

By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Austin, Dec. 6.—Wheels are beginning to turn in anticipation of the Legislature convening here early next month.

Major problem of the solons will be, as usual, how to go about getting the money for demanded state services.

More financing will be asked for various purposes, including highways, welfare programs and education.

Those are the three big items of public expense. But other departments, boards, bureaus and commissions will ask funds for such items as parks and law enforcement.

Also in preparation is the inauguration ceremony, celebrating the taking of office by Governor Allan Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey.

While both are returning to the offices they have held, the occasion will take on the same air of festivity that always has marked such observances.

New Governor. It's "Governor" Dorsey B. Hardeman now. The President Pro Tem of the Senate took over the chief executive's job for a day, Friday.

Reason: Governor Shivers and Lieutenant Governor Ramsey were out of the state and the President Pro Tem is next in line.

"Governor" Hardeman, state senator from San Angelo, is chairman of the Senate's permanent investigating committee and also chairman of the Texas Water Resources Committee.

Stricter Inspections. Former Senator G. C. Morris of Greenville says the Legislature will be asked to strengthen the state's automobile inspection law.

Morris is executive secretary of the Highway Safety Council of Texas. His organization, which sponsored the original law, will ask that "steering mechanism" be included in the law.

Land Case. Cletus P. Ernster of Cuero, one of three men arrested in the Veterans Land Program investigation, has been turned over to the Travis County grand jury.

Ernster is charged with using a forged instrument in connection with a land sale.

Chief witness of the state in the examining trial of Ernster was a Cuero Negro who said he bought land in Zavala County after being led to believe that an oil and gas lease would pay it out.

Sixteen insurance companies have gone into receivership in Texas since January, 1953.

Pioneer Western Mutual Insurance Co. of San Antonio was the sixteenth. A permanent injunction was granted the Attorney General's office against the firm after it failed in its attempt to raise \$130,000 to pay off outstanding claims.

Willis Gresham, assistant attorney general, has resigned to enter private law practice in Houston. Gresham directed the state's investigation of financial and political activities of George B. Parr, which resulted in indictments against 104 Duval County officials.

Resignation of Rudy Rice as assistant attorney general also was announced by Attorney General John Ben Shepperd. Rice will join the law firm of Eskridge, Groce and Hebdon in San Antonio.

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Semi-Finals In Basketball Due Tonight

Semi-finals are being held tonight (Friday) in the Hico Invitational Tournament. Finals in all divisions will be held Saturday night.

During the past week the local teams fared well in the Fairy tournament. The boys beat Iredell on Tuesday night and lost to the strong Fairy team on Friday, 46-44.

CONTRIBUTED.

P-TA Votes to Spend \$250 from Carnival Proceeds on Classrooms

Lennie Branam, minister of the Hico Church of Christ, was guest speaker at the December meeting of the P-TA Monday night at the high school auditorium.

A Christmas program was presented by the Fifth and Sixth Grades under the direction of Mrs. L. S. Chandler and Mrs. Joe E. Taylor.

In business session, the P-TA voted to spend \$250 for individual classroom needs. The money, part of the proceeds from the Halloween carnival, will be used to purchase equipment requested by the teacher and students of each room.

Scout Field Executive Shows Film to Parents and Cub Scout Leaders

A training program, illustrated with films, was presented by Pete Wagner of Gatesville, district field executive of the Heart of Texas Boy Scout Council, at a meeting of Cub Scout leaders and parents at the First Methodist Church here last week.

YOU and Social Security

YOU and Social Security. Tell neighbors, friends and relatives to get in touch with the Social Security Administration for answers to social security questions.

For answers to your questions, see Mr. Clepp of that office who will be in Hamilton at County Courtrooms between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 11:00 a. m. on Wednesday, December 15.

There are 113 Texas counties in the disaster area at present.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Advertisement for Christmas shopping with signs: 'HURRY!', 'ONLY 12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS', 'HAVE YOU MADE OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST?', 'CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER', 'SHOP EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH!'.

Buildings Ready to Show At Fairy Schools Sunday

Frank Hanes, superintendent of schools at the progressive community of Fairy, Hico's neighbor a few miles south on a paved F-M road, this week announced open houses for school patrons and friends for Sunday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 4 p. m.

Inspiration for the celebration, to which the entire public is invited, is the culmination of a building program which has improved the plant immensely and assured fulfillment of future needs of the large district over which four school buses are operated.

"Our buildings were ready for occupancy when school opened Sept. 8," Superintendent Hanes said, "but we wanted to put a few finishing touches on and get used to the premises before we asked our friends to visit with us."

The complete job is done now, he added with justifiable pride, which is shared by the trustees, faculty and patrons and contractors who are anxious to greet visitors Sunday.

Enabling the improvements, consisting of an entirely new elementary school building and remodeling of the two existing buildings housing the high school and the gymnasium, was a \$55,000 bond issue voted by the district last Spring.

Henry-Seay & Company of Dallas handled the legal procedures connected with sale of the bonds. N. E. Wiedemann of Waco was the architect.

Work started as soon as school closed in May. Two separate contracts were let, with H. H. Tomlinson of Hamilton as successful bidder on the new elementary building, receiving the contract to remodel the high school building and the gym.

Exterior of the new elementary building is brick. Facing south, it is located in front of the main building and is connected thereto with a covered walkway.

This building consists of four classrooms, a hall, a book room, modern rest rooms and a supply room.

Each room is painted in pastel shades, with tile floors and modern equipment throughout.

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There are five classrooms with new and modern equipment, including a science room complete with convenient cabinets and laboratory equipment, and a study hall with new book cases and desks.

Each room has correct lighting and good ventilation, with tile floors. Walls and ceilings are painted in pastel colors here also.

Several sub-contractors participated in this work under the supervision of K. A. Sparks of Hamilton, as was the case in the work on the gymnasium.

New Celotex has been applied to the ceiling of the gymnasium, and its interior has been repainted. Addition of asbestos siding dresses up the exterior.

The lunchroom has asbestos siding, with new lunch tables. One teacherage is now being sided.

Walks have been constructed completely around the elementary building to the gymnasium and lunchroom.

In the lunchroom is located the Homemaking Department.

The school also has a vocational agriculture shop constructed last year, one large bus shed, and a duplex teacherage.

The Fairy school system has ten teachers and offers a variety of courses. Composing the faculty are: Frank Hanes, superintendent, who teaches one course in history; Boyd Lowry, high school principal and boys' athletic coach, science; Billie McClure, math and commercial subjects; Mrs. Beesie Lee Fitzhugh, English and music; Mrs. J. J. Jones Jr., homemaking; Martin Schrank, vocational agriculture.

Irvin Jones Jr., grammar school principal, teaches the fifth and sixth grades; Mrs. John Rainwater, seventh and eighth; Mrs. Evelyn Sorenson, third and fourth; Mrs. Willo Bradley, first and second, and music.

MORE BEAUTY SPOTS FOR HICO

It's time for planting shrubs and trees. It's also gift-giving time. Make your friends happy by giving a beautiful shrub or tree to them for Christmas.

Make your Christmas tree a tree of life. After you use it inside for your Christmas tree, you then could plant it out in your yard.

You pay no more for a tree you could enjoy the year round than you will for one you burn or pay to have hauled away.

Lone Star Gas Co. Endorses Dec. 15 Date As 'Safe Driving Day'

D. A. Huley of Dallas, Lone Star Gas Company president, has endorsed the December 15 "S-D Day" sponsored by President Eisenhower's Action committee for Traffic Safety.

"S-D Day" is "Safe Driving Day," a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when each motorist and pedestrian accepts full personal responsibility of all traffic regulations.

"The goal for S-D Day," said Huley, "is for every community to be accident-free for the 24-hour period of December 15, when every citizen is being asked to drive and walk as he would have everyone else drive and walk."

Huley said that Lone Star employees are aligned in a solid front to support S-D Day. However, he stated, our employees are constantly undergoing a safety education program with the purpose of making every day a day of safe-driving.

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

Weather report table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Prec. Rows for Dec 1 through Dec 7.

Entries Solicited in Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

Cash Prizes Offered In Three Divisions For Best Decorations

The Hico Garden Club's committee on Christmas lighting is ready to receive entries in the 1954 Christmas home decoration contest.

The committee, composed of Mrs. Bette Meador, Mrs. Bob Duncan and Mrs. Fred Rainwater, is anxious to cooperate in any way possible with information and suggestions.

A total of \$37.50 in cash prizes will be distributed into three divisions with \$7.50 first and \$5.00 second prizes to be awarded in each as follows:

- 1. Religious Theme
2. Original Decoration
3. Most Attractive to children

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Decorations must be up by 6 p. m., December 18, and remain up through December 26. Lights must be turned on by 6 p. m. and left on until 9 p. m. each day of the contest.

Decorations must be up over town, and stores are taking on a holiday look. With just about a week left for entering the contest on home decorations, artistic arrangements should begin blinking over the entire town, just any time now.

Preparations Made for Christmas Activities At Lions Club Meeting

Christmas planning occupied members of the Hico Lions Club at their regular weekly meeting Wednesday at Loderbrook Cafe.

A program expected for this week failed to materialize. President Wayne Rutledge announced that it had been re-scheduled for next week.

He also acknowledged a donation of \$50.00 from the Women's Society of Christian Service for Christmas baskets.

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LETTERS from Readers

THANKS WATER DEPT. FOR FAVORS RENDERED TO LIVESTOCK RAISERS

It seems the drought has now passed, but the opportunity to express my appreciation to the City Water Department of Hico has not.

It therefore affords me much pleasure to offer my thanks and appreciation, which no doubt is shared jointly with me by the other livestock raisers of this community, to the said City Water Department of Hico for their timely assistance to the long-faced stockmen and their following herds.

For a small fee to cover expenses, members of the Water Department worked earnestly and with much patience in the rescue.

Thanks again, gentlemen, and may your awards be great for your efforts in behalf of those in distress.

Prices Lose Home And Contents by Fire Last Friday Midnight

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. (Buck) Price lost their home and contents by fire last Friday night, while they were visiting in East Texas.

Discovered about midnight, the blaze had gained such headway by the time of the arrival of the fire department that it burned to the ground in a short time.

C. C. Christopher turned in the alarm, having noticed the glow on his 12 o'clock nightwatching round. A few neighbors also were aroused, but were helpless in the situation which shortly attracted a large crowd along with the firemen.

The property lies just beyond the city limits of the Cox-Weaver Addition, northeast of the business section.

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FAIRY

By
Mrs. Eunice Massengale

The Texas weather still keeps us guessing. Saturday night we had summer temperatures and were able to sleep with open windows and doors, then about four-thirty Sunday morning, a blustery northwest breeze blew in which dropped temperatures greatly. Monday was fair and warm and today (Tuesday) we have partly cloudy skies and much cooler temperatures.

Dewey Wilson, our cemetery caretaker, began another overall clean up job at the cemetery Monday. Although it was not in bad shape, we hope to have it looking quite nice along with Christmas memorial wreaths and sprays during Christmas season.

Seems most everyone is possessing the Christmas spirit early this year and Christmas shopping seems to be in full swing. We note many are buying or going to the country and bringing in their trees. Seems by Christmas these trees are going to be rather dry and everyone should use every precaution against fire hazards with the Christmas tree.

There are usually so many tragedies around Christmas time, we are already learning of these by radio and television, and although it might not be in our own immediate family, it is only human nature for the burdens and sorrows of others to be our burdens too.

A basketball tournament was held last week at our school gym. Although this scribe didn't learn of it until about 20 minutes before the last series of games started Saturday night, or we might have tried to attend some. Since we have no children in school, we can't keep tabs on the activities in progress there.

Junior Jones, one of our efficient faculty members, informed us Monday that the school is holding open house next Sunday, December 12, from 2 to 4 p. m. All have a cordial invitation to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Licett and her brother, Lois McCoy and daughters, Floretta and Sherry Lynn, all of Fort Worth, spent Sunday with their sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blakley and Lera Jane. Other visitors were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCoy of Fairy. The Fort Worth visitors are former residents of Fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don spent Sunday in Dublin visiting in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and Darrel, and the Allison's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Syl Dyer of Hamilton are the proud parents of a little son born Friday, November 26 at 8:30 p. m. at the Comanche Hospital. He tipped the scales at 7 pounds and 8 ounces and has been christened Randy Lee. Mrs. Dyer is the former Deanie May Lewis of Fairy.

The writer attended singing at Evergreen, near Hamilton Sunday accompanying the A. H. Sumerford from Hamilton. A very good number was present and all enjoyed the singing. However the crowd was less than usual due to the serious illness of Mr. White, who suffered a heart attack early Sunday morning. He is the father of Elbert White, who is president of the singing class there. He had worked all day Saturday at the church, assisting in converting the church tabernacle into class rooms and is thought the attack was due to over exertion. The Whites celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this year. He and his wife were regular attendants at the singing and we surely missed them, and our best wishes are extended to the family in this time of deep concern in the father's illness.

Sam Priest of near Duffau spent Thursday night with his nephew, Dewey Wilson. Before returning home Friday he and Mr. Wilson visited the Fairy Cemetery where his wife is buried and also a number of other relatives.

The writer was in Dublin Friday of last week and Monday of this week, where we visited in the home of our daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison. We accompanied Mrs. Allison to Stephenville where we received treatment at Dr. Daniel's clinic.

Mrs. Dorman Vance and Cindy spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jackson and Gwen, while Dorman was on a deer hunt.

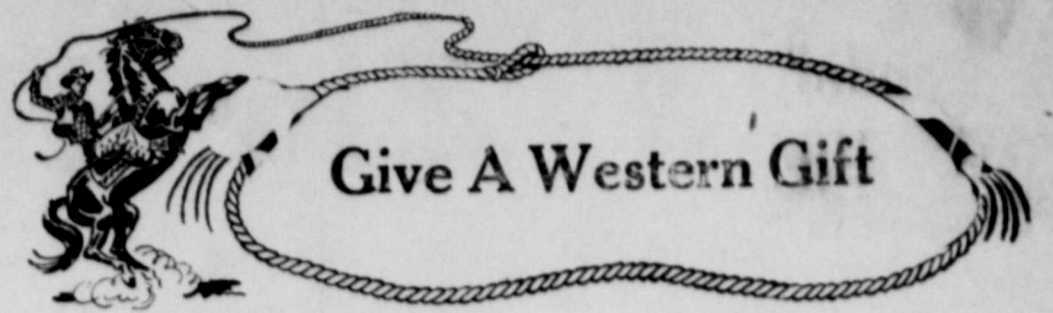
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gist and Mr. and Mrs. King Gist of Fort Worth are visiting at this writing with old friends of this community. Mrs. Bill Gist is the former Ella Crow of Fairy. All except King's wife are former residents of Fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Miller and Ronald of Fort Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller and Mrs. M. E. Parks and Audie, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Driver of Grand Prairie visited last week end in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Driver and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wolfe.

Mrs. H. F. Vanlandingham of Fort Worth received two broken ribs last Friday about noon when her car overturned, a Packard, on a short turn near the Jud Massengale home. Mrs. Vanlandingham was on the way to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McVicker of the Lanham community. She had had a bad dream about her mother the previous night and felt she must come and see about her. Her husband came down for her that night. W. E. Goyne of Fairy came along and picked up the injured lady and carried her to the home of her parents.

The writer attended singing at Carlton last Tuesday night.



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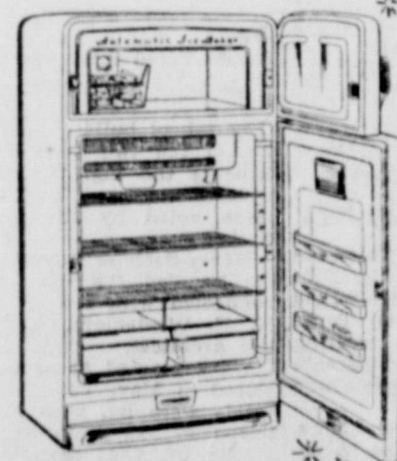
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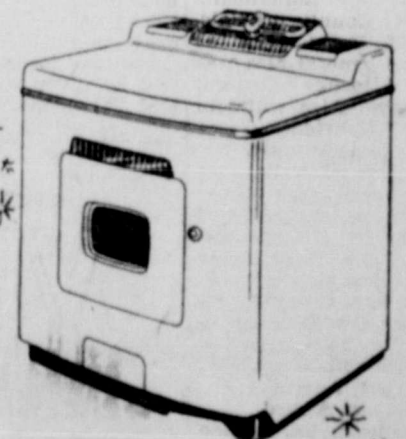


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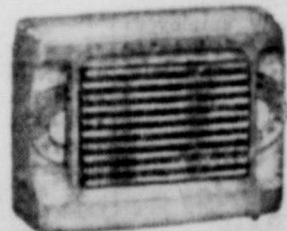
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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Estein of Waco spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gann of Clifton visited their brother, R. Y. Patterson and wife Saturday night.

Guy Frank Main, who works in Fort Worth made a business trip to California recently.

Mrs. Lesley and Mrs. Clarence Stroud and son of Walnut Springs spent Friday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hudson.

Mr. Allen Dawson is up and around after a spell of virus pneumonia.

Dr. and Mrs. Hayes are visiting her brother, Bill Stroud and wife. They also visited in Hamilton.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton and two children of Colorado City spent the Thanksgiving holiday's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mize.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bill Davis of Miles spent the week end here with relatives and he went deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Golbow of Adicks spent the week end with her father, Mr. John L. Tidwell and wife.

Mrs. J. E. Lawrence spent from Saturday until Wednesday in Lubbock with relatives.

James Wyche of Lubbock spent Thanksgiving Day with his mother. She went home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pylant and son, Arthur Earl and wife of Dallas spent the week end with his father and wife and other relatives.

The sale from the bazaar and the "old country store" was between \$80 and \$85. Every thing was sold. Had a little sale also.

Mrs. Albert Hensley has returned from Stephenville, where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Wilda Fasham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trotter and his mother of Walnut Springs were here Saturday.

The study on India was brought by Mrs. Ralph Bradley and Mrs. John Tidwell on Monday afternoon at the WSCS. This is the last part.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cranfill and two children of Fort Worth spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Russell and husband.

W. E. Boyd Jr. is having a brick residence built on the lot between the old cemetery and the Gordon house.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Luck of Dallas spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Mr. T. M. Tidwell got word that his old friend and school mate, Eugene Fellers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, had passed away Oct. 10. He was 77 years old and was born in the Rocky community and lived there many years. He taught school at Flag Branch. I remember Eugene. We were in school together. Many of the old ones will remember him.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Needham and baby girl of Hico are with her mother, Mrs. Maye Stevens.

Mr. Willie Music is ill and in the Holt Hospital.

CLAIRETTE

By Mrs. Henry Mayfield

Several from the Baptist Church attended the Baptist Workers Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Stephenville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson visited Mr. Jack Carter and Mrs. Jim Hart and children Thanksgiving Day near Deadman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Fry and son of Fort Worth visited Saturday in the Ike Saknon home.

Sgt. and Mrs. Dal Wheeler and son of Killeen spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Biri Havens. Mrs. Havens returned home with them to spend the week.

The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Ethel Self Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Christian entertained the Busy Bee Sewing Club

members last Thursday afternoon. Besides the members, one visitor, Mrs. Ann Womack and baby of California was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield and son spent the week end in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Duncan and children.

Some from here attended the P.T.A. meeting in Hico Monday night.

TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Farrar will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 12 with an open house at their home in Clairette.

The former Miss Laura Hammitt and Mr. Farrar were married on Dec. 11, 1904, in Alexander, Texas, where she was born and reared.

He is a native of Boyce in Ellis Co. The couple farmed north of Alexander for about 45 years before his retirement several years ago. They have lived in Clairette three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrar are the parents of four children. They have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NOTICE

We are asking the cooperation of the public in reducing fire hazards by checking all gas fittings and appliances.

In several instances, rubber hoses are being used to connect heating devices. This is a dangerous practice, and is discouraged by the State Fire Insurance Commission.

If you do use rubber hose, it is desirable to have only one cut-off, next to the wall.

These recommendations are being made for our mutual protection. Please call on W. R. Hampton for cooperative suggestions.

HICO CITY COUNCIL

Santa Needs a Helper!

... And That's What Barnes & McCullough Have Set Out to Do



Don't Be PUZZLED - Give Something for the HOME

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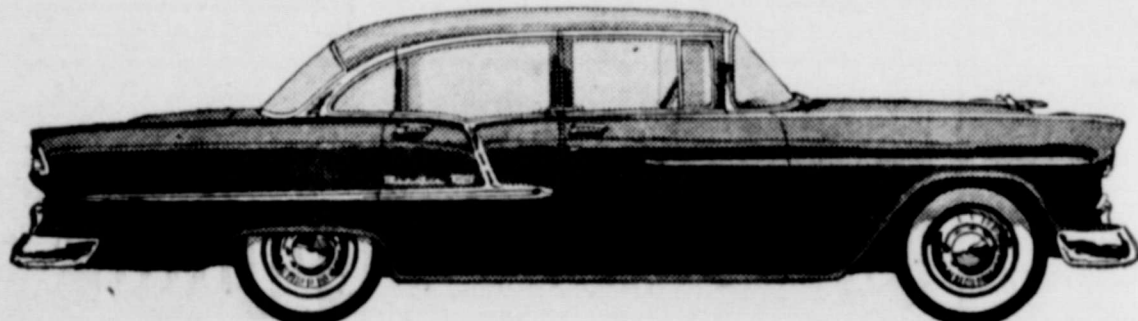
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The Bel Air 4-Door Sedan—one of 14 new Fisher Body beauties in three new series

Maybe once in a car-buying lifetime, you come across something that breaks all the old patterns and establishes new ones. This is that kind of car. This is the true story of how Chevrolet and General Motors shaped a new idea in steel.

Like most good ideas, this one is pretty simple. Chevrolet and General Motors set out to build the first low-priced car that would:

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- bring you the most advanced engine design and engineering features.
- bring you the kind of performance and the kind of ride that have never been available before in a low-priced car.
- bring you the highest quality of manufacture and materials.

All this in Chevrolet's price field? That did take some doing! And isn't it logical that only Chevrolet and General Motors have the people, skills, resources and facilities, to carry out this exciting new idea? Here is how this new Chevrolet changes all your ideas about cars!



Real Show-Car Styling!

Your eye tells you the Motoramic Chevrolet is no styling "patch-up" job. A rakish, low profile... soft swiftness from its sleek rear fenders to its wide-eyed Sweep-Sight windshield... a new outlook for motoring. And that outlook doesn't change when you slip inside... exciting fabrics and trim are harmonized with the whole car.



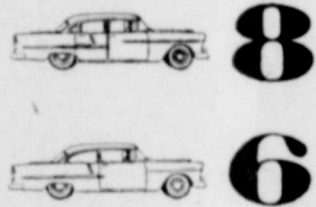
A Sensational Ride!

You live the new idea instantly... you glide... actually glide because spherical joints "roll with the punch" of the road in Chevrolet's new Glide-Ride front suspension. And outrigger rear springs mean new balance in turns... turns made so effortless by new ball-race steering. And when you stop suddenly, new Anti-Dive braking control checks that nosing down in front... you get "heads up" stopping. Tubeless tires mean much greater protection against blowouts. And with new high-level ventilation there's fresher air.

Drive with care... EVERYWHERE! Make December 15 and every day SAFE-DRIVING DAY!

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You also feel the new idea quickly... quick power like a panther's paw with the new "Turbo-Fire V8" (162 h.p.) and two new "Blue-Flame" 6's. And sparking this performance is a 12-volt electrical system giving you better ignition, faster starting, greater electrical reserve for any of the power assists you might desire. You have a transmission choice of economical Overdrive and improved, automatic Powerglide (optional at extra cost) or standard shift.



Even Air Conditioning!

And if you desire the convenience of power assists (optional at extra cost)... you'll find new power-steering and improved power brakes on all models. Power-controlled windows and powershift seat are available on the Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models, while air conditioning may be added on V8 models.

Won't You Try It?

Here, we can only tell you how successfully the Motoramic Chevrolet expresses the new idea behind it. But the car itself can quickly show you! Come in for a demonstration drive, won't you, first chance you get.

MORE THAN A NEW CAR,
A NEW CONCEPT OF LOW-COST MOTORING

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motoramic
CHEVROLET



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Hico, Texas, Friday, Dec. 10, 1954.



IT'S THE LAW in Texas

A public service feature of the Hico News Review

GOVERNMENT OF LAW IS AMERICAN TRADITION

What is a "Government of law?" Most of us run across this phrase from time to time, but few stop to think what it means. It has a special significance and is extremely important to each of us as an American citizen.

The implications of the term are broad, but its basic definition is simple: Because legal controversies must be tried and determined in our courts on established and recognized public standards of right and wrong, we call ours a government of law—as distinguished from a government of men.

If judges and juries were not bound by law and precedents—if in each lawsuit the judge or juror could set up a private standard of rights and duties as a basis for deciding that case—we would have a government of men. No one would know in advance of the decision how he should have acted in a particular situation. Cases arising out of similar circumstances would not be decided on settled principles but on the personal ideas of the trial judge or juror.

Judges get the law by which they decide the legal questions arising in a lawsuit from three sources: federal and state constitutions; federal and state statutes; and from previous judicial decisions and legal writings. Previous decisions state the public standards of rights and duties in matters not covered by constitution and statutes.

Judges have access to those statements of the law and know which apply to the situation involved in any lawsuit. So that justice may be done according to the law, it is imperative that the jurors in each case accept the law as the judge gives it to them. They are therefore required to base their verdict on his instructions as to the law, rather than on their own notions of what the law is, or ought to be.

For somewhat similar reasons there are rules governing the way a case is to be tried in court. These rules prescribe what must be stated in the pleadings, in what order evidence must be presented, what evidence is proper, what form questions must take, in what order lawyers are permitted to argue, what is permissible and what is not permissible argument.

If it were not for these rules no one could foresee what would happen during a lawsuit. It would be impossible to prepare properly for the trial. No one would know, until the judge had ruled, what he would be permitted to say or do, or in what order. Such a situation would inevitably result in confusion and injustice.

The whole purpose of laws and rules is to insure equal justice by providing a single standard of rights and duties, applicable to all persons similarly situated. This is what we should remember when we hear or read the phrase, "Government of Law."

(This column, based on TEXAS law, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.)

DUFFAU CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday— 10:00 a. m. Bible Study. 11:00 a. m. Worship & Communion. 1:00 p. m. Herald of Truth, WHAP. 6:30 p. m. Young People's Class. 7:00 p. m. Evening Worship. Preaching by Clovis Allen. Wednesday— 7:30 p. m. Mid-week Class.

Listen as the Redbird Rambles

By Carolyn Holford

HAY RIDES... enjoyed by the young people of Hico and reported in last week's HNR remind the Redbird that she neglected to mention a similar event enjoyed by a group of past-teen-agers who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonner a couple of weeks ago. From there they traveled to the nearby mountain top for a good old-fashioned wiener roast and afterwards enjoyed several games reminiscent of high school, well calculated to make one believe that he or she is not so far past the teen-age after all.

Congratulations are due Mary Bonner for being such a gracious hostess and organizing the party so that kiddie-games could be played with ease, without being altogether too childish. She is also to be hailed as somewhat of an individualist in this new modern era of television and indoor games which often seems to make adults forget that there are many old reliable forms of entertainment which are more stimulating or more challenging.

Among those present at the outing were Hazel and Jimmie Ramage, Elizabeth and Jewel Ramage, Ludell and Ray Cheek, Betty and Buck Meador, Judy Gamble, Louise Blair, the Redbird and the hosts; also a visitor from Houston, Jim Collier, who dropped in to see how people in the country entertain, or perhaps because he already knew how well the Bonners were versed in this, having been a former roommate of Frank's and having visited there before.

"AFTER READING... your article in last Friday's NR, I am concluding that you are going 'fishion'."

That was the opening paragraph of a "fan letter" welcomed this week by the Redbird from an authority much better versed in knowledge of electricity and things atomical or energetic than this writer. Wouldn't you know I'd get caught with my ignorance exposed? I can't answer the questions, but following is the rest of the letter. (The author is retired from a profession of various plant and office jobs with Community Public Service Company.)

You are doubtless aware that there are many ways of releasing the energy of the atom other than by fission. For instance: Have you ever slid across the seat in your auto and then touched some nearby metal? The sudden release of the energy expended in sliding across the seat is shocking.

Or: Have you ever stroked the back of a black cat on a dark night and observed the shower of sparks catapulted into the air? The energy released is almost catastrophic.

I rather suspicion that if the back of one of these black-and-white nocturnal "kitties" that now are prevalent in town, were stroked that the sudden release of energy would be overwhelming; at least that's my suspicion. Up to now I haven't had the courage to experiment along that line!

Your friend, WADE H. GREENSLIT.

TIME TO FORGET

... science this week, that is, if you readers had enough last week of the Redbird's Rambles through a limited knowledge of the atom and radar. After all, it is nearly Christmas time, and thoughts should be turning to the spirit of good neighborliness and cheer and of renewing old friendships through Christmas cards and gifts.

HOLIDAY SONGS

... seem to present a more melodic and thoughtful theme this year, as they do only ever so often. This nation has not actually had a truly perennial song since the year "White Christmas" came out. Maybe the presentation of the movie by the same name has inspired song writers to compose verses that have a deeper significance than "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

Jimmy Boyd, we might mention in passing, has a new one called, "I Saw Mamma Doing the Mambo with You-Know-Who Last Night." But we might be able to overlook this one and the Jingle Bells Mambo, in view of some of the other more beautiful tunes.

One delightful melody expresses the idea that there is no place better to be than to be Home for Christmas. If popular tunes could be called influential, this one should be a help in keeping down automobile accidents; that is, of course, unless a person lives away from the place he called "home."

Another nomination on our list for Hit Parade notoriety is the song expressing the idea that "I know it's Christmas because a stranger smiled at me today, and I saw a man buying a gift for his family, etc."

None of these, in our opinion, has yet approached the classical aspect of "White Christmas"—but there are still a few more weeks until Christmas Day, and there seem to be good prospects for hearing one sooner or later.

Make Everyone Happy



The gift for the home makes everyone happy. Shown is a roomful of home gifts that will enable you to get the most out of life. There is a return to home entertaining, and this room setting provides all the ingredients. The stacking tables for snacks, the arm chair and the ottoman with zip-on upholstery covers for foam rubber cushions, the television set, the spinet organ, the leather upholstered occasional chair, the radio, the lounge chair, the new curved sectional sofa, and the glass topped coffee table are all designed to make your home a more enjoyable place for many years to come. The sofa, too, has zip-on upholstery covers. Just send them out to be cleaned when they become soiled. Note how the organ in this room becomes the focal point. There is an ever-increasing interest in music in the home. It's fun; it's healthy—and you can select furniture that is beautiful, yet requires the minimum amount of care.

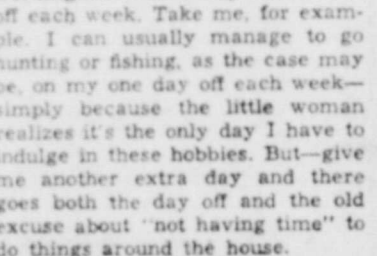
my PET PEEVE by Mike Bennett

OUR great scientists have long had the habit of coming out with unbelievable predictions for the future. A lot of us are prone to scoff sometimes but we always laugh quietly up our sleeve. After all, these guys did come up with A & H bombs. They're capable of almost anything.

But I want to register right now my non-credulity in regard to predictions being made by some of our leading economists, who, it seems, must be a little jealous of scientists, for they're surely getting into the prediction business.

What are the economists saying? Among other things they promise that it won't be too many years before the average American will be earning more money by working less hours! One of them, a former presidential adviser, says by 1960 earnings will be up 40 per cent, but the work week will be five hours less. And, he adds, this will happen, despite the fact our labor force will continue to grow. This isn't war prosperity he's talking about, either, because it's based on the condition defense expenditures and government business expenditures remain at present levels.

I'm not too sure the average workingman wants any more time off each week. Take me, for example. I can usually manage to go hunting or fishing, as the case may be, on my one day off each week—simply because the little woman realizes it's the only day I have to indulge in these hobbies. But—give me another extra day and there goes both the day off and the old excuse about "not having time" to do things around the house.



THE STARS

By LYN CONNELLY

ANNE WHITFIELD, who has been heard as Claudia on "One Man's Family," since she was seven years old, celebrated her 16th birthday in August. When writer-producer Carlton Morse first started her on the program, Anne was so tiny she had to stand on a box before the microphone. Now she's a senior in high school, the belle of the school dances, and to quote Morse, a young lady who can stand up to the mike as "one of the finest young actresses in the business."

Tennessee Ernie has a favorite pastime of collecting "Bekin' good eatin' recipes" which he passes on to his radio audiences. Frequently, listeners add to his collection by sending him recipes which range anywhere from good Southern dishes to fantastic conglomerations. Xavier Cugat will play himself in the latter half of the movie about his life. Interesting point: how will Cugat's life get past the movie censors? Judy Garland's marriage is shaky due to the nerves she worked up through 10 months of emoting for "A Star is Born."

PLATTER CHATTER

COLUMBIA — That rhythmic South African song, "Skokkiaan" is given words and a new rendition by the popular Four Lads. Flip side has "Why Should I Love You?" Jo Stafford, always dependable in the world of discs, does a fine number called "The Temple of an Understanding Heart." "Nearer My Love to Me" backs it. Frankie Laine does a magnificent job with a spiritual-type song called "Rain, Rain, Rain." This should be big for Frankie. Reverse has "Your Heart—My Heart."

Letters to Santa Claus

Letters to Santa Claus received from children by next week end will be printed in the News Review before Christmas.

A couple of early arrivals on file appear below:

Hico, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I've been a pretty good girl for Mother and Daddy. I am four years old. Please bring me a doll that wears its pants. Also skates and a play-Docor set. I want nuts and candy too. Goodbye. DENISE WILLIS.

Hico, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I have tried to be good. Please bring me a baby doll, which I can hold in my arms, and would you please bring me a basketball set and would you please bring me a Bible. Love, DONNA WILLIS.

Declining Revenue From Tourist Trade Costing Texas Heavily

Austin, Texas.—Declining vacation travel in Texas, which does no advertising for tourists, has cost the state more than \$77,000,000 in the last two years, the Governor's Economic Advisory Commission was told Monday.

James F. Melton, on loan from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be acting director, pointed up the loss in a report to the commission at its two-day meeting here.

The question of whether Texas should take steps to create an industrial commission with state funds for advertising is under study by the commission.

Currently it appears a provision in the State Constitution would prevent spending of public funds for publicity to attract people here.

Burnell Waldrep, assistant attorney general, said the provision bans spending to bring in immigrants.

He said a proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate the prohibition has been drafted.

Melton pointed out that even without advertising Texas is gaining faster than other states in attracting manufacturing establishments. From 1947 to 1952 it gained 84 per cent—the highest of any state—in the value added by manufacturing. It gained 27 per cent in employees, to rank fourth.

But Texas is lagging in getting its share of the estimated 13 to 22 billion dollars spent annually on vacations.

Florida found that it earned \$6.36 for the state treasury for each dollar spent on advertising, Melton said. In addition, Florida merchants netted more than \$120.

Those gains were based only on tourists whose visits to Florida were directly traceable to results of a \$500,000 advertising budget. In Southern California, he said, it was the same.

But, he said, in 1952 Texas had 740,000 fewer out-of-state visitors than the year before, and in 1953 it had 842,500 fewer than in 1952.

Reasons why Texas is attracting industry and what a state industrial commission could do to help were analyzed by Miss Florence Escott of the University of Texas' Bureau of Business Research. Her findings were based on a survey of 122 concerns which have established in Texas in recent years.

She found that slightly more than half came to Texas because of the expanding Southwestern market, potential industrial development and population growth. Twenty-nine of the 122 came here for a central location for economical distribution, 22 for available resources and raw materials, 23 because founders were native Texans and 20 for an adequate labor supply. Others had 10 various reasons.

Miss Escott reported that 59 of the companies believed a state industrial commission would have been helpful prior to locating in Texas.

Holiday SPECIALS

Listed below are only a few of our HOLIDAY PRICES. We have reduced many other items to help you solve your gift problems.

Watches—20% Off

\$33.75 Val. Now \$27.00 \$45.00 Val. Now \$36.00

ALSO WATCH BANDS 20% OFF

\$6.00 Bands Now \$4.80 \$4.95 Bands Now \$3.95

Costume Jewelry

\$1.10 Items Now 80c (Tax Included)

Better Quality Jewelry AT EXTREMELY REDUCED PRICES!

RINGS 20% Off

\$120.00 Diamond Set \$100.00 \$100.00 Sets \$80.00

\$18.00 Signet or Stone Set Rings Now Only \$14.00

Fostoria Crystal

10% and 20% Discount

CENTURY AND AMERICAN PATTERNS—10% DISCOUNT

COLONEY PATTERNS 20% Off

Plus Many Other Bargains — COME TO OUR STORE AND SEE THEM ALL SALE ENDS JAN. 1, 1955 ROBERTS JEWELRY YOUR ELGIN AND BULOVA DEALER

DO YOUR... Christmas Shopping... WITH US... Large Assortment Of Merchandise Suitable for Gifts for the Children, and Grown-Ups, Too TOYS — FANCY PICTURES IN FRAMES — BOOKS — CANDIES, NUTS & FRUITS —

GROCERY SPECIALS Dry Salt Jowl Meat lb. 21¢ Pure Cane Syrup 1/2 gal. 65¢ Powdered Sugar, lb. pkg, 13¢ — 2/25¢ Super Suds 35¢ size 27¢ Prestone Anti-Freeze . . . 1 qt. 75¢

CLOSE-OUT Prices on All Gas Heaters, 9x12 Rugs, Children's Wagons, Tricycles N. A. Leeth & Son Groceries — Variety Goods — Hardware

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Proffitt of Tahoka spent the week end here.

Mrs. Lucille Battershell visited last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Ard and husband, of Austin.

Mrs. J. D. Nix returned last week from Wichita Falls, where she has been visiting for several months.

Mrs. Jim Adams of Stephenville is in Hico Tuesday for a check-up at the Hico City Hospital and sitting with friends.

C. P. Coston of Clifton, division manager for Community Public Service Co., was in Hico on business with the local office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christopher and sons, Don, Mike and Sidney De Leon visited last Friday with uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Christopher.

Mrs. Vada Fall accompanied her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. Dove and Marie and Nell Stephenville, to Austin Sunday visit another sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith.

Mrs. Conda Salmon plans to leave today for Stratford where she will assist in the Golden Wedding celebration of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Etheridge on Sunday, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loudermilk and son, Tommy, accompanied by Mrs. Alvis Loudermilk of Hamilton, were in De Leon Sunday to attend the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Loudermilk.

Mr. and Mrs. George Christopher visited in Dallas last week end. George enjoyed witnessing the football game Saturday between Notre Dame and S. M. U., while Mrs. Christopher visited with relatives.

MEMORIAL WREATHS
An unusual, lovely selection of hand made, colorful memorial wreaths at Mrs. Lawrence Lane's Wreath Shop. Early selection advised. Out of town orders given personal attention. 30-2tp.

Mrs. Charles Froh of Stephenville visited over the week end in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Mont Young (and Mr. Young, Sunday afternoon they all drove to Meridian to visit Mrs. S. H. Cooper, an aunt of the ladies.

Mrs. Ray Keller, Mrs. F. E. Remean, and Mrs. W. E. East were visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday, and were accompanied home by Mrs. A. J. Jordan, who had been visiting there with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stidham.

Carol Harris came up from Waco last week end, for a visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Red Harris, and family. She was accompanied by Dorothy Cook of Houston and Kay Harris of San Antonio, also students at Baylor University. Carol recently pledged Phi Beta Mu, national music sorority, and is a member of the A Cappella Choir and the Oratorio Chorus. She expects to participate in several concerts during the Christmas holidays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seago of 1463 Westwick Dr., Fort Worth, on December 4, a baby girl. The little miss weighed 9 pounds upon arrival and has been given the name of Jerri Ellen. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Tilley of McKinney, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Seago of Hico. The latter, who have been working in Waco, recently visited their new granddaughter in a Fort Worth hospital last week end and report: "Actually, she is a honey. Everyone is doing nicely."

Geo. B. Golightly of Hamilton was a business visitor in Hico several days this week.

Mrs. A. W. Medien and Mrs. O. J. Clark are shopping in Dallas this week and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horne of Sweetwater spent last Thursday night with her brother, I. J. Teague and family.

C. C. Smith of Temple visited Saturday night and Sunday with his dad, J. J. Smith. Maje said the reason Claud came up early was to get the Hico paper which was delayed in delivery for some reason.

Mrs. W. A. Barbee thinks a fish story would be in order. She said she recently had a letter from her grandson, Willie Barbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barbee who now live at Thornton, Calif., informing that he had caught a salmon that weighed 10 pounds.

Sue and Bill Holmes of Garland, accompanied by Carolyn Holford of Fort Worth, spent the week end here. Bill is pretty well acquainted in this community, having worked at the News Review office between terms before his graduation from Texas Tech at Lubbock. For the past two years he has been employed as an engineer for DuPont at Parlin, New Jersey, but is planning to enter the U. S. Army at mid-December.

Sue, also a graduate of Texas Tech, is currently employed as a laboratory technician at the Kraft Foods plant in Garland.

Trey Bonner's Third Birthday Observed With Party Saturday

Frank Bonner, III (Trey) was honored with a party for his third birthday at the beautiful country home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bonner, Jr., near Fairbry. The party was Saturday, December 4, from 2:30 p. m. until 4:00 p. m., four days after his birthday which occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Games were enjoyed by the children and Vicki Keller won the prize for holding the lucky red streamer in a Mary Mix-Up game.

The young guests were seated around a table laid with a white cloth holding a large snowman at one end. A red stocking and a little Santa Claus were placed at each place as favors. The center piece was a birthday cake decorated with Christmas trees, red flowers and a snowman.

Refreshments of cake, ice cream and punch were served to Denna Meador, Vicki Keller, Devonna Scott, Kay and Chuck Cheek, Cal and Hart Ramage and the honoree, Trey Bonner.

Other guests in the home were Mrs. Jewel Ramage and little daughter, Ann, Mrs. Ray Cheek and Mrs. Von Scott.

Denna Elaine Meador Honored by Mother on 6th Birthday Tuesday

Mrs. E. V. Meador honored her daughter, Denna Elaine, on her sixth birthday with a party at Bluebonnet Country Club, Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

Fourteen little guests were entertained with games, and served refreshments of ice cream and cake. Favors were miniature musical instruments, candy and gum.

The following guests helped Denna celebrate her birthday: Barbara Casey, Diane Dunlop, Suzanne Lackey, Ronnie Hefner, Danny Jenkins, Sharon Howard, Claudia Hafer, Cherry D. Ramage, Mike Reeves, Cathy Stringer, Kay and Chuck Cheek, and Trey Bonner. Mothers present were Mrs. Ray Cheek, Mrs. Frank Bonner, and Mrs. Jimmie Ramage.

Gift Ideas and Recipes Exchanged at Meeting Of South Hico HD Club

The South Hico Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. C. Robinson for their last regular meeting of the year.

The program was an exchange of gift ideas and recipes. Some very good ideas were revealed, as well as some excellent recipes.

Roll call was answered with a vacation tip.

Some of the main subjects under discussion were giving for the March of Dimes, a gift for the club's adopted patient at the mental hospital at Mexia, and whether or not the club should give a love offering to some needy person or family at Christmas.

Sixteen members, one visitor and three young girls attended. The hostess served cake and hot chocolate to these.

During the meeting the ladies quilted out a quilt for the Price family, who lost their home last Friday night through fire.

The club's Christmas party will be Dec. 21. All members are requested to be present at this time. REPORTER.

Review Club Holds Regular Meeting at Home of Mrs. Randals

"Famous Stage Actresses" was the topic of study for Review Club members at a meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hord Randals.

Mrs. W. F. Hafer and Mrs. Lusk Randals gave talks on the careers of Helen Hayes and Beatrice Lillie.

A salad plate was served by the hostess. Table and house decorations featured a Christmas motif.

S-W Day Suggested as Logical Cooperation in S-D Day on Dec. 15

S-D Day could just as well be S-W Day.

S-D means safe driving, but safe walking will be almost as important if traffic accidents are to be held to a minimum on S-D Day Wednesday, Dec. 15.

More than 1,000 pedestrians literally walked themselves to death during December last year, according to National Safety Council figures. December is always the peak month of the year for pedestrian fatalities.

However, on Dec. 15 the walkers as well as the drivers will have an opportunity to prove that accidents don't have to happen if every individual makes a real effort to prevent them.

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Dec. 15 as the date for the nation to keep traffic accidents at an absolute minimum for a 24-hour period as proof that traffic accidents can be prevented by individual and community action.

The nationwide cooperative program is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety.

Children and older persons are most vulnerable as pedestrians. Of the 8,600 pedestrians killed last year about 1,950 were under 15 years and 3,350 were over 65.

Most pedestrian victims are non-drivers who do not understand the mechanics or limitations of driving, safety experts say. Elderly men are most apt to be pedestrian victims.

Early evening hours are especially hazardous for pedestrians. More than a third of the victims were killed between 5 and 8 o'clock in the evening from October to March. About 41 per cent were crossing streets between intersections. 25 per cent were killed at intersections, and 11 per cent were walking in the roadway.

Three easy rules can help make S-D day—and every day—a safe walking day for pedestrians. To avoid that "run down" feeling:

1. Cross only at intersections and wait for the green light—and watch out for turning traffic.

2. Wear something light or carry a flashlight if you must walk on a roadway at night.

3. Make sure packages, umbrellas or newspapers do not block your view of approaching traffic.

TWO HICO STUDENTS ON JAC "B" HONOR ROLL

Stephenville, Dec. 6.—Wilma Jean Sherrard and Daniel R. Seal, both of Hico, made the "B" honor roll at Tarleton State College for the first nine weeks of the fall semester, according to information released by the registrar's office.

They were two of 75 students who took a full college load and made a grade of "B" or better in every subject.

Wilma Jean's major is business administration, while Dan's is pre-med.

DISTRICT 8 OF TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY

The Texas Library Association, District 8, meets Saturday, December 11, 1954. The meeting will be held in Bolivar Hall, La Villita. The subject for the days conference will be "Public Relations and the Library."

Registration begins at 9:00 a. m., opening session at 10:00, followed by a luncheon at 12:30 at the Plaza Hotel. The business meeting at 1:10 closes the conference.

RECENT BIRTHS REPORTED FROM HICO HOSPITAL

Boys born to: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lowry, Hico, Nov. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wood, Hico, Nov. 28. Girls born to: Mr. and Mrs. B. J. McClothlin, Hico, Nov. 26; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Dunn, Stephenville, Nov. 29.

THE NICEST courtesy you can show your holiday guests is to have their visits mentioned in this newspaper. The nicest courtesy you can show your friends is to let them learn of your visit through these pages whenever you go away. The publishers will consider it a courtesy when you give us a news item of any kind that readers will enjoy.

Tri-County League of Licensed Nurses Holds Meeting at Stephenville

The Tri-County League of Licensed Nurses held their regular monthly meeting Thursday night, December 2 in the "Community Room" of the Stephenville State Bank.

Rev. Felix Gresham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stephenville, spoke to the nurses on the importance of their position in relationship to the ministry of the health of the body, as compared to the pastor's position in the ministry to the spiritual needs of the soul and the teacher's position as a minister of the mind.

A business meeting, presided over by the president, Mrs. Jimmy Morrison, was held. Members were reminded that the fee for the Tri-County League will be due in January.

Officers for the coming year were elected, these being: Mrs. Lucy Standifer, Meridian, president; Mrs. Estelle Moore, Hico, vice-president; Miss Wilma Reed, Stephenville, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Jimmie Morrison, Hico, reporter.

After the business meeting, gifts from the Christmas tree were passed out.

A refreshment plate of tuna sandwiches, pickles, olives, chicken cake and fruit cake with coffee or punch was served to seventeen members and five guests.

Those attending from Hico were Mrs. Jimmie Morrison and Mrs. Estelle Moore. REPORTER.

First Radar Check Nabs Two 80-Milers Among 23 Arrested

Two speeders clocked at 80 miles an hour were among the 23 arrested during a six-hour radar check in Hamilton County last week end, according to Highway Patrolman Bill Cooksey.

It was the first time radar was used on the fairly heavy traffic on Highway 281, a Canada-to-Mexico route which also serves as a cut-off to South Texas from Dallas and Fort Worth.

'Tragedy Season' Most Threatening in Homes Caring for Aged People

Austin, Nov. 29.—"Tragedy season" for the aged may be here again, manifested in the form of one or more catastrophic fires in convalescent or nursing homes, State Health Officer Henry A. Holle said today.

"It is only natural that dangers of destructive fires in homes caring for aged people rises in direct proportion to temperature drops during fall and winter months," Dr. Holle pointed out.

"Full time use of heating and electrical equipment in these homes, plus the fact that ambulatory patients who smoke are forced inside during cold weather, calls for greater fire precautions."

Dr. T. E. Dodd, in charge of nursing home licensing activities at the State Health Department, said every nursing home administrator should insist that local fire department personnel make regular inspections of their premises and operations at least every thirty or sixty days, "even though we require each licensed nursing home in Texas to be approved for fire safety."

Dodd added: "In addition to carrying out all suggestions made by the local fire department, each nursing home administrator should have a definite plan that has been practiced and perfected to meet all emergencies caused by a fire."

"Such a plan should be worked out in cooperation with the fire department and all members of the nursing home staff should know their duties and assignments and be ready to act at any time."

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Stephenville Club To Sponsor Garden Pilgrimage-Bazaar

The Stephenville Garden Club will hold a Christmas bazaar this year in connection with their annual Christmas pilgrimage scheduled for Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 9:00 p. m.

At two of the three locations on the pilgrimage items on sale will include Christmas candles, corsages, door decorations, wreaths, arrangements, aprons, stockings, as well as many other gift items and decorations for the home. Everything is original in design and has been carefully prepared by members of the Stephenville Garden Club.

Proceeds from the bazaar will be placed in the fund for the future garden center of Stephenville.

Mrs. G. D. Everett, president of the Garden Club, will open her home located north of Stephenville on the Huckabay highway; her decoration theme will be "The House of Feathers."

The second stop on the Christmas tour will be the Stephenville library club room, located in the 600 block of West Green Street. It will be decorated as "Story Book Land and Santa's Work Shop."

The last place to be visited, the new St. Luke's Episcopal Student Center, located at 565 North McIlhenny, will be decorated with "Madonnas and Angels."

People in all the surrounding area, as well as everyone in Stephenville, are cordially invited to the Stephenville Garden Club Christmas Pilgrimage and Bazaar from 5:30 to 9:00 p. m. Dec. 14. Not only will they benefit from the many original ideas in home decorations for the holiday season, but they will also be able to purchase decorations to use at home, as well as wonderful Christmas gift items.

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CARLTON

By
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CARLTON FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED WITH SUPPER

Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. George Thetford entertained the Carlton Rams and their dates with a delicious barbecue venison supper in their lovely new farm home. They were assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Austin Bertrand and husband of Pirmela, who furnished the venison.

The menu consisted of barbecue, mashed potatoes, red beans, salad, pickles, olives, and pie.

Present to enjoy the occasion were: Kirby and Don Barnett, Corkey and Thomas Wilson, Clyde and Bryce Ballard, Bobby Munsell, Joe Darrell Starnes, Joe George Chick Hulan Duvall, Connie Mack Self, Lynn Mercer, Danny Smith, Paul Springer and Theon Deane; Also Linda Harbour, Janice Moore, Betty Lou Longino, Tinnie Thompson, Louette Taylor, Sandra Higginbotham, Ronda Kay Bertrand, Dorris Lunsford, Carol Ann Springer, Coach Jack Griffin, wife and baby Ginger Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bertrand and Harvey Nolan.

CARLTON RAMS CONTINUE THEIR WINNING WAYS

The Carlton Rams, paced by Joe G. Chick with 17 points, defeated the Hamilton Bulldogs on the Carlton home court 45-44. It was a good tight game all the way with Jackson sparking the Hamilton team with 21 points. Starnes and Wilson were standouts on rebounds for the Carlton team, with Couch and Jackson showing up well under the backboards for Hamilton.

In the Carlton Rams girls game with Hamilton the Rams were paced by Janice Moore and Tinnie Thompson. Moore contributed 33 points and Thompson pitched in 26 as Carlton won over the Hamilton girls 60-45. Stagg and Chambliss led the Hamilton team with 29 and 13 points respectively, with Morgan and Mathews leading on defense. Betty Longino and Norata Carroll played outstanding on defense.

In other games this year the Carlton girls have been defeated

by Sidney 40-30; and by the Hico girls 58-49. The girls play the same schedule as listed below.

In other games this season the Carlton Rams boys have defeated Hico 47-40 and beat Sidney 43-21. Their next games are Pottsville, Dec. 7, at Pottsville; then Iredell in the Hico Tournament Dec. 9; Pottsville at Carlton, Dec. 14; Walnut Springs at Carlton, Dec. 17; Walnut Springs at Walnut, Dec. 21. After the Christmas holidays Carlton begins district play against Pottsville at Pottsville on Jan. 4; Sidney comes to Carlton Jan. 7; Carlton plays at Gustine; Aleman at Carlton Jan. 14; Carlton at Priddy Jan. 21; Mullin at Carlton, Jan. 28; Star at Carlton on Feb. 1. After these games the District Tournament begins at Sidney Feb. 9, 1955.

CLAUDE H. WILLIAMS

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in the Church of Christ for Claude H. Williams, who passed away Dec. 1, 1954 at 7:30 a. m. in the Hico Hospital, where he had been a patient a week, suffering from a severe heart attack. Minister Price Bankhead of Franklin, formerly of Carlton, held the funeral services.

Claud Williams was born Sept. 20, 1880 near Georgetown in Williamson County, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kelse Williams. In 1949 he came to Carlton and on Aug. 29, 1949 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Lizzie Stapp, who survives.

Other survivors are one brother, Shelley Williams of Austin; two sisters, Mrs. Della Green of Dallas and Mrs. Hattie Turner of Kansas City, Mo.; three children, Mrs. Velma Tolar, Mrs. Jaunita Traylor and Vernon Williams; also other relatives and many friends. One son, Kelse, preceded his father in death.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Pallbearers were: O. P. Mercer, W. H. Tinsley, Fred Geye, Bill Cornelius, J. C. Moreland and Ronald Mercer. Burial was made in the Carlton Cemetery with Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Directors of Hico in charge of all arrangements.

Visitors during last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burns, Carlton; Mrs. Julia Havens, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Turner and children, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Havens and son, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Anderson and children, Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Foster, Quanah; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Vinson, Anson; and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self attended the funeral in Dublin Tuesday afternoon for Tommy Ryan, who died at his home in Proctor Monday morning after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Ryan was employed with the Boyd Callan Construction Engineering Firm in Waco.

Shelley Williams left Monday for his home in Austin after attending the funeral of his brother, Claud Williams and visiting with his sister-in-law, and his sister, Mrs. Della Green of Dallas.

Holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett was their son, Cecil Burnett and family of Azle. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bingham and Mrs. Sanderson of Hamilton were visitors Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bingham.

Stanley Lee Kunkel of Irvin spent the past week with his

grandmother and uncle, Mrs. Dan Kunkel and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kunkel Jr. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Kunkel came for their son and spent the week end with his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Finley and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Line had lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Odie Shaffer in the Sunshine community, celebrating Mr. Finley's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvel Hill of Abilene were holiday visitors with his mother Mrs. A. B. Webster and family.

Mrs. Sunny Warren of Pleasant Grove and Mrs. J. T. Dean and son Vic of Carrollton returned to their home Sunday after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and daughter of Dublin spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Dow Self and family, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geye.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garner of Hamilton visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Sharp Sr.

Mrs. R. J. Sowell and children of Hamilton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reeves and Mrs. Hattie Sowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole and baby of Fort Worth were week end visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lee Jordan of Amarillo visited Monday with his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Culmer Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr. and his uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goldfuss and baby of Arlington were visitors Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reeves.

Rance Sowell and Dock Finley accompanied J. A. Richardson to Austin Tuesday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Rance Sowell received a message Saturday of the death of an old friend, Mrs. Minnie Thompson Bennett of Lorraine, formerly of the Altman community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dyer spent the week end in Dallas with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hill and Mrs. Dyer's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Callan.

Mrs. Tado Fabunke was a patient in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Thompson were week end visitors in Abilene with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Thompson and Ollie Mae, and in Odessa with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson. Minister and Mrs. D. C. Jennings and daughter, Arlean, moved to Carlton Thursday from Karnes City, Texas. He is the new minister of the Carlton Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Sharp Jr. and Terry and Mrs. Bertha Baird visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Sharp's mother, Mrs. J. W. Short.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hampton of Hamilton visited Sunday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Young and daughter, and their father, Jim Young.

J. N. Clark has bought the J. C. Moreland Grocery Store. He took over the business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bowden and children of Fort Worth spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Fine were visitors Sunday with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lee Fine and children in San Angelo. Mrs. Carrie Wylie received word

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11:00 a. m. Divine Services.

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7:00 p. m. Sunday School Christmas program rehearsal.

Wednesday, December 15—

7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

CORRESPONDENT.

NOTICE TO PATRONS OF THE HICO POST OFFICE

The local Post Office will be open all day Saturdays of December 11 and December 18 in order to handle Christmas mailing.

All other Saturdays we shall close at noon as usual.

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IREDELL P-T-A. TO GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DEC. 13

The Iredell Parent-Teacher Association will meet Dec. 13 at 7:30 p. m. for the monthly meeting. The music teacher, Mrs. Williams will put on a Christmas cantata for the program. The public is invited. (1tp)



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Livestock Prices Recover Nicely

The disappointing meat trade that followed the Thanksgiving holiday and depressed prices of all livestock sharply a week earlier was largely over-come in the trade at Fort Worth Monday. Slaughter cattle and calves were fairly active and prices considerably better than the low close of the previous week. Stocker and feeder demand was constant, and some sales of the better quality replacements were as high as any time this season.

In this category were some steer calves at \$19 to \$20, and some feeder steers at \$19.50. Jack McCain of Fisher County, marketed 26 feeder steers at 833 pounds at \$19.50; Newton Gann, Jefferson County, Okla., had some 480-pound steer calves at \$20, and his 468-pound heifers sold at \$18.50. J. H. Tippett, Upton County, marketed about two loads of 462-pound steer calves at \$20, and the heifers at 410 pounds at \$16.50.

Robert Oswald, McLennan County, marketed a nice load of baby beef type calves weighing 696 lbs. at \$20 and there were several loads of medium, good and low choice fed steers and yearlings in the \$17 to \$22.50 level.

J. G. Blanchette, Cooke County, had some 540-pound calves at \$20 and some 804-pound cows at \$10.50. Mason County was represented by C. R. Thomas with load lots of calves at \$18 and \$19, and L. Thomas had calves at \$19 and \$16 also. Robert Lee Ebeling, Burnett County, had a load which included calves at \$16 and \$19 and old cows from \$7 to \$8.25.

Hogs Recover From Two-Year Low

Hog prices on Monday at Fort Worth were 50 to 75 cents higher and the top was \$19. This recovery came after hogs had sunk to a low of \$18.25 at the close of the previous week, the lowest point since December 1952 here.

Many Northern markets late last week reported top hogs selling from \$17.50 to \$18.35, in some cases only a load or two able to top the \$18 figure.

Fat Lambs Strong, 50c Higher, Sheep Steady

The sheep and lambs trade was on the up beat at Fort Worth Monday, as slaughter lambs were strong to 50 cents higher and other sheep and feeders were poorly tested, but fully steady to strong.

Some choice clipped lambs with about an inch and a half pelt credited average 96 pounds and drew \$18.25. These were consigned by Austin Rose & Son, Deaf Smith County. Just a week earlier on Monday the first shipment of these lambs drew \$19, on the following Wednesday the second shipment drew \$17.75, when caught in the late-week slump of last week.

Other sheep shipments included 127-lb. clipped lambs at \$17 from Claude Ward of Coleman County, some 99-lb. clipped lambs from Field Bros., Sutton County, at \$16. Chas. Johnson, of McCulloch County, had some 81-lb. shorn lambs at \$17.50; J. P. Moss, Floyd County, had a load of 80-lb. woolskins at \$17.50; Alfred Baethge, Gillespie County, had some 70-lb. clipped lambs at \$16; Homer Thomas, Jones County, had some 104-lb. shorn lambs at \$18; Weldon Jones, Coryell County, had a load of long-tailed 79-lb. lambs at \$15.50; W. E. Strange, McLennan County, sold a load of woolled fat lambs at \$18 that scaled 92 lbs.

DUFFAU

By Mrs. Pascal Brown

Bro. Paul Ernhart of Abilene preached at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and night and was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hutson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Killion of Harbin visited in the home of Mr. J. A. Craig and Miss Sallie, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Howard and family of Granbury spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Burgan and son, Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pennington visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown and family Tuesday night. They are leaving for Bristow, Calif., to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherrod and son Bobby of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Scott and son Randy of Fort Worth spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley and Billie Bob.

Mr. A. E. Naul and P. D. Ash of Paducah spent Saturday night with homefolks. Mrs. Ash and son Dale returned home with them after a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke Sr. of Stephenville attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hutson and daughter Betty were shopping in Waco Saturday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers and Mrs. Nelms Sunday were Miss Tina Rogers of Fort Worth and Mr. D. G. Nelms of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lindsey and sons of Stephenville visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huel Lindsey and children Sunday.

Mrs. M. Nelms visited last week in Stephenville with her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Anderson, Mr. Anderson and Janet. She attended the meeting at Graham St. Church of Christ and visited friends there.

Mrs. H. B. Cunningham and son of Cleburne visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawrence and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lawrence of Claude visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fouts last week.

Mr. Dodd, school supervisor of Stephenville, visited school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Uphaw and daughter of Fort Worth visited during the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Land and O. D.



SYSTEMIC COTTON POISON

New weapons are being tested in the war against cotton insects which may result in some decisive victories for the farmer.

The Texas Experiment Station has turned up some promising new systemic insecticides that are lethal not only to certain sucking insects but also to such plant choppers as the boll weevil and the cotton leafworm.

Unlike the more common insecticidal sprays and dusts that form a protective layer over the outside surface of the plant, systemics are absorbed into the plant and carried by its sap. They may be applied to foliage, soil or seed. In this way, the stalk, the foliage and sometimes the fruit of a plant can be made toxic to feeding insects by treatment with an effective systemic poison.

Systemics are not new to some cotton growers. A few may have used systemics as foliage sprays or dusts against sap-sucking aphids and mites. But the chemicals under tests are the first that also kill insects that chew at stalks, leaves and fruits.

Two of these systemics have been tested in Texas in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. They proved lethal to the cotton boll weevil, the cotton leafworm, the cotton leaf perforator—all choppers—and to the cotton aphid and spider mite (suckers) for more than a month. These tests were run under laboratory conditions however.

When applied to cotton planting used in field tests, both compound gave protection against thrips, aphids and spider mites for more than a month.

Research on these systemics is

still in the early stages and their desirability is not yet proven. It is still necessary to work out a dependable method of seed treatment that won't lower germination. Also under study is how the new chemicals affect plant growth and to what extent they can build up injurious chemical residues in the plant.

The new chemicals are not yet available to growers. So entomologists advise farmers to stick by current recommended methods of insect control for the present and continue to apply insecticides as foliage dusts or sprays. But the tests show promise and may mean a new era in insect control.



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FOR A BRIGHT Christmas

CONTEST RULES

Any resident within 1 mile of Hico City Hall is eligible. No entry fee required. Committee is composed of Mrs. Bette Meador, Mrs. Bob Duncan, Mrs. Fred Rainwater. Entries must be turned into one of the Committee members by 6 p. m., December 18. Decorations must be up by 6 p. m., December 18, and remain up through December 26. Lights must be on by 6 p. m. and left on until 9 p. m. each day of contest. Judging will take place during the week of December 18-26.

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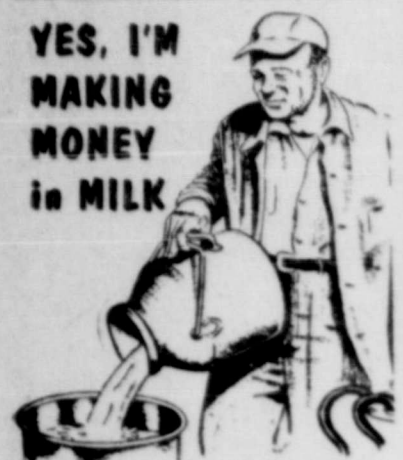
George Holladay has been named president of the recently-organized Brotherhood of First Baptist Church of Hico.

Other officers are W. J. Risenhoover, first vice president and program chairman; Fred Jaggars, second vice president and membership chairman; Ray Stipe, third vice president and activities chairman; J. B. Wooton, secretary-treasurer; R. B. McClure, song leader; and Morris Risenhoover, pianist.

The group will meet on three Wednesday evenings of each month.

R. B. Jackson, a past president, is now serving as Hamilton County Brotherhood president.

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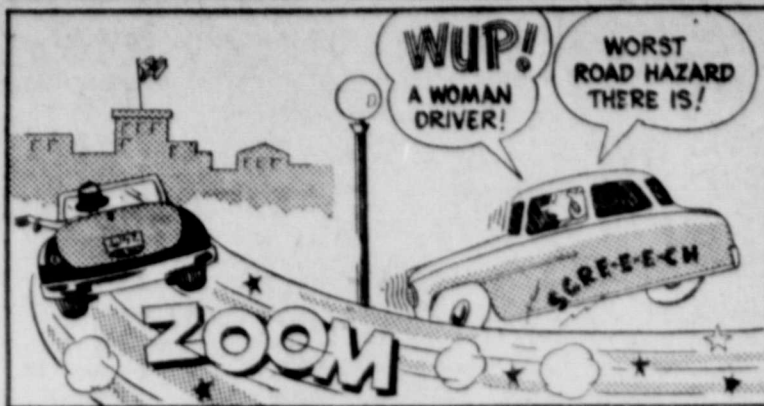
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Deer Hunters Asked To Salt Hides Down For Charity Shipments

Austin, Dec. 8.—Deer hunters are asked to throw a handful of common table salt on the hides they send TB hospital patients.

The request came today from the man who ought to know, L. M. Rathbone, Austin taxidermist, who is receiving the hides for the patients.

Mr. Rathbone says the hides coming in at the rate of 10 to 15 a day are of excellent quality and most are arriving in good shape. But he says the salt will insure against spoilage.

The Volunteer Advisory Council for Texas TB Hospitals will pay for the tanning. Mr. Rathbone is handling the hides free of charge.

Mrs. Helen Smith of Austin, council chairman, asks that the hides be marked "Charity," addressed to Mr. Rathbone at 2708 South Lamar, Austin, and shipped by motor freight.

She says where this procedure is followed all of the major motor freight lines are hauling the hides free of charge.

FAIRY F. H. A. NEWS

The Fairy Future Homemakers of America Chapter held their regular meeting in the home economics department from 2:45 p. m. until 3:30 p. m. on December 6, 1954.

The president, Sherry Cunningham, opened the meeting and the secretary was absent so we omitted the reading of the minutes.

We voted to have an F.H.A. Christmas party on Monday night, December 13, and invite the F.F.A. boys. The social committee, which is Jimmie Gordon, Kay Gordon and Frances Thornton were appointed by the president to be responsible for the games and decorations. Barbara Guinn, Shirley Clark and Lera Jane Blakley were appointed to plan and prepare the refreshments.

We decided to have everyone bring an inexpensive gift and then we would number them and draw numbers that night.

The meeting was adjourned.

Reporter—Lera Jane Blakley.

Mistletoe Harvest To Be Shown Next Week On 'Texas in Review'

Each year Texas mistletoe is gathered and shipped to other sections of the nation for use during the Christmas holidays. How this mistletoe is gathered and shipped will be shown next week on 'The Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.'

The program will also include films showing gift wrapping ideas, an aqua carnival at the University of Texas, Austin, the Irving Youth Center, a meeting of future teachers at East Texas State Teachers College and the Speaker of the House of Representatives serving as Governor for a day.

'Texas in Review' can be seen Monday (December 13) on KRLL-TV, Dallas, at 7:30 p. m., and WFAA-TV, Fort Worth, at 8:00 p. m.

The program will be carried Tuesday (December 14) over KXEN-TV, Temple, at 8:30 p. m.

Iredell Public Schools Announce Honor Rolls For Second Six Weeks

Honor rolls for the second six weeks period were announced this week by Supt. J. M. McCroskey. The rolls include the following names:

- First Grade: Suzann Main and Dartha Jane Wellborn.
- Second Grade: Darlene White, Charlotte Porter, George Copeland.
- Third Grade: Betty Ann McCroskey.
- Fourth Grade: Dessie Gatewood.
- Fifth Grade: Sue Woodson and Rexie Wellborn.
- Sixth Grade: Peggy Davis and Larry Burns.
- Seventh Grade: Nicki Beth McAden, Johnnie Ruth McCoy and Nolan Pike.
- Eighth Grade: Ann Sadler.
- High School: Deloris Hanshaw, Dorothy Jean Phillips, Jo Ann Sowell, Barbara Umphres, Joyce Barnhill, Nancy Jones, Margaret Parks, Loretta Keith, Maudane Linch, Dorothy Bateman, Jimmie McCroskey and Nancy Strange.

Highway Commission Announces First Step Of '55 Work Program

The Texas Highway Commission has announced from Austin the first step which will set up a new program for the calendar year of 1955. E. H. Thornton, Jr., Chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, stated that the funds for this program are being derived from state sources.

Thomas C. Collier, District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department at Waco, has stated that the following State highways and roads in his area are scheduled for work under this program:

- Level, surface and seal coat on: 1. Farm-to-Market Road 932 from Hamilton to Aleman, 7.5 miles.
- 2. Farm-to-Market Road 1241 from F. M. 932 south of Hamilton to Ohio, 11.1 miles.

Mr. Collier stated that the Highway Commission has authorized the development of this program for the purpose of protecting the investment of the public in the State Highway System.

It was announced that work will begin on these projects just as soon as final planning is completed. Resident Engineer Bruce R. Morton or Sr. Maintenance Foreman J. L. Hamilton will be in charge of the work.

Token Awards Due In Texas Department Of Public Safety

Members of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be guests of honor at a special Awards and Appreciation Banquet to be held at the Stephen F. Austin Hotel in Austin on Thursday night, December 16. Sponsor and host of the affair will be the Texas Safety Association.

Mr. J. O. Musick, General Manager of TSA, said today that the officers and members of his organization have adopted this means to pay special tribute to all members of the Public Safety Department for "consistently outstanding performance of duty."

"While we will make specific cash awards to a few men of the Texas Department of Public Safety," Musick explained, "we hold them to be merely representative of all the members of that fine organization. Such awards as will be made will be on the basis of deeds of valor beyond the call of duty or upon the daily routine of work, efficiency and courtesy in the performance of duties."

Many of the State's outstanding business, industrial and political leaders will attend the function and join in the tribute to the state police agency. Governor Allan Shivers will be the principal speaker.

Were playing Santa this Year!

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- Trellis Peas 1 lb. 1 oz. can 2/25¢
- Diamond Brand Pork & Beans ^{15 1/2 oz} 3/25¢
- Mrs. Tucker's Shortening 3 lb. can 79¢
(COUPONS 15c to \$1.00 INSIDE)
- Kimbell's Flour 25 lbs. \$1.79
- Cal Top Peaches can 25¢
- Baker's Coconut 1/4 lb. pkg. 18¢
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- Hamburger Meat lb. 25¢

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