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The assets of the First National Bank of Hico reached the highest peak in the bank's 63 years last week, according to a statement from Odis Petsick, president, and has been maintaining this level with slight daily fluctuations. Total assets now stand at over two million dollars, for the second time in recent years that figure has been reached.

## Two Dead After Fire At Carlton

Tragedy struck in a family of six shortly before noon Thursday when a fire in a residence four miles north of Carlton on the Dublin road caused the death of two children and serious injuries to their mother, Mrs. Vernon Scales. The house was completely destroyed by the fire, origin of which has not been determined. It was thought to have begun from a lighted Christmas tree, according to information received by the News Review from Mrs. Ada Williams, telephone office manager at Carlton.

Three of their four children were in the house when the fire started, but both parents were away from home. Vernon Scales was working in town, and Mrs. Scales was plowing about a mile from the house. Another child, Hazel, 7, was in school.

Dear editor: I generally take a calm attitude toward most things, from high taxes to atom bombs, from trustee elections to Presidential elections, but this week I don't mind saying I'm up in arms and frowny in the mouth.

Upon discovering the fire Mrs. Scales rushed to the scene to rescue the children. The blaze was out of control, and no fire department was called to their aid. Mrs. Scales was able to bring the three children out of the fire, but in the excitement one daughter, Linda, about 3, went back into the house and was burned to death. The second oldest daughter, Patty, escaped injuries.

I was out here yesterday enjoying the afternoon sunshine and watching my cows graze as peacefully as though there never would be another norther when I decided to look over a copy of the Dallas News which I got home with from town because some shoes I'd had half-soled was wrapped up in it. I was reading along as peacefully as my cows was grazing when I ran into a statement by no less a man than the Mayor of Dallas. It ruined my day.

Ambulances from Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home in Hico and Harrell Funeral Home in Dublin were called to the scene. The mother and son, Charles, about one year old, were taken to the Dublin Hospital for treatment, where he died shortly afterward. Mrs. Scales received severe injuries about the head and shoulders, and her condition was considered critical Thursday afternoon.

According to this statement, Dallas is raising some money to help finance Southern Methodist University and the Mayor was urging the folks to shell out. "What would Dallas be like without SMU?" the Mayor asked. "Why it would set our city back more than half a century," he answered. "The culture and atmosphere derived from the university are what we need to build the great Southwestern city we are trying to build."

Vernon Scales, well-known throughout this community, has resided with his family near Carlton since his return from service during World War II.

Well, up to there, what he said suited me all right. I'm in favor of all institutions of higher learning. There's a period in lots of young people's lives and most professors when college is about the only handy place for em at the time.

## Mrs. J. F. Anderson, 50, Victim of Two-Vehicle Collision Friday Night

But the Dallas Mayor kept on talking. "When you wonder about how much to give in this drive," he continued, "just envision a picture of Johnson grass. That's what was out there before they built SMU."

Friends were shocked and grieved to learn of the untimely death of Mrs. John Anderson, who was injured fatally in a highway collision north of Hico on State Highway 220 Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, whose address is Route 2, Iredell in the Chalk Mountain community, were returning home around 10:00 p. m. from a Sunday School party, and the side of their pickup truck was crushed in as Mr. Anderson drove onto the highway from a side road. The impact of the collision threw both occupants out of the pickup.

That's what burns me up. What's wrong with Johnson grass? And further more, that's the first time I ever heard of anybody recommending support in a university because it got rid of Johnson grass. There ought to be some other reason for support in a university, and some other way of gettin rid of Johnson grass.

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In fact, if the Mayor is gonna set out to eradicate Johnson grass by building universities on it, he's gonna wind up with more universities on his hands than he knows what to do with. Up to now, there ain't been a university anywhere with the brains to figure out an easy way to get rid of Johnson grass, outside I guess of smothering it to death with buildings.

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I wish to inform the Dallas Mayor or I got lots of Johnson grass out here on my farm, but it never occurred to me to attack it with a university.

On December 13, 1924, she was married in Erath County to John Franklin Anderson, and they reared a family of two sons and one daughter.

The Mayor has gone too far. There's room in Texas for SMU and Johnson grass too. I hope Dallas puts its SMU drive over, but I can tell em now it's one of the most impractical ways I know to get rid of Johnson grass.

Survivors besides her husband are her daughter, Mrs. Billy Joe Stacey of the Chalk Mountain community; two sons, Paul B. and Steve B. Anderson, both in the Air Force and stationed at Tucson, Arizona; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Jones, Stephenville, and Mrs. Rena Malnes, Fort Worth; three brothers, C. E. Bordner of Chalk Mountain, D. A. Bordner and G. W. Bordner, both of Fort Worth; also four grandchildren.

Renewing his declaration of allegiance to his native town, and displaying a broadminded view of the good-natured ribbing he had received, the Mayor of Dallas replied, in part, as follows:

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 3:00 p. m. from the Congregational Methodist Church in the Plainview community, with burial at Oden Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Home. Rev. B. F. Jones of Dublin, former pastor of the Plainview church, officiated.

"I had seen this preachment on Johnson grass and universities before, but I am happy you sent it to me for Hico, of course, has a warm place in my heart."

Pallbearers were Edgar Benton, Charlie Jones, Otis Tadlock, Otis Jackson, Clیمان Jackson and Oscar Hamit.

"I was born down there on the Bosque and, as a young kid, hung around the old flour mill there on the Bosque. The finest cattle I ever ate came out of the Bosque Valley. That was in the early '80s, '86 or '87, to be exact, and I remember well the terrific drought of that period, although I was only a child."

The letter was signed by R. L. Thornton, who has heretofore been presented to our readers as a local boy who made good.

## THE BLAST THAT SHOOK A NATION



## Local Farmers Had to Register Vote Elsewhere On Marketing Controls

Only four points in Hamilton county were set up as polling places for Tuesday's cotton farmers and peanut growers to vote in the referendum affecting these two crops in the future.

They were at Hamilton, Shive, Carlton and Fair. No explanation was given by the Production and Marketing Administration for this situation. Daily newspaper reports indicate that the voting went about as expected. One dispatch by the Associated Press under Thursday dateline gave the information in a nutshell.

TEXAS FARMERS VOTE 9 TO 1. Texas farmers voted more than 9-1 Tuesday for production and marketing controls on upland cotton and peanuts.

A final report from the state PMA Committee in College Station showed 90.55 per cent of the farmers in 234 counties favored limiting cotton production to a specific number of acres in return for high support prices. The vote was 61,159 for and 186 against.

The report on peanuts showed growers in 127 counties favored controls 6,515 to 427—or 93.9 per cent.

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## Mrs. Grady Wreay To Present Student Piano Recital Tonight

Mrs. Grady Wreay of Meridian will present her Hico piano students in a Christmas recital in the Hico High School auditorium tonight (Friday) beginning at 7:30 p. m.

In addition to the piano selections by each student, there will be a special vocal solo. Mrs. Wreay has issued a special invitation to the public to attend.

## ATTEND ANNUAL PARTY FOR C.P.S. EMPLOYEES

The annual Christmas Party for employees and families of the Central Division of Community Public Service Company was held last Saturday night at Reddy's Retreat on Lake Whitney.

## Early Issue Next Week

The News Review's Annual Christmas Greeting Edition is now being made up, and will be put in the mails early next week, to allow distribution before Christmas.

Business firms or individuals wishing to carry messages in this issue will find a selection of suggestions, at no extra cost. Please come by or call now to avoid the last-minute rush.

Contributors and others having news items are urged to have news in by Monday—earlier if possible—to assure inclusion in the special issue.

New Year's message will be carried in the following week's issue, also to be printed early. Thanks are extended to those who have already cooperated, and early action from others will be duly appreciated.

## Double Holiday For Merchants of Hico Not to Be Townwide

Owners of businesses providing essential services and products are not expected to close Saturday of next week, the day after Christmas, it was announced this week.

Slm Everett, who circulated an agreement to close both Friday and Saturday, said the arrangements were entirely voluntary and did not include grocery stores, produce houses, cafes, filling stations and a number of other establishments. Owners of many of these firms have indicated intention of remaining open so that the public will not be inconvenienced.

"The whole town is definitely not going to close," Everett repeated at Wednesday's regular meeting of the Hico Lions Club, "so come on in to Hico and talk over Christmas with your friends."

Several other matters came up for attention at the Lions Club meeting Wednesday, attended by over 20 members and four guests: Billy G. Wood, Hamilton county tax assessor-collector; R. L. Covington, contractor on the work at Hico Methodist Church; Dr. Phelps, who will be associated with the Hico Hospital for the next few months, and Ray Lilley of Brownwood.

Ray Cheek was complimented on the way he and his committee handled the annual drive for Boy Scout funds, after reporting that well over \$200.00 was taken up through solicitations last week.

Harold Walker, president, reported the acquisition of a new power spraying machine through collection of Texo feed tags by his Future Farmers. He also asked for a continuation of the nice attendance recently.

Other matters discussed were related to Christmas activities, discussed elsewhere in this issue. No report was available on progress toward securing a garment factory for Hico.

## Future Field Days Promised Here After Tuesday's Success

Good attendance and lively interest were noted at the free livestock clinic held under the stock barn at City Park Tuesday.

Harold Walker, local vocational agriculture instructor, estimated that perhaps two hundred people attended throughout the afternoon. Agriculture students came from schools as far away as Pottsville.

Demonstrations were given on latest techniques in dehorning, removal of growths, vaccination, and treatment for pest and insect control on different aged animals.

The demonstration was sponsored by Howard Drug Company and the O. M. Franklin Serum Company. Present to represent the Franklin company were John Morris, branch manager at Fort Worth, and Foy Lowe, traveling representative. Coffee was served to the large crowd throughout the afternoon.

"The sponsors are grateful for the response to this original field day," Bill Howard said after its conclusion. "Due to the gratifying interest in our efforts and the belief that we have been able to render needed assistance to local owners of livestock, it has been decided to make this an annual affair."

Walker added his appreciation of the response, and reiterated for himself and the sponsors a willingness to cooperate at any time upon call. It is hoped that through the annual field days and periodic visits of the specialists, a complete service may be provided those in need of such assistance.

## Hico's Oldest Cafe Closed, Building to Be Used for Hatchery

One of Hico's businesses of long standing closed out this week, as Montgomery Cafe was dissolved and its managers, Gus Montgomery and Miss Ella Montgomery, moved to Waco. Mr. Montgomery and his sister moved Tuesday, after selling his building to McLendon Hatchery, who also occupy the building next door.

Having been in operation longer than any cafe in Hico, Montgomery Cafe had been located previously on Mill Street before moving over to Pecan Street. The family had lived in Hico for a number of years, and Gus Montgomery was engaged in farming before opening the cafe.

Cafe fixtures have been moved out of the building, and the new owners are announcing their plans for installing incubators in this location. They expect to have installation completed by January 15, when they will be ready to do custom hatching.

For the past four years, this business has been operated under the name of McLendon Hatchery, but its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McLendon and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tolliver, are announcing a change of name to Hico Feed & Hatchery.

## Santa Claus to Begin Visit Here Saturday



## Friendship Baskets To Be Distributed On Christmas Eve

RECEIVES DISCHARGE. Cpl. Billy Howerton received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army Tuesday at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, and arrived Wednesday to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howerton.

Howerton had completed 21 months in the service, including a period of a year in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division as a machine gun operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seal received a letter from their son, Daniel R. Seal who is in Korea, saying that he had been promoted recently to the rank of sergeant.

## Two From Hico Elected To Head Lawyers of 52nd District Bar

Members of the 52nd Judicial Bar Association met in Hamilton at the District Courtroom Friday night, Dec. 11, and voted to meet four times a year in the future, rather than once a year as has been the custom. Meeting places were set up in each of the counties composing the district, Hamilton, Coryell, Bosque and Comanche.

Judge B. M. Word of Meridian presided over the business meeting, which also included officer election.

Those elected were Jack Cureton of Meridian, president; Harry Flentge of Gatesville, vice-president; Truman E. Roberts of Hico, secretary-treasurer, and two members of the executive board, Howell E. Cobb of Comanche and Fred Red Harris of Hico.

The new president appointed a program committee to be composed of Judge George Brooks of Meridian, Harry Flentge and Fred Red Harris.

The membership adopted the following meeting dates and places for 1954:

Hamilton—February 26  
Meridian—April 30  
Gatesville—June 25  
Comanche—October 29

After completion of business matters, members went to the City Cafe in Hamilton for dinner.

## Baptist Church Pageant To Highlight Religious Emphasis on Christmas

In observance of the Christmas season, members of the First Baptist Church will present a pageant at the church Sunday night, December 20, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is welcome.

Entitled "The Story of Christmas," the pageant consists of eight tableaux:

(1) The Prophecy, (2) The Annunciation, (3) Mary and Elizabeth, (4) The Birth of Jesus, (5) The Prophecy Fulfilled, (6) The Shepherds and the Angel, (7) The Visit of the Wise Men, and (8) Finale.

Reader for the pageant is Mrs. Lopez Sowell, and the director is Mrs. L. H. Davis. The choir is under the direction of W. J. Risenhoover, with Morris Risenhoover as organist.

## Bosque River Water And Sanitary Group Met Tuesday Night

The Bosque River Water and Sanitary Association held their December meeting in Hamilton Tuesday. A turkey supper was served to 20 members and four guests, the honorable Mayor Jess Brown and three aldermen of Hamilton.

After the meal, the meeting was called to order and presided over by Mr. Salyer, outgoing president. Ratification of newly-elected officers for the coming year was on the business program.

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## LIONS "KICK IN" TO FUND.

Talltwiner Slim Everett cinched the deal for expenses attached to Christmas civic activities by fining every member present at this week's meeting a dollar.

Twenty-three dollars were added to the customary fund the committee was authorized to spend. Then came a donation of \$5.00 from the Wesleyan Service Guild; a collection of gifts from the Garden Club, and other donations are still being received.

## FRIENDSHIP BASKETS DUE.

The same Lions Club committee arranging for decorations and Santa's visit also has charge of the distribution of Christmas baskets of food and other useful articles.

These gifts have been greatly appreciated in the past, and have gone to people who accepted them in the spirit in which they originated.

Suggestions of names of eligible families or individuals are always welcomed by the committee. The list is being made up, and indications are that this year's distribution will cover the citizenship more thoroughly than in past years.

## Olin Baptist Church To Have Tree and Program Saturday

Old Santa will be present for the party and Christmas tree to be held at the Olin Baptist Church Saturday night, December 19, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, according to an announcement made this week.

A good program is also planned. Those attending are to bring gifts; a man should bring a gift for a woman, and a child is to bring a child's gift.

Everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

## Letters to Santa Claus

All letters to Santa Claus received from children by next Monday, Dec. 21, together with several now on file, will appear in next week's News Review.



# The Mirror

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE STUDENTS OF HICO HIGH SCHOOL

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### SEEN' WHAT'S DOIN'

Christmas is in the air! Everyone's got that spirit. When you walk down the halls you can feel it in the air.

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly... 'Tis the season to be jolly... is especially true around school. We haven't got holly up yet but just give us time. The Elementary building boasts a jolly Christmas scene in the front hall. A snowman is the central figure. Gay wreaths can be seen on the doors of the classes in grammar school. This reporter went to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades to see firsthand their preparations for the Yuletide this year.

Mrs. Jackson's 1st grade has up a lovely tree decorated with everything and topped off with green angel-hair all over. Mrs. Appleby's 2nd grade also has up a tree and window-shade decorations, as well as pictures depicting the song, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." Mrs. Cook's room boasts a beautiful wreath on not one side but both sides of the door! They also have a tree up and Santa Claus heads on the walls.

High school has a tree, decorated by the Seniors that outdoes all the previous ones, and if you don't believe it, ask any Senior. A green crepe paper background is on the windows behind the tree. On this green background are the words "Merry Xmas", a fireplace with four stockings (one for each grade) and other Christmas figures, all done in red construction paper. It makes a pretty picture.

"What can you get a boy for Christmas?" and "Goah, I always get a girl's name" are familiar expressions by now around school. All the classes have drawn names. These gifts will be exchanged at the Christmas program and tree at assembly Friday afternoon. The program (sponsored by the Senior Class) will include the following: A Christmas story, a poem, a group of carolers, a list to Santa Claus and an audience sing-song.

Among the other Christmas parties to be given this week are the FHA-FFA Party on Thursday night and the Band Party Thursday afternoon. Friday night Mrs. Wreay will present her pupils in their annual Christmas recital.

It promises to be a Wonderful Christmas Season!

### HOMEMAKING NEWS

The FHA girls and the FFA boys are having their Christmas party together this week in the Firemen's Hall. The Homemakers have finished the cookies and candies for the party.

The FHA girls are selling Christmas corsages to make money for recreation.

The FHA Beau and Mother have

been elected. Our "Beau" is Orville Templeton and our "Mother" is Mrs. Wayne Rutledge. Orville began his FFA work in his Junior year and he will finish it this year. We feel Mrs. Rutledge is qualified since her daughter, Linda Cox, was our last year's vice president and this year's president of the chapter.

A pressure cooker has been presented to the Homemakers by the Ekonomatic Company. It will be used for demonstrating purposes.

### — H H S — DRIVER EDUCATION

The Driver's Education class has a total enrollment of 28 students. Of this group only 10 had their driver's license at the beginning of school. The first six-weeks was spent studying the fundamentals of driving. The rest of the time has been spent for the actual driving.

In this time twelve have secured their driver's license. They are Ronald McKenzie, Don Burzan, Tommie Fulcher, Terry Ogle, Jimmy Herrin, Shirlene Witt, Doris Bullard, Edna Earl Shaffer, Deborah Pruitt, Carol Harris, Leona Smith, and Jimmie Jackson.

Only a small group of six are left and they are fervently hoping to get their soon. The amazing progress of this class is due to the instruction of Mr. W. B. McPherson.

### — H H S — CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

The Hico High School Building is full of the Christmas Spirit this week with the tree adorning one hall, gifts being brought to school and all the students and teachers looking forward to the Christmas Holidays.

The Christmas tree was set up at the north end of the upstairs hall Thursday the 16th. Credit for the beautiful tree goes to the Senior class, Carol Harris, Edna Earl Shaffer, Margaret Ash, Peggy Goodloe and Donald Ross did the decorating. The tree has a green background decorated with stockings for each of the High School grades, Santa Claus, candy and the words "Merry Xmas."

The tree will be put to use Friday when the Seniors will present a program and the gifts exchanged between the students. After the gifts are presented, school will turn out for one week. School will be dismissed for New Year's Day also.

Here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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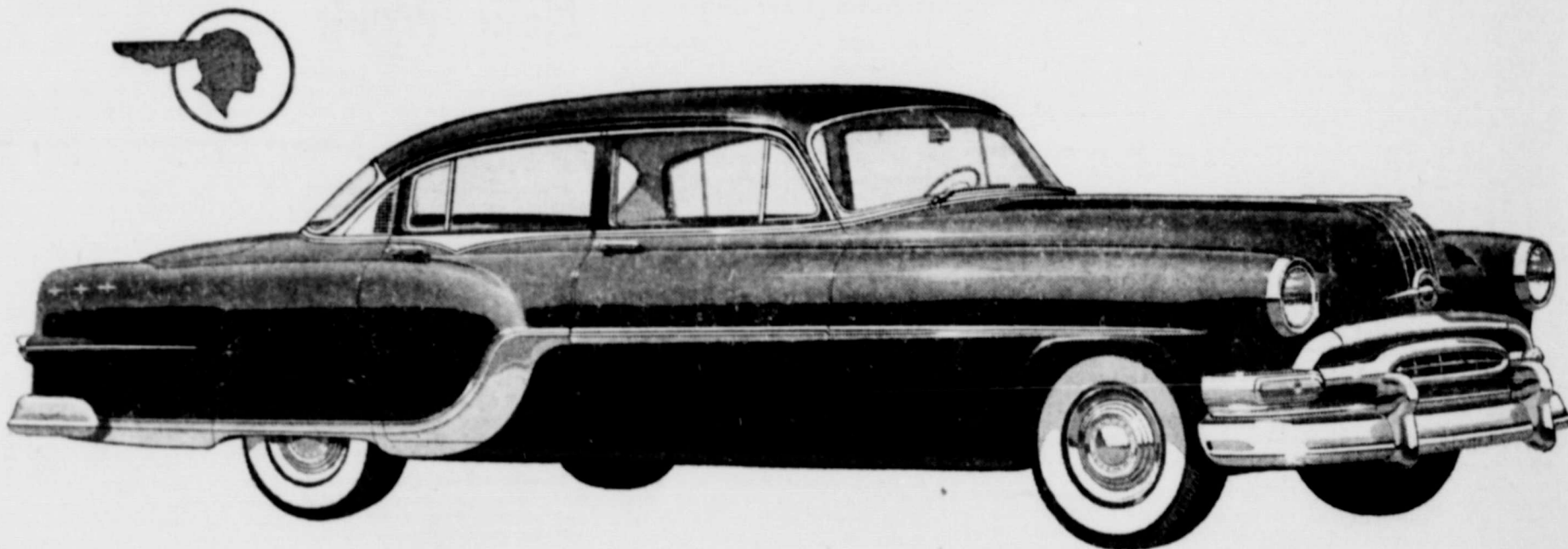
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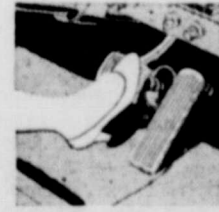
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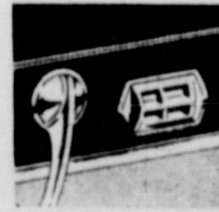
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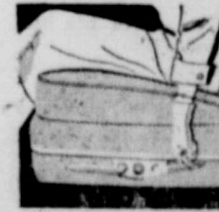
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**Barnes & McCullough**

PHONE 42

HICO, TEX.

**Distinctive Trim '54 Car Feature**



Fresh, bright color harmonies and a liberal use of newly developed fabrics aid the distinction of 1954 Chevrolet passenger cars. Luxurious trim is especially true of the Bel Air (above) which this year adds an eight-passenger station wagon to the four-door, two-door, convertible and sport coupe models previously available.

**Carlton**

By Mrs. Fred Geve

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yocham and two children who had made their home in Midland the past two years, moved Saturday back to their home in Carlton. Their many friends are glad to have the Yocham family back home.

Conrad Roberson and family came in Saturday from Louisiana where he has been employed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Loys Landes and children of Duffau visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kunkel Jr. and his mother, Mrs. Dan Kunkel Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self and Mrs. Fred Geve, Freddie, Jack Henry and Connie Mack Self visited Sunday at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple with Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self, who have been in the hospital since Oct. 29, where he has had several operations on his fingers. The last surgery was Friday, for the removal of the end of his fore-finger on his right hand.

Mrs. Bill Grubbs was a patient in the Hico Hospital Saturday and Sunday and underwent minor surgery.

Miss Ferrill Jones and Mrs. Herman Anderson of Sipe Springs were visitors Thursday with Mrs. Jack Duncan and daughter, Miss Mary Lou, and Mrs. S. C. Railsback.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson visited Sunday in Abilene with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Thompson. His father accompanied them home and they visited Monday in Waco with Hobdy's grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanon White and son of Lamkin were visitors Sunday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vaughn and attended services at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeph Carter of Claiborne visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Partain and Mrs. S. C. Railsback.

Mrs. Charley Proffitt is visiting at Lake Jackson with her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Longino and family.

**Claiborne**

By Mrs. Henry Mayfield

Rev. Cox, who has been ill several days, was carried to the Hico Hospital Thursday night quite ill. On Friday he was moved to the Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth.

The Home Demonstration Club had their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Annie Mayfield Monday night.

Fred Johnson of Dickinson visited a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Culver of Dublin visited Sunday afternoon with the Fieldon Halays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Burden and son of Abilene visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly.

Reno Dunbar spent last week at Henderson.

A large crowd attended the community night Wednesday night at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pruett on the "Lost 640". Games of "42" and "84" and canasta were played and the group sang Christmas carols, and Miss Deborah Pruett played and sang some special numbers. Refreshments were served by Miss Eunice Lee and Mrs. Lucile Mayfield. The group enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cook of Hico at the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Dink Henderson and family of Cranfills Gap visited Sunday with Mrs. Annie Mayfield and Willie.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin Jr. and sons, Bruce and David of Fort Worth visited Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self took their three grandsons of Carlton to see their father and their Dow Self, who has been Temple hospital several times. Self had an accident while

a drag line he was operating on a job near Temple and lost part of three fingers on his right hand. Several are reported ill at this writing.

A number of Claiborne citizens met with the Erath County Supt. Roberson and the county school board Monday in Stephenville about the Claiborne school buildings.

T. L. Thompson and one of his friends from Fort Worth came by Sunday night and had supper with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson, en route home from a deer hunt.

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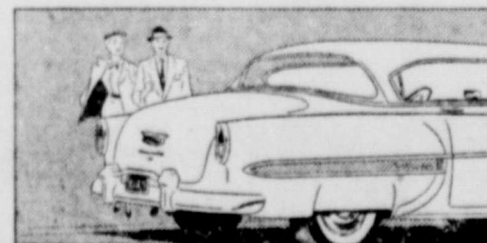
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ter, reputation or standing of any per-  
son or firm appearing in these columns  
will be gladly and promptly corrected  
upon calling attention of the management  
to the article in question.

Hico, Texas, Friday, Dec. 18, 1953.

### Deerhide Shipments From Texas Sportsmen Reaching TB Patients

Austin, Oct. 1.—More than 200  
deer hides reached Austin in the  
first two weeks of the hunting  
season as Texas sportsmen an-  
swered a plea of tuberculosis pa-  
tients for buckskin.

L. M. Rathbone of the Austin  
Taxidermist Studio who is donating  
both shipping and tanning costs  
said various locker plants over the  
state have advised him they are  
collecting the hunters' contribu-  
tions for bulk shipment.

The tanned leather will be used  
in handicraft projects in the four  
state-operated TB hospitals at Ty-  
ler, San Angelo, San Antonio and  
Kerrville, where hospital officials  
say occupational therapy is one  
of their gravest needs.

Mrs. Alice Coombs of Austin who  
is in charge of the occupational  
therapy efforts in the state hos-  
pitals system has said 1000 hides  
could be utilized in each of the  
four TB hospitals during the next  
year. This number would approxi-  
mate one tenth of the Texas deer  
kill reported last year to the Game,  
Fish and Oyster Commission.

Hides may be sent collect by  
motor freight or express. Mr.  
Rathbone says, but they should be  
marked "For TB Patients."

### Chrysler Gives Credit For Increased Sales to Dealers and Advertising

Chrysler's 1954 announcement  
month has been the best in the  
Division's 30-year history, reports  
E. M. Braden, general sales man-  
ager, Chrysler Division, Chrysler  
Corporation.

"Sales of our new 1954 235-horse-  
power Chrysler New Yorker De-  
Luxe models are far ahead of last  
year and orders are running well  
ahead of production," Braden said.  
"To keep our dealers supplied  
with cars to meet public demand  
we produced over 11,400 cars in  
November despite production prob-  
lems and the time lost at the  
Thanksgiving holiday. In Novem-  
ber, 1952, we produced 10,655 cars."

"The 1954 announcement has  
been the best in this Division's  
history with showroom traffic and  
general public interest in our cars  
at a new high."

Braden said that he was sure  
that the combination of the 235-  
horsepower FirePower V-8 engine,  
the new fully-automatic Power-  
Flite transmission, full-time steer-  
ing and power brakes, new anti-  
roll front suspension and the most  
beautiful exteriors and interiors  
Chrysler has ever offered are re-  
sponsible for the outstanding ac-  
ceptance accorded the new models.

In order to spur public inter-  
est in the power and beauty of-  
fered by Chrysler this year we  
used the greatest newspaper ad-  
vertising campaign ever develop-  
ed by the Division for a new  
model announcement and we in-  
tend to continue to advertise more  
frequently and use larger ads  
than ever before," Braden said.

### Turkey Industry Yields Cash For Hamilton County

Hamilton, Dec. 12.—The local  
processing plant closed for the  
season here Wednesday night with  
a record of more than 900,000  
pounds of dressed turkeys shipped  
from Hamilton this season, Jess  
Brown, manager said. The live  
weight ran to more than 1,800,000  
pounds. In terms of dollars, it  
means approximately \$585,000 in  
cash to the turkey growers of the  
county.

The processing plant, which has  
been in operation three years, has  
shown an increase in production  
each year.

The turkey industry here brings  
a large sum into the county each  
year besides the Thanksgiving and  
Christmas sale of birds for the  
table. Hatching eggs are shipped  
to hatcheries in the North and  
East at prices ranging from 38 to  
40 cents per egg, and turkey poult  
are supplied to a wide area.

### Listen as the Redbird Rambles

By Carolyn Holford

WITH THE RAISING . . . of  
a Christmas tree in the main busi-  
ness section of Hico last week,  
we began to feel the annual holli-  
day spirit creeping in. And it's  
about time, after all. Children  
around this neighborhood have had  
the spirit since Hallowe'en proba-  
bly, but it seems that the older  
one becomes, the less anxious he  
is for Christmas to arrive.

Anyway, the tree is an attractive  
pine from East Texas woods, and  
is much taller than the native  
cedar usually displayed.

TOUCHY SUBJECT . . . has  
been raised since the printing of  
Santa Claus letters last week. It  
seems that some of the youngsters  
thought that this was not a thing  
to be made public, and resented  
the idea that someone might have  
opened a personal letter from that  
individual to Santa Claus.

James Hord and Barbara Ran-  
dalls wrote their letters, didn't even  
dialate them to their parents, as  
some kiddoes do. Then they ad-  
dressed them fully, "Santa Claus,  
North Pole." Placing a three-cent  
stamp on each letter, these young-  
sters carried the messages to the  
post office and dropped them in  
the slot.

Next thing they knew, the let-  
ters were boldly confronting them  
on the front page of the NR.

"How did they get my letter to  
Santa Claus?" was James Hord's  
question, and he was obviously  
baffled.

Perhaps we should explain  
the situation further. We have had  
an agreement with Mr. Claus for  
some time, and he has told us that  
it would be all right with him for  
us to publish the letters—if we  
would be sure to give credit to the  
writer, and to forward them im-  
mediately to him. In exchange he  
receives a gift subscription to the  
News Review each year. We re-  
ceived a letter from him recently,  
which he didn't say we could pub-  
lish, but we'll take a chance in  
order to reassure our young read-  
ers. If this should make the white-  
haired gentlemen angry, we might  
have to do without our own Christ-  
mas turkey, but we have learned  
from years past that he doesn't  
count bad deeds from year to year,  
and that by next year we will have  
forgotten about it. (And the way  
the year 1953 has passed, we don't  
mind waiting another year for a  
turkey!)

Dec. 14, 1953  
North Pole  
Letters to Virginia Dept.  
Editor  
Hico News Review  
Hico, Texas.

Dear Sir:  
Received my paper on Saturday,  
and want to tell you what excel-  
lent service I have been getting  
since your postmaster has been  
making plans to reinforce the Hi-  
Po. Perhaps it won't be necessary  
to send your papers by Redbird, as  
we had thought.

All the nice display of letters to  
me was enjoyed, and as you know,  
I am finding it easier to chart my  
map when I have these letters to-  
gether in a newspaper than it  
would be to organize the individual  
letters. Just wish all the papers  
would do this for me!

In regard to your request for  
Christmas, I think it is time you  
should realize that Christmastime  
is mainly for children, and you  
should not be so greedy. I am put-  
ting your name down for a tur-  
key and a new typewriter ribbon,  
but am disregarding for the pres-  
ent your request for an electric  
train, automatic printing press,  
more holidays next year, an oil  
well in your back yard, and a  
cabin cruiser.

Always glad to hear from you.  
Sugarplums to you.  
S. CLAUS.

Now wasn't that nice of him to  
take time to write?

PRICE OF BEING WITTY . . .  
has ricocheted in the case of one  
public relations director at Neiman  
Marcus. In the true style of word-  
ing, which only NM can dare to  
commit to print, Miss Marihelen  
McDuff thought up an original  
Christmas card to send to a large  
number of people and had these  
cards printed as follows:

The card was in the form of a  
mailing piece with a great headline  
on Santa Claus' stating, "Special  
Offer on Christmas Wishes." The  
copy inside reads: "A complete  
selection of the brightest, gayest,  
most sincere good wishes for  
Christmas available anywhere! Where  
but from Marihelen McDuff at  
Neiman-Marcus could you get this  
range of greetings so right for  
this time of the year? To in-  
sure receiving your wishes in time,  
place your order immediately."

And at the bottom of the mail-  
ing piece was a card stating,  
"Please send me prepaid and at  
no obligation your special offer  
on Christmas wishes," with a space  
for the sender's name and address,  
the quantity of Christmas wishes  
desired, and the size wanted.

Obviously her friends have proved  
to be unfamiliar with the ways  
of a public relations director. All  
that we have ever known from  
this side of the post office have  
been requesting free advertising  
for their firm in the form of

lengthy "mailing pieces" extolling  
the merits of their product or or-  
ganization. In fact quite a few let-  
ters from Neiman-Marcus have  
found their way to our waste bas-  
ket. Even the fabulous store which  
boasts of high prices has not seen  
its way clear to send a fee for hav-  
ing nice things written about its  
merchandise.

And so the Redbird has read  
with delight the story of the  
predicament in which Miss Mc-  
Duff finds herself. Some several  
score of her friends have replied  
to her Christmas card with notes  
requesting a dozen or 25 or so  
cards. They took her offer serious-  
ly and thought she was sending  
out cards for their use.

The problem posed was that  
Miss McDuff will either have to  
fill these orders or she will have  
to write each of her friends and  
tell him this is a joke he didn't get.  
How very embarrassing!

We think the perfect solution  
would be to mail the number of  
cards requested to each person,  
except not to send them as an  
order, but print each one with her  
own name on it and mail it as  
ordinary Christmas greeting. It  
might be rather expensive, but it  
would be following the exact of-  
fer of the original Christmas card.

Just goes to show that these  
people in N-M do often get so en-  
thusiastic that it doesn't pay off  
as they expected.

AS CHILDREN WILL DO . . .  
Dixie Lackey got skeptical recent-  
ly, and her mother, Mrs. Dock  
Lackey, tells that she was looking  
through a magazine with lots of  
seasonal material in it, when she  
called her mother to explain some-  
thing. Dixie was looking at an  
advertisement with a picture simi-  
lar to the one shown in Barnes  
& McCullough's ad in this week's  
issue. She had her suspicions con-  
firmed.

"I always did think you could  
take those things off and on," she  
declared.

### WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

A number of Christmas gifts  
are included in the following list  
of new and renewal subscriptions  
entered by the News Review since  
last week's report. Also there are  
a number of new subscribers. All  
of them have our sincere thanks  
for their confidence and interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Geary B. Cheek,  
Corpus Christi  
Marvin Maynard Marshall, Cor-  
pus Christi  
R. L. Prater, Hico Rt. 7  
Mrs. Hettie Elkins, Stephenville  
Sam Looney, Hico Rt. 4  
E. R. Holley, Morrisville, Pa.  
Paul Swilling, Foresthill, Calif.  
Mrs. C. M. Langham, Inspiration,  
Arizona

Mrs. C. B. Segrest, Hico Rt. 3  
Jim Jameson, City  
Fred Red Harris, City  
J. B. Wooton, Hico Rt. 1  
Leslie Arrant, Hico Rt. 3  
Mrs. Jeannette Massey, Hico Rt. 7  
Mrs. Ada Gordon, Fort Worth  
Chester Wood, Hico Rt. 3  
Walter Pruitt, Hico Rt. 4  
F. S. Landers, City  
H. Smith, Waco

Mrs. Mattie Stinnett, Menard  
Clifford McElroy, City  
O. F. Anderson, Hico Rt. 6  
Willie Russ, City  
Durward Lane, City  
Mrs. Guy Aycock, City  
Thoma Rodgers, City  
Jack Malone, City  
Mrs. Alma Barnett, Waco  
Mrs. S. C. Routledge, Duffau  
Miss Fannie Wood, Hico  
I. J. Teague, City  
E. S. Rhoades, City  
Leonard Lively, City  
R. W. Daugherty, City  
W. B. Costa, Hamilton  
Mrs. Ella Rainsback, City  
A. A. McElroy, Hico Rt. 5  
E. C. Allison, Fairly  
Miss Sallie Cunningham, City  
C. McKeage, Stephenville  
Mrs. W. S. Cooper, Fort Worth  
Rudy Wieser, Houston  
Dun & Bradstreet, Dallas  
Miss Nettie Wieser, City  
W. S. Rudd, Hico Rt. 2  
D. A. Fellers, Hico Rt. 7  
W. J. Cunningham, Iredell  
J. O. Striplin, City

Mrs. A. D. Knick, Washburn  
B. H. Thomas, Shallowater, Tex.  
Mattie G. Hamilton, Los Angeles,  
Calif.  
Mary Horton, San Angelo  
J. E. Grimes, Iredell  
H. G. Shields, Iredell  
Avis Simons, Hico  
J. M. Dial, Iredell  
Mrs. W. J. Sowell, Hico  
R. J. Prokschl, Hico  
W. C. Urwin, Hico  
J. H. Meeks, Hico  
M. C. Roberson, Hico  
Ruth Phillips, Hico  
Rev. Clyde Pittman, Stephenville  
Mrs. Sid Castles, Fort Worth  
Mrs. Lennie Trimmer, Hico  
Elton Samford, Hico  
C. H. King, Hico  
E. O. Richardson, Fairly  
B. A. Richardson, Huntsville,  
Arkansas

Will Parker, Hico  
Ralph M. Horton, Houston  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Cooper,  
Hico  
R. P. Bullard, El Paso

### WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is  
submitted by W. R. Hampton, local  
observer for the Climatological  
Service of the United States  
Weather Bureau:

Date—	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 9	54	32	0.09
Dec. 10	61	24	0.00
Dec. 11	57	43	0.65
Dec. 12	50	35	0.00
Dec. 13	61	30	0
Dec. 14	58	32	0
Dec. 15	66	23	0

Total precipitation so far  
year, 22.50 inches.

# HOLIDAY FESTIVAL



These prices will be in effect from  
now on through Christmas Eve

Coffee **Admiration or Maxwell House 79c**

SPRY **3 lb. can 79c**

TOMATOES **303 can 10c**

- Northern Napkins . . . . . 10¢
- Pimientos—Dromedary . . 4 oz. 15¢
- Karo Syrup—Red or White 5 lbs. 63¢
- Peter Pan Peanut Butter 20 oz. glass 44¢
- Cut Rite Wax Paper . . . . . 25¢
- Del Monte Peaches—2 1/2 size can 29¢
- Cake Mix—Betty Crocker <sup>White, Choc.</sup> <sub>& Yellow</sub> 33¢
- Red Salmon—Pillar Rock . . . . 69¢
- Daricraft Milk . . . tall cans 2/25¢

### PRODUCE SPECIALS

Our truck will go to market regu-  
larly in order to keep our stock  
of Fruits & Vegetables complete  
until Christmas.

- Lettuce head 10¢
- Celery stalk 10¢
- Tomatoes ctn. 10¢
- Cranberries pkg. 19¢
- Cabbage lb. 2¢
- Oranges 5 lb. bag 29¢

### MARKET SPECIALS

Give us your order for Dressed  
Poultry and Hams as early as  
possible to assure you of getting  
the selections you want.

- Chuck Roast 39¢
- Shoulder Roast 49¢
- T-Bone Steak 49¢
- Club Steak 49¢
- Amer. Cheese 53¢
- Pressed Ham 53¢

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Give a gift  
for the home...

Servel  
**ICEMAKER**  
gas refrigerator

No trays to fill . . . spill . . . empty . . . or  
forget to refill! Everyone in your  
family will enjoy the gas Servel Ice-  
maker every day. Give them one  
this Christmas!

If she already has an Ice-  
maker, see the Universal  
Griddle-top range!

**LONE STAR  
GAS COMPANY**



# Personals

Bill D. Smith, Mrs. Hettie Smith and Jewell Smith of Waco visited J. J. Smith Sunday. They came here to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Anderson.

Miss Jo Ann Johnson spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson. She is employed with the Allie Mfg. Co. in Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. D. Jones returned home Sunday from McGregor where she had been for several days with her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Richard Hesse and Kathy Nell, who were ill with the flu. She reported them to be improving nicely when she left.

Miss Eleanor Campbell returned to her home in Olton Thursday after a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Patterson. She was accompanied here by Mrs. Della Malone, also of Olton, who visited with her sister, Mrs. Walter Patterson and family.

Buddy Ables, son of Mrs. Irene Ables of Hico, is reported to be recovering nicely after an operation at Hillcrest Hospital in Waco. He has been released from the hospital and is spending the week with his father, Lloyd Ables, of Waco.

Mrs. Maude Garver and her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Kilpatrick of Elk City, Okla., spent last Thursday night with Mrs. Mollie Harvey. Mrs. Harvey received word the first of the week that Mrs. Garver, who was in seemingly good health when she visited here, had passed away on Monday due to a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rae Berna of Camp Pendleton, Calif. arrived last Thursday for a holiday visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Berna. Other visitors in the Rodgers home are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodgers, Judy and Tommy of Grand Rapids, South Dakota, who arrived Tuesday.

**THANK YOU**  
The kind people of Hico and vicinity, for all the visits, prayers, cards and flowers extended to me during my stay in the hospital. To the doctors and all the hospital personnel, I want to say, "God bless and keep all of you for being so kind and patient." Sincerely,  
MRS. HATTIE DAVIS.

**Too Late to Classify—**  
Have New Supply: Ladies' hand-carved bags and purses; Men's Wallets; Belts; Hat Bands, etc. G. K. Lewallen Boot Co.  
Let Us Worry About Your Freight — Try —  
Johnson Transport Co. Inc.  
"Our Time Saves Yours"  
L. J. CHANEY, Agt., HICO

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Hillsboro spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. McCarty.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Land of Texas City visited here over the week end with Mrs. Land's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Giesecke.

## Gifts Exchanged at Christmas Program For Business Women

Mrs. L. N. Lane was hostess to the annual Christmas dinner and party for members of the Business and Professional Women's Club on Monday evening.

The ladies met at Loudermilk Cafe for a chicken dinner and then went to Mrs. Lane's home for the program. An ornamental setting, set off by candlelight was used in the living room, and a lovely arrangement of greenery and silver pine was used on the mantle.

The traditional Christmas story was read by Mrs. L. S. Chandler, and the hostess had planned a clever way to distribute the gifts exchanged between members. Each member was given a sheet of instructions of things she had to do before she was given a clue to search for her gift hidden in another room in the house.

After gifts were opened, the hostess served chocolate candy to each one present.

## Christmas Party Given For Fidelis Class of Baptist Church School

The Fidelis Class of the Baptist Sunday School had their Christmas party on Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wright.

Members of the class brought gifts, which were numbered. Those present drew numbers for gifts later. Hu-bands were invited guests.

Games of 42 and Christmas carol singing were enjoyed by those present. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, cake, hot chocolate and coffee were served.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Seago, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ellis, Peggy and Reggie, Mrs. Charley Hyles and Judy, Mrs. J. R. Russell and Mrs. Floy McLendon.

## First Methodist Church

Hico, Texas  
Sunday School, 10 a. m. T. H. King, Superintendent.  
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Youth Fellowship, 6.45 p. m. Linda Cox, President.  
Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.  
Choir Practice, Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock.  
A hearty welcome awaits all who worship with us.  
D. R. McCauley, Pastor.

## Country Club Party Given Monday for Review Club, Husbands

The Bluebonnet Country Club was the scene Monday evening for the annual Christmas party given by Review Club members with their husbands as guests. Entertainment was planned with games of 42, canasta and bridge.

Hostesses were Mrs. Wayne Rutledge, Mrs. S. E. Blair Jr., Mrs. Odie Petsick, Mrs. Edgar Bradley, Mrs. O. C. Cook and Mrs. Bryan Angell.

Center of attraction in the recreation room was a large lighted Christmas tree in one corner. Other Christmas ornaments were used in the lounge, where refreshments were served buffet style. At one end of the serving bar was a red branch which formed a tree, decorated with gold reindeer. At the other end of the bar was a table with a brass container filled with foliage and red berries. At the other end was a table bearing the silver coffee and tea service, decorated with Christmas balls, cedar and red candles; Christmas plates and napkins also decorated the serving bar.

Refreshments of open-face sandwiches, fruit cake, pickles, olives and hard candies were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hafer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Morse Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Lusk Randals, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Horsley, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Jernigan, and the hostesses and families, Mrs. Angell and Mrs. Harvey O. Wende, Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Petsick, Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Cook.

## Shower Compliments June Hamilton at Ross Home Saturday

The home of Mrs. Morse Ross was the scene of a bridal shower Saturday afternoon for Miss June Hamilton, bride-elect of Clinton Lloyd Roberson. Hostesses were Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ellis Randals and Mrs. Fred Rainwater.

Receiving the guests as they arrived were Mrs. Ross, Miss Hamilton and her mother, Mrs. P. W. Hamilton, and Mrs. M. C. Roberson, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

Others in the house party were Misses Monette Salmon and Kay Jernigan, who served, and Miss Wanda Nell Roberson, sister of the prospective bridegroom, who presided at the bride's book. Miss Carol Ross assisted in the room where the gifts were displayed.

The serving table was adorned with a miniature bride and groom, in front of which was a gold bell bearing the couple's names in green. Refreshments of punch and cake were served.

The couple will be married Wednesday, December 23, in the home of the bride's parents.

**NOTICE**  
Will the person or persons who borrowed kitchen ware from the Firemens Hall, please return same to Hall.  
Hico Volunteer Fire Dept.

## Mrs. Tobe Gardner Much Improved After Car Wreck Saturday

Mrs. Tobe Gardner, who has been undergoing treatment in Hico Hospital for head injuries received in a car accident Saturday, was moved Thursday morning to Holt Hospital in Meridian. Doctors had considered her condition critical during the first 72 hours after the wreck, which occurred about 5 p. m. on Highway 6 just east of here. Her condition Thursday was much improved, and she was believed to be well on the way to recovery.

Mrs. Gardner, daughter of Rev. D. R. McCauley, First Methodist Church pastor, had been returning to her home in Meridian after attending to private nursing duty here, and the car which she was driving blew out a tire and went out of control. She was alone in the car, and no other vehicle was involved.

## Changes Due Jan. 1 On Deductions for FICA and WH Tax

Commissioner of Internal Revenue T. Coleman Andrews has announced in Washington that the law provides for changes on January 1, 1954, in the rates for Federal income tax withholding and for employer tax and employee tax under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (for old age and survivors insurance).

This was reported today by District Director of Internal Revenue R. L. Phinney, who explained that the rate of income tax withholding will be reduced from 20 per cent to 18 per cent and that the law increases the employer tax and the employee tax from 1 1/2 per cent for each tax to 2 per cent for each tax.

"These rates will apply to wages paid on or after January 1, 1954, even though the wages were earned in 1953," Director Phinney added.

"Tax tables for income tax withholding and for employee tax deductions on and after January 1, 1954, are included in a new revision of Circular E, Employer's Tax Guide," Director Phinney said. "District Directors of Internal Revenue will mail Circular E before December 31st to those employers who have been reporting the taxes each quarter on Form 941."

## Holiday Theme Forms Program for Meeting Of Wesleyan Guild

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild met last Friday night at the home of Miss Louise Blair for their Christmas program. An offering was taken for Christmas baskets, to be donated through the Hico Lions Club.

Mrs. Truman Roberts, president, was in charge of the business meeting. It was decided to have the Guild study beginning January 11, with three consecutive weekly meetings. Mrs. D. R. McCauley will conduct the study on the prophet Jeremiah.

Festive holiday decorations gave a Christmas atmosphere to the living room and dining room, where a silver Christmas tree centered the table. On the mantel was a miniature Santa Claus and sleigh, and tall candles and greenery were arranged on top of the piano.

Mrs. J. B. Carmean read the opening scripture, and Mrs. Tom Strepy told the story of the origin of the American Red Cross. Miss Carolyn Holford told the story of the use of Christmas seals in the prevention of tuberculosis. Mrs. Bryan Angell told the story of Handel's "Messiah," and discussed "Mothers as the Sowers of Seed."

The group sang Christmas carols, and closed the program with a friendship circle while listening to "Adeste Fidelis" and repeated a closing prayer in unison.

Refreshments of orange chiffon cake and hot chocolate were served by the hostess and her mother, Mrs. S. E. Blair Sr., to members and one guest, Mrs. Harvey O. Wende.

## Mrs. Ellis Randals Is Hostess for Yuletide Garden Club Party

The Hico Garden Club held its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Ellis Randals last Friday afternoon. Co-hostesses were Mrs. S. E. Blair Sr., Mrs. J. W. Fairry, Mrs. Harry Hudson, Mrs. Guy Eakins, and Mrs. Hord Randals.

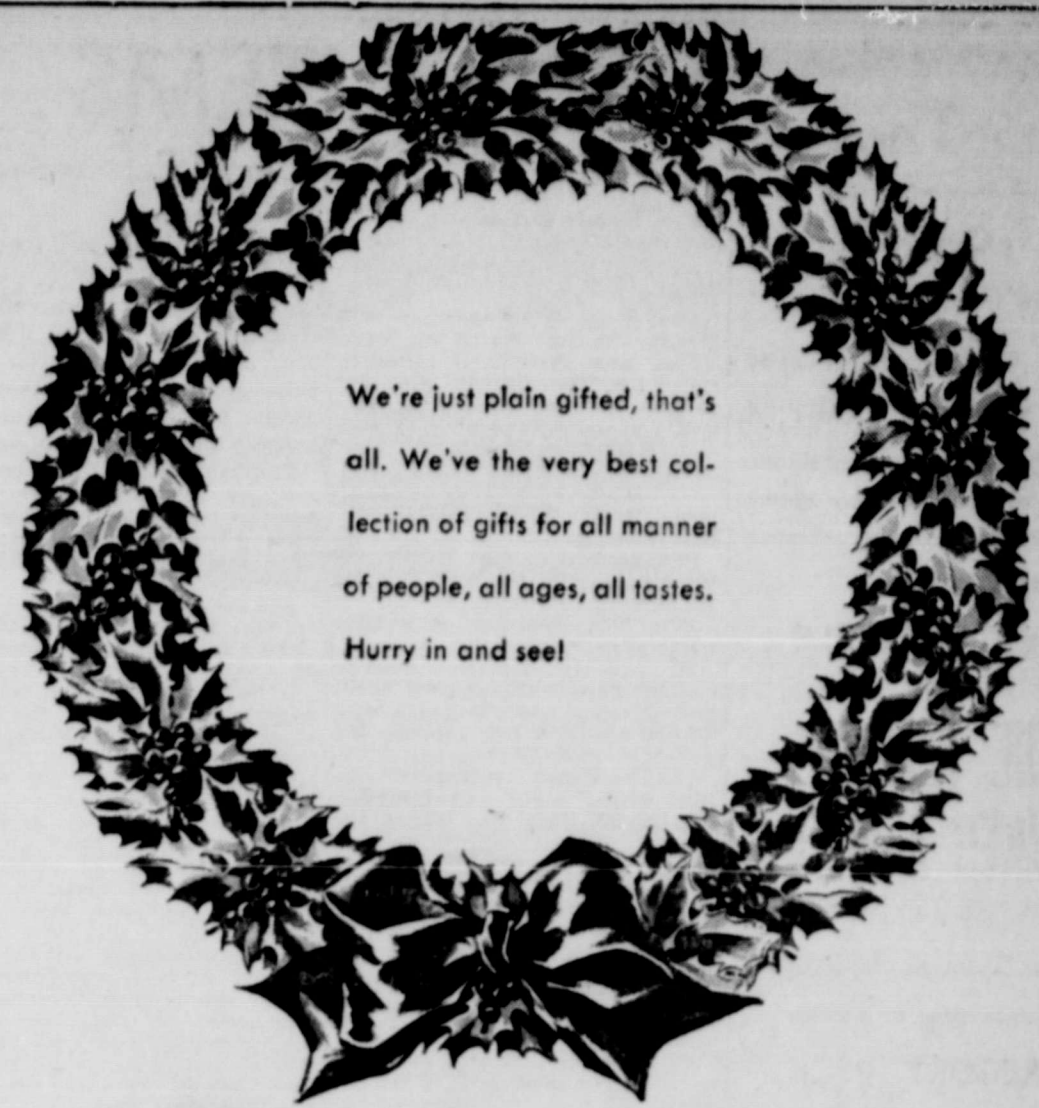
Christmas colors of red and green were used in the decorating scheme throughout the house. A mantelpiece was composed of red berries and green foliage. A modern red Christmas tree decorated with gold reindeer was the focal point in the living room.

Mrs. L. N. Lane presided at the refreshment table. The table, covered with a green and white cloth, was centered with an all green arrangement of a large candle surrounded by magnolia leaves.

The program included a narrative of a Yuletide story, "Father Come Home" told by Mrs. Marvin Marshall; a vocal solo, "Love Has Eyes," by Miss Carol Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Grady Wreay of Meridian; and a piano solo, "Little Lady," by Barbara Randals.

Refreshments were served to one of Mrs. T. A. Randals, and 26 club members brought gifts given to the Hico Lions Club for their Christmas baskets.

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### "MISSION OVER KOREA"

# IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. Mamie Echols was in Stephenville Monday.

Mr. Earl Behringer was in Waco Tuesday.

Mrs. Stella Schumacher spent a few days in Fort Worth this week. Mrs. Leon Roberts of Hamilton spent the past Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tidwell. She was accompanied by Mrs. A. L. Roberts and daughter, Cherril of Stephenville.

Mrs. Dameron of Walnut Springs spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Earl Behringer.

Mrs. Sanders of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sanders this week.

Miss Ella Thornton is visiting relatives in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Houston and daughters of Baytown spent from Monday until Thursday with his parents and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess White.

The basketball tournament was here Friday night and Saturday. The Iredell girls won all of the games.

Mr. C. L. Davis, age 88 years, died at his home in O'Donnel on Tuesday, Dec. 8. He was buried at Olney. He was a brother of Mr. T. M. Davis. He has visited here. Mr. Davis attended the funeral.

Miss La Rue Houston, who works in Fort Worth spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hanshaw were in Meridian and Hico this week.

T. M. Davis Jr. of Fort Worth spent a few days with his mother while his father was gone.

Mr. Horace Whitley, who has been working in West Texas, is at home for a while.

Mrs. Clara Williamson and her sister, Mrs. Alma Belle Berry of Dallas and their brother, Tommy McDonald and wife of Illinois visited their cousin, Mrs. Juda Gosdin this week.

Mrs. Mattie Phillips of Meridian visited relatives here this week.

A going away party was given to Rev. and Mrs. Terpstra Wednesday night at the new building by the members. Had a game describing the minister's cat, which was funny. Coffee and doughnuts were served to a large crowd. Some of the good Baptists were there. Some gifts were presented to them and they were proud of them. One of the gifts was given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fouts and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Mike was remembered with a gift. He was sick and unable to attend.

Ronnie Helm spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gogus and two daughters of Dallas spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Fouts.

Rev. Sessions, the district supt., preached Sunday morning. His wife came with him. After services, we had lunch in the new building and it was fine and plenty of it. Rev. Jack Moore of Zephyr, who was assigned to this place decided a preacher with a family would be the best for our church. Rev. Sessions said he would have a pastor next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Behringer were in Dallas Monday, buying more merchandise for the store.

I was in Hico Saturday. My watch got to where it wouldn't keep time. Kenneth Behringer took me up there. Took it to Mr. Roberts.

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### Another Story—

#### A WOMAN'S GOOD DEEDS

By MISS STELLA JONES

A very wealthy woman lived in Oklahoma City. She was a widow. Her husband died a few years back. Her name was Clara May Amons. She had oil wells, for Oklahoma is noted for its oil wells.

This lady had a fine home and had many servants. She didn't have any children. She and her husband were the only children in their families. Their parents had passed away.

She gave big donations to charity. Was a member of a Methodist church there and gave large sums of money to other churches.

A certain girl, age 14, will play a great part in this story. Her name is Norma Jean Mims. She is an orphan. Her parents were killed in a car wreck a few months before this story opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Armstrong took her to their home after the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Mims had a nice furnished home. In a few days all the household things were moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and the house was rented to a nice family.

One afternoon in the month of June, after the school was out for the summer, Norma Jean told the lady she was going to the home of Mrs. Amons. Perhaps she could give her some work.

She rang the door bell and a maid came to the door and very kindly asked her in.

"I came to see Mrs. Amons," said the girl.

She was taken in the beautiful living room and a beautiful woman in her early 50's came in. She had seen Norma Jean and knew her. "What will you have?" asked Mrs. Amons.

"I came to see if I could get work for the summer."

"No, Norma Jean, I don't aim to give you work. You are the very girl I want. You are not to work. You be a sweet girl and I am going to adopt you. How old are you?"

"I will be 15 in August. I am in high school."

She called one of her men servants and said, "Take us to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong."

Mrs. Amons had a fine car and her servants had cars. They got all of her clothes and her house hold things were also taken. Norma Jean told Mrs. Armstrong of their plans.

"You are a sweet child and I will miss you very much. I will not forget you," said the woman.

"I won't forget you either," said Norma Jean.

Norma Jean loved them. She thought Mrs. Amons would give her work. She wanted to get out and do for herself but instead she was adopted.

Norma Jean was very happy. She had many friends, young and old.

Mrs. Amons took her to a big store and bought her a nice lot of clothes and material to be made. Mrs. Amons had a lady that didn't do anything but sew for them. Norma Jean's clothes were very good. She was very proud of the new ones. She had a fine time in the home.

She was given a maid. "Oh, mother I don't need a maid."

"Norma Jean you are to have one to do for you and you do as I say and then we will do fine. You are to be my daughter after a period of time, for I will adopt you."

She began at first to call her mother for she loved her.

The maid would fix her bath water and fix her hair. Her hair was natural curly and it wasn't any trouble.

When Norma Jean's birthday came, Aug. 15, the rich woman gave her a bed room set. She was very proud of it. She was given a party and all her friends that came brought her a nice gift. One girl said to her, "Don't you feel above us poor ones?"

"No, I sure do not," said Norma Jean. "She has plenty of money but she doesn't feel above anyone."

Now see what she does for a very poor girl.

One Saturday afternoon, she and some of her girl friends were in town in front of a big store, and up came a girl age 11. It was in the month of November and was very cold day, but a clear one. This girl's name was Beuna Evans. Her coat wasn't very heavy and she looked cold.

"Beuna, aren't you cold?" asked Norma Jean.

"Yes, I am," she replied.

Norma Jean and the other girls had on heavy coats. Mrs. Amons was in the store and Norma Jean told her about the girl. Mrs. Amons and Norma Jean got her some nice clothes and a warm coat and good shoes and some material to be made up. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans were living. She was their only child. He would go off and leave them. He would go for a few days. He would get on a drunk and spend money on girls.

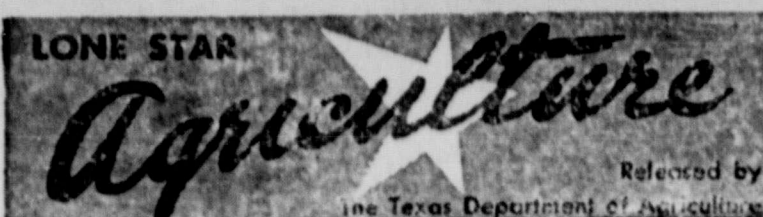
When the nice things were given her, she thanked Mrs. Amons and Norma Jean very much.

"If my dad sees all these nice things he will slip them out and sell them and blow the money in," said Beuna.

"You can hide them," said Norma Jean.

On Monday afternoon after she came home from school, her daddy came in about dark. In place of being ill to them, he had beaten them some) he was all kind and hugged and kissed them both. He told them he had a good job in a grocery store.

(To Be Concluded)



## POISONOUS PLANTS

Poisonous plants are not ordinarily a major threat to livestock in good grazing country because cattle are pretty selective in their eating habits. Most toxic plants just don't taste good.

Yet, when a drouth condition exists and the grass crop doesn't mature, then there's trouble ahead.

A hungry animal will munch on most anything. Leaves, shrubs and other plants not normally given a second look becomes prime fare for a grass-starved cow.

Stockmen recognize on sight most of the plants which have a harmful effect on their livestock and try to keep them cleared from the land. Secondary threats such as mesquite beans during certain weather conditions, and cactus with spines are kept under only nominal control because cattle turn them down in favor of good grass.

Mesquite and cactus can be dealt with when grass conditions are unfavorable. But a real threat sometimes develops with another group of plants which are not usually considered toxic. These plants include Johnson grass, sudan grass, velvet grass, arrow grass and most varieties of sorghums.

Drouth often stunts the growth of these plants, or they may be arrested in development by frost or cattle trampling. When stunting occurs, there is danger of prussic acid forming in the plants which bring on symptoms of poisoning in cattle the same as cyanide poisoning.

Mature plants in this group, however, are not likely to be dangerous.

No accurate record can be obtained on the number of livestock deaths resulting each year from poisoning. Some estimates set the figure at between 3 and 5 per cent of all grazing stock. Deaths from unknown causes are, no doubt, in a large number of instances, the result of poisonous plants.

Due to weather conditions in Texas these past few years, there may be a tendency for animals to consume plants they would otherwise avoid, or to eat plants that have become poisonous as a re-

sult of the drouth. The only solution is to check pastures and eradicate these plants and keep livestock adequately fed to prevent them from scavenging for their food.

## Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLISON  
Congressman  
17th District



Anson, Texas, Dec. 15.—While returning to Washington from three weeks of intensive visiting over our Congressional District, I have had time to fully appreciate the pleasure of having seen so many friends and constituents. For all the invitations to speak at various functions and occasions, I am deeply grateful.

It has been necessary for us to return to Washington in order to get some "irons out of the fire" and put others in before the opening of the next Session of the Congress.

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This being the Christmas Season, this column will not appear again until after the first of the year. The response to these articles has been most encouraging and it is hoped that you will give me your reaction in the future. This column was started a year ago as an experiment. It has afforded me opportunity to contact the people whom I represent in Washington, and, from letters and personal comments, I am encouraged to continue it.

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Since it is almost impossible to reach all our friends with a personal message for the Christmas Season, we hope you will accept this as the Season's Greetings and may we wish for you and yours the best of good things.



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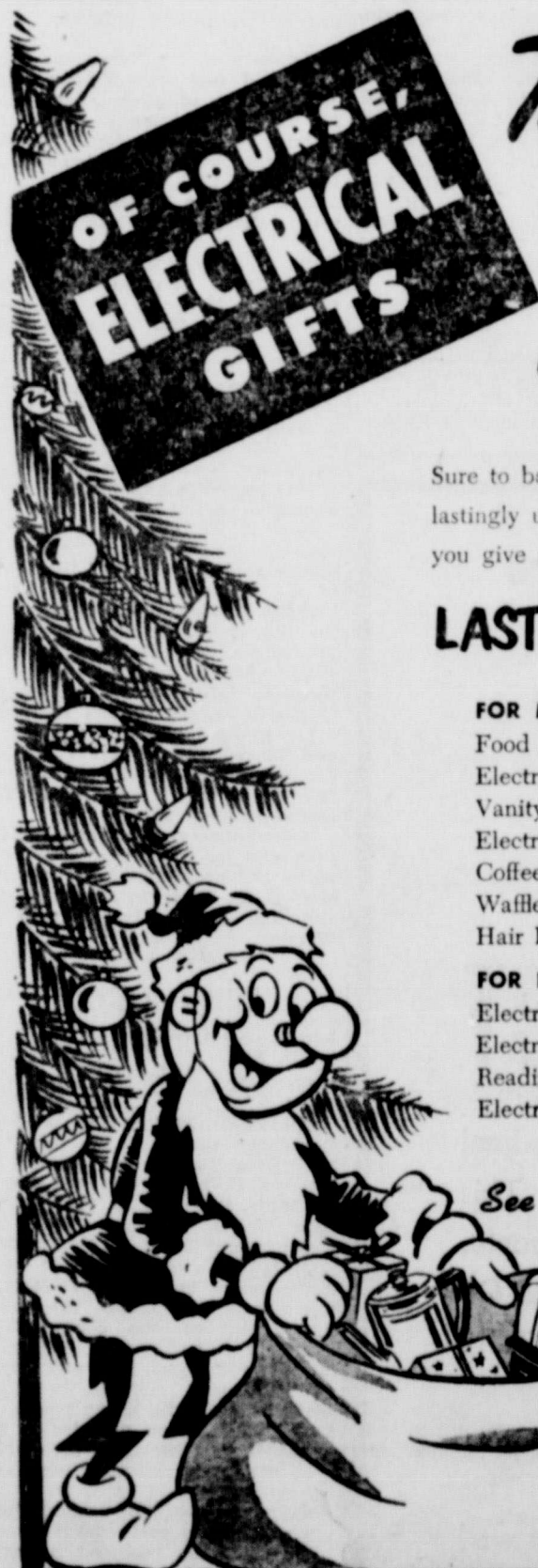
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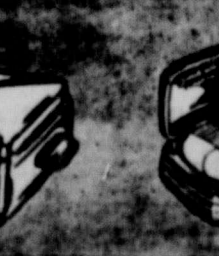
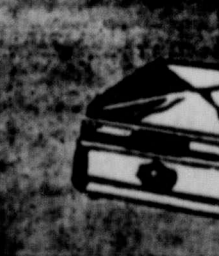
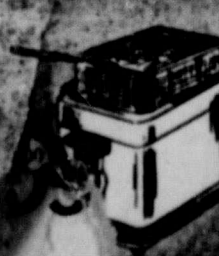
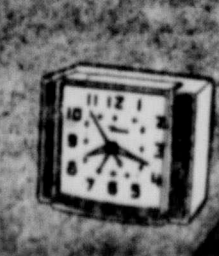
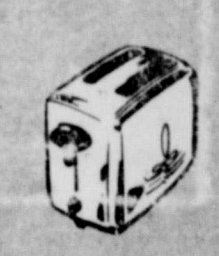
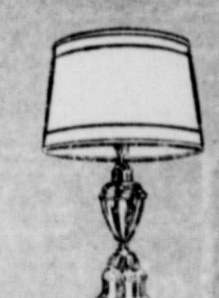
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## Fairy

By Mrs. Eunice Massengale

We have had mostly fair weather since our last writing with freezing temperatures a few nights. Farmers state we are needing rain again.

We have had unusually mild weather this fall, with no severe killing frosts and if there isn't some colder weather soon, many will be able to boast of having roses and other varieties of flowers blooming Christmas. The scenery along our highways, especially in the wooded areas, is indeed beautiful, with the standing of various hues brings to our mind the gift of God's nature.

We were so sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. John Anderson of near Iredell, who was killed in a traffic collision Friday near Chalk Mountain. Only three weeks ago Sunday we were privileged to be with her at the Plainview Church for their regular singing. She was a member of the Plainview singing class and also attended church there. We shall never forget our last association together. The wonderful hospitality shown us by her the next morning she prayed, and her help as pianist when her little nieces and others sang. We'll miss her smiling face, we'll miss her helpful hand, but she has gone to live forever in a better land. We extend deepest sympathy to her bereaved family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Dickerson of near Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dickerson of Cleburne visited a while Sunday afternoon with their sister Mrs. Bettie Little. The Walter Dickersons have sold their home and furnishings at Cleburne and are leaving soon for Alabama where they will make their home with a daughter, who is furnished a nice home by the institution for which she is employed.

The writer attended singing at Larkin Sunday accompanying Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sumnerford from Hamilton. We visited a while in the W. C. Oglesby home at Hamilton after singing hours. We learned of the death of Mrs. Anderson about 11:30 a. m. Sunday when we called a friend Mrs. I. A. Morgan of Hico by phone, so drove by the Hico funeral home en route to Hamilton to meet the Sumnerfords.

Work was started today, Monday on the erection of the new addition to the Baptist church.

There will be a program at the school gym Tuesday night, featuring a singing and Christmas tree sponsored by Mrs. Fitzee, who

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took the place of Mrs. Jesse Ham-wader who was substituting for another teacher who later resigned. There will also be other choir singing by the high school girls. Sandwiches will be served. All have a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Kilbuck visited here today, Monday, and were also here one day last week. They do not plan to move until after the Christmas holidays. They have rented the Newman estate home and will reside there until their dwelling and other buildings can be moved here to the former Petty place from near Kilbuck.

The writer was a business visitor in Hamilton, Cleburne, and Dublin Saturday while in Cleburne he visited a short while with our friend and former neighbor, Mrs. Marie Turner, and in Dublin he visited with our daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and Ruby Jean.

We failed to mention in last week's news that W. E. Cunningham attended Grand Lodge in Waco on Monday and Tuesday. He and Mrs. Cunningham accompanied his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Manning, who had spent the week end with the Cunninghams. Mrs. Cunningham visited with relatives while in Waco, they returned home with D. E. Allison of Dublin, who was also in Waco to attend the lodge.

Mrs. Charlie Wilson of Houston, who is the former Miss Joy Marie Sellers and sister of Carl Eddy Sellers, who was recently chosen Office Orchid of the state welfare office in Houston and will represent the office in the Orchid contest being conducted by the Houston Chronicle. She has been a stenographer with the State Department of Public Welfare in the Hampshire Building, Houston, for the past three years. She graduated with the Hamilton High School class of 1930 and was also awarded a musical scholarship. She also attended Fair High School before moving to Hamilton with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sellers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison are driving new cars in the new lemon yellow color combination. So we may have to do some double thinking to be able to recognize them when breezing around.

From all accounts it seems the Jerry Todd family have moved to the Springer place, all of which must have taken place during our absence from home. We welcome them as neighbors again.

The Yuletide spirit seems to be getting in full swing, since several have up their tree and other decorations.

Next Sunday, Dec. 20, is the birth-date of our deceased son, J. C. Richardson, who passed away in 1908 and would have been 40 years old had he lived.

We received our first Christmas card last week from a dear friend, Mrs. Margaret Jones of 4272 Noxha Ave. Venice, Calif., and also a second from relatives, the Jeff Pattersons of 1437 Ash Street, Grand Prairie.

Our school is sponsoring a community Christmas tree and program next Wednesday night, Dec. 23. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. School will be dismissed on this date until after the Christmas holidays.

Leon Springer of Miles was a business visitor here during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison of Cranfills Gap spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Allison and also visited in Dublin with his brother, D. E. Allison and family.

Walter Porterfield is visiting at this writing in Durant, Okla., in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Les Poyner and family.

The Intermediate class of the Fairy Baptist Church went caroling last Sunday night. They were as follows: Kay Gordon, Darlene Clark, Gay Gordon, Anita New, La Rue Gardner, Jimmie Gordon, Shirley Clark, Joyce Fields, Robert Raeburg, and Horace Griffiths. They also plan to go Wednesday night.

Reports from handlers in the Central West Texas Milk Marketing Area show an increase in both sales and production of milk during November as compared with October. Elyford W. Bam, Market Administrator, announced today. During November the reported average daily Class I sales (fluid milk, skim milk, buttermilk, flavored milk and cream) were 346,177 pounds as compared with 321,661 pounds during October and 306,630 pounds in September. This is an increase of 7.62 per cent over October and 12.90 per cent over September.

The reported average daily receipts of milk from producers during November were 338,276 pounds as compared with 305,719 pounds in October and 298,779 pounds during September. This represents an increase of 11 per cent during November as compared with October and 13.6 per cent as compared with September. There were 734 producers delivering milk to the market during November, an increase of 89 producers over October and 79 producers over September.

The minimum uniform price to buyers for November deliveries is \$4.15 per hundredweight for milk delivered to handlers plants located at Abilene, San Angelo, Water and Stamford, Texas; \$4.10 per hundredweight for milk delivered to Lamesa and Hico, Texas; the price was \$4.35 per hundredweight for milk delivered to Brownwood, Texas; and \$4.50 per hundred-



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## Dennis Stipe May Be One Who Remembers Price on 1953 Steer

Dennis Stipe of the Hico FFA has entered a Hereford steer in the Junior Boys Steer Show of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, February 3 through 14.

A bumper number of entries have been made in the fat steer classification. John Kuykendall, manager of the Livestock Department, said:

"Each youngster remembers that last year, 13-year-old Johnny Wigley of Goldthwaite got \$18,800 when Bill Williams, Houston restaurant man, bought his bob-tailed Hereford," Mr. Kuykendall said. "And they all want to show a champion."

Last year, the farm youth of Texas benefited \$219,431.45 through Houston Fat Stock Show auction sales of livestock and poultry. Total premium cash awards offered in the boy's steer division this year will amount to \$3,196.

All fat steer entries must be in by January 31 because sifting will begin a day earlier this year on February 1 to give the judges an extra day to pick the winners. The steers will be judged by John Burns, Livestock and Ranch consultant of Fort Worth, Texas.

Excitement will reach a feverish pitch on the night of February 4 when the grand champion finals will be held during the rodeo performance.

There will be still more suspense at 9 a. m. the next morning when the sale begins. Only ribbon winning steers will be sold at the auction which last year brought an average of 64.8 cents per pound.

The Cisco Kid and Pancho played by television stars Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carrillo will be the featured rodeo entertainers. After each performance, they will personally hand out autographed pictures to all children attending the rodeo.

According to early box office reservations, a sell-out is expected for the world's championship rodeo. There will be the usual Saturday and Sunday matinee performances in addition to the nightly performances February 3 thru 14.

Tickets may be purchased by writing Ticket Director, Houston Fat Stock Show, Box 2371, Houston, Texas.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who so kindly gave us assistance at the death of our loved one, and whose sympathy and many ministrations of thoughtfulness made our sorrow easier to bear. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

THE FAMILY OF  
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## DUFFAU

By Mrs. Pascal Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Heel and daughter Carolyn, of Iredell spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burgan and family.

Mrs. Bill Power and children of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Scott and son Randy of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley.

Mrs. A. B. Naul and children spent the week end in Austin with their husband and father. Words cannot express our heartfelt sympathy for the bereaved family of Mrs. John Anderson, who was killed in a car wreck Friday night, and injuring Mr. John Anderson. Several from here attended funeral services Sunday afternoon.

Bro. Gerald Fruza of Abilene preached at the Church of Christ Sunday and was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmon Lewallen.

There will be a community Christmas tree at the school house Friday night, Dec. 18. A play will be given and music recital by Mrs. R. B. McClure and her pupils. Every one is invited.

School will dismiss Dec. 18 until Dec. 28 for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Jabo spent Sunday evening in Deadmons with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gillentine of Fort Worth visited in the home of M. H. Gillentine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lindsey and son and Miss Imogene Lindsey, all of Stephenville visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lindsey and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Pamior of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dink Anderson Sunday.

Billie Bob Power of Lampasas visited in school Monday.

Boodie Lawrence is a patient in the Hico Hospital. We hope he will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rogers and baby, Marsha, of Davis, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Mib Giesecke and sons, Roney and Roccie were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke of Stephenville spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Giesecke.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cavitt the past Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Witt and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Witt and family of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Herod and daughter, Sherry; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ables, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Van Cavitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dan Cavitt, and Peggy, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner and family and grandson, Don Ray Wagner, Fenton Sandlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Magee and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sessom and Mr. and Mrs. Artie Van Cavitt spent Sunday evening in Fort Worth visiting their son-in-law and brother-in-law, who is a patient in the hospital there.

## Texas Children Urged To Send Clothing for 12th National Crusade

Texas schools have been asked to take part in the Twelfth National Children's Clothing Crusade to collect clothing to aid Korea, seven countries of Western Europe, two southwestern Indian Reservations and isolated rural areas of eight southern states. It was announced today by Leland D. Carmack, National Representative of Save The Children Federation. Every family in Texas is being asked to send a bundle of good, serviceable clothing to school during the week of the drive, March 22-March 27. Universal participation of Texas schools is expected this year in the drive which is conducted under the auspices of a national committee of school superintendents. The clothing will be distributed by Save The Children Federation, a child service organization which renders aid not only to neglected children in America but also to victims of war overseas.

Clothing for Korea will be sorted and reconditioned in Federation Clothing Centers and then shipped to Korea where it will be distributed through the United Command. Federation officials report that there are nine million victims of communist aggression in Korea desperately in need of aid, as well as millions still in need in Europe where in certain areas conditions are still tragic. Thousands of children in handicapped rural areas of America are unable to attend school as a result of being inadequately clothed. Officials of Save The Children Federation report that thousands of American children do not attend school as they lack sufficient clothing.

Besides the clothing distribution program, Save The Children Federation administers child and school sponsorship programs in America, overseas, and on Indian Reservations in the southwest. In these personalized programs, individuals, schools, organizations, and churches adopt a child or school through sponsorship and agree not only to furnish a specified amount of aid but also to correspond with the children or school that they have adopted. The sponsorship programs have been widely accepted as one of furthering mutual understanding and friendship between people of other countries and America.

The clothing drive in Texas is expected to raise 70,000 pounds of clothing. Mr. Carmack reported and added, "The Bundle of Kindness Drive will be the greatest ever made in Texas schools to collect clothing. If each family in Texas will send at least one bundle of good clothing during the week, the goal will be reached."

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