OUR DEMOCRACY

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FATHERED BY GEORGE

WASHINGTON HIMSELF.

COAST GUARD, WAS

THE COAST GUARD RULE IS-

WASHINGTON WAS A REALIST

WITH VISION. HE THEREFORE

COUNSELLED PREPAREDNESS

ALWAYS BE PREPARED.

AND PERSONAL THRIFT.

#### Annual Football **Banquet Held** Wednesday Night

By EDDIE BULLOCK The last football game of the season had been played and the boys had put away their cleats and pads, most of them for the last time in High School, but the spirit lingered on for there still remained the annual football banquet. The crowds in front of the City Pharmacy, with all the 'Sunday morning quarter ' backs' in attendance, should grow smaller now for the flag has been officially lowered. The annual banquet, sponsored by the Callahan County Luncheon Club was held is the basement of the Methodist Church Wednesday night, December 3, with an overflow crowd in attendance.

Festivities were launched by the singing of "God Bless America" by the entire assembly, followed by the isvocation by Judge L. L. Blackburn. After an address by Mr. Ace Hickman, Luncheon Club President presiding a delicious and tasty turkey dinner was served. The tables were deligthfully decorated with autumn leaves with a football made from a pecan on each place card, adding to the decorations.

Mr. Hickman introduced School Superintendent, Olaf G. South as toastmaster. After recognitios of guests by the toastmaster a reading "My Home rendered by Pickard Wagner was received with great Cross Plains this week end to enthusiasm by the assembly. Mr. T. A. White then proceeded to cast a little gloom upon the gathering by making public the asnual financial report of football activities for the current season.

In an address by Coach Bill White, all members of the 1941 Bear Football Team were recognized with especial tribute being paid to Buddy Brumbaugh, J. C. Earp and Frankie Crow, with the announcement that they had been selected by the Coaches of District 6A as mythical All-District Performers—the highest on class "A" players. Recog-nition was also afforded Junior Closes About Dec.15 Cutbirth, James Earp and Elwood Goin for placing upon the presented the coach with a pre- something near \$400.00. sent from the boys of the squad. Mrs. Sidney Foy is Local

by Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr., as in- is \$1000.00. spiring address was given by
Rev. A. H. Carleton, Pastor of
Turkey Market the First Methodist Church. And then came the spot everyone had Opened so anxiously awaited the presentation by your 'stage frightened' scribe of two beautiful pieces of las New Year's Day.

Following the time-honored cusspeeches then began coming thick in this territory. and fast (and short) with Messers, J. C. Shockey, Harold Ray, is expected to close about Dec-Howard Farmer, Judge Black- ember 13. burn, Bob Norrell, Jim Lawrence B. L. Russell, Jr., Judge Free-Felix Mitchell, R. L. Elliott, Jr. Hospital Newsland., Claude Flores, Judge asd Dr. Ray Cockrell, all contributing to the confusion'.

with the rendition of the Baird patient. High School Loyalty song ably led by Iva Dell Mtchell.

#### Notice!

CLOTHING COMMODITIES are now ready for all clients in the day. County. Call at Commodity Room at Baird, Texas any day between 8 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. o'clock ruesday. Except Wednesday, December 10, Mrs. W

> W. P. STEPHENS. County Commodity Foremon, Baird, Texas.

BAILEY POOL ENLISTS IN U. S. ARMY

Bailey Pool, living on Rt. No. 1, Baird, recestly enlisted in the November 28. United States Army and has T. J. Harris of Cross Plains, Dallas.) been assigned to the Trinidad was a tonselectomy patient Sun-

ing which is being enlarged and rebuilt is nearing completion. New fixtures were received a few days ago and are being put Storekeepers and four (4) Steno-

in place and it is expected that the First National Bank of Baird will move into their new home sometime within the next week.

The bank has been housed in the old postoffice building while the old bank building was being re-

The bank will hold "open-house" in the near future.

#### Bayou School News

The Red Cross drive has been completed in our community with the following members:

Jodie E. Baker H. W. Walker B. C. Chrisman Walter Jones Mrs. Blan Odom Mrs. W. B. Sparkman. The School has 100 per cent

membership. Mrs. Blan Odom was absent

whose funeral she attended. ball game was played in the stocked with Christmas goods of Bayou Gym between our girls all kind and store windows are and Mozelle, a school in the beng decorated for the holidays. southern part of Coleman county The score was 30-18 in our fa- their annual lighting contest.

The Bayou Girls Team goes to Bairdites Attend enter a tournament there.

The pupils of all the rooms presented a nice Thasksgiving program Wednesday afternoon to a large number of visitors. School was dismissed Thursday

and Friday for the holidays. in Mason county and bagged a State University at College Stanice buck. Mrs. Barker and Mrs. tion Thanksgiving day. Sparkman spent the week end in Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., Santa Anna, and Mr. asd Mrs. accompanied by Mrs. C. S. Gee Blan Odom attended the H. P. of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie C .- H. S. U. football game at Bullock, Bill Banks, Olton Pool,

## honor that can be bestowed up- Red Cross Roll Call

second team. Raymond Cook co- Call Campaign will be closed acaptain of the 1941 team then bout Dec. 15. Baird has donated

After two songs delightfully Chairman; Carl South, County rendered by Miss Bettie Lou Chairman, reports something Lewis, accompanied at the piano over \$700.00. Our county quota

The Christmas Turkey Market and airplane engines, according luggage to Coach Bill White opened yesterday. Prices range to J. C. Kellam, state NYA adwhich was donated by the Baird from 16 to 18 cents. Quality of ministrator. Fans, together with enough of turkeys on the Christmas market Uncle Sam's "cabbage" to take are said to be much better than this week for work at the Center the contest: in the Cotton Bowl game at Dal- those offered on the Thanks- and fifty more will be assigned givisg market.

Local buyers are in the field tom of the host club impromptu for a good part of the business

The Christmas turkey market

Miss Dorthea Faulkner, Baird The assemby was dismissed High School teacher is a medical

Thomas West is a medical patient.

J. W. Gray, T and P Ry. brakeman is a patient suffering from

Mrs. Scott Bryant, surgical patient left the hospital Wednes-

Mrs. Owen Admuson of Oplin medical patient left the hospital

Mrs. Weldon Parks of Putnam surgeal patient left the hospital Public Schools and the State Monday. Mrs. W. P. McCall of Albany,

surgical patient was moved to the home of her cousin, Miss Thelma White.

#### New Bank Building The Navy Needs Nearing Completion Storekeepers And Stenographers The First National Bank build-

The Abilene Navy Recruting Sta tion has vacances for eight (8) graphers to serve in the Naval Reserve for the duration of the natiosal emergency, C. L. Wylie officer in charge of the station,

To be eligible, applicants must be physically fit, between the ages of 17 and 50, and have some training or experience in clerical work. The pay ranges from \$60.00 to \$99.00, per month, plus lodging, subsistance, medical care asd \$34.50 rental allowance, if married.

Application must be in person at the Navy Recruting Station at Abilene, or or before December 27th.

#### Christmos Season Is On

The spirit of Christmas is in the air. The Christmas lights from school Thursday due to the have been strung up all along death of an uncle in Kerrville, Market Street and will, we understand, be turned on tonight. Tuesday of last week a basket Baird business houses are well

The Garden Club is sponsoring

## Football Game At College Station

The following named Bairdites attended the Thanksgiving foot-Mr. Baker went deer hunting ball game between A and M and

> Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shockey.

NYA CENTER TO BEGIN OP-The Annual Red Cross Roll ERATION AS DEFENSE PRO-JECT AT CORPUS CHRISTI NAVAL AIR BASE

> Cester, set up as a Special Defense Project in Corpus Christi and sponsored by the United States Naval Air Base there, will begin this week for one hundred Texah boys who will receive six months' work experience at the Base in the repair, construction, asd maintenace of air-planes and

Fifty young men are to report January 4, the youth being selected by the Texas State Employ ment Service, which agency later will assist in placing them into

regular jobs in defense isdustries 7 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. Lights To be assigned to the Naval to be on at this time. Air Base shop units in engine Those wishing to enter the repair, aero repair, metal manu- test are to get in touch with Miss facture and repair, electrical, Eliza Gilliland, Mrs. Buddy drafting, maintenance, and instru- Tankersley, Mrs. Otto Stiffler or met work, these boys will assist Mrs. W. A. Fetterly. in checking the conditions of the There will be a first and secairplanes and engines; will make ond prize in each entry. repairs, replacemets, and adjustments to each; and will inspect critical parts of the craft, such as electric and control systems. undercarriage brakes, motors, and propellers. Besides the work ex- A. J. "Nuff" Arvin, one of perience which these young men Callahan counties earliest resialso will obtais related informa- Cottonwood. Mr. and Mrs. Joe shop mathematics, ad blue print Wednesday night. reading from instructors furnished by the Corpus Christi JIMMIE ASHLOCK Board for Vocational Education.

FLASH-J. W. Faircloth of Midway, sur be interviewed Sunday at 12:45 a collision with a car. gical patient left the hospital p. m. by the "I Give You Texas"

November 28.

ME ARE READY to exchange

> Tune in and get better ac- want to sell. quainted with your Governor!

#### Mrs. O. B. Jarrett's College Students Brother Died In Home For Slaton Thanksgiving

NDIVIDUAL AMERICANS HAVE PRACTICED PERSONAL FORESIGHT

BEYOND ANY PEOPLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY OWN TOGETHER

Mrs. O. B. Jarrett was called to Slaton Saturday by the death of her oldest brother Isaac Brown spent the Thanksgiving holidays who died Friday night. Funeral in Baird:

Mr. Brown is survived by his James Alexander. wife and five daughters and four

#### Garden Club Will Sponsor Lighting Contest

The Garden Club is sponsoring the Annual Christmas Lighting

The following are the rules for

1. Door Way

1. Lighted Window

3. Lighted Out Door Tree

4. Business Places. Judging to be December 22,

#### "NUFF" ARVIN REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

will receive at the Naval Air Ants is reported seriously ill Base, after working hours they with pneumonia at his home near tion and training in redia theory Arvin were called to his bedside

## SLIGHTLY INJURED

Jimmie Ashlock, little son of Governor Coke Stevenson will when thrown from his bicycle in route home.

W. D. BOYDSTUN.

### TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE LIFE INSURANCE IN THE WORLD .. AND AS A NATION AMERICANS TODAY CONCENTRATE ON THIS COAST GUARD PRINCIPLE OF BEING PREMARED.

## The following college students

services were held at Slaton Sat | State University: Marian and urday and burial made in Lub- Ruth Dyer, Randall Jackson, Lewis Hill, Clarence Pretz and

A and M College: Ben Lewis sons. Other relatives surviving Russell, Russell Chatham, Clyde are, John and Jim Brown, of Ran- and Bill Yarbrough, Wendell Gee and John Preston Work of

Abilene Christian College: Pau-

line Coats. Hardin-Simmons: Arthur Burle- STENOGRAPHERS son, J. C. "Bullett" Cook, Bill ARE NEEDED Davis, Katie Lou Walker and Wanda Warren.

McMurry College: Windham and L. Griggs.

George Warren and Errolene John Tarleton: Ellen G. Tankersley, L. W. McIntosh and

Berry Griggs ... Texas Christian University: J. B. Pitzer.

There were perhaps other students home, whose names we national defense. failed to get. We would appreciate so much of our readers if they would phone in these

#### Farris Bennett Bags 19-Piont Buck

returned Susday from a week's Clipper Mail Wednesday. hunt on the Roy Nunn ranch in It is believed that the troops

killed in the mountains for some phine Islands.

MRS. BENNETT BAGS

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett spent BAPTIST CHURCH IN BAIRD Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ashlock was Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. slightly injured this morning Weldon White, in Sweetwater en

W. D. BOYDSTUN. | paster.

#### Railroad-Labor Dispute Settled

by Mat

Railroad labor and management representatives settled their wage and cacations dispute Moncarriers' payrolls.

The effect of the settlement, and the people of Baird. worked out by President Roosevelt's emergency fact-finding commended in every respect, acis that a strike set for Dec. 7 will be called off.

#### Notice! Goodfellows

noon at 2:30 o'clock to make York enoyed the Puppeteer. plans for their annual Christmas program.

tinuing this work or charity be- program. Young and old alike gun some twenty-five years ago will enjoy this show. by the late Dr. R. G. Powell, The school's share of the pro-Baird's beloved pioneer doctor, ceeds will be used to buy dupliwho not only ministered in a me- cator paper. BE THERE! dical way to the underprivileged of Baird, but also supplied food Jack Wier Family in many cases is urged to attend this meeting.

#### Eastern Star Will Entertain Grand Deputy

the chapter.

hall at 6:30 p. m. after which the ing of the Chapter when gifts Big Spring public schools. for the Eastern Star Home is members of the home.

#### CALLAHAN COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION T and P for 42 years.

The Callahan County Singing Convention will be held at the operation of an NRA Resident ger, Dorn and Wilson Brown of Jones, Harold Bryant Louis Stark Methodist Church at Belle Plain to have the Wier family leave, cordially invited to attend the

"Take a letter, Miss Brown." Richard That's the theme song of our sight in the home of Betty Lou nation's copital. Stenographers Lewis. Those present were; Laura Texas Tech: Bettye McCoy, are needed. Entrance salaries at Mae Windham, Renee Russell \$120 dollars a month. See Terrell Betty Jane Estes. Irma Lois Williams, civil service secretary Young, Btty Lewis, Janice Ivey, at Baird Postoffice or at any Katherine Ford, Elaine Russell. first- or second-class post office The meeting was closed and for complete information. If you and refreshments served to the can take dictation at 96 words a group. The next meeting is to minute, you can fill an impor- be at Ivadell Mitchell's. tant job in Washington for

#### WILBERT VOSHELLE WRITES FROM HONOLULA

Wilbert Voshelle who has been stationed at Spokane, Wash., until recently when he was transferred to the 11th Bomb. Squadron, 7th Group Aircraft and sent to "Plum" a secret military wrote his parents from Hono-Mr. and Mrs. Farris Bennett, lula—they received a letter by Baird Star.

the Davis Mountains south of Kent with whom Wilbert sailed the buck, one of the largest deers Camp Bowie will go to the Phili

A 4-POINT BUCK REV. DAVIS BEGINS FOURTH Mrs. Bennet got a 4-poist buck YEAR AS PASTOR OF FIRST

> Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church for the past three years begins his fourth year's work next Sunday.

#### Grammar School Promotes Puppett Show

The Grammar School is bringing an excellent show to Baird. day night on terms which were Next Wedsesday, December 10, usderstood to add \$300,000,000 at 2:30 o'clock Miss Doris Jones to \$325,000,000 a year to the of Waco, is bringing her Puppet Theatre to the school children

This show comes highly reboard after two days and nights coordisg to Mr. Hugh W. Smith of almost continous negotiations principal of grammar school. Miss Jones has put the show on from Texas to New York. Words of approval have been given her in most of the larger cities of Texas. The Puppets hove performed on the Chautauqua circuit for hold several seasoss. This alone their annual meeting at the Co- stamps it as superb entertainuntiy Library Saturday after- ment. The Kiwanis Club in New

There will be a charge of 10 cents and the High School Audi-All who are interested in con- torium has been secured for this

## Move to Big Spring

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wier and daughters, Emma Rose and Fran ces Marie left Monday morning for Big Springs where they will Callahan Chapter will meet in make their home. They have reregular meeting next Tuesday cently bought a resident on Bellnight at which time Miss Maggie street. Their son, W. J. Jr., did Mae Grady of Indian Creek not go with the family as he has Chapter, District Grand Deputy a position with the Western Elec will make her officiol visit to tric Company in Abilene, W. J. Jr. is a graduate of the Clyde Dinner will be served at the High School class of '39.

Emma Rose a senior in Clyde chapter will convene. This is al- High School and Frances Marie so the Annual Christmas meet- grammar grade pupil will enter

The Weir family have resided held. There are fifty-one ladies on their farm one mile south of and five childres in the home. Clyde for the past eleven years. Members of the local chapter They sold the farm to H. F. will bring gifts suitable for these Phillips of Rowden, who has moved

Jack Weir is a retired T and P Ry. Engineer, who came to Baird in 1886. He worked for the

Making his home in Big Spring much of that time. Mrs. Wier is the former Emma Newbauer, a native of Baird. The Star regrets in their return to Big Springs their old home.

#### S. I. S.

The S. I. S. met Wednesday

#### Notice To The Public

We, the Band Mothers' Club of Baird Public School Band, are soliciting subscriptions, both new and renewals for THE BAIRD STAR

on a commissios bases. These funds to be used in paying for the new uniforms recently purchased

for the High School Band code name for his destination, to see everyone asd earnestly so-We are making every effort licit your subscriptions to The

Members of the Club are making a canvass of the City and if Farris briught home a 19-point 2nd Bat. 151 Field Artillery from Mrs. B. O. Brame, Mrs. Clifford Jones, Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Bill Womack or any member of the Band Mothers Club.

Thanking You, we are, Sincerely,

BAND MOTHERS CLUB.

FIFTY-FOUR YEARS OLD The Baird Star, Callahan co-

unties oldest newspapers and one Rev. Davis is a splendid Bible of the oldest weekly papers in Turkeys. Let me know when you Merchasdise for Pecans, Chick- student, a good preacher and has West Texas, will pass its 54th ens, Turkeys, Eggs or Grain. done a great work here as a milestone in newspaper-dom, Monday December 8th.

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REPAIR YOUR FARM MACHINERY NOW

M. R. Bently, agricultural engineer if the Texas A asd M Extension Service, represented Texas at a farm machinery and equipment repair conference in Chicago December 4-5.

"Prompt repair and maintainance of farm machinery and equipment has always been a pointed out. looks as if farmers will have to keep their epuipment is work ing order or do without."

Defense requirements have reduced the materials for new farm machinery to about twothirds of that used in 1941. The will extend to such farm items as bolts, chaines, pipes wire, and bar asd sheet steel. Every effort will be made to

The U. S. Department of Ag- be used satisfactorily if they are riculture and the state extension properly constructed. services have launched a farm machinery repair program to help a well-drained spot, properly ven farmers meet the double chal-tilated and protected by a shellenge of as equipment shortage ter or large losses will resudt.If on one hand and increased agri- less than 20 bushels are to be

SAVING LATE FEED-

where early\_ feed crops were the bed. Supports many lack feed usless they save to hold it about two inches aall late growth, warns E. R. bove the ground with the ends Eudaly, dairyman of the A and extending beyond the bank, M College Extension Service.

all fields which is worth saving" air drawn into it to pass through he adds. "Any kind of feed beats the banked potatoes from the no feed at all.'

this late crop of feed is of great to keep out rats. As upright flue est importance, Eudaly says. For extending out of the top covered example, ripe Johnson and su- to keep out moisture. The edges dan grasses are worth more as of the flue should be open alsilage than as hay. The same long its entire length so the air is true of second growth cane can circulate into it from the hegari asd kafir, notwithstanding potatoes. About four inches of they will make fair hay. Second good clean straw should be growth cane and grain sorghums placed under and over the powill make sour silage which will tatoes and covered with enough scour cattle if cut in the imma- earth, where necessary, to preture stage and stored immedia- vent freezing. In cold weather tely. If second growth feed is all openings should be closed.A cut before frost and the ground bank five to six feet wide at botis dry it should be left in the tom, four feet high and 20 feet field to partly dry out. If the losg will store around 200 bushels weather is wet, let it remain Miller cautions to handle dried.

Enough water should be added set up rotting. to make dry or partly dry feed feel wet when it is put into the silo. Should frost kill the feed Buy Christmas Seals it is best to wait three or four days before cutting it. It then To Help A Worthy can be stored immediately after frost, but the silage will not be as good as when cutting is delayed or it is allowed to dry on the ground after cutting.

cheaper to let the cows do the part of national health. harvesting. But when there is a The campaign, which opened contain enough sugar to ferment anti-tuberculosis fight. properly, a mixture of five gal- The President's endorsement: lons of molasses to 15 gallons of

There still is time to plant far-reaching traditions, the oats, barley, wheat and rye grass (hristmas Seal which supports for winter and spring pasture the fight against tuberculosis. Eudaly says. These crops can be "For 35 years the appearance planted any time in November of the small tuberculosis Seal soutr of Fort Worth.

Word that priorities officials municable disease. in Washington have granted a "We have full confidence in

and M Extension Service. dip tinned and tin-plate products support to the National Tuberas milk cans, pails, strainers and culosis Association and its 1,700 cream cans.

fense needs that civilian use of overcome a disease that still kills the metal is being sharply re- more persons between the ages stricted. The prorities officials, of 15 and 45 than any other however, apparently realize the cause of ceath. importance of milk in the Food

for Freedom campaign. mted to produce the 1,340,000 tuze of our country because

milk cans needed for normal replacements plus a 6.8 percent increase to handel the additional eight million pounds of milk called for in the U. S. Department of Agricultural national pro duction goals for 1942.

"I don't usually like to holler 'buy now', Eudaly commented, "but this is one time the defense agencies want farmers to figure cut their needs and to buy or order as soon as possible. Seems that will help manufacturers to estimate their steel neneds."

Manufacturers will be required good farming practice," Bentley to get the cans and utensils to "but this time it the milk producers before next spring, according to the terms of preference order

> CURING AND STORING SWEET POTATOES

Curing sweet potatoes in stor age houses is the most suitable method, provided there is sufficient volume to justify the exsays E. A. pense. Otherwise, keep up the supply of repair Miller, agronomist of the A and M. Extension Service,, banks may

The bank should be placed on

cultural production on the other. stored the cone-shaped bank may be used, but for larger quanities the bank should be long and nar row with a V-shaped trough in-In localities over the state verted and laid in the bottom of should farmers who have cows placed beneath the trough so as Miller says. The ridge of the "There is some feed in nearly trough should be cut to allow the ottom. These openings should Choice of method for storing be covered by hardware cloth

shock in the field for two or tatoes as carefully as eggs be three weeks, or until partly cause they bruise easily. Bruises affect their quality and often

# Cause

President Roosevelt endorsed the 35th annual Christmas Seal Eudaly says that if cotton- Campaign of the National Tuberstalk pasture is needed it is culosis Assiociation as a vital

surplus it will be profitable to November 24 was termed by cut some for silage before the President Roosevelt "A valuable frost. As cotton stalks do not and far-reaching tradition" is the

"With the approach of the water should be sprinkled on Christmas Season, my mind turns each ton when placed in the silo to one of our most valuable and

on the flood of holiday mail has proved that we Americans are NEED A NEW MILK BUCKET? sincerely trying to protect our own against as insidious, com-

preference rating to manufact the Christmas Seal, a confidence tures of dairy equipment has deeply rooted in the victories been received by E. R. Eudaly, which have been nwon over the dairy specialist of the Texas A disease. But the fight against tuberculosis is not yet won. We The rating applies to such hot- must continue to give our full affiliated organizatioss through-Steel is so necessary to de- out the county. We must help

"The anti-tubercal six camor Freedom campaign.

Only enough steel will be alof the foundation of the strucMethodists Dedicate New Buildings At Orphans Home



Culmating the most outstanding year of more than half a century and launching the drive \$125,000 budgtt, the Methodist Home at Waco dedicated five new buildings on its campus Fri day, November 28, Bishops A. Frank Smith of Houston and Ivan Lee Holt of Dallas will take leading parts on the program, and more than 2000 out-of-town visitors are expected from the six conferences of Texas and New Mexico which support the home. The affair begins with a bar-

noon, the dedicatory service following at 1:30 p. m. Each new Wichita Falls, a boys' home; Mr. building will then be opened, and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell of Marits donors and the

must, and I am sure we will.

becue on the Home campus at

boys and fa, a girls' home; the lateMr. girls who are to live in it serv- and Mrs. H. A. Williams of Ft. ing as welcoming committee and Worth, who will be represented guides. Four of the new struc- by relatives, a boys' home; R.P.

forming the

an infirmary.

nation as well as of an individual selves and to others through

This year, above all years, we Christmas Seals."

faithfully observe one of our GIRL WANTED-For Housework pasture. Write and state quantity

are residences, furthering Superintendennt Hubert son's long time dream of doing Willis Sr., of Atlanta and the away with dormitories and trans late Mrs. Willie Willis, who gave orphanage into a the infirmary. This buildisg has group of homes, each with its been furnished by W. T. Penn of own house mother, its own din- Wichita Falls and the late Mrs. ing room, kitchen and bedroom Penn.

Wichita Falls

so that children may be brought After the dedication, there up in an atmosphere as near like will be an evening session of the home life as possible. Half the 48 district superintendents of the Home's 400 children are now Texas and New Mexico conferliving in cottages. The fifth is ences. They will discuss the budget campaign, due to be held Donors are, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. in all Methodist churches during Perkins of Wichita Falls, who the month of Decembar. The are giving a second cottage for Home, existing for more than girls after two years ago givhalf a century without endowning a ho. e for senior irls; Mr. mennt, has relied on free will ofand Mrs. J. S. Bridwell of ferings for support during its entire history. Because of the limited budget all buildings have been donated by private individuals, 1941 marking an all-time high in gifts of this nature to the Home.

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The alleged "oil shortage" on created crisis which had almost no foundation in fact, states a nation-wide industrial news rebein abandonod and that re- fense industry to do so. serve stocks of oil, instead of dwisdling, are reported on the in

They also may be skeptical the Review. of the so-called "electric power shortage" which are periodically industry loudest and oftenest," 508 junior groups in Texas aforecast with scare headlines for they fall in the same category

various subterfuges to promote stroy from within the American political control of the electric system which the arms program industry including flood and it- is designed to defend, to proigations projects inasmuch as they had popular support and could be used to "cover up" the real objective.

Now it looks as if they're a dopting a new angle. Under the claims of "power shortage" none of which has ever put in its scheduled appearance, they are trying to divert defense funds for the purpose of duplicating an electric system already serving the country adequately and prepared o expand as the need a-

What is the truth of the matter? Not one really serious power shortage has occured except, perhaps, in the TVA area where drought played havoc with the water-power theories of the socialist-politicians and after they had taken over the private companies. Even in the defense of the day. 'boom towns" where industrial development for military pur- morning service. poses has taken place at an incredible speed, power is being

More than 90 per cent of that Christmas Gifts.

In short, while a few politicians cry "shortage" to promote government ownership of the industry ,the private utilities are perfect example of a politically are going ahead and doing the are work. While the utilities are sub distribution of savings by the jected to every known form of Supreme Forest Woodmen Circle political vilification, they are this month, it was learned here spending the money to build for recently. riew, recalling that the usnneces-tomorrow without expense to tax payers-probably the only de-

The purpose behind these periodic denunciatioss of private in-To West Texas, conscious of dustry is obvious-to destroy the ters in Omaho, Nebraska, shutdowns in oil fields and know faith of the people in the private ing that refineries were operat- enterprise system, and to mising far below capacity, the so- lead the people to the point where ciety has over 130,000 active called shortage appeared incrediization of industry, according to walu /i at approximately \$105,-

who are most lustful for more as the non-existent coil shortoge power, more authority, more Promoters of socialized power pork barrels. They are attemptfor the past decade, have used isg to use this emergency to detect, and to perpetuate."

#### First Baptist Church

A. A. DAVIS, Pastor D. S. McGEE, S. S. Supt.

Let us not forget the services Bearden. Sunday! The Sunday School meets at the usuol time, 10 a.m. The Preaching service at 11 a.m. last meeting were read by the and 7 p. m. with Training Union at 6 p. m.

Next Sunday marks the beginning of a new year for the was elected. presest Pastor. Three years ago this coming Sunday we began our Pastorate with Baird Church journed to meet December 8th -thus Sunday will be an Anniversary occasios and the beginnig of the fourth year as Pastor

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This payment will total \$250,-000, it was said, because the so-000,000.

lodges in the nation, it was said Texas members and their beneficiaries have received more than \$12,096,000 from the Woodmen Circle in the past 50 years. Total payments to members and beneficiaries in this period exceed \$45.000,000.

#### SPANISH CLUB MEETING

Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, president of Las Primeras, presided for the November 24th meeting in the home of Mrs. T. P.

Roll call was answered by seven members. Minutes of the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Lee. Dues were paid by members present and one new member, Mrs. Leon

A reading lesson in Spanish was held before the Club adwith Mrs. Fabian Bell.

Mrs. T. W. Briscoe, Reporter.

#### OPLIN 4-H GIRLS CLUB

... The Oplin 4-H Club met Nov. 27 at 3:00 P. M. in the club room. The year books for 1942 were studied and program ma- Child's Roll Top Desk terial was handed out for next meeting, Christmas party planned and club members parents are invited.

Members present were Paula Hamonds, Billie Jean Lincecum Georgia Dean McBride, Colene and Billie Bricen, Emma Sue Slough, Ellen Marie Jones, Jerraine Pentecost, Maxine Johnson and the Club Sponsor, Mrs. Mallie

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## **PERSONAL**

Hilary Windham of Oplin, was in Baird Wednessday.

Bill Walls is recovering from severe spell of pneumonia.

Fred Cutbirth of Cross Plains was in Baird Tuesday.

Supt. W. V. Welch of Denton

School was in Baird Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Justin Anderson of Stephenville visited friends in

Baird the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer and son Frank Spencer of Burnt Branch were in Baird Monday.

Mrs. T. W. Briscoe, county tax assessor and collector, visited her parests at Keerville this week.

Al Irvin, former sheriff of Callahan County was in Baird yes-

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Murphy and little daughter Gail of Monahans are visiting home folks for a few days.

Mrs. A. V. Hargis and little sos John Alvin returned Sunday from a visit of several weeks in New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Allen of Oplis were in Baird today and called to renew their subscription to The Star ond Star-Tele-

D. T. Perkins of Silver Valley was in Baird Wednesday. Mr. Perkins formerly lived on the Wylie Lambert ranch on Crooked H-D Club News Creek.

"Little" Robert Estes returned a few days ago from Boston, Mass where he recestly rode in the rodec winning o beautiful belt with riding the past few years.

Claude Flores returned Wed- eating fun. nesday from Fort Worth where days with their daughter, Mrs. Renaud and family.

DONT FAIL TO SEE our House Sweaters and anything to weor. W. D. BOYDSTUN.

#### COOKED FOOD SALE AND BAZAAR

The Presbyterian Ladies will hold their annual Cooked Food Sale and Bazaar tomorrow, Saturday in the Fulton building. pies, coffee and soup.

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MAKE MEALS MORE FUN

gold buckle. Robert has made a duce genuine satisfaction, they ing material is to provide ex- of Planting Material to confer splendid record in brone and bull may go half eaten. So it takes tra warmth. It and the lining with us, relative to their needs.

Good cooking, skillful meal he spent Thanksgiving holidays planning, and attractive serving A woman will likely get better with his niece, Mrs. Charles Re-naud asd family. His sister, Mrs Henry Benham and Mr. Benham Service specialist in food pre- cloths hangs straight all around of Balmorhea also spent the holi paration. To help homemakers plann meals for skillfully, she suggests use of the Texas Food Standard. It can be obtained free from county home demon-Coats, Robes, Toppers, Dresses, stration agests or from A. and M. College Extension Service at College Station.

Since many food values can be retained or lost in oooking, learning to prepare food properly is a primary responsibility for every home maker. Here are some simple basic principles for successful cooking which help conserve food values and help make food taste better:

Use little water in cooking vegetables, and never add soda to the cooking water. When most green vegeetables

are cooking, don't use a lid.Don't waste the liquid vegetables are are cooked in. If it isn't served with the vegetables use it in soups, sauces, or gravies. Cook meats-and all other pro-

tein foods such as eggs, milk, and cheese-at moderate tempera ture. Tender cuts of meats are

cooked in an uncovered pan with no added water. Less tender cuts may be made more tender by cooking them slowly with added liquid in a covered pan. Tough meat may be made more tender by grinding.

### BUYING A NEW COAT

This year's coat likely will cost more and have to last longer than the one before, as Rugs, Pillow Cases, Vanity Sets, women buying new ones need to

"Check every detail of coat quality before you buy to make sure you get the best material and the best made coat you can afford." That's the advice of Mrs. Dora R. Barnes , clothing specialist for the Texas A. and \$6.50 M. College Extension Service, to 6.50 women buying winter coats now.

2.00 and 3.00 The first step is to find out the fiber content of the coat, 40c and this year consumers have the 50c new Wool Products LabelingAct MRS. HARRY EBERT. to help them. The exact wool content and the kind of wool Do Plate Sores Bother You? must be included in the label of

every coat containing more than percent wool.

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# Maubeslext Christmas

her that this is her last Christmas. She is unwilling to inform her children, now pursuing careers in other cities, for fear the news will disturb

Installment 2

She opened her mother's letter,

and was suddenly touched. Home

for Christmas! For a moment, Lyd-

ia was struck with a sharp loneliness for all the old familiar faces and places of her childhood. After

It had been a long while since she

was home. Longer than she had realized. And besides, it might be a

pleasure to return to Mountain

The door opened. Carter Wainwright entered the dining room. As if by magic, Kato purred in from the pantry, laden with hemispheres

of golden melon in valuable silver

voice was warm and pleasant.

"How's Eve?"

"Good morning, Lydia," Carter's

"Good morning," she smiled. Lydia reserved her tenderest and most

womanly smile for her employer's

"She had a restless night. Dr.

He frowned. "Talked with Mason last week. He's not optimistic. Bab-

bled about the will to live and that sort of thing. Confound it, why

should Eve lie upstairs in that mon-

strosity of a bed and just slowly

fade away? She has everything to

Lydia nodded sympathetically.

"Well," his voice was impatient,

"I do the best I can." He ripped

open Margot's letter with a ruthless

Lydia spooned a mouthful of mel-

"Margot Haines is coming to New

"She and that old aunt

York for the holidays," he boomed

of hers. Going to stay at the Wal-

The melon halted coldly in Lyd-

"That's silly," he went on impa-

tiently. "Why don't they stay here?

A hotel's a cold place to spend

Christmas. And Lord knows this

When Carter had departed for the

count me out this year. Mr. Wain-

for him. I'm sorry, because I'd

rather looked forward to a visit

home this year. But since the other

children will be with you it won't be

as if you were alone. Maybe next

I'm rather busy now. Will write

"LYDIA."

more fully later. Love,

wright next Christmas.'

trying day at the clinic.

opened his mother's letter.

Kenneth nodded, annoyed.

Mountain Creek for Christmas."

'Five years is a long time."

Phyllis was properly sympathetic.

"Yes, it is. But she will persist in

living in that dreadful town, a mil-

lion miles from anybody and any-

The luxury of his surroundings

"It was always a happy house," Kenneth said, more to himself than

to the beautiful woman who was his

Phyllis' well-bred voice beat

guinst his ears. "It's sweet of her

sure she'll understand that a man

in your position has certain busi-

ness-and social-obligations. After

pressed upon Kenneth.

all our plans made."

years-'

years old then.'

a quarrel.

she asked idly.

"A letter from your mother?"

ia's throat.

rangements, Lydia?"

"Of course," feebly.

forefinger, scanned it hurriedly.

Mason is calling at 10. I've sent up a very light breakfast."

Creek, sophisticated and handsome and sleek with her years of New

all, she could fly West.

York and foreign living.

them. However, she plans a last family reunion and writes to each of her four children, Lydia, Kenneth, Robert and Sally, inviting them home

In New York, Lydia is secretary

companion to a wealthy and dying woman, and in love with her employ-er's husband. She sees a rival in Margot Haines, a publicized beauty.



Lydia couldn't come. "Mr. Wainwright invited a houseful of guests," she wrote Ma.

all, your father was a doctor. Surely your mother can realize-" suddenly.

"She's only 65," Phyllis smiled. "And she's a strong and sturdy woman. She must have been to have on, waited breathlessly for his next

worked the way she did." She must have been strong and sturdy, indeed. Strong and sturdy and indomitable, to have faced so

tirelessly the hard and thankless work of a farm woman. arranged," Phyllis was gently persuasive. "And Mrs. Andrews will be

there," she added as an afterthought. Of course Mrs. Andrews would be there. Mrs. Andrews was a fabu-

two. We could have a nice dinner the world. And the Clinic needed a party, maybe. You'll make the ar- new maternity wing. "Nobody understands Mrs. And-

smiled. "And besides, Father prom- delight and relief. It was not until ised Marilyn a Christmas party of office Lydia wrote to her mother. her own. And you know how eager | ter. "Dear Mother - You'll have to she's been about it."

wright has invited a houseful of er, winningly and persistently ea- er, usually so careful of money, guests for the holidays and some- ger.

body will have to take care of things Kenneth sighed.

Later, in his room, Kenneth struggled with the proper, polite and regretful phrases for breaking his mother's heart. The check was al-Christmas things will be different. ready written, a generous check. blushing in little waves of embar-

"Dear Mother," he wrote, "if only "Maybe next Christmas things your invitation had come earlier. will be different," she thought as she But Phyllis and I have made plans sealed the envelope. "Maybe I'll be for Christmas that we cannot break able to go home as Mrs. Wain- at this late date. And, of course, things are so situated at the clinic now that I cannot be absent for Dr. Kenneth Shannon had suffered more than a few hours at a time. You know what a doctor's life can be. I am inclosing a check. Buy yourself a new hat. I know it has Kenneth's disposition, never the nunnfest, was shredding under the been a long while since I was home, strain of petty problems when he but, as you say, you will have the Across the proud candles and other children with you and won't be too lonely. Phyllis and Marilyn spotless damask of the long mahogand I will try to make the trip a any table his wife's cool eyes met little later on. Or maybe we will have better luck next Christmas. Love, Kenneth."

Phyllis Shannon turned amused "Oh, well," he thought to him-eyes to the salad before her. "I self, "maybe next Christmas-"

suppose," she mentioned casually, 'she wants you-us-to go back to Mrs. Dorgan's select boarding house presented an unusually bleak

"It's a pity," Phyllis' regret was The third floor back at Mrs. Doralmost genuine, "but this year is simply out of the question. We have gan's was an unhappy cubbyhole, rendered even unhappier by the waiting presence of the landlady Kenneth reread the letter care-"I haven't seen Mother in-

how long-it must be over six door, he saw her sitting in the battered rocking chair, inevitable as "Five years. The Summer we went death. to Los Angeles we stopped off at Mrs. Amelia Dorgan viewed her Mountain Creek. Marilyn was two

As Robert Shannon opened the

enant with a frigid eye. "I wanna talk t' you," she mentioned ominously. "Now wait a minute, Mrs. Dor-gan," Robert protested. "I told you

I was expecting a letter this week Her glance was discouraging. "You gotta letter. I brung it up

myself. The letter wore no New York postmark. Robert faltered, 'This is from my mother. The letter I was expecting would be from my sister-in New York."

Mrs. Dorgan stabbed him with a to want you-us-but I'm sure she'll vicious logic "I give ya till tomorshe announced, "an' if y'r "Understand what?" He was deboard ain't settled then, ya needn't liberately rude, deliberately inviting bother coming back I ain't in business for my health, an' I can rent But Phyllis was difficult to pro this room a dozen times over.' Calmly she continued, "I'm

Robert ripped open his mother's letter and dragged out the single sheet of notepaper within. Five

worn bills fluttered from the envelone and fell bravely to the color-"She's getting old," Kenneth said less carpet. He snatched them up, counted them desperately. Fifty dollars. He rushed to the door.

"Mrs. Dorgan - this letter - I didn't expect-" His hand trembled as he proffered a bill. She snatched it suspiciously. "Ten dollars," she said reprovingly.

"On account. I told you I was expecting more tomorrow.'

The green engraving slid from "Father has the house party all sight. "There's still \$20 more due," she reminded him.

Robert went back to his room closed the door and recounted the remaining miraculous bills.

Forty dollars-enough to buy the desired dinner jacket, enough to replace is big enough for a guest or lously wealthy old widow, alone in deem his typewriter from the pawnshop, enough to make it possible for him to sit like a gentleman in the same room with Perry Boyle, rews the way you do," Phyllis the publisher. Robert shivered with then that he read his mother's let-

Home to Mountain Creek for Yes, Marilyn was like her moth- Christmas? So that's why his mothhad sent him the bountiful letter. But-the writers' banquet?

"I can't go back now," he thought frantically. "I can't. I've staked

too much here." Too much indeed. Three years of Mrs. Dorgan and her icy eye; three years of greasy meals, faded

wallpaper, lumpy mattresses. Three years of tapping endlessly on the patient typewriter, of waiting in outer offices with manuscripts under his arm. Three years of rejection slips. It wasn't fair; it wasn't just. This was Robert Shannon's chance and he meant to have it.

Sophie Nash was making it possi ble for him to attend this dinner. Sophie knew Perry Boyle; not well, it is true, but well enough to make a casual introduction. The rest would depend upon Robert. He had to be at that dinner. If he went back to Mountain Creek this Christmas of all Christmases, he had lost his one great chance of placing his novel before an interested publisher.

He sat down at the rickety table and dipped the scratchy pen. His mother would have to understand. that was all.

"Dear Mother," he wrote, "your letter was welcome and the money was a godsend. I was down to my last dime and I was desperate, Something has happened that makes it impossible for me to come home for Christmas, however. There is a dinner I must attend, an important dinner. I have carted my novel from one publishing house to another, but I am unknown, and nobody even bothered to read it. Morning or Evening, 55 cents But this dinner will give me a chance to meet the most important publisher in the business socially. I have to go. Everything depends on it. I know you'll understand. When the novel is published—and it's bound to be—I know it will be—I'll pay you back a dozen times. Sorry about everything, but maybe I can make it next Christmas. Leve, Rob-

"Next year." he exulted, "maybe next year I can go back to Mountain Creek and prove to them I made good. Maybe next Christmas-"

"Two letters for Miss Shannon," the gaunt desk clerk stated.

Sally took her letters over to the bulky sofa in the corner and surveyed them gratefully. The first was carefully addressed in Dan Davis' small-town chirography to "Miss Sally Shannon, Hollywood Club for Working Women, Holly- Shrubs, Evergreens, Plants, Etc. wood, California."

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