



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This annual Christmas issue of the News Review, published and put in the mail two days early in order that it may be circulated before the holiday, contains many greetings from Hico businessmen, professional men and individuals.

The cooperation received from all sources is greatly appreciated, and has been instrumental not only in allowing our plans for distribution to work out, but in providing a week-end vacation for the News Review force. Along with many of the town's other institutions whose closing will not work a hardship on the general public, the News Review will observe Christmas and the day after, Saturday, as holidays.

Next week another early issue is planned, so that subscribers' papers may be delivered before the New Year. The same brand of cooperation in the matter of early copy will be appreciated.

At this season of the year this editor becomes very humble upon receiving the annual budget of Christmas cards and greetings. Some of them come from friends whom we never hear from at any other time. The contents are always interesting, and the sentiments truly heart-warming.

Since we never seem to get around to sending our personalized greeting cards, we hope those who remembered the News Review family will take this as an acknowledgment and an expression of appreciation.

This year's crop of messages was more diversified even than usual. Some of them were ornate, a few had a useful purpose, and all of them were charming.

Thanks a million, everyone, and we hope you have the happiest Christmas you ever had.

The story of "Silent Night" was retold in the December issue of Lions International News Letter, and we have borrowed it for the benefit of some of our readers who may not have seen it.

It was snowing heavily on that Christmas Eve in the little village of Oberdorf, high up in the valley of Salzach. For twenty-four hours it had snowed, and the roofs and streets were covered deep with the freshly fallen whiteness.

The young priest of the village looked out at the darkening sky. "A silent blanket of snow is glorious for Christmas Eve," he remarked, "but I fear it will be hard for many of my members to attend the Midnight Mass tonight."

As he spoke, the figure of Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster, emerged from out of the falling whiteness and entered the parsonage. "Father Josef, Father Josef!" he cried as he encountered the young priest. "It is indeed bad news that I bring to you. I have just come from the church, and the organ is broken. We must wait for the arrival of the organ-maker from our neighboring village, and I fear that our Mass tonight must be carried on without the happy Christmas songs of the children."

The priest smiled at the schoolmaster. "Have no fear, Franz," he replied. "We shall not be disappointed."

"But we must have music, Father," Franz insisted. "On Christmas Eve one must have music."

"We will have music," the priest declared resolutely. "Even though the organ is broken, the children you have taught can sing some of the old Christmas songs they know so well."

Franz Gruber shook his head. "I fear their youthful voices cannot sing them without the aid of the organ."

A smile spread over the face of the young priest. "Then we shall sing a new song," he declared. "Just this afternoon as I watched the darkening sky and the softly falling snowflakes, these words came to me."

Drawing the schoolmaster into his study, the young priest placed before him the words of that joyous Christmas carol that will never die:

"Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace."

"Father Josef," said the schoolmaster as he read the poem, "the words sing themselves. Bars of music seem to float from heaven to fit themselves perfectly into your poem. I will go home and set them down in writing before they speed away again."

That night behind the altar rail near a candle-covered Christmas tree, Father Josef Mohr, an orphan girl who tended the priest's home and Franz Gruber sang that glorious Christmas carol for the first time to the parishioners of Saint Nicholas. Franz Gruber himself accompanied the little group on his guitar.

After the storm had abated, an organ builder from Fuzgen-in-Zillertal came to Oberdorf to repair the broken organ. As he left the little village, he took a copy of the carol with him, and from his hands it was passed on to all mankind.

Since that Christmas night in 1818 it has become the world's best-loved Christmas carol. In every city and hamlet, in every country where loyal hearts join together to observe Christmas, the joyous words of "Silent Night, Holy Night" are sung.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 3 years o'd. I've been pretty good this year and would like for you to bring me a pair of boots, a hat, belt and a suit. Also some candy and nuts to fill my stocking.

I don't forget all the other little kids and especially my brand new cousin out in California.

I love you, Santa.
MIKE CHRISTIAN,
Hico, Texas.

Dear Santa,
I'm a little boy 18 months old and would like for you to bring me a tricycle, hat and guitar. Also some candy and fruit.

I've been awful good, Santa, and I love you lots.
BARRY CHRISTIAN,
Hico, Texas.

(More Santa Letters on Page 2.)

County Tax Rate Cut to 60 Cents, 1954 Budget Set

For the second year in succession, Judge H. B. Gordon announces a tax reduction for Hamilton County. A cut of five cents per hundred dollars valuation for county taxes will be deducted for the next tax year, leaving the rate at 60 cents—one of the lowest in the state.

The Commissioners Court took this action reducing the rate at the regular term Monday. The rate was lowered from 70 cents to 65 cents a year ago.

The achievement is noteworthy in view of the fact that \$279,000 has been lopped off the tax reductions because of duplications in assessments and to the further fact that costs of running the county have risen 17 per cent within the past two years. The excellent financial condition of the county is reflected in the cash balance, which is \$106,907.90 as compared with \$75,976.38 Jan. 1, 1951. The Court at the same time, has reduced the bonded indebtedness from \$118,750 to \$59,000.

The tax cut was made by deducting one cent each from the Jury Fund, the Courthouse Sinking Fund, and the Courthouse Maintenance and two cents from the Road & Bridge Special Fund.

Notwithstanding all these savings, the county has maintained an adequate highway and road maintenance program, has purchased right-of-way for several farm-to-market roads and has added to the road machinery equipment. Improvements have also been made on the courthouse and grounds.

BUDGET ADOPTED.
The budget for 1954 was set by the Court at the 1953 figure, or \$187,930.01, at Monday's term.

Personnel of the court includes H. B. Gordon, County Judge; Henry Moore, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Robert Streater, Precinct 2; Fern Jordan, Precinct 3 and Robert Perkins, Precinct 4.—Herald-News.

Sale Each Saturday at Hico Commission Co. After Holiday Dec. 26

Next auction sale at the Hico Commission Co. will be held Saturday, January 2, according to announcement from B. N. Strong this week. The regular sales will be held each Saturday thereafter, he added.

There will be no sale Saturday of this week due to the fact that one day after Christmas, December 26, is being observed rather generally over this section as an extra holiday.

NEW INTERNE ARRIVES
Travis Phelps, a senior student from Corpus Christi at the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston, began his preceptorial training under Dr. H. V. Hedges at the Hico Hospital last week.

He will remain here for 10 weeks of directed medical practice and will receive his degree in medicine next June.

EASTERN STAR MEETS
Mrs. S. E. Blair Sr. was in charge of the Christmas program presented by members of the Hico Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Masonic Hall last Thursday night.
Coffee and cake were served to 17 members after carols were sung.

'Political Potter' Begins Simmering Up At Stephenville

There's an old cliché used biennially by many newspapers just before the opening of an election year.

"Political Pot Begins to Boil" is a heading used frequently. Begging pardon of its readers for a pun it couldn't resist, the News Review reprints for whatever it may be worth the following statement from Rufus Higgs' "I'll Tell the World" column in the Stephenville Daily Empire and Weekly Empire-Tribune:

"Bill Potter, experienced in many of the ways of government and about as well posted as any man we know, dropped in Saturday morning ostensibly to pay a social visit. But before he left he made the unqualified statement that he would be a candidate for Congress in the forthcoming election.

"Well, that's the first avowed candidate we have heard make such a definite declaration. Bill said that his formal announcement would be made in this and all other newspapers of the 17th District the first week in January.

"Good luck Bill. . ."

Traffic Officer's Job Harder Than Ever During Holidays

"Pity the traffic officer in this Christmas rush—and help him by driving and walking extra carefully."

That plea was made by Col. E. B. Tilley of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Services Advisor for the Gulf Oil Corporation today. He was discussing the local traffic situation and the current holiday hazards program which the Texas Safety Association is conducting in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The job of the traffic officer becomes more difficult as the holidays draw nearer," Col. Tilley explained. "People aren't too conscious of traffic laws any day in the year. And when the holiday mania gets in their blood, they are inclined to forget rules and regulations altogether."

He believes people in the grip of holiday mania have a one-track mind when they use the streets or sidewalks. "They're grimly intent on getting from where they are to where they want to go," he said, "and neither hail, rain nor

traffic is going to keep them from their appointed course."

According to Col. Tilley, this leads to much confusion. Motorists seem oblivious to traffic signals and speed regulations, and they often weave through traffic craning their necks in search of parking places. Pedestrians scurry along sidewalks at break-neck pace, sometimes almost hidden behind umbrellas or piles of packages.

"They dash out into the street in mid-block. When they do use crosswalks, they often fail to look out for cars before stepping from the curb."

"The traffic officer is sort of a middleman in this whole picture," he said. "He's got to bring order out of this traffic chaos. He must persuade walkers to stay on the curb until it's safe to cross, keep added motorists from snarling up traffic, and answer all sorts of sensible and senseless questions in the bargain. Walkers and drivers should give themselves and the traffic officers a break this Christmas by staying alert and alive in traffic."

Hico Given Publicity Throughout Nation by Power Company Ads

Industrial development in the towns it serves is currently being given an impetus by Community Public Service Company.

And Hico is among the towns appearing on the list, presented to industry as prospective sites for manufacturing plants.

"Make Your Next Move to Texas, Where There's Room to Grow" is the caption of an impressive message contained in an advertisement in Manufacturers Record. In addition to its regular national circulation, the magazine is mailing the issue to more than 5,000 leading Eastern and Midwestern capitalists and industrialists.

The News Review is indebted to R. L. Bowen, CPS president, for a copy of the issue containing the ad. In a letter to the local newspaper Mr. Bowen said: "We thought this would be an excellent issue in which to present the advantages of locating new industries in Texas, and particularly in the towns which we serve. . . . We felt you would be interested in this effort to bring business to our part of the country."

SANTA CLAUS TO CONTINUE VISITS EACH AFTERNOON

You can bring the children to Hico each afternoon this week, right on through Christmas Eve, with assurance that they will be greeted by Santa Claus.

Ray Cheek is authority for that announcement, and since he heads a Lions Club committee to 'look after such things, he's been in pretty close touch with the jolly old gent and knows definitely about the deal.

Only thing you'd better remember—wrap the kids up well. As for Santa himself, he's used to the cold. And he declares that he has sufficient natural padding to keep him warm even if the predicted cold spell remains through the pre-holiday period. But little hands reaching for candy and courtesy gifts might get chilled unless they're prepared for cold weather.

Ray says his committee also has the matter of distributing friendship baskets well in hand.

All in all, with decorations up over town and Christmas shopping winding up with a bang, you couldn't find a better place to see Santa, meet your friends and make your purchases than the old home town.

And if there's something you need Saturday that's in the eating line or is pretty important, chances are that you will find your favorite merchant on the job here to serve you, in spite of the extra holiday that is being taken by those establishments whose closing wouldn't inconvenience the public.

Boy Scout Council Adopts Slogan for Expansion in 1954

Roy Smith, president of the First National Bank of Killen, was elected president of the Heart O' Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America, for 1954 at the Council Annual Meeting held in the Huaco Room of the Roosevelt Hotel in Waco recently.

Elected to other positions of leadership at the business session were: Harold Nusbamm, Mexia, first vice-president; Boyd Callan, Waco, John Harper, Rockdale, Dawson Cooper, Gatesville, Afton Schulz, Temple, and F. T. McCollum, Clifton, vice-presidents. Paul Dickard of Waco was elected Treasurer, and Clyde Robertson of Killen, reappointed Scout Commissioner.

National Council representatives for 1954 are: A. P. Rowland, Clyde C. Hays, and Pat Targart, all of Waco.

Following the annual meeting, the annual banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, with Ben Smith, Dallas, as guest speaker. During this meeting announcement of the slogan "Let's Do It For Buzz"—the theme for the Council in 1954—was made. Buzz is one of the members of the 1947 crop of boy babies—the largest "boy crop" to ever hit the nine-county area Heart O' Texas Council.

Highlights of the year 1953 in the Heart O' Texas Council as pointed out by retiring Council President Pat Taggart were: expansion of the facilities and land area at Camp Tahauya; increased number of Unit Leaders completing their Basic Training, the fact that the Council led Region IX (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) in increased membership, and that during the month of October the Council doubled its membership of four years ago, and now has a total membership of 7,239, of whom 5,245 are boy members, and 1,994 are adult leaders.

Council members-at-large include Truman E. Roberts of Hico.

FFA ARE GUESTS AT HOMEMAKERS PARTY

The Future Homemakers and Future Farmers of America had their local Christmas party at the Firemen's Hall last Thursday night. After games, Linda Cox, the F.H.A. Chapter president, served punch and cookies from a table decorated with a seasonal arrangement.

Chaperones were Mrs. Wayne Rutledge, F.H.A. chapter mother; Mrs. Sammie Pittman, home economics teacher; Harold D. Walker, vocational agriculture teacher, and Mrs. J. A. Sparks.



Merry Christmas



May your Christmas Day be one of happiness, peace and contentment, with your loved ones at your side!

Most of our employees will have the day off, too . . . to spend with their families and friends, but I'll be on the job as usual to light your tree, brighten your home and operate your electrical appliances.

Warmest best wishes of this joyous Holiday Season to you and yours from all of us!



Reddy Kilowatt
Your Electric Servant

Letters to Santa Claus

Hico, Texas
Dec. 14, 1953

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl three years old and have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a bride doll, doll clothes, a real iron that heats, an ironing board, nurse's kit, cash register, set of dishes and some new records. Thank you, Santa.
Love,

DIANE DUNLOP.

P. S. My little sister, Penny, wants a teddy bear, iron, ironing board, nurse kit and set of dishes.

Toegen Ranch
Hico, Texas
Dec. 14, 1953

Mr. Santa Claus
North Pole, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please give me a big bicycle for Xmas? I have been a good boy and obey my parents. If you have any extra toys or candy, please fill my socks also.

Merry Xmas, Santa! May I place my note under a Xmas tree next Xmas?

EDMUND ROBERT HORTON.
Would you make me some stamps please?

Route 6
Hico, Texas
Dec. 14, 1953

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. Please bring me a walking doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes and some candy and fruit.

I have been a pretty good girl. Also remember my little friends at school and my teacher.

Love,
LINDA STONE.

Monument, N. Mexico
Dec. 10, 1953

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old, and I want you to bring me a doll, a suitcase with doll clothes and a rubber ball.

And don't forget Carol Jean. She is 3 months old. She wants a rubber doll.

Thank you,
CHARLYNE AND
CAROL JEAN THORNTON.

Hico, Texas
Dec. 15, 1953

Dear Santa,
We are two little boys, 4 and 2 years old. We have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a scooter and a gun, and bring my little brother a Teddy Bear and truck.

Hoping to see you Xmas.
WAYLON & JOE LYNN WOLFE

2625 Cleveland
Waco, Texas
Dec. 14, 1953

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a desk, ball and Chinese checker game.

Your friend,
BEVERLY POLK.

At Home
Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl so I imagine I will get some toys from you. I want a doll with a lot of clothes and a baking set with real cake mix, an embroidery set and anything you want to put in my stocking.
Love,
SUZANNE BURDEN.

Box 111
Hico, Texas
Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a walking doll and please bring all the little children who have polio some toys.

Thanks,
GLORIA KAY GOODLOE,
Age 7, Second Grade.

Hico, Texas
Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a ring and watch.

MORRIS LYNN SAMFORD.
Love to all.

Dear Santa Claus: Pedro wants three bones.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three years old. I help my mother and daddy.

Please bring me a:
Doll
Wagon
Plug-in iron
Candy and nuts

I love you,
DENISE WILLIS
Hico, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a (iden.) bracelet and a little doll. Some cards. Some candy and nuts.

I love you,
DONNA WILLIS
Hico, Texas.

Hico, Texas
Dec. 21, 1953

Dear Santa,
I would like a little bicycle, a Sausy Walker doll and a trunk full of doll clothes.

I have been a pretty good girl the past year.

Thank you Santa,
DENNA ELAINE MEADOR.

Hico, Texas
Dec. 17, 1953

Dear Santa,
I am Hobby Don Rainwater, and I am five years old. I would like to have a toy road-grader, a holster set, and lots of candy, fruit and nuts for Christmas.

Don't forget my sister, Brenda, who is two years old. She would like to have a big doll, a set of toy dishes, along with candy, fruit and nuts. Thanks.

BOBBY DON and
BRENDA RAINWATER

P. S.: Please don't forget us.



Merry Christmas

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to extend
our very best to you.

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to wish you well.

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May happiness and joy
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in this season of Christmas.

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Joy
Happiness



1953

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Shine Bright
for You
★

Clairette

By
Mrs. Henry Mayfield

Seasons Greetings to the NR staff, correspondents and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Wolfe and daughter moved Thursday between Hico and Olin. We regret losing these people from our community. They left Friday for Fresno, California, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Roberson and Roland of Fort Worth, Mrs. Wayne Garner and girls of Selden visited Friday night in the Herman Roberson home.

Eleven of the Clairette Home Demonstration Club members attended a county-wide Christmas party Wednesday afternoon at the community room in the new bank at Stephenville.

The Busy Bee Club members and families enjoyed their annual Christmas supper and tree Thursday night. The members and their husbands exchanged gifts. Games were played and the group sang a number of Christmas carols. Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Les Dowdy, Mrs. Maude Dunbar, Mrs. Mary Earll, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Christian and Melinda, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Christian and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Misses Eunice and Nola Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield and Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Von Scott and Devona, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walsworth, Mrs. Mary Koonsman. The party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Von Scott.

Supt. Leslie Seymour of Cisco district filled Rev. R. A. Cox's appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Rev. Cox is ill at Harris Memorial Hospital, Room 766, Fort Worth.

Several have been reported ill with colds at this writing.

Tull Havens of Utah is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Havens.

Supt. Seymour of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Talmon Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alexander of Waco, Sgt. and Mrs. Dal Wheeler and son of San Antonio visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Havens and with uncle Dock Alexander.

Mrs. Wendell Burden and son of Abilene came in Friday night to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly.

A good crowd attended the Christmas program at the Methodist Church Sunday night. An offering was taken for the Methodist Orphans Home of Waco. Visitors were from Hico and Stephenville.

The Baptist people visited the "shut-ins" and old folks Saturday night and gave them a plate of cookies and candy and sang Christmas carols.

Sunday night the Baptists gave their pastor, Bro. Fryer, a pounding and took up a Lottie Moon offering.

Mrs. Morgan Martin visited her daughter, Mrs. Alf Sloan and family of De Leon recently.

Connie Mack Self is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Little and family of Fort Worth visited the Fieldon Halesy Sunday.

Sam Mayfield is on the sick list.

DUFFAU

By
Mrs. Pascal Brown

Mrs. O. M. Evans was called to Athens on account of the death of her brother-in-law, Thursday of the past week.

Bro. Gerald Fruzia of Abilene and Miss Zaida Banks of Tyler and Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ash were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roach Sunday.

Mrs. Phillips entertained her pupils with a birthday party Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served following the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albright and children of Stephenville visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Britton and daughter moved back to their home here. We welcome them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown, Bonnie and Harry and Mrs. P. D. Ash were in Dublin Saturday to attend the double funeral services of their cousins, Linda and Charles Scates, who were burned to death when their farm home burned last Thursday. Mrs. Scates still remains in the Dublin hospital, as she was seriously burned. Their home was a complete loss. Two other children, Hazel, 7, and Paty, 5, were saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentis Newman were in Fairly one day last week on business. While there they visited Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Richardson and son, Jerry and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover.

P. D. Ash of Arlington spent the week end with home folks.

Mrs. P. D. Ash is spending the week in Allington with her husband and in Dallas with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbott. J. A. Craig celebrated his 85th birthday Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Naul and family spent the week end in Arlington visiting their husband and father.

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Greetings



1953

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'merry and bright' . . .

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Saturday, Dec. 26**

(Holiday Weekend)

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And Each Saturday Thereafter

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**HICO
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WITH
EVERY
GOOD
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1953

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Christmas

To our customers and
to our fellow business
Associates, Greetings . . .

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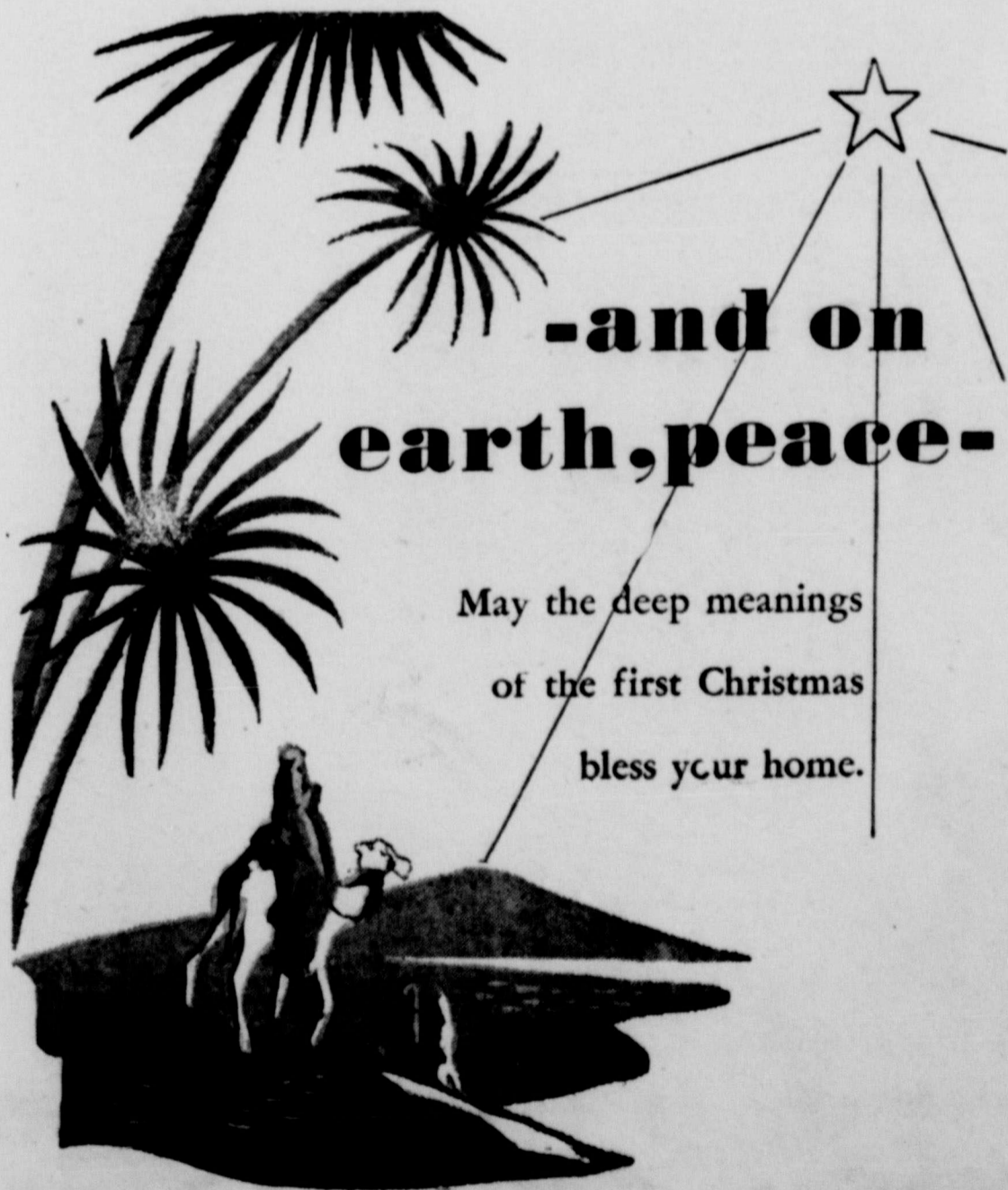
To Every Member
of Your Family . . .
Merry Christmas

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SAM KIRKLAND

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To Relieve
Misery of
COLDS
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LIQUID OR TABLETS - SAME DAY RELIEF



**-and on
earth, peace-**

May the deep meanings
of the first Christmas
bless your home.

BARNES & McCULLOUGH

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Any erroneous reflection on the character, reputation or standing of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling attention of the management to the article in question.

Hico, Tex., Friday, Dec. 25, 1953.

Faulty Mechanism Is Cause in One of Ten Texas Traffic Deaths

Austin, Dec. 21.—Don't let an unsafe car ruin your Christmas plans. Before starting on that holiday trip make sure that you will reach your destination by having your car inspected.

"Accident figures show that one traffic death in every ten in Texas is caused by faulty mechanism," Morris pointed out.

Headlights, brakes, horns, rear view mirrors, and wind-shield wipers—all vitally important during the winter months—must be checked before April 15, in accordance with the Texas Motor Inspection Law, Morris said.

Drivers who are not planning trips should take advantage of the holidays and avoid the rush on car inspection stations that will come after the Christmas season.

"Each year at what is supposed to be our joyous season, we cripple and kill more and more people in traffic," Morris said.

"The Department of Public Safety has estimated that this Christmas will be no exception—that 100 persons will lose their lives. This need not be the result. It can be avoided if we drive carefully, and most important, if we drive soberly. Don't take chances with your life or the lives of others."

Arabian Horses to Be Shown on TV Program, "Texas In Review"

Arabian horses belonging to Gerald Donohue of Gollad will be the subject of the feature on Humble Oil & Refining Company's "Texas in Review" next week.

Mr. Donohue, a former Houston newspaperman, has 12 of the 100 purebred Arabian horses in Texas. The Arabian horse has a dished face and three less vertebrae than the ordinary horse.

"Texas in Review" can be seen on Monday over KRBC-TV, Abilene, 8:00 p. m.; KRRL-TV, Dallas, 7:30 p. m.; WBAP-TV, Fort Worth, 7:30 p. m.; KPRC-TV, Houston, 9:30 p. m.; and KWFT-TV, Wichita Falls, 7:30 p. m.

Texas Farm Prices Remained Firm Through Month of November

Austin, Dec. 21.—Texas farm prices remained firm in November, halting a downturn which dropped average income 20 per cent under the postwar record high, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The November price index exactly equaled that of October and was 14 per cent under the November, 1952 level. Prices for livestock and livestock products were up 3 per cent; fruit, 4 per cent; and oil-bearing crops 2 per cent.

Texas citrus growers are continuing their recovery from the 1951 freeze, cotton production prospects are brighter, and fall rains have improved Texas general agricultural conditions, the Bureau says.

NEARLY HALF OF TEXANS IN TELEVISION AUDIENCE

Austin, Dec. 21.—Top-quality television reception may be made available to small, widely-scattered communities through a network of small transmitters rebroadcasting a program from a central station, a University of Texas editor reports.

Robert H. Ryan, managing editor of Texas Business Review, says about half the people in Texas are now members of the television audience.

St. Olaf Lutheran Cranfills Gap, Texas REV. EINAR JORGENSEN Pastor

Friday, December 25—10:30 a. m. Christmas Day Services and the Holy Communion. 7:00 p. m. Sunday School Festival Service. Sunday, December 27—10:00 a. m. Sunday School Session. 11:00 a. m. Divine Services. 7:00 p. m. Junior Luther League Candle light and Carolling service at the Rock Church.

A sincere welcome to all services and meetings. CORRESPONDENT.

Carlton Mrs. Fred Geyer

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR SCALES CHILDREN

Burial was made in the Carlton Cemetery Saturday afternoon for Linda Scales, 3, who was burned to death Thursday morning when fire destroyed their farm home and all its contents, three miles north of Carlton, and her baby brother, Charles, 11 months, seriously burned in the home, who passed away at 1:30 Thursday afternoon in the Dublin Hospital.

Funeral services were held for them in the First Christian Church in Dublin at 2 p. m. Saturday. Mrs. Scales was severely burned on the face, trying to save her little ones and is a patient in the Dublin Hospital. The parents and two little girls, Hazel, 7, and Pat, 5, have the deepest sympathy of every one in this great tragedy.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell left Sunday for Seagraves to spend the holidays with her son, Dub Mitchell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ellison and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellison and two daughters of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Welch of Dublin were week end and Sunday visitors with their brother and wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stuckley from Occasdale, Calif., were visitors Wednesday afternoon with his aunt, Mrs. M. B. Stuckey.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Broadway left Sunday for Houston to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Manahan.

Mrs. Bertha Baird left Saturday to spend the holidays in Houston with her children and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fields and two children are in Comanche and Brownwood this week spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stidham of San Angelo visited Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Lorena Stidham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Williamson of El Paso, where he is stationed at Fort Bliss, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chambers. Mrs. Ophelia Upham is visiting in Waco with her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Partin and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vaughan and Butch.

Mrs. Dow Self, who had been at home with her sons since Tuesday, returned back to Temple Sunday where her husband is still a patient at the Scott & White Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gibson are spending the holidays in Tulsa, Oklahoma with their two daughters and other relatives. Rev. Carl McKenney preached at the Baptist Church Sunday night in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drott of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson.

Freddie and Jack Henry Self are visiting at Dublin with their aunt, Mrs. Paul Warren and family, and Connie Mack Self is visiting in Clairette with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self.

W. J. Wisdom of Stephenville visited Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Hobdy Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drott were visitors Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams and two children are moving back to Carlton this week from Plain Dealing La., where they have made their home the past two years. Mr. Williams bought the Willie Williamson farm in the east part of town, where they will make their home.

Woody Wilson of Stephenville spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Norma Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moss and children of Roswell, N. Mex., came in Sunday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mrs. Lilla Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Will Moss.

Poultry and Rabbits To Be Featured at Fort Worth Show

Fort Worth, Dec. 21.—One of the most popular departments of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, both in the number of entries and in the number of visitors, is the poultry-turkey-rabbit show.

Poultry, including bantams, will be shown the entire length of the exposition, Jan. 29 through Feb. 7, as will turkeys. New Zealand and California rabbits will be exhibited Jan. 29 through Feb. 3 and will be followed by all other breeds of rabbits. The pigeon show will be held Feb. 3-7.

Ducks and geese also will be shown in competition, single classes only. Varieties of ducks will include Pekin, Ayelsbury, Rouen, Cayuga, Call, East Indian, Muscovy, Swedish, Buff, Crested, and Runner; geese: Toulouse, Emden, African, Chinese, Canada, Egyptian, Sebastopol and Pilgrim. Turkeys will be in three divisions: U.S.R.O.P. breeders; junior; and standard and non-standard.

Game and exotic birds, such as pheasants, peafowl and Chukkar partridges, will be exhibited but not in competition. Deadline for poultry-turkey-rabbit entries is Jan. 15. James R. Grubbs of Bryan's superintendent and C. A. Henning of College Station is assistant superintendent.

NEWS REVIEW ADVERTISING BRINGS RESULTS

Listen as the Redbird Rambles By Carolyn Holford

HATE TO TELL... bad stories about young folks just before Christmas when Santa might be list'nin' but maybe it will induce somebody to make New Year's resolutions with a determination to keep them.

Some newsboy's neglect was uncovered lately when workmen were tearing down the steps at First Methodist Church in preparation to building a new entrance along with other remodeling presently being done.

W. E. Ford, who keeps the church premises clean and at present is sidewalk superintendent for the building project, said he was sure the boy who put them there thought they would never be seen again.

CHURCH ANNEX... meanwhile has been growing. The men from C and E Construction Co. wasted no time in pouring concrete and getting started on the walls of the new portion of the church, which now comes around to form a U-shape.

LOOKING BACK... one year it seemed that almost everyone was proud last Christmas of the new civic improvement that had taken place with the remodeling done at the Bluebonnet Country Club.

There will be some who might be embarrassed to see this report in print, but if anything had been done they would have expected—and received—good publicity, and plenty of it.

SALES TALK... such as the above is nothing compared with sales talk you'll get from Bill Howard when you go in to buy anything at his drug store.

WINTER GOT HERE... exactly on schedule Monday night. Forecasters have become so good that they can tell us where and when tornadoes will strike, and now they can predict the time of the arrival of winter.

A PHENOMENON... of natural beauty was called to the attention of the editor's family by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cheek last Wednesday night.

THIS REDBIRD... is an old Scrooge this year and for the first time in many years, is not sending out Christmas cards.

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Ten Best News Stories Of 1953 Selected by TCU Journalism Class

Fort Worth, Dec. 21.—The duel between Communism and the free world dominated the news in 1953. At least that is the opinion of beginning newspaper people who are first-year students in the TCU department of journalism.

In a poll taken by Prof. Warren K. Agee, department head, students selected six stories dealing with the Red menace in their "Ten Best News Stories of 1953."

Far and away the first choice was the end of the Korean "police action." The death of Premier Josef Stalin ranked second closely followed by the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Altogether, 30 stories were nominated for the list by the students. Some that drew interest but failed to make the top 10 included such items as U. N. action and decisions, our experiments with the H-bomb, the Big Three meeting in Bermuda, the epidemic of tornadoes in the U. S. and the elections in West Germany.

The "10 best" list with typical comment was:

1. End of Korean Conflict. The end of a war that was not a war with nothing gained or settled. Yet it proved the Communists that the free world is prepared to fight for principles.

2. Stalin's Death. Important for two reasons: It brought to an end his regime as symbol of a powerful movement and opened the possibility of an internal eruption in Russia, leading to a change in policy.

3. Coronation of Elizabeth. A postwar high spot for hard-pressed Britain, reminding of the crowning of the first Elizabeth in an era of great prosperity.

4. Rosenbergs' Conviction and Execution. First instance of positive action by U. S. in combatting Communism with extreme penalty.

5. Harry Dexter White Case. American people shocked to find men of such doubtful allegiance in such high office; caused them to wonder about official loyalty.

6. Bobby Greenlease Case. Biggest kidnapping case since Lindbergh affair in 1930's.

7. Repatriation of POW's. Great human interest story of families reunited with most intriguing angle of the 23 who refused to be repatriated.

8. Disappearance of Lavrenti Beria. Fall of Russian secret police chief caused world-wide speculation.

9. Inauguration of Eisenhower Regime. As first Republican administration in 22 years, world was interested in possible changes of policies and direction of U. S. aims.

10. Death of Robert A. Taft. Not only removed top political figure but came at crucial time in story of new Republican regime.

Eight More Texans Die In Hunting Accidents, Fatalities now Total 19

Austin, Dec. 21.—The latest tabulation of Texas hunting season fatalities shows a total of nineteen from both gunfire and drowning, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The last previous report made in late November showed eleven fatalities.

Six of the eight additional deaths were from drowning of duck hunters. Two hunters, a father and son, drowned in North Concho Lake near Abilene.

Two men drowned while hunting in Galveston Bay. A Dallas man drowned while hunting in Breckenridge city reservoir.

A 17-year-old Westlaco boy drowned in trying to retrieve a wounded coot.

The gunfire deaths involved a Waco railroadman shot in the back and killed when he apparently stepped into the line of fire of a .22 rifle held by a 14-year-old boy, who was shooting at a rabbit, and a Dumas pharmacist who shot himself with a .22 pistol apparently while climbing over a fence to shoot at a covette.

Gunfire had caused the deaths of eleven Texans previously listed as hunting casualties this fall.



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Personals

Miss Saralee Hudson of Austin is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simpson and daughter Sue, of Waco, visited Sunday in the home of Mrs. Nettie Meador and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Duke of Hamilton visited here last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mollie Harvey.

Mrs. Tom Munnerlyn of Arlington is spending the holidays here in their home where her husband, who is employed in Arlington, plans to join her for the Christmas week end.

A little girl, who has been given the name of Teresa Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewis of Fort Worth in Hico Hospital Sunday, December 23. The mother is the former Wanda McLendon of Hico.

Paul Wolfe of New York City arrived Monday for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Greenway and daughters, Mary Sue and Lou of Valley Mills visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mackey and Gary and Mrs. Henry Mackey of Clairette were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Mackey and children at Azle, Saturday night they attended the P.P.A. Ice Capades at Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Roy Goodloe left last week end for Aspermont to spend the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dabry. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Goodloe and his sister, Kay, plan to join him this week end.

Wilma Woodard And Derel Fillingim Are United in Marriage

Miss Wilma Joyce Woodard was married Saturday evening at 6:00 o'clock to Airman Second Class Derel E. Fillingim of Sheppard Air Force Base, Rev. L. H. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the nuptial vows at his church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodard of Hico, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fillingim of Iredell, formerly of Hico.

Mr. Woodard gave his daughter in marriage. For her wedding she chose a ballerina length dress of white lace over white satin, and she carried a white Bible topped by an orchid.

School friends of the bride were her maid of honor and bridesmaids, and they wore blue taffeta informal dresses. Miss Betty Koltun was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Jo Ann Johnson of Fort Worth and Miss Doris Fillingim, sister of the bridegroom, from Iredell.

Carel Fillingim of Fort Worth was his brother's best man, and ushers were another brother, Leland Fillingim of Lubbock, and J. A. Godfrey of Lubbock.

Connie Bulloch, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Candles were lighted by Miss Peggy Goodloe and Miss Betty Shook. Mrs. Wayne Rutledge accompanied at the piano, as Miss Carol Ann Harris sang "Because" "The Lord's Prayer," and "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life."

Guests were entertained after the ceremony at a reception for the bride and groom at the home of her parents. Afterward, the couple left on a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, to return Christmas Eve. For traveling, the bride wore a black velvet suit, with black and white accessories.

The couple are both graduates of Hico High School, and Mrs. Fillingim will complete a business course at TSCW at the end of this semester.

Couples Class of Baptist Church Has Party in Teachers' Home

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wootton were hosts to his Sunday School class, the Couples Class of the First Baptist Church, at a Christmas party Saturday night in their home.

The home was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif, the Christmas tree being the center of attraction.

Several games were played under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Brush and Mrs. Milton Dunlop. Gifts were exchanged, and three boxes were fixed, two for shut-ins and one for a needy family.

A refreshment plate was served to members and honorary members, present as follows: Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sowell and Charles M. and Mrs. Marvin Turner, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stone and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaggars, Linda and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dunlop, Diane and Penny, Mrs. Doyle Cain, Jerry and Bill, Mrs. J. D. Brush, Mrs. Bill Rhodes and Sandra, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Wootton and children, Wayland, Patsy and Carolyn.

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Junior Fellowship Progresses to Parties After Carol Singing

Members of the Methodist Junior Fellowship met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Ellis Randals and went on a Christmas caroling visit to homes of shut-ins.

Afterward the primary department was entertained with a Christmas tree and party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. W. R. Hampton.

Mrs. Alvin Casey was hostess to a party for the junior department at her home.



PRESENTS WON'T FIT THE SOCKS of Pat and Mike, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall of Hico, shown above at their home in San Marcos blissfully sleeping while sly Santa empties his pack. Their father, Glenn Marshall, operates a studio and obligingly sent his home paper the timely picture. The mother, the former DeAlva Hammond, taught home economics in Hico High before her marriage.

Mrs. Ben Wright Is Hostess At Party For Friendship Class

The Friendship class of the First Baptist Church had their Christmas party Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Ben Wright.

Members of the class brought gifts which were numbered, then guests drew numbers and exchanged gifts. Games were played, which each one enjoyed very much.

Refreshments were angel food cake, chocolate cake, hot coffee, hot chocolate and candy made by Mrs. Butler.

Present were Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Cleet, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. Cason, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bullard, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Blackburn and the hostess.

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Youth Fellowship of Methodist Church has Holiday Party Sunday

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Intermediate Classes and the Young Folks class met for their Christmas party at the home of Miss Louise Blair Sunday afternoon.

Presents were exchanged, games were played and refreshments were served. Christmas carols were sung by the group. Teachers and counselors present were Miss Blair, Mrs. Odie Petsick, Mrs. Wayne Rutledge and W. R. Hampton.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Akin of Stephenville were here Monday on business and visiting his son, N. N. Akin and family.

Hico WSCS Members Bring Gifts for Shut-Ins To Christmas Social

The Christmas social of the W.S.C.S. was held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Mont Young, with Mrs. Young, Mrs. T. J. Hale, Mrs. Edgar Elliott, and Mrs. D. R. McCauley as hostesses. Each member brought fruits, nuts, and handkerchiefs to be given to shut-ins.

The opening included the devotional, "A Child Is Given," by Mrs. McCauley, a solo, "O Holy Night," by Mrs. McCauley, a prayer by Mrs. Hale, and a song by the group. The program topic was "Gracious Gifts Are Given." Mrs. S. E. Blair Sr. spoke on "Gifts of the Nations, One to Another." Mrs. Fred Jones gave a talk on "Gifts of the Masters," and Mrs. Young had as her subject "Sowers of the Seed."

Others present were Meses. B. B. Gamble, Bob Duncan, J. H. Baldrige, W. L. Malone, Annie Waggoner, John Haines, Marvin Marshall, Loyal Carr, Lusk Randals, Morse Ross, and J. E. Warren. A chicken salad plate was served by the hostesses.

Golden Anniversary of Ables Wedding to Be Open House Occasion

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables are invited to attend an open house at their home on Sunday, December 27, in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Open house will be from 1:00 until 4:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ables were married December 27, 1903. She is the former Minnie Palmer.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to use this method of thanking you, our many friends for every beautiful expression of thoughtfulness; the many lovely cards, letters, flowers, and other means of kindness shown us during the days of our trouble. Truly these days have been made easier by the gracious help of you, our friends.

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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Lee McDonel of Corpus Christi visited his mother and his sister, Mrs. B. J. Fouts this week.

Bobby Gene Patterson and one of his boy friends of Dallas were here Thursday. They visited his grandparents and went hunting.

Rex Jackson of California spent a few days this week with his parents.

Albert Pylant and wife of Kilbuck spent Friday with his father, Mr. W. O. Pylant and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Patterson of Clifton and his sister, Mrs. Leola Wright of Meridian visited their brother, Mr. Patterson and wife Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Jackson of Fort Worth spent Sunday with his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ciccolia of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin visited their son, Mino and family of Dallas this week.

Mrs. McDonel is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Harris of Amarillo.

Mrs. Juda Goadin spent the week end in Dublin with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Noel.

Mrs. John Gaston and her sister-in-law of Cranfills Gap were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rhodes of Fort Worth visited his sister, Mrs. Lee Hudson this week.

Mrs. Albert Hensley visited her daughter, Mrs. Latham of Stephenville this week.

Rev. Wada and wife have moved in. He takes the place of Rev. Terpetra. Will say more next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Anderson and son of Wichita Falls, Mrs. Ruth Anderson and daughters of Beville, Texas spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guinn and sons of Hico were here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hanshaw were in Hico Saturday. Had a Christmas tree and program at the Flag Branch Church on Friday night. A large crowd was there. The pastor, G. W. McDonell and some young folks from Fort Worth came. Hot chocolate and coffee and cake were served. All had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Meridian spent the past Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ike Porter.

Iredell is getting a nice rain today (Saturday).

Another Story—
A WOMAN'S GOOD DEEDS
By MISS STELLA JONES

A filling station is in with the grocery store. "I work in both of them." Beuna showed him the nice things. "They are nice and pretty but not as pretty as my babies."

Harry told them he went to a revival and got converted. "I am a happy man."

They phoned to Mrs. Amons about it. She told him she could give him work but he said he would stay on there. Was in a new addition recently opened.

On Sunday he went with his wife and daughter to a Baptist Church and he joined. His wife was a member.

Mrs. Evans was a fine hand to sew. She sewed for other people. It wasn't long until she had Beuna some nice things made from the material that Norma gave her.

Norma Jean's mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold was not pleased with their daughter's marriage. One of his sisters done wrong and that was it. The man couldn't help what his sister had done. They never did come to see her parents and Norma had not seen any of them until several months after she was taken in this rich woman's home.

One of her mother's sisters, who lived on a big ranch several miles out from Oklahoma City. They found out about her and went there one Friday afternoon in the month of January and took her home with them. They wanted some of her money but she never gave them any. One of the girls slapped her across the face and made her

very angry. She phoned for one of the men to come after her Sunday morning. She never went there again but some of them came to see her and bothered her a great deal.

On December, a week before Christmas, the adoption papers were fixed up and she was Mrs. Amons's daughter by law. On Christmas Eve she got many nice gifts.

Mrs. Amons had a Christmas tree in her home and had gifts for the poor class of people and they were proud of the gifts.

Some of her mother's people tried to kidnap her. They tried 2 or 3 times.

A city detective watched over her. Would see that she got to school and safely home. Albert Hammons was a bachelor. He lived with his parents. He was in his 50's. He loved Mrs. Amons and she loved him, but he knew if he married her all would say he married her for her wealth. He had money but they never did marry. He would go to see her a great deal and would look after Norma.

One of her cousins who tried to kidnap her was put in the city jail.

Norma done fine in school. She finished high school in the month of June before her 17th birthday. Was a large class. She got many nice gifts.

A young man, age 19, was very fond of her. He went with her some. He hinted on an engagement. She told him she wasn't ready for marriage. He was going to make a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Mims, her father's parents, lived in Eldorado, Okla., and Norma Jean had seen them and loved them very much. In the summer she visited them for 2 or 3 weeks and enjoyed herself very much.

The first of July her and three other girls and two boys went there and spent 10 days with her grandparents and they had a big time. Mr. and Mrs. Mims had a cow and they sure enjoyed the nice milk and butter and the vegetables from their garden, and fruit. One of the girls that went was a poor working girl. She went to work after she finished school. She got off for 10 days. One of the men took them to a good fishing place. One of the boys got some nice fat worms for bait. One of the girls was afraid of the worms.

They caught a good many nice fish. A cabin was there and all fixed up and they cooked the fish. They brought other food. They would go bathing in the public bathing pool and sure enjoyed it.

On Norma's 17th birthday on Aug. 15 her foster mother gave her a birthday party in the evening. Beuna was invited and she was there. She was a beautiful girl. Some of the rich girls said, "I would not have invited her. She is a poor girl." Norma told her she was just as good as you are or anyone else.

All of them were having a great time and someone came up in a car. Came to the door and called Norma Jean. "Here is your car from your mother." It was a beautiful 5 passenger Hudson. Norma was so proud of it. She knew how to drive and next day she gave several people a ride.

Norma Jean decided she would go to a Junior College. There she went for two years and made fine grades. She went 2 years to a college. She paid the tuition for two of her girl friends of which they were proud and thanked her.

Her kin people wanted some of her wealth. Kept on going there. The laws of Oklahoma City went to the home and gave them \$3,000 and said to them, "Don't you all bother her again," and they never did.

Paul Brunson, her boy friend, continued his studies. He wasn't a rich mans son. He worked during the summer. Mrs. Amons helped him for that was what she was good for. She never did feel above anyone and she helped one and all. Her wealth done good.

She had a big dry goods store of general merchandise. Had some rent houses also. Was the owner of a wholesale house. Hired men and ladies to run the store. She made her will and gave

some to charity and the balance to Norma Jean.

After Paul got to be a doctor he and Norma Jean got married and their married life was a happy one.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Boura were very happy. He would give her some of his checks every week. "Now honey, don't take in any more sewing," and she did not.

Norma Jean will never forget the day she went to the home of Mrs. Amons.

Mrs. Amons is still living and enjoying good health for a woman of her age. She still helps people. She misses Norma very much after she married and left.

Many young boys and girls can give her credit for their education. She would put them through college. They would call her mother Amons and all loved her very

much. She would feed the hungry and give clothes to the needy. She will have many stars in her crown and Norma Jean will also, for they done many good deeds of kindness to all.

(The End.)

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DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO GRADY ANDERSON

A pair of sadness fell over this and surrounding communities Saturday night when the sad news was circulated that Grady Anderson had passed away very suddenly. He and his wife had attended the Hico auction Saturday of which they are associated. Mrs. Anderson serving as bookkeeper, while Mr. Anderson assisted with the stock. They returned home and after supper decided to drive to the home of one of her sisters, the Thomas family who live near the Leon River. They had only got about two miles on their way when Mrs. Anderson, who was driving, heard her husband make a slight sound and she glanced toward him and saw he had slumped and had his head thrown back. She immediately drove over the highway and opened the car doors, thinking probably he needed fresh air. She was near the W. R. Trigg home (old Joe Rodgers place) at Agee. She honked her car horn. The Trigg family, hearing the sound of the car horn and her cries for help, went at once to aid her and while there the sister and family whom she was on the way to visit came by, as they were on their way to visit the Andersons. Dr. Cleveland of Hamilton was called and pronounced Mr. Anderson dead. Sheriff Woody Young also came and assisted Mrs. Anderson in locating their son-in-law, Harrison Guinness of Brownwood, with the county's two-way radio system. Mr. Guinness is a highway patrolman. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the Bob Riley Funeral chapel in Hamilton with interment in the Fairy Cemetery. Rev. R. R. Shotwell of Hamilton officiated. The Hamilton Quartet had the song service. Floral offerings were large and beautiful. The procession was a mile long.

Mr. Anderson, who was about 47 years of age, survived by his wife, the former Miss Merna Willford and two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Guinness of Brownwood and Miss Virginia of Dallas, and two grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Slater, Fairy, Mrs. Maude Driver, Sweetwater and Mrs. Fannie Michael of Heywood, Calif. and four brothers, Marion of Hamilton, Reuben of Grand Prairie, Sterling of Virginia, and Emmitt of Fairy, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. We are informed that the sister and brother who live in California and Virginia were here for the funeral service.

Grady was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, pioneer residents of the Fairy community. Grady was born and reared at the Anderson farm home about 2 miles south of Fairy where he still resided at the time of his death. He was a farmer and stockman up until a few years ago when, due to ill health, had to cease his farming activities, but still maintained his cattle of which he and his wife took much pride and interest. He will be greatly missed from the community and our deepest sympathy is extended to his grief-stricken wife and daughters and other relatives.

He was born March 5, 1905, and professed faith in Christ in 1923.

We received a light drizzle and fog Saturday with almost clearing skies by today (Monday).

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don were in Waco Friday where Jimmie Don was fitted with another leg brace. He is now wearing one on each limb, the last being advised in order to reduce normal action of his unaffected limb. He is expected to have to wear the brace some 3 months or longer to produce the desired results. He is under the care of Dr. Hipps of Waco. While in Waco the Sellers remained to see the city's Christmas lighting system which was very pretty.

A nice program and Christmas tree was held at the Methodist Church Sunday night. The Lanham church was joint hostess with Fairy church in the program and tree. Rev. Kenneth Wyatt of Temple,

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WEED CONTROL TESTS

Control of weeds by chemical action has become an accepted and common practice on the farm and ranch during the past decade.

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A number of herbicides have been developed by scientists which are used in connection with improved land cultural practices.

New improvements each year have developed chemicals which can be used at low pressure and low gallonage for pre-planting, pre-emergence and soil sterilization treatments. But one herbicide, alone, doesn't have all these qualities.

There is no use looking for a single super-herbicide to kill all weeds under all conditions and still not hurt the crops. The main reason is that crop plants and weeds are closely related. The only answer is specialization; a specific chemical for specific purpose.

There are hundreds of chemical compounds and they affect plants in nearly as many different ways. One compound may kill one plant but not affect another; the same compound may be harmless to the leaves but deadly when used as a pre-emergence treatment.

Because of these facts, it is important to have a screening technique that measures a chemical's over-all activity. Such a technique has been developed by scientists in weed research and the results are made available to the public through federal and state agencies and other sources.

Some 400 new chemicals have been evaluated during the past two years. Several chemicals that show promise are under more intensive study. It is always a good idea for the farmer or rancher to consult with county agents or inspectors from the Texas Department of Agriculture before deciding upon what type of herbicide suits his needs best.

There has been quite a bit of illness in our school and community due to intestinal flu. Several members of the Audie Clark family have been ill during the past week. We hope the epidemic is about over and all will be feeling fine and able to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Our school will dismiss Dec. 23 and resume studies Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers were business visitors in Stephenville last Thursday afternoon and returned by Dublin where they visited a while in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and family.

The writer attended singing at the Church of God in Dublin Sunday afternoon, having accompanied the A. H. Sumnerfords from Carlton. On our return to Carlton we visited a short while with Mrs. Marie Turner and also a short while with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett, tenants at our farm there.

In mentioning birthdates last week we failed to mention that of our grandson, Darrel Allison of Dublin, whose birthday is December 16. Sorry, Darrel, in our Christmas rush we just overlooked that birthdate and are mailing you today, a belated birthday card and gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers and family visited Sunday in Hamilton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sellers and at the Riley Funeral home to be with members of the Anderson family.

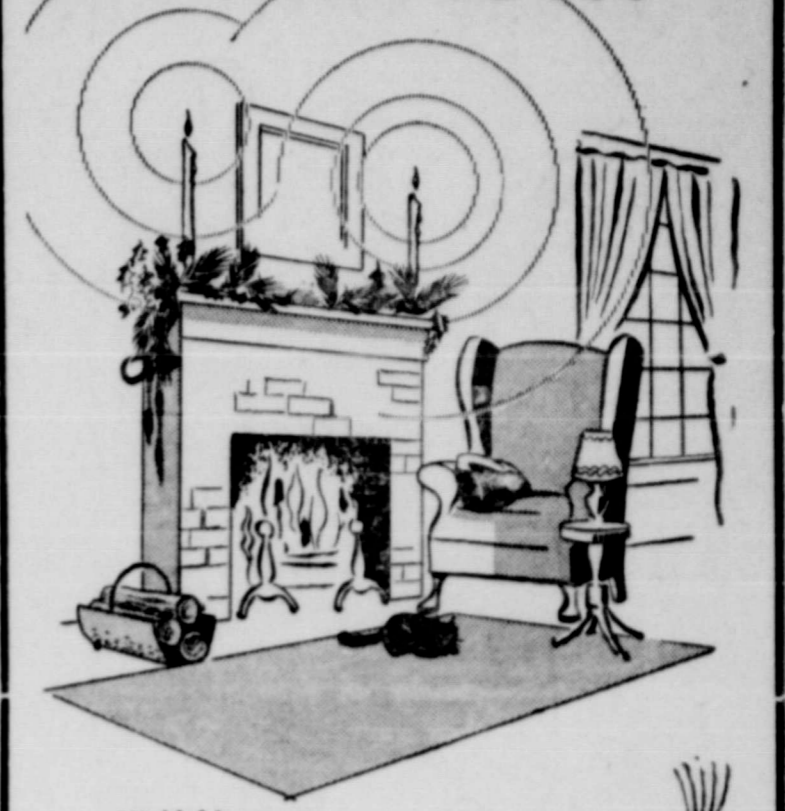
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Happier Fate Than Waste Baskets Found For Christmas Seals

Austin, Dec. 21.—Finding a sheet of Christmas Seals in a waste basket sort of shocks a person who has had personal experience with tuberculosis. Letters reaching the Texas TB Association indicate.

One recently received by Dr. R. G. McCorkle, San Antonio physician who is president of the statewide organization, said in part: "Dear Mr. McCorkle:

"Several years ago we had to return our Christmas Seals because we had a son in the hospital. I wrote you our position and received such a nice letter from you and you have never sent us any Seals since.

"I found these thrown away in the post office and as our son has improved to the point of returning home this year, we want to help again. I am enclosing one dollar and I hope you do not object to me using the Seals although they were sent to someone else."

Also on file in the association office at Austin is a letter received in January 1952. It reads:

"A short while before Christmas at Tarleton State College where I work as a janitor I found a sheet of 100 Christmas TB Seals in a waste paper can. I used these Seals on my Christmas cards and letters. TB is a most dreadful and terrible disease. I am sending you \$1.00 in this letter to pay you for these TB Seals of 1952. . . . My dear mother died of TB in the year of 1906. . . .

But there is a happier note sounded in a later letter from this same man. It reveals that his oldest sister, hospitalized for TB in 1938 regained her health and is busily engaged in preparations for her family's Christmas this year.

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FACE TO FACE: Since early August, I have talked face to face with many thousands of Texas men and women. I have visited every section of the State. I have made some 200 talks before civic and service clubs, chambers of commerce, farmers' groups, women's clubs, school assemblies, trade and professional organizations, and numerous informal gatherings.

I have spent my time visiting with the people of Texas—talking with them—listening to them.

TWO PURPOSES: In addition to the sheer pleasure of seeing so many of my fellow Texans, my travels have had two serious purposes:

To give an accounting of my stewardship to the people who employ me to represent them in the Senate.

To learn from the people themselves—the final source of all government power in our Nation—their views on matters certain to come before the next session of Congress, starting January 6.

I am convinced that, from both standpoints, my traveling has been well worth while.

FAR-REACHING DECISIONS: Congress will have to make many far-reaching decisions during the coming session. In fact, we will be faced with an almost unprecedented legislative logjam. A big stack of unfinished business—left over from the last session—will be waiting.

Much of this business cannot be postponed further. Action is going to have to be taken within the next few months on many matters of great importance.

The kind of action taken will affect us all for years to come.

BIG PROBLEMS: New farm legislation will have to be written.

Steps must be taken to insure our national security.

The foreign aid program must be reassessed.

Money matters—tax and budget proposals—must be gone into thoroughly.

A fair and realistic world trade program must be undertaken.

The fight against communism at home and in the free world must be carried forward.

AVOID DEPRESSION: The question of how to keep the Nation prosperous will be a major concern of Congress during its 1954 session.

I have found, in my travels over Texas, that people generally are feeling uncertain and uneasy about business. Danger signs are visible in lowered farm prices, declining exports, falling retail sales, a considerable decrease in the rate of new construction.

These are signals that we cannot afford to ignore.

FARM PROGRAM: I feel sure that, without regard for partisanship, Congress will resist strongly

any attempt to weaken the present farm program.

I want to apply the same yardstick to farm legislation that I try to apply to other issues coming before Congress. I do not think we should abandon policies of proven soundness because of partisan considerations. I do not think we should oppose suggestions for improvement because of partisan considerations.

I hope we can work out a farm program on that basis. It seems to me the only sound basis.

PERSONAL: I have traveled over Texas many times. Never before have I been received so warmly by all groups and all schools of thought. If there is any appreciable percentage of folks who are not pleased with the work that is carried on in the office of the Senior Senator, I have not been able to find them. I am profoundly and humbly grateful.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS: Lady Bird and I send our best wishes to all of you—to each of you—for a Merry, Merry Christmas and a New Year of Happiness and Peace.



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