



## Bee House Bridge Complete

County Commissioners Precinct 2, Pat Hollingsworth reported Wednesday the completion of a new bridge across Bee Creek one mile west of Pidcocke off a county road. The new structure will make the road more reliable for school bus and commuter travel in the area serviced by the road. The span is 180 feet long and a 20 foot wide road way with 10 feet wide sloping shoulder. The re-enforced concrete structure required 169 yards of concrete to complete. Three 44 foot tin horns were placed in the center of the span. Cost of the project is estimated at \$6000.

## Convalescent Home Nears Completion

The Coryell County Convalescent Facility is nearing completion of extensive remodeling program which began in September of this year. The remodeled facility will accommodate 25 or more elderly persons in a completely refinished facility. The project is estimated to cost \$36,085 and will meet all State requirements for such facilities. New office space, larger more modern kitchen facilities, wider doorways and windows and complete refinishing of interior floors and walls are included in the project. County Judge, Norman Storm, estimated this week that residents would be moving back to the rest home in early December. Presently the residents are in temporary quarters in Sewel-Long Hospital in Belton. Storm estimated that the

## Tax Collection 65% Complete

County Tax Assessor-Collector, Jack Whigham reported this week that \$183,968.91 in County-State Taxes have been collected through November. The amount represents 65 percent of the total tax evaluation. Whigham pointed out that the citizens are ahead of last year as far as paying their taxes.

## Dickie To Head Salvation Army Fund Drive

J. Albert Dickie, Coryell County Attorney, has been selected as the 1968 Campaign Chairman for the Salvation Army in Gatesville and the Gatesville area of Coryell County. This announcement was made by the local Service Unit Chairman of the Salvation Army, Pat Hollingsworth. In making the announcement Hollingsworth states, "Albert Dickie is a long time leader for the Salvation Army. He is one of the original committee members that help establish the Salvation Army in our area and this is the fourth time that he has served as Chairman or Co-Chairman of our annual campaign. We are very pleased to have his continued leadership." According to Dickie the organizational plans for the campaign will begin at once. "We will be calling on about 100 of our citizens to serve as campaign workers. We hope that those that are requested to work will do so, and that everyone will give us their financial support. Our campaign will get underway with a coffee and donut meeting for all campaign workers on Thursday, December 12. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and be held at the Round Up Cafe. Our goal will again be \$2,000 which we hope to

exceed again this year. All work for the Salvation Army in this area is handled through a volunteer committee. Members of the committee are Pat Hollingsworth, Lloyd Ivy, F. W. Straw, Winfred Cummings, Howard Franks, B. C. McClellan, Jack Healer, Norman C. Storm, J. Albert Dickie, Mrs. John D. Schloeman, Mrs. Tom Callaway and John F. Post. During the past twelve months a number of local residents were helped with grocery orders, clothing, new shoes, medicine and special help at Christmas. Three deserving boys attended the Salvation Army's summer camp again this year. A number of stranded transients were also given assistance with emergency lodging, meals and emergency transportation. Chairman Pat Hollingsworth states that the local committee makes all decisions on who will be helped and the amount of aid to be given. Most members of the committee have been active with the Salvation Army for many years. "We continue to work with and for the Salvation Army because this is a program that works. In addition to our local program, every state service of the Salvation Army is available to us as needed."

## FHA Approves Supplemental Loan

Vance Stephens of the Farmers Home Administration announced, Tuesday that a \$6500 supplemental loan for the Flat Water Supply Corporation had been approved. The original grant involved an \$80,000 FHA loan. Stephens estimated that final closing procedures would be completed December 3 on a \$140,000 FHA Loan to The Grove Water Supply Corporation. The closing procedure is notification to the loan applicant to begin construction within a ten day period. "The FHA has twelve of these association type loans" said Stephens, "ten of which are closed and two open." The quarter of a million dollar Evant loan has been approved with final closing yet to come. The Gatesville Country Club loan application is in a similar state as the Evant loan, awaiting the final closing.

## New License Plates Arrive

New License Plates are now at the County Tax Office. The County has 18,000 plates black letters on a white reflecting background for 1969. In 1968 the County sold 17,809 sets of plates and received the county's maximum share of \$175,000 for the year. It was the first year in history to reach the maximum.

## Hospital News Babies

Baby boy born November 26 at 10:00 p.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bird of Flat.

## Patients

W.H. Baker  
Mrs. Lonnie Bird  
James Boyd  
Mrs. Betty Bowlin  
Dr. J.T. Brown  
Miss Alice Butler  
W.R. DeLord  
Jackie Dixon  
Mrs. Vera Kavanough  
Mrs. Arthur Mueller  
Jack Painter  
Mrs. Howard Russell  
Gertrude Snider  
W.P. Voss  
Mrs. Herman Walters  
James Whisenhult  
C.E. Baize  
Mrs. T.M. Browning  
Charlie Chambers  
Mrs. M.H. Edwards  
Mrs. Nellie Ellis  
Mrs. Walter Freeman  
J.O. Griffin  
Roy Hamilton  
Mrs. Fred Homan  
Albert McDaniel  
Andrew J. McMeekin  
Raby Richardson  
Louie Robinson  
Mrs. Antonio Schaub  
James Seward  
Mrs. Gordon Shook  
Mrs. Lucian Short  
Otis Whitt

## GHS Band Receives High U.I.L. Rating

In the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest in Brady last Saturday, the Gatesville High School band was awarded a second division rating. A second division rating

## City Council Authorizes Pay Hike For Chief Of Police

The City Council authorized a wage increase for Police Chief Gene Goins at the Tuesday night meeting effective December 1. The Council has requested specifications for a new Police car from the Police Committee headed by Councilman, Francis Ward. The 1968 and 1969 City Budgets have set up funds for the purchase of a new vehicle.

The Council discussed the possibility of equipping a new vehicle with radar for more accurate speed control. More study of the radar equipment will be needed before a decision will be made.

## Happy Thanksgiving

## ANNEXATION HEARING COMPLETE ELECTRIC RATE APPROVAL PENDING

The annexation of the Gatesville Industrial Foundation property west of Gatesville is due at the December 10 meeting of the City Council. The annexation public hearing was held Tuesday night, at the Council's special hearing with no opposition expressed.

The annexation consist of 6 acres of land an adjacent to Highway 84 west of the present city boundaries.

The Council will proceed to draw up the annexation ordinance to be presented at the next Council meeting.

The Community Public Service Company presented a revised rate schedule to the Council, Tuesday night. The C. P. S. officials made their original proposal at the Council's, November meeting at that time. The Council asked the Company to make some adjustments in the schedule of rates. The Council expressed approval of the C. P. S. schedule adjustments which will call for an approximate five percent increase to most electric users at the Tuesday meeting.

However, some Councilmen were concerned about a clause in the proposed increase concerning use of the U. S. Department of Labor, "All Commodities Index" as a justifi-

cation of possible increases. The particular clause is a part of most such agreements concerning utility rates. The Council asked local C. P. S. Manager, Joe Richards to return at the December Council Meeting with a more indepth explanation of the clause.

The Council did not vote on the proposed electric rate increase pending the clarification of the clause. Mayor Miller and Council were pleased with the electric company's revised rates. The Council reviewed and voted unanimously to accept

Texas Highway Department study concerning new speed limit changes in three heavy traffic areas. First proposed change concerns a gradual step down of speed limits on F. M. 2412 to the City limit sign north of the busy auction facilities.

Second change in speed zone establishes a 40 mph speed zone from Depot Street north to Mills Creek bridge on Highway 36 north.

Also the highway in east Gatesville to 28th street. The new slower speed zone will slow traffic in the busy Main and 26th street area.



Fred Cummings

Fred Cummings, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Windy Cummings began duties today with the Texas Department of Public Safety in Stephenville, Texas. Cummings completed a 17 week Highway Patrol Training School recently.

The Patrol School consisted of many courses ranging from Texas History and Government to crime investigation, law, and fingerprint investigation.

Fred and wife Connie will make their home in Stephenville. Cummings explained that the D. P. S. requires a six month probation period where the trainee is stationed with an experienced patrolman. Cummings expects to remain in the Stephenville area.

## Optimist Club Reschedules Boys Oratorical Contest

The Board of Directors of the Optimist Club met, Monday evening after the regular club meeting. The group rendered several important decisions during this session. It was determined to postpone the Boys Oratorical Contest from December 9 to January 16. It was felt that this would help

the boys involved by giving them more time to prepare for the contest. Contest chairman Jack Patton announced that there was still time for other contestants to enter. Mr. Lloyd Mitchell is working with the students in the high school and any boy interested is urged to contact him or one of the Optimists.

Christmas Tree Sales co-chairmen, Carroll Duke and Clifford Hyles, announced that Christmas trees would go on sale on December 5. Advanced tickets for trees are on sale now. The proceeds from this project will be used for projects involving the young people in the community.

The directors elected Clifford Hyles to the position of Sergeant - at - Arms. Bill Carter formerly held this position but has moved from the community. They also voted to change the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The directors evaluated the progress the club has made

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## Chamber of Commerce Christmas Promotion Announced

The Retail-Wholesale Committee of the Chamber of Commerce announced this week that the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Promotion would be similar to last year's Yule Season program.

Santa Claus is expected to make two appearances in the downtown business district this year. He will be in town from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 14 and 21. The annual Christmas Home Decoration Contest will be held again this year with prizes for the top three homes. Prizes and date of judging will be announced soon.

## Game Warden Presents Film To Optimist

The local Game Management Officer, Jerry Noles, provided a film, "The Trail of the White-tail", for the Optimist Club, Monday evening at the Chateau Ville Restaurant. The film traced the struggle for survival which the species encountered with the spread of civilization. Near the turn of the century the excessive taking of the deer caused it to become in danger of extinction. Laws were legislated and then with the creation of the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission they began to be enforced. As the Whitetail deer began to flourish in certain areas of the state

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## Paul January Rites Held Near Lampasas

Paul January, age 63, died in Rollins-Brook Hospital, Lampasas late Saturday afternoon, following a serious automobile accident, which took him there some twenty four hours earlier. Losing control of his pick-up, near the Wagon Wheel Ranch, on the Lometa Farm to Market road, which connects to Highway 281, Mr. January suffered severe cuts, bruises and internal injuries, when his pickup overturned three times. He was tossed through the windshield and landed in a pasture, where he was found by a passing neighbor, Elvis Faubion, Evant. Although conscious at the time, he was never able to relate much of the incident, but men working near by verified he was not driving over the speed limit, when he passed them on the long curve, but soon after making it, he seemed to have suffered difficulty managing the vehicle and thus lost his life.

A former farmer--ranchman, Mr. January, together with his wife, Jewell, had owned and operated the January Care Home, in Evant, for about ten years. By his skill in handling the problems of the patients, his ability to perform the general duties of the maintenance of the home, and his all around neighborliness, he has endeared himself to the people in Evant and surrounding communities, together with the families of his patients, for miles, so will be as much missed as any faithful businessman could possibly be.

Monday afternoon, at 3:00, Evant Funeral Home had the final rites in charge, held at the High Valley Baptist Church, near McAnnalley Bend, with burial at the High Valley Cemetery. Thus his body was returned to his early home community in Lampasas County, where many of his eight brothers and sisters still reside. With no formal service, at Evant, all day Sunday and until Monday at 11:00 a.m., friends paid their final respects, by filing by the casket at the chapel and calling in the family home across the street from the Care Home. Mr. January was a friend to every child, of all ages in his acquaintance, and never was too busy to visit with them, when they came to entertain at the Care Home, met him on the street or came to his own residence. He and his wife never felt like "Mr. and Mrs. January" to anyone; they have always been just "Paul and Jewell" to everyone.



GHS Band Practice

The Gatesville High School Band placed high in the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest in Brady last weekend. Much of the Hornet Band practice is of course in Marching routines and precision drill work, but the music is what you march by and every school-day mornin the band members practice on their marching numbers. Band Director, James Burton, has organized the 1968 GHS Band into a top rated marching unit in a scant 2 1/2 months.

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### Blankenships To Spend Thanksgiving In New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blankenship, and grandson, Carey, of Dallas are spending the Thanksgiving holidays in Artesia, New Mexico with the Frank Newton family.

Mrs. Newton is the former Miss Carolyn Blankenship.



Mrs. Woolley was just setting up her ironing board when I walked in and told her, "Put that thing right back. It's much too nice of a day to stay indoors!"

"Well, I guess it could wait," she conceded, "are you going to help me move some iris or do you want me to help you with your bulb bed?"

"Neither one," I answered, "I thought we'd pack a little lunch and a thermos of tea and head for the country."

"And just what are we going to do out there?"

"Why, we don't need to 'do' anything, but I thought we'd wander down some back roads, climb a mountain, pick some leaves, hunt rocks or just anything we took a fancy to."

"Oh, I'd better not go today," Mrs. Woolley objected, "It's almost Christmas and I've got a million and one things to do. I thought I'd start on some cookies today."

"That's all the more reason you should go now, before it gets any nearer the holidays. This will give us a nice chance to catch our breath between Thanksgiving and Christmas and we'll be better able to work when we get back. And this beautiful Indian Summer weather won't last much longer. If you need an excuse you can bring back a bunch of stuff for floral arrangements," I coaxed.

Sure enough, it turned out just like I said it would and we both came back relaxed, refreshed and ready for the December rush. Why don't you try it?

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### Gatesvillites Mother Honored On Birthday

On Thursday, Nov. 21, Mrs. Vera Thompson of Temple was honored with a birthday luncheon at the Ponderosa celebrating her 80th birthday.

A long beautiful table was spread along with a birthday cake, made and presented to Mrs. Thompson by her daughter Mrs. Lloyd Banty. The organist played and dedicated several songs to her and wished her many more birthdays. She received many nice and useful gifts.

Mrs. Lee Alexander asked the blessing, then several related what they were most thankful for.

Those present were her four daughters, Mrs. Lee Alexander of Belton, Mrs. W. D. Craddock of Osage, Mrs. Dorothy Rhoads and Mrs. Lloyd Banty and small son, Perry of Temple, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Thompson of Temple, also her four sisters-in-law, Ms. Alvie Clemons, Mrs. Bob Clemons, Mrs. A. T. Rogers all of Gatesville, and Mrs. Emma Fellrath of Belton.

Picture taking, much fellowship and conversation were enjoyed by all present on this happy occasion.



MRS. WILLIE STOCKTON PRUETT

Mrs. Willie Pruett displays her certificate honoring her as one of the South's Outstanding Personalities. She is ready to present a new manuscript for publication in the near future. The new children's book is entitled "A Fairy's Foot Print."

### Mrs. Willie Stockton Pruett To Appear In "Outstanding Personalities Of The South"

Mrs. Willie Stockton Pruett of Route 2, Jonesboro, has been selected to appear in the 1969 edition of "Outstanding Personalities of the South."

Mrs. Pruett has taught in many Coryell County schools and still does some teaching on a substitute basis. She is also author of the book, "Tales Too Interesting to Forget."

Recipients of the honor of being listed in the "Outstanding Personalities" book include governors, United States senators and congressmen of various southern states.

The publication also includes educators, leading businessmen and women, members of state legislative bodies, civic and political leaders, elected leaders of various political subdivisions, farmers, ministers, officers and officials of trade organizations, leading sports

### Christmas Party Planned At Plainview HD Meeting

The Plainview Home Demonstration Club met Nov. 7, with Mrs. Albert Rosser at an all day meeting with four members and two visitors present, Mrs. Janet Baize and Mrs. C. B. Wright were visitors.

During business session, plans were made for Christmas party at Council, Dec. 9.

Also plans to make cookies and candy for the Darnall Hospital patients for Christmas and help send layettes to Fort Hood Hospital for soldiers wives. Mrs. Earl Williams brought the program on "Accessories for the Home."

A covered dish luncheon was served which was very delicious.

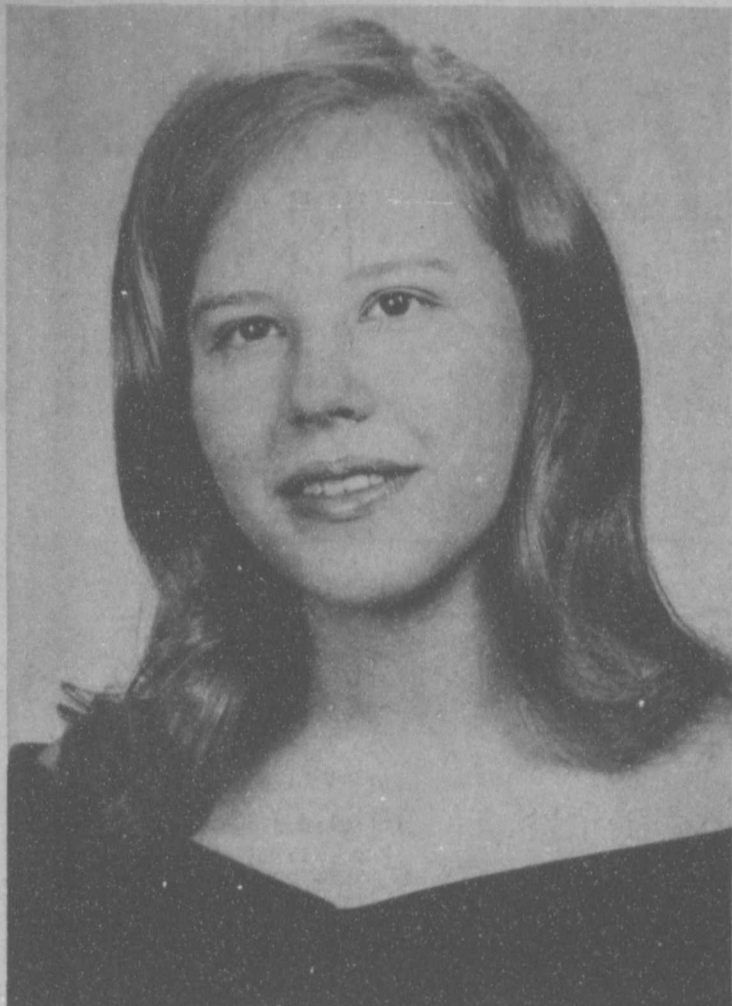
The afternoon was spent quilting a quilt for Mrs. Rosser.

The next meeting will Dec. 5 with Mrs. Bill Shoemaker and we will have our Christmas party. Each member is to bring a home-made gift to exchange.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 1, 1909—The first Christmas Club started in Carlisle, Penna.

### Engagement Announced



MISS CELESTE WALTMAN

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Waltman Jr. of Ruston, Louisiana, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Celeste, to Jim Davis Melton II. The prospective bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis Melton of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Melton of Gatesville.

Miss Waltman is attending the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette. Mr. Melton, a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, is employed as senior computer programmer at Affiliated Foods in Broussard, Louisiana, and is also attending the University of Southwestern Louisiana, where he is working toward a Ph. D. in computer science.

The couple will exchange vows in a ceremony at 7 p.m. November 30 in the First Baptist Church of Ruston, Louisiana.

### Senior Citizens Enjoy Turkey and Dressing at November Meeting

Senior Citizens met in the National Bank Civic Room, Nov. 21, with each one bringing a covered dish.

Mrs. John Thomas Brown baked a big turkey with dressing for us which made our meal complete.

Games of 84, 42, and dominoes were played through the afternoon. Everyone enjoyed

the day together.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party, Dec. 20. Come and meet with us. We would like to build our group up to fifty.

Miss Grace Chandler gave a program on eating for the elderly people. We are sorry that she is leaving us, but proud that she is going back to school.

### IRELAND NEWS

by Mrs. Joe Fablion



Mrs. T. J. Hopkins of Dublin spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Adams. On Monday, Mrs. Hopkins and the Adams' visited in Fort Worth with Mrs. Ruth Taylor and Mrs. Ada Kellum.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hedgepeth of Hamilton visited one day the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hedgepeth. Friday afternoon, Mrs. Edwin Marwitz and Mrs. Newsom of Evant visited with Mrs. Elmo Tyler.

Mrs. J. S. Snider is a patient in the Coryell Memorial

Hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Dora Roach and Mrs. Opal Freeman of Gatesville attended church services at the Church of Christ, Sunday and visited friends.

### Four Bowlers Win Turkeys

The Gatesville Bowl Lanes held a "Turkey Bowl" last weekend and winning turkeys in the men's division were Jim Standard, with the highest 4-game score of the men bowlers and Wayne Pearce, with the second highest score.

In the women's bowling, Mrs. Shirley Pearce had the highest score of four games bowled and won a turkey. Waldine Mack had the second highest score—also won a turkey.

### Noltes Have Utah Visitors

Mrs. Ellen Burnes and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Haslam, of Logan, Utah, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Nolte and other relatives here and Mr. and Mrs. James Welsh of Copperas Cove, over the Thanksgiving holidays.

### Gobers Tour "Home County"

Mrs. Esther Gober, accompanied by her husband and Messrs. Oscar and Jess Owen, all of Flat, enjoyed a reminiscent trip recently, as they journeyed to Hayes County where Mrs. Gober was reared. They arrived early and spent several hours with a long-time friend in Becave, recalling the good old times. They also visited the old Post Office at Dripping Springs, the old "home place", and the cemetery where Mrs. Gober's father is buried.

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STYLE or BRECK 12 oz. 71¢  
13 oz. 24¢

**Brylcreem**  
King Size 91¢

**DEL MONTE SLICED or CRUSHED Pineapple**  
8 1/4 oz. can  
2 for 33¢

**LADIES Polyethylene Raincoats**  
With Hood Attached 39¢

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