H. Freeland, Licensed Dealer, Baird, Texas. tfn.

NOTICE — My business will be carried on on cash basis only in the future. John W. Loven. tfn.

POSTED — All lands owned and/or controlled by C. B. Snyder are posted and positively no hunting or trespassing will be allowed. tfn.

FOR SALE — 3-horsepower Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine. Also cultivator and planter. B. F. McCaw. 2tp.

FOR SALE — Rye Seed, 4c pound. Perry Hughes. tfn.

FOR SALE — One privately owned 1948 Studebaker Regal Deluxe, 5 passenger coupe, overdrive and all extras, 7,000 actual miles. One 1948 Chrysler New Yorker, 5 passenger coupe, privately owned, 6,000 actual miles. Phone 22, Moran Tex. 2tp.

POSTED — All pastures owned by J. R. McFarlane estate are posted. All trespassing, hunting and fishing strictly forbidden. 4tc.

FOR RENT — Two unfurnished rooms. Mrs. Fred Cummings, 609 E. Second. 1tp.

WANTED — Large barrels suitable for burning trash. See Madison Montgomery. tfn.

NOTICE — I wish that whoever threw the tin cans, old shoes, dead chickens and other trash in the gravel pit on my place south of Baird will remove them and hereafter refrain from using my place as a dump ground. Tommie Windham. 5tp.

FOR SALE — Two work horses and harness, one wagon, cultivator, planter and fertilizer distributor, and other implements. See L. V. Munson, Rt. 1, Baird, on Highway 80. 2tp.

PLAZA
BAIRD

Owned and Operated by Bob and Alma Vaught
Thursday - Friday


SAMUEL GOLDWYN presents
CARY LORETTA DAVID
GRANT YOUNG NIVEN
Cary and
The Bishop's Wife
with MONTY WOOLLEY

Saturday
CHARLES STARRETT
Smiley Burnette
'Phantom Valley'

Saturday Owl Show
LYNNE ROBERTS
DONALD BARRY
'Lightning In The Forest'

Sunday - Monday
YVONNE DeCARL
DON DURYEA
ROD CAMERON
HELENA CARTER
'RIVER LADY'

Tuesday
Wednesday

 Watch for
MAN-EATER OF KUMAON

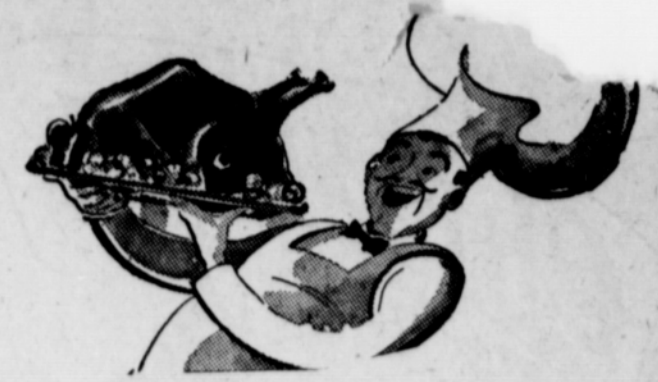
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WENDELL COREY
JOANNE PAGE

FOUND — If you have lost a gold bracelet, identify same and pick it up at the Star office.

HIGHEST CASH PRICES
PAID for DEAD
OR CRIPPLED STOCK



CENTRAL HIDE &
RENDERING CO.
For Immediate Service Phone
4001 COLLECT
ABILENE, TEXAS



For Happy Holiday Eating

Christmas dinner here is a meal fit for a king. Our chef takes particular pride in playing 'Santa' to you by serving up his favorite recipes. Plan to do your holiday eating here, where the Christmas spirit prevails now and all the year!

CITY CAFE



As we express best wishes to our host of friends in this community we are fully conscious of our obligations to merit your confidence. Our efforts to serve you will continue to be our very best. We extend to you heartiest good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

B. L. BOYDSTUN, Hardware

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To Our Friends And Customers

As we come to the close of another year we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the splendid patronage you have given us during the past year. It will be our earnest desire to work harder and serve you better during the coming year . . . to prove to you that your faith in us is justified.

We extend to you and yours a wish for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Chatham

CHATHAM GROCERY



Special for Christmas Dinner



It wouldn't be a Christmas Dinner if it didn't include some pretty fancy dishes, appetizing to look at and delicious to eat. We have the ingredients for dinners that make Christmas just right.

HENS

Dressed
per pound 55c

- APPLES, Washington Delicious, lb. 10c
- XMAS CANDY, Ribbon Mix, lb. 29c
- SUGAR, Imperial, 10 lb. bag 89c
- CIGARETTES, any brand, carton \$1.73
- FLOUR, Light Crust, 25 lb. sack \$1.89
- MIXED NUTS, pound 39c
- CORN MEAL, Aunt Jemima's, 10 lbs. 69c
- ORANGES, 8 lb. sack 35c
- CRANBERRIES, 1 lb. Cello Bag 25c

CURED HAMS

- WHOLE, lb. 65c
- BUTT HALF, lb. 69c
- SHANK HALF, lb. 63c



BLACK'S FOOD STORE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Friends



Best Christmas Wishes to our customers and friends and a Hearty Thanks for your patronage.

GRAY'S STYLE SHOP

THE WAY IT SEEMS

The following item was sent in by a reader. At tax time and at various other times when the load becomes heavy, it almost seems as if the balance sheet is correct.

CONFIDENTIAL
Democrats and Republicans—(Only)

Take Notice
Balance Sheet—(Certified)
Year ended November 29, 1948

Population of the U. S.	135,000,000
People 65 years or older	37,000,000
Balance left to do the work	98,000,000
People 18 years or younger	54,000,000
Balance left to do the work	44,000,000
People working for the Government	21,000,000
Balance left to do the work	23,000,000
People in Armed Services	10,000,000
Balance left to do the work	13,000,000
People in State and City offices	12,800,000
Balance left to do the work	200,000
People in hospitals and insane asylums	126,000
Balance left to do the work	74,000
Bums and others who won't work	62,000
Balance left to do the work	12,000
Persons in jail	11,998
Balance left to do the work	2

TWO

You and I
And you'd better get a wiggle on . . . I'm getting awfully danged tired of running this country alone.

—THE CARPENTER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear attended the banquet of the Abilene District Retail Grocers Association, held in Iris Graham Memorial Dining Hall, McMurry College Thursday evening. Other representatives of Callahan county were Fanin Worthy of Cross Plains and R. M. Pyeatt of Clyde, who were elected directors.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young, Baird Route 1, are Arbon Young, Ft. Worth; Harold Dubbs of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Young, Wilburn Young, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young of Baird; and Mr. Young's father, R. J. Young, of Cross Plains.

Spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wylie were Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Womack and daughter, Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Wylie and son, Durwood, of Ozona; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wylie of Baird.

Billy Bob Johnson, in the Navy at San Diego, Calif., is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson.

Frank Konczak of Clyde was tending to business in Baird Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Robert of Rowden left Saturday for Little Rock, Ark., to spend the winter with their son.

HEALTH FACTS

Austin — The editor of this paper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas.

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, M. D., State Health Officer."

On the front of the card is a handsome picture of the new State Health Department Building which was first occupied by the Department in 1943, and on

which has just been completed a fourth floor addition. Prior to occupying this building, the entire Health Department was housed on part of one floor of the old Land Office Building. Dr. Cox was re-appointed to his 7th consecutive two year term as State Health Officer, by the State Board of Health in December.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brashear are visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen Johnson, at "Mainville" during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Har Monday for Wesley Christmas with the Mrs. R. F. Jones at

Mrs. Harry Ebert Brashear met Mr. grandson, Kenneth, student at Baylor in lene Friday.

The Medford spending Christmas in Graves-ton with his brother, Paul Walker.

Joseph Munson of Clyde was a visitor here Friday.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Looking forward to a prosperous year with old and new customers and friends!

Cisco Steam Laundry
C. G. FUSTON — Rep.

To Our Multitude of Friends
And Patrons We Send
A Multitude Of

GREETINGS

IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year.

It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future.

May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year.

MORGAN APPLIANCES

We give Thanks this Christmas Season...

"... and suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.'"

WHETHER there will ever come in our lifetime a reign of peace and good will toward men all over the world, man can neither foresee nor foretell. But he can trust; he can have faith that a Divine Providence in His great wisdom, and in His own good time, will bring that condition about.

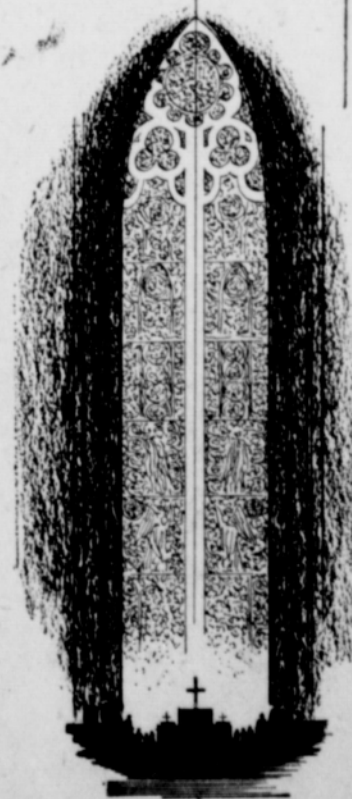
But despite the uncertainties of life, and despite the turmoil, the terror and the sufferings which beset such a vast proportion of the world's people, those who are fortunate enough to live in America have been richly blessed.

In this beloved land of ours we have been blessed with the greatest volume and variety of the good things of life mankind has ever known; here the dignity and worth of every individual soul is recognized; here we enjoy the great blessings of personal freedom.

Let us give thanks this Christmas season for these precious privileges; let us try to understand better the system of government which has nurtured these privileges and blessings; and then let each of us do our individual part to help preserve and protect that government from those who would destroy it.

It is my earnest and sincere wish that you will have a joyous Christmas holiday and that, in the years to come, you and yours will be blessed with good health and happiness.

W. G. Vollmer
PRESIDENT



TEXAS and PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY



WHY GIRLS LEAVE THE FARM

College Station — If you're looking for a husband, your chances of finding him are better in the country than in the city.

Let rural young women leave the farm much earlier than men and the migration rate is higher.

Why? Recent studies conducted by rural sociologists in Washington State may have the answer. College girls were asked to give their preference for a choice of husbands. Professional men were rated first, with business men second. The reasons given for not wanting to marry farmers had nothing to do with the man or his occupation, but his environment. The girls didn't like the social disadvantages, isolation, hard physical labor and long hours, as well as poorer educational advantages and smaller incomes that are usually found in rural areas.

Mrs. Eolise Johnson, extension family life education specialist of Texas A&M College, says the study gave no indication that college education turns young women against farming—in fact the higher the education of the girl's parents, the more favorable she is toward marrying a farmer. And girls from farm homes preferred farmers for husbands almost as often as professional men.

The majority of these students, she says, expressed willingness to become farm wives if they could have the same conveniences, income and cultural and educational advantages on the farm as in town.

"They like the idea of being your own boss on the farm," Mrs. Johnson says. "Enjoyment of country life and the skills used on farms are reasons for wanting to live in the country, too, as well as the fact that farm life is favorable to raising children, happy family relations and better health."

And yet they continue to leave the farms for the cities, where the chances of marriage are lower. The reasons given by these college girls are worth consideration by farm organizations and other groups interested in farming and farm life, Mrs. Johnson concludes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Meigs, of Houston, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hammons.

Mrs. Ella Farrar left Tuesday for Big Spring, where she is spending Christmas.

YULETIDE WISHES. It is difficult to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" in a new way. Sometimes we think Charles Dickens best expressed it in his "A Christmas Carol" when, in the words of Tiny Tim, he said, "God Bless Us, Everyone!" This wish is sent to all of you from all of us.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD

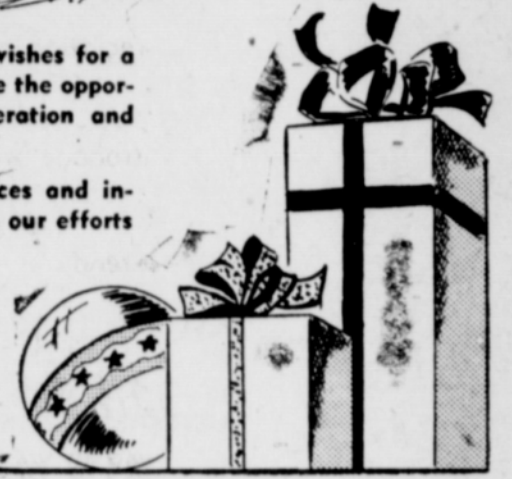
Baird, Texas



We sincerely offer you our cordial good wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and at this time take the opportunity of thanking you for your consideration and patronage and friendship.

During the oncoming year all our resources and ingenuity and efforts will be incorporated in our efforts to serve you better and more efficiently.

Best Wishes,



THOMPSON VARIETY STORE

Merry Christmas to All

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

We take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage and friendship during the past 12 months, and promise to continue our best efforts in fulfilling your desire for a new car.

Sutphen Motor Co.



Ray Motor Co.



Earl Johnson Motor Co.

SALES



SERVICE



Eula Episodes

Mrs. R. G. Edwards
Elevating Elucidations for the
Enjoyable Enlightenment of
Everybody Everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scarabrough and children have been visiting in the home of his brother, aunts and uncles, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Brown of Abilene, were weekend visitors in the home of her brother, Joe Bentley, Mrs. Bentley and children.

Mrs. O. C. Clifton has been on the sick list this week, along with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barr, who are both ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Osborne of Roswell, N. M., are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bourland and sister, Willie Mae.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Brock of Sweetwater visited in the home

of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brock, and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gist Saturday night. They attended the basketball tournament.

Mrs. Dorothea James and daughters will spend Christmas in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. Lewis Foster and Mr. Foster in Wichita Falls.

Margie Atwood will arrive late Wednesday from Dallas to spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Atwood.

Miss Gertie Harris of Abilene will spend this week in the home of her brother, Cecil and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Witte of Abilene were out visiting in the community Sunday. They stayed for the Cantata at the Methodist Church Sunday night.

Speaking of the Cantata, it was given Sunday night with representation of all the neighboring communities. We wish to thank everyone who had a part

in helping to put it over in such a big way.

School activities will cease Thursday afternoon to observe the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Jan. 3.

ON TRAINING CRUISE

R. L. Huddleston, quartermaster, third class, USN, son of O. C. Huddleston of Route 1, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.

Ports of call between training maneuvers include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan and Guam.

County Agent's Column
Oliver F. Werst

NEW HYBRID CORN

Texas 24, the newest yellow corn hybrid released by the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, made the highest yield in 1948 corn performance test of hybrids now in commercial production.

In an average for tests at 12 locations where all Texas hybrids were included, Texas hybrid 24 outyielded the highest open-pollinated variety by 32 percent. Texas 20, 18, and 8 gave increases of 27, 26 and 23 percent respectively.

New hybrids are continually being developed and tested by the Texas Stations. Two of the most promising to date will be available for distribution in 1950. They were among the top yielders at practically all locations where grown in 1948.

Corn performance tests in 1948 were conducted at Stephenville, Denton, Greenville, Garland, Gatesville, Chillicothe, Lockhart, Brenham, Mart, Corsicana, Holland, College Station, Angleton, Nacogdoches, Tyler, Beeville, and Weslaco.

On the basis of the performance test for the past 3 years, Texas 24 can be more generally recommended for farmer planting than the other hybrids. Texas 20 seems to have wider adaptation than Texas 18 and 8. However, Texas 18 and 8 gave good yields in the Blackland Prairie and western corn growing regions of the State. Texas 12 suffered more from the drought of 1948 than others and would not be suitable at all for Callahan County.

INSECTICIDES FOR COTTON INSECTS

Some people may think this is a little out of season, but Mr. J. C. Waggoner of Clyde was in the office asking about the value of chlordane as an insecticide to fight cotton insects. Material received from Charles A. King, Jr., Associate Extension Entomologist of A&M, shows that there was quite a bit of extensive research work done throughout the entire cotton belt using chlordane to combat cotton insects. Other insecticides that were tried were 20% chlorinated camphene, a mixture of 3% gamma benzene hexachloride - 5% DDT-40% sulphur (3-5-40 mixture), and Cilcium Arsenate. These experiments were conducted by the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station and the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the US Dept. of Agriculture.

After closely studying the crop all during growth and then seeing the number of pounds of cotton produced on the test plots, it was decided that 20% chlorinated camphene plus 40% sulphur or a mixture of 3% gamma benzene hexachloride - 5% DDT-40% sulphur (3-5-40 mixture) applied at the proper time will effectively control the boll weevil, bollworm, fleahopper, thrips, aphids and red spider when they occur alone or in combination. It was found that 10% strength chlordane was almost as effective as calcium arsenate for the boll weevils, but where chlordane was used aphids became a terrific problem, and it was found that where chlordane was used bollworms seem to build up and eat a good deal of the crop. After the results of all experiments were completed and turned in, it was the consensus of everyone that chlordane should not be recommended as a cotton insect poison, except for grasshoppers. 20% chlorinated camphene plus 40% sulphur or the 3-5-40 mixture dusts should be applied at the rate of 10 to 15 pounds per acre at 5-day intervals as

long as the insects are causing damage, except in early season dusting. Early season dusting is a good investment to insure early fruiting in areas where thrips, aphids, fleahoppers or bollweavils alone or in combination cause damage every year. Areas are to be dusted. Two or three applications, 7 to 10 lbs. per acre, should be made at approximately 7-day intervals. The first application should be made immediately after chopping. Insecticides applied after cotton begins to bloom, and before bollworms usually appear, may cause an increased infestation of bollworms, due in part to the kill of beneficial insects. Don't dust in this period.

ON HONOR ROLL

Abilene — Theda Kerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kerby a sophomore student, and Ruth Swim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swim, freshman student at McMurry College, were named on the McMurry honor roll for the first nine weeks of the fall term. In order to be named on the honor roll, a student must have an average of 90 or above.

Billy Ray stationed at San Diego, Calif. with the Navy, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Margie Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright had as their guests Sunday, the Gunn sister and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols.

TO wish you
all the gladness
of a Merry Christmas Day,
All the pleasure of a season
of happiness.
We wish you the best of all
GOOD things
because it's such a privilege
to do business with you.

A Merry Christmas

HOME LAUNDRY

S. P. SPROUSE

Emphasizing our appreciation of your
good will and patronage, we
wish to extend
Season's
GREETINGS
to the fine citizens of this area

SAM H. GILLILAND, Plumbing

Season's
Greetings

May We
Wish Each
Of You
A
Most Happy
Christmas

FASHION CLEANERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we desire to also add our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our success in the past year.

Happy New Year!

HOLMES DRUG STORE

Best
Wishes

for a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Bonnet Box
Miss Josephine Hamlett

MERRY CHRISTMAS

RUSSELL-SURLES ABSTRACT CO.

Greetings

CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS GO HAND IN HAND..

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

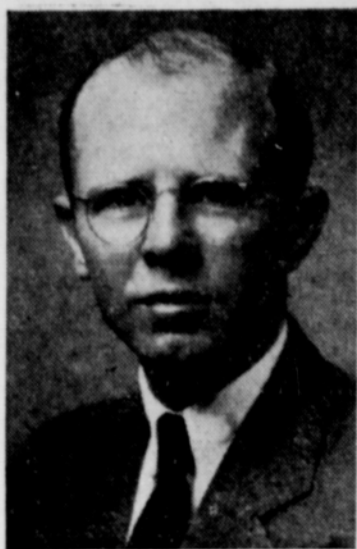
But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

To you, our friends, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.



MR. and MRS. W. D. BOYDSTUN

Distribution Chief of Lone Star Gas Co.



R. O. Pearson of Abilene has been appointed to the newly created post of distributing engineer for Lone Star Gas Company's West Texas territory, according to an announcement by M. L. Bird of Abilene, division superintendent.

Mr. Pearson's new duties include supervision of distribution facilities under Lone Star's gas service maintenance and expansion program. Mr. Bird said. His territory includes Baird and 77 other communities comprising twelve districts in the gas company's West Texas division.

Mr. Pearson joined Lone Star in 1932 as utility man at Hamlin. He served as local manager at Merkel and Haskell until 1940 when he was appointed to the staff of industrial engineers for the gas company in Abilene. He held this post until his assignment as distribution engineer.

He graduated from high school at Colorado City, Texas, his birthplace, and attended Texas A. and M. College. Prior to joining Lone Star he was employed by the Western Windmill Company and the Burton Lingo Company at Sweetwater. Mrs. Pearson, the former Helen Davis of Grandview, is Texas advisor on women's activities for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Guests were Mmes. C. P. Gobles, E. M. Wristen, O. B. Jarrett, W. B. Swim, M. L. Stubblefield, J. C. Barringer, T. E. Wylie, Sadie Heslep, S. E. Webb, J. T. Loper, T. A. Martin, Tee Baulch, George Crutchfield, Sr., George Crutchfield, Jr., and daughter, Belinda, Rod Kelton, W. H. Parks, John A. English, W. A. Fetterly, Ace Hickman, Mary Sutphen, Charles Mosley and daughters, J. J. Durham, Walter Boyd, E. R. Beck, Mrs. Curry and Miss Betsy Hickman.

INFLATION IS A TWO-EDGED BLADE

Austin — Inflation is a two-edged blade cutting at the standards of state government.

W. P. Watts, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association points out that:

1. Large numbers of experienced state workers are being forced to seek other positions, and
2. The best qualified applicants are no longer interested in state jobs.

While the average state employee has received a salary increase of 17.2 per cent since 1939, increase in the income tax have nullified most of the gain, Watts said.

He gave this example: In 1939, a married man with two dependents was paid \$4,200; his income tax was \$36 and his net salary was \$4,164.

The same man today is paid \$4,724, but his income tax has jumped \$400 to \$436, so that his net pay is \$4,328, or only \$164 more than the 1939 amount.

Meanwhile, the cost of living has climbed to the extent that the state worker can now buy less than one-half as much as he could in 1939, Watts observed. He gave figures to demonstrate his statement, quoting figures from newspaper advertising to show that food costs have gone up 117 per cent since 1939, clothing costs are 108 per cent higher, and shelter costs have increased 159 per cent.

Calling for pay raises for state employees, Watts said that the many faithful workers now on the job "should not be penalized simply because they have remained to do the necessary work to keep the wheels of State turning."

Salary increases are also imperative, he declared, in order to bring qualified replacements into the state departments, which have been losing personnel at an alarmingly high rate. It is impossible to maintain the high quality of state service unless salaries are at least partly adjusted to the cost of living, Watts asserted.

A well-qualified man is worth just as much to the state today as he was in 1939, he added, but the buying power of his salary is drastically reduced because of soaring prices for the goods he must buy.

Each Christmas we realize more and more the obligation we have to the people of this area. Whatever success we may enjoy depends entirely upon the friends we serve. Since we are truly grateful for all you've done, we want you to know our thoughts are with you during this, the happiest season of the year.

Season's Greetings

PYEATT'S
CLYDE, TEXAS

WITH candles gleaming everywhere we know it's time to send a

Happy Greeting

of Merry Christmas Cheer

Here's our very best wishes for the season

BRASHEAR FOOD STORE

the

SEASONS BEST

YOUR

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT
BAIRD, TEXAS

all of us
at
CITY PHARMACY

extend

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

GREETINGS

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR
A HAPPY HOLIDAY

To all
of you!



The Warmth of
CHRISTMAS

the precious enchantment of
the Christmas season, with
its happy surprises, its pleasant
associations with friends
and loved ones, the unexcelled
joy and happiness and well-being,
may it all be yours to enjoy
this glad Christmastime.

MAYFIELD'S

SWEETWATER WATER PROJECT APPROVED

Sweetwater — Sweetwater voters cast their ballots almost unanimously in favor of issuance of \$2,500,000 revenue bonds for construction of an Oak Creek Lake reservoir Saturday in an election which brought out 1,620 property-owning taxpayers.

The voters faced two propositions: to issue sufficient bonds to retire an indebtedness (\$49,000) already against the city's water revenue, and to issue \$2,451,000 for construction of a lake. They voted 1,597 for and 13 against on the first and 1,363 for and 17 against on the second.

Sweetwater city officials called the city election after they learned five weeks ago that Gulf Oil Co. is considering construction of a large refinery in West Texas in hope that the project will be built here.

Bonner Barnes, assistant general manager of the Gulf Corporation from Pittsburgh, conferred here with city officials Friday and urged they go ahead with the Oak Creek Project.

PUBLIC WARNED OF PEDDLERS

Kingsville — Assistant Chief of Police T. S. Parker has issued warnings to the public here against dealing with unlicensed peddlers, particularly of magazine subscriptions. A city ordinance requires each itinerant vendor to apply for a license three days before he starts his selling.

Recently, a magazine salesman was apprehended while selling subscriptions without a permit. He insisted that he was an honest man, but a check of his fingerprints revealed he had been in 13 other jails.

Parker warned buyers always to ask to see the peddler's city license, and to report the incident if the peddler could not produce it.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

L. L. BLACKBURN
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
BAIRD, TEXAS

M. L. STUBBLEFIELD, M.D.

County Hospital
Phones Office 236 Home 206
Baird, Texas

Dr. M. Carroll McGowen
Dentist — X-Ray

First State Bank Bldg.
First Floor — Baird

Dr. Grady B. Jolly
OPTOMETRIST
City Pharmacy
Baird, Texas

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Closed Dec. 25th. will be in
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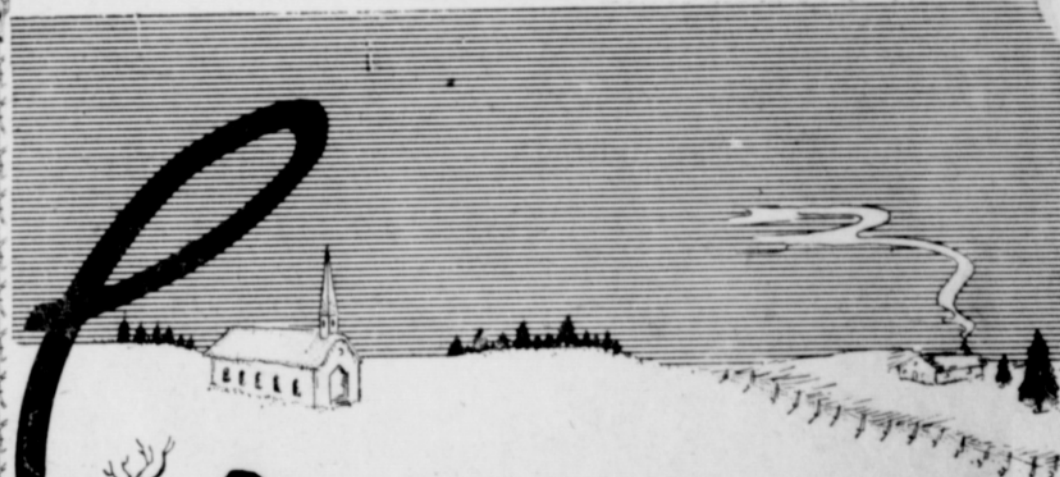
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AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas re-awakens our appreciation
of pleasant associations with those we
serve. While enjoying this Holiday
Season we remember your loyal co-operation
and good will that has made the
past year a memorable one with us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MR. and MRS. W. V. WALLS



Christmas
GREETINGS

May the sentiment we express today
remain with you throughout the Holiday Season
... and all the days following.
Christmas is a day of cheery thoughts and messages; a time
when we express good wishes and appreciation
for favors shown. So ... here's our Christmas
Greetings, offered to you with genuine sincerity and
appreciation. May you have a full measure of joy
and happiness.

McELROY DRY GOODS

County H. D. Agent's Column Evelyn Wieland

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE

There's a big difference in many of the shrubs commonly used for landscaping the home grounds. That's why the placing of shrubs is pretty important.

Some of the shrubs grow tall, and some grow wide, so you'll have to be careful how close to the house and to each other you plant the wide growing ones, says Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist of Texas A & M College.

When the shrubs are given plenty of space, they don't have to be pruned so often. They will be easier to spray and dust when it comes to the job of controlling diseases and killing insects, too.

Grouping shrubs of the same kind makes it easier to fertilize them and keep them attended to, says Miss Hatfield. Sometimes you run into trouble when you don't group like shrubs together. The ceniza needs an alkaline soil, while the gardenia grows best in the acid soils of East Texas. If the landscape gardener puts lime on the soil for the ceniza, the gardenia roots are injured. And, if he adds acid on the gardenia, the ceniza will die.

Another big reason the placing of shrubs is so important is the fact that some plants have to have sunlight all the time, while others—such as the Christmas poinsettia—will not last long in the bright light. They are strictly shade plants. On the other hand, crape myrtle needs full sunshine, and will have only a few flokers and will mildew if it is shaded too much.

Some folks don't find out until the flowers bloom that the bright colors in some plants clash with those nearby. So be sure you know what color the blossoms are going to be before planting shrubbery around the house.

So, in summing up this shrubbery planting idea, Miss Hatfield suggests choosing plants that are hardy to cold, heat, drought, insects, diseases, sun, shade and soil. Don't crowd them too close together, and take time to study your design.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Cranberry Cocktail Refreshing and economical drink to be enjoyed by all members of the family features a colorful food in plentiful supply in the Southwest.

- 2 cups cranberries
2 cups water
1/2 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup gingerale

Wash and pick over the cranberries and discard all that are withered or specked. Boil the cranberries and water gently until the berries are soft, then press through a fine sieve. Add the sugar and salt. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, then chill. Just before serving add the gingerale.

Date Nut Balls

- 1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 lb. dates, stoned and cut
1/2 cup pecans
1 tablespoon milk (optional)
3 eggs.

Sift dry ingredients together; beat eggs and vanilla thoroughly. Add dry ingredients to egg mixture and mix thoroughly. Add dates and pecans. Add milk if it facilitates mixing. Spread 1/2 inch thick in greased and floured baking pan. Bake 25 to 35 minutes in 325 F. oven. While still quite warm, cut in squares, form into balls and roll in granulated sugar. Or, when cold, dip into melted chocolate or fondant. If they are not coated in any way, storing in a tightly covered jar for a week enhances the quality.

CLYDE METHODISTS HAVE HOLIDAY PARTY

Mrs. P. C. Steen, Mrs. Harry Steen and Mrs. John Berry were hosts to members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for a Christmas party in the Steen home.

Mrs. Harry Steen gave the Christmas story, reading from the 2nd chapter of Luke. Carols were sung by the group with Mrs. Homer Kennard at the piano. Prayer was said by Mrs. L. F. Patterson.

Gifts of toys and clothing were brought by members to be sent to children of Wesley Home, El Paso. Gifts were exchanged around the lighted Christmas tree.

Attending were Mes. John T. Bailey, Homer Kennard, M. C. Lofton, Cdark Tabor, Sam McIntosh, John Weathers, L. F. Patterson, R. S. Darden, Tom South, Darris Egger, Doyle Hopper, C. S. Holden, A. E. Stevenson, Ed Craig, C. J. Lloyd, J. H. Bailey, E. E. Cook, M. M. Woodward, A. C. Forester and Kay Steen.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF McLENNAN.

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of Mrs. Mary Emma Helm Adair, deceased:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed independent executor under the will and of the estate of Mrs. Mary Emma Helm Adair, deceased, late of Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas, by J. L. Farmer, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 6th day of December, 1948, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to it within the time prescribed by law, at its place of business in the City of Waco, McLennan County, Texas, where it receives its mail.

This the 14th day of December, 1948.

The First National Bank of Waco, Waco, Texas.

By E. A. Flowers, Its Vice-President and Trust Officer.

Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 7, 14.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence made a business trip to Dallas Wednesday and Thursday of last week.



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Bring the Very Best to You

Many thanks for your fine patronage these past twelve months.

May Santa reward you handsomely for your consideration.

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Merry Christmas



W ITH every Good Wish for Your Happiness this Holiday Season

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Merry Christmas TO THOSE WE SERVE

Merry Christmas AND TO THOSE WHOM WE HOPE TO SERVE

Merry Christmas TO EVERYBODY

A & P FOOD STORE



THE LITTLE ONION



THE VILLAGE GRILL

Once A Year..



HERE COMES AT LEAST one time during the year when we pause to consider the past events and courtesies for which we are thankful.

To us, that time is Christmas. And those things for which we give thanks are the many opportunities we have had to serve the fine people of this area.

These associations have meant a warmer and friendlier season—they have made possible a most successful year and we trust that these fine associations will be influential in making possible the continued increase of friends and the further growth of our business.

In our own way, let us say, "Thank you" and wish you a sincere Greeting. May the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours and may the New Year bring you ever so much happiness and prosperity.

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GREETINGS!



AND
Best Wishes
FOR
A MERRY
CHRISTMAS

A. V. CURTIS GARAGE



HATTIE WEST BEAUTY SHOP

MRS. ACE HICKMAN IS PARTY HOSTESS

Mrs. Ace Hickman was hostess for a Christmas party at her home for members of the Wednesday Club.

A seasonal motif was featured in a mantel arrangement of long leaf pine, centered with a lighted angel. The buffet was decorated with red candles of graduated heights in red glass holders against a background of greenery. Poinsettias were on the dining table and over the windows were sprays of pine branches entwined with red ribbon and tiny Christmas bells.

In keeping with the year's program study, Miss Sue Hooker sang Christmas songs of the Pacific World, accompanied by Mrs. N. M. George at the piano. Mrs. Lee Ivey gave "Christmas as Celebrated by Peoples of the Pacific." The program closed with the singing of favorite Christmas carols by club members.

Gifts from a beautifully lighted Christmas tree were distributed by Mrs. M. D. Bell, assisted by Miss Betsy Hickman, to nineteen members and two guests: Miss Hooker and Mrs. Reaves Hickman.

A delicious refreshment plate ornamented with individual Christmas corsages was served.

crease rates beginning Jan. 1, but not enough, postoffice men say, to cover new wage costs.

However that may be, the one-pound package is going to cost you 2 cents more across the country. The five-pound package will cost you 3 cents more and the ten pound packages 5 cents more.

Office ruled forms. The Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Melton of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Zolton Melton of Coleman, were the weekend guests of their aunts, the Gunn sisters and their brother Donald Melton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Brashear and son, Billy Joe, are spending Christmas in Tahoka with her mother, Mrs. J. A. South.



TO OUR
FRIENDS AND
CUSTOMERS

May Your Christmas
Be Truly A
Glorious Occasion

CALLAHAN ABSTRACT CO.



A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

And All Good Wishes to Our Friends and Customers

BOWLUS LUMBER COMPANY

HERE'S OUR
BEST WISHES FOR A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BEARDEN SERVICE STATION

EXPRESS RATE BOOST BOOMS PARCEL POST

Washington — Uncle Sam's parcel post system has enjoyed a small time bonanza this year. Both the parcels it handled and the revenue it collected increased markedly.

Postoffice men lay this in large part to the fact that the Railway Express agency increased its rate last January. They point out that the postoffice plans to increase its rates also next January.

Here's how the parcel post system jumped its business this year:

In the twelve months ending last June, the system handled 6,085 million pounds of parcels. In the twelve preceding months, it handled 4,965,600,000 pounds. That was an increase of 22.7 per cent in a year.

In August this year revenue had jumped 36 per cent over August, 1947. It was \$19,965,000 this year. Last year it was \$15,796,000.

But the postoffice is losing money. On top of that the postoffice employes have not only demanded, but they've been granted a pay increase.

The last congress voted to in-

There Is Cause For Rejoicing...

It's Christmas and time for all to be happy. Let us all rejoice in the blessings of this glad time of the year.



WYLIE FUNERAL HOME



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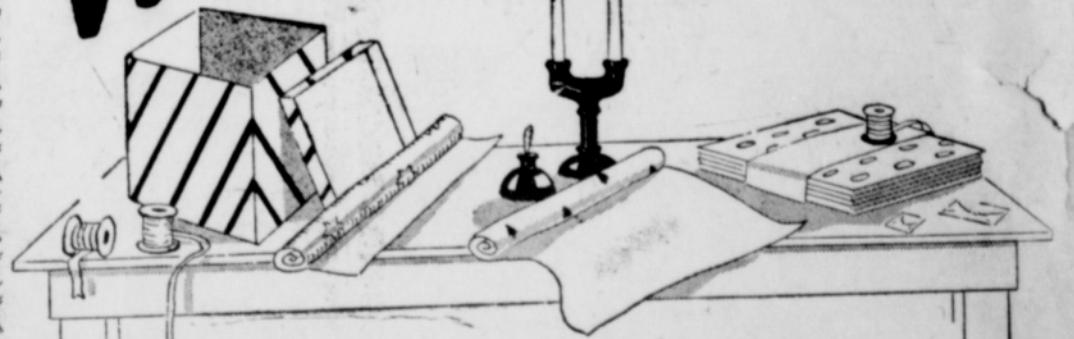
MARGIE RAY'S BEAUTY SHOP

MAY WE WISH YOU

A JOYOUS YULETIDE

C. J. REDWINE, ROCK HOTEL

Never Mind the Wrapping!



We've a little gift for you! It's not wrapped up in bright gift wrapping with pretty ribbons and seals — fancy trimmings add nothing to its value. You can't wear it and it isn't good to eat. Fact is, you can't even buy this little present, yet you may exchange it with those about you at this glad season of the year. So, here it is, a simple, yet sincere

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BAIRD LUMBER COMPANY

Merry
Christmas!



from the whole force

Billie Hall

Bob

Grace

Shelby

Ray

and we wish for you
every success during the
year ahead!

BLACK'S GROCERY

COLEMAN PLANS PROPERTY TAX SURVEY JAN. 1ST.

An official appraiser will be in Coleman not later than January 1 to make a tax survey of the city. Mayor R. E. Murphey announced. The Mayor explained the surveying by saying that he has had more requests for this survey than for any other project since he has occupied the office. There will be no appraisal of inventories or personal property, he added.

The survey, which should be completed before the tax rolls for the next year are compiled, is to be handled by an appraisal firm. Arrangements are being made, and may be completed next week calling for a complete re-valuation and appraisal survey of all real estate.

When the survey is complete, the firm handling the proceedings, will furnish a recapitulation, showing a normal 100 percent value upon all properties covered. A price comparable to the 1942 level, or other arbitrary reasonable price will be used for the normal value. Each piece of property will be valued in comparison with the normal.

Then, the City Commission will determine what per cent of the total valuation must be taxed to match the budget for the year. That percentage will be the amount assessed on the tax roll.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 479 bales of cotton were ginned in Callahan County, Texas from the crop of 1948 prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 633 bales for the crop of 1947.

John H. Shrader.

Rowden Round-Up

Irene Mauldin
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter.

Mrs. R. L. Darby of Baird visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kline and girls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones visited relatives in Coleman and Shields Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin Sunday were: Mike Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller and George, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warton of Onita, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper of Portales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert McCarty and boys Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Miller Saturday night.

Mrs. George Miller is in Abilene for a medical check-up. She is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Truett Hollingshead.

The Bayou girls basketball team won a consolation trophy at the Eula tournament last weekend. Patsy Crow and Carl Mauldin were chosen on the all-tournament teams and were awarded miniature silver basketballs.

George Sanders visited in the home of his sisters, Miss Sallie Sanders and Mrs. John McClendon Sunday.

EULA H. D. CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. G. M. Smith was hostess to the Eula Home Demonstration Club for their annual Christmas party and luncheon.

The lace-covered luncheon table was centered with a small Christmas tree, from which hung a miniature red stocking filled with mints for each guest. In the toe of each stocking guests found the number for their Christmas gift.

Mrs. L. T. Harris read the scripture on the birth of Jesus. Mrs. Weldon Edwards read "Santa Claus." Mrs. A. L. Barnes gave an interesting talk on Christmas and what it should mean to us.

After the presenting of the Christmas gifts, names were drawn for new pals. For birthdays of members during the coming year, each will receive a wash cloth shower. Names were also drawn for secret pals.

Those present were: Mmes. Weldon Edwards, Fred Farmer, P. B. Loving, M. M. Edwards, M. L. Logan, D. L. Kinsner, L. T. Harris, Grayson Miller, R. A. Miller, Reo Jolly, N. H. Stephenson, E. E. Harrison, Dixon Favor, A. G. Black, G. M. Smith, Misses Evelyn Wieland, Willie Mae Bourland, and Weldon Lynn Edwards, Jane Ann Miller, Frankie Stephenson.

Miss Curley Seale returned home Monday of last week after nine days hospitalization at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Miss Seale is leaving Sunday for Temple, where she will go through Scott & White Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turpin of Denver, Colo., are spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mr. McElroy.

Leon Daniell, with the Navy at San Diego, Calif., is expected home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mitchell of Houston are spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Bob Beck.

Your Christmas

MAY IT BE A
GLORIOUS ONE

As in the days of old, it is a genuine pleasure to say Merry Christmas to our friends and customers. May you have many more happy seasons, unbroken friendships and pleasant recollections of friendly associations that are of such importance to our way of life.

LAWRENCE LAUNDRY

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to our good friends
and customers

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

THE PLAZA THEATRE

BOB and ALMA VAUGHT

CHRISTMAS
MEMORIES

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.

MODERN TAILORS

Stephen Warren

Russell Warren