

The Hico News Review

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We all join in Wishing you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

HERE IN HICO
By R. L. H.

It's almost Christmas again. A nice time of the year, too.

Here at The News Review we are relaxing a little, and looking forward to the fun and spirit of holiday activities.

We know you are too—between putting in long, hard hours in stores handling the Christmas rush... hurrying about shopping duties and getting gifts wrapped and Christmas cards mailed... delivering and dispatching that mail... preparing for another crop year and feeding those hungry cattle that deserve a drenching rain for Christmas... and doing those many tasks necessary to the well-being and pleasure you hope to be received by families and friends.

We hope you have all the enjoyment from the season you deserve, after a hard year of serving your home, your town and your community.

As the year draws to a close, the staff of The News Review would like to thank you, our readers and patrons, for the help you have given us during 1954.

Thanks for the stories you sent, the leads on news you have given, the things you did that made news—all the things, little or big, that have made our path a little smoother, living a little nicer.

Also due our gratitude are our advertisers and customers whose generous patronage has enabled us to keep our standards up during times that have been trying to businessmen, farmers and cattlemen.

Hico has survived the drought admirably. Don't take our word for that—look at the bank statements, watch the continuing and increasing trade, and note the improvements that have been made in the past twelve months, in town and countryside.

Consider the fact that our subscription list has grown to the highest peak of the past quarter century.

Things of which we can all be proud, and for which we should all be grateful.

It was exactly 25 years ago, the day after Christmas, that this editor first saw Hico.

Something about the town must have impressed him. At any rate, he was interested enough to investigate a proposal from owners of the newspaper to sell it to him.

They must have had a lot of confidence to sell the plant and good will to an underfinanced youth who was brash enough to think he could get by with it.

This was at the beginning of the depression, remember. But on January 1, 1930, the present management took over.

We had our ups and downs, but in the long pull we hope everyone was as satisfied with the deal as we have been.

We had a lot of help. Some of it came from our creditors. We enjoyed an abundance of aid from loyal employees over a period of years, and from as fine a family as one could possibly impose upon.

Businessmen, too many of whom have been called out of the picture for one reason or another, have been generous with support and encouragement.

All of them, present and past, merited respect and appreciation.

We have often been flattered at compliments on The News Review. Some say it is helpful and worthwhile. We are glad when it is, and hope it will continue to be so.

But, always, we remember that whatever position the paper occupies is due to the citizens of the community it tries to serve.

We've enjoyed doing it the past year, and all the other years gone by—and we're looking forward to seeing a better job done next year, and in the years to come.

There'll be a lot of new activities to write about, too—but right now just let us wish you a happy holiday season.



Christmas Spirit and Nativity Discussed by Lions Club Speaker

The unusual outflowing of goodwill and cheer at the Christmas season, and its relation to the nativity were discussed at the Wednesday noon session of Hico Lions Club by Lonnie Branam, minister of the local Church of Christ.

The speaker attributed the melting of human nature and the good things accompanying holiday proceedings and behavior to the birth of a child in a manger nearly two thousand years ago. He went on to elaborate on the subject in an interesting and convincing way.

President Wayne Rutledge acknowledged a gift of \$7.50 to the club's Christmas basket fund from the Wesleyan Guild. He also said that these baskets were being made up and would be distributed early Friday morning, Christmas Eve. Any suggestions of additions to the list of worthy recipients will be welcomed, he added.

Flashlight pictures of the group were made by Mrs. Loudermilk, which are expected to be available soon to those desiring them.

Art Anderson of Stephenville was a guest at the meeting.

Raymond Williams of Gariand visited the News Review office Wednesday afternoon.

WITH THE COLORS

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Simpson received word Sunday morning that their son, RMS Lester Simpson, had arrived in San Diego, Calif. aboard the Destroyer Escort USS Lewis, after a 6-month tour of duty in the Far East.

Lester expects to receive his discharge from the Navy shortly after January 1.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 15	65	30	0.00
Dec. 16	70	41	0.00
Dec. 17	64	35	0.00
Dec. 18	58	42	0.00
Dec. 19	60	35	0.00
Dec. 20	69	35	0.00
Dec. 21	71	32	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 16.43 inches.

Home Decorations in Yule Lighting Contest Present Pretty Picture

The Hico Garden Club committee on the annual Christmas Lighting Contest reported commendable interest in the project in which entries closed last week end.

Composed of Mrs. Bettie Meador, Mrs. Fred Rainwater and Mrs. Bob Duncan, the committee expresses thanks for those who have participated, and suggests that a drive around town will reveal many unusual and worthwhile sights.

In the Original Decorations division, those who have entered are the Milton Dunlops, Mrs. Bob Hancock, Mrs. Donald Hefner, the Hershel Sherrards, Paul Neel, Mrs. Sandy Ogle, the Marvin Marshalls, and Truman Roberts.

Mrs. Lenard Weaver and Mrs. Ray Keller present Biblical scenes with their entries in the Religious Theme division.

Most Attractive to Children is the division entered by "Buzze" Hedges and E. V. Meador.

There are many attractive Christmas trees and outside decorations not entered in the contest, the committee pointed out, which will add to the enjoyment derived from a drive over the city between

YOU and Social Security

NOTICE OF VISIT

Tell neighbors, friends and relatives to get in touch with the Social Security Administration for answers to social security questions, is the advice of Joe Clepp, Field Representative of the Waco District Office.

For answers to your questions, see Mr. Clepp of that office who will be in Meridian at the County Treasurer's Office between the hours of 1:00 p. m. and 3:00 p. m. on Tuesday, December 28. He will be glad to answer social security questions and available to accept applications for benefits.

the hours of 6 and 9 p. m. while the lights are required to be turned on.

Judging will occur during this week, with the contest closing Sunday night, Dec. 26. Winners will be announced in next week's paper.

Awards Presented To Football Boys At Special Assembly

In a special assembly Monday, December 20, the student body was honored in having Rev. Lonnie Branam to speak on the right Christmas spirit.

After a very interesting talk, blue leather-sleeved jackets were presented to the following boys by Coaches Porter Willis and Roy Reese:

Ronald McKenzie, John Haley, Jerre Magee, Connie Meador, Ronald Massey, Jerry Needham, Terry Ogle, Wayne Duncan, Wayne Chew, Norman Norrod, Sherril Kirk, Buddy Teague, Don Ables, Charles Hylex, Charles Stipe, Tommy Leath, and Carey McKenzie.

The football managers, Bobby Joe Anderson and Steve Ogle, will receive their jackets later.

The Football Sweetheart, Quata Lowry, was then presented a white knit sweater by Co-Captains Ronald McKenzie and John Haley, after which jackets were presented to the coaches by Mr. Cook.

SCHOOL OUT FOR HOLIDAYS

Hico schools closed at 2:45 p. m. Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Classes will be resumed at the regular time on Monday, January 3, 1955, according to announcement from the office of Supt. O. C. Cook.

Stephenville Visitors Discuss Soil and Water Conservation Benefits

Benefits derived from soil and water conservation in this area were discussed at a luncheon meeting of Hico Chamber of Commerce members last Friday at a local cafe by three Stephenville speakers, Mayor Henry Clark, Rufus F. Higgs, newspaper publisher, and J. W. Clements, president of the Stephenville State Bank.

The proposed plan for the organization of a master district of 250,000 acres extending from the upper reaches of the Bosque River watershed to the vicinity of Irrell and for the building of a series of low water-dams on the tributaries of the Bosque under the supervision of the Soil Conservation Service was outlined. Mayor Henry Clark, president of the proposed district, explained the possibilities for flood control and water saving offered by the plan.

New officers will be elected at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting Jan. 22.

Brownwood Pastor to Give Lecture Here Thursday, Dec. 30.

V. Cyrus Barcus, pastor of the Central Methodist Church of Brownwood, will lecture here Thursday of next week, according to announcement from sponsors of the local appearance.

Subject of the prominent speaker's message will be "The Mechanics of Alcoholics Anonymous." He has made similar talks all over the country, and has had large audiences who gave his message a hearty reception.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will open at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the First Methodist Church in Hico. There will be no admission charge.

Hico Girls Win Third Basketball Tourney at Glen Rose Last Week

The Hico girls got ample revenge for an early season loss by beating the strong Gatesville Hornets 54-49 last Tuesday night at Gatesville. Muller of Gatesville scored 37 points, while Jones was collecting 32 points for Hico. Margo Partain scored 21 points as the Hico "B" group trimmed Gatesville "B" 35-17.

The Hico boys and girls played in the Glen Rose Tournament last week. The boys lost to a very good Granbury team in the first round then lost to Tolar on Saturday after putting up a good scrap during the first three quarters of the game.

The Hico girls won their third consecutive tournament by beating Granbury 58-32 in the first round; taking Tolar in the semi-finals 48-39, and easing past Clifton 45-43 in the finals.

The girls didn't play as well in this tournament as they have in some earlier games but had the strength to finish first in the eight-team field. Jaggers and Prater turned in outstanding performances at guard for Hico. Phyllis Jones led the scoring for Hico with a three-game total of 86 points.

The local teams played Glen Rose on Dec. 21.

The first games after the Christmas holidays will be at Fairy on Jan. 4. The district race begins on Jan. 7 when our boys and girls go to Morgan for what should be two very exciting games.

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Pastor
Cranfills Gap, Texas

Saturday, December 25—

10:30 a. m. Christmas Day Services and the Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 26—

10:00 a. m. Sunday School Session.

11:00 a. m. Divine Services.

7:00 p. m. Junior Luther League Caudie Light services at the Rock Church.

CORRESPONDENT.

FAIRY

By Mrs. Eunice Massengale

Today (Monday) has been a beautiful warm, sunshiny day and everyone seems to be taking advantage of these pretty days, getting in readiness for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Aron Willford of Omaha, Nebraska, wife in Fairy Monday to visit his brother and family. Mr. and Mrs. Uzan Willford Doran Gwen and Della Gay. Mr. Willford is stationed at Omaha, having been in the service fourteen years.

Ed. Lackey drove up to Hico Sunday for his mother, Mrs. Emma Lackey, who visited with Mrs. Brittie Little, while her son and family attended church. She accompanied them home for lunch and in the afternoon she and her son and wife went to Gatesville, where they visited their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. J. T. Dollins, who resides at Turnersville, who suffered a paralytic stroke recently.

Mrs. Marvin Noland has received word from their son, Freddie Ray, who is in Okinawa, that he is going to call her and talk to her Christmas. She is anxiously awaiting for the time to come when she can hear his voice again. He expects to be discharged in April. We learn that Burl Lewis, who left for the service on December 2, is stationed at Fort Bliss.

The writer and sister, Mrs. Gladys Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arrant attended church at Ages Sunday night. Bro. Nathaniel Strickland of Carlsbad, N. M. was the speaker for the evening and brought a very interesting message. The Strickland family are here to visit through the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller and with Mr. Strickland's relatives at Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don were dinner guests Sunday of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Sellers of the Pecan community near Hamilton.

Mrs. Ernest Brummett of Alhambra, Calif. returned home last Wednesday after an extended Thanksgiving holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Kavanaugh of Hamilton and her son, J. C. Brummett and family of Waco, and also other relatives and friends here and at other points. Sorry we missed seeing her while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Dickerson of near Hico visited Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. Brittie Little.

The writer attended singing at Warrens Creek Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, going by way of Hico for Mrs. Florence Blackburn, who accompanied us to Hamilton, where we joined Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sumerford for our

last lap of the journey. A large crowd was present and all enjoyed a good song service. The singing classes of the county had arranged a Christmas shower of gifts for Ollie McDurnitt, who is their president, which were presented to him following a Christmas carol duet sung by Mr. and Mrs. Sumerford at three o'clock. A beautifully decorated tree had been prepared for a program and Christmas tree Sunday night for the church. So it served a twofold purpose. Singers were there from Gustine, Lamkin, Hamilton, Jonesboro, Carlton and Turnersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Porterfield spent a few days the first of the week visiting in Houston with her parents and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith and daughters, and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurt and twin daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison of Fort Worth spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Garlon Streater and sons of Lanham.

Our cemetery caretaker, Dewey Wilson, completed the work of an over-all clean up job at the cemetery Monday. It all looks very nice. He has taken much interest in looking after the graves, remodeling and making other needed repairs. Some memorial decorations have been placed at the graves of loved ones and others will be added during this week. We feel very grateful for the care of the cemetery and also to all who are sending in donations to finance the work.

Mrs. A. R. Hoover of Dublin has had a nice cement curb erected around her family plot and a nice double monument erected. Carl Ray Sellers has just completed a concrete curb at their family plot. There has also been a number of new monuments and markers erected. Some of the most recently erected are at the tomb of Loyd Akin, Elmer Bullard, Nora Abel, Mr. and Mrs. Clara Brunson, Ellis Adams and a nice family monument at the Lester Grisham lot, and marker for the tomb of their son Jan. Money spent for a monument is a good investment. Most every cemetery has a number of lost graves which could have been avoided if only a small marker had been erected.

There will be a school Christmas tree and program at the school gym tonight (Tuesday) and school will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Classes will be resumed on Monday week, January 3rd.

Last Tuesday night we received a phone call from our good friend, Mrs. Florence Blackburn of Hico, who had received the rumor that this scribe had suffered a severe heart attack. We told her we were very much alive but of course no one knew what time such a report might be true, since heart ailments are getting to be very common with both the young and old. We just don't know how such a rumor gained a starting point. Just a misunderstanding we presume. We appreciate those who were interested in us and phoned or stopped by to check up on the report.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Porterfield are expecting a number of the Porterfield relatives here to spend the Christmas holidays with them. A wedding that might be of interest to some of the readers was the marriage of Mr. Bennett Lawson and Mrs. Myrtle White, both of Lamkin, who were married Tuesday evening of last week at the Hamilton County court house. We extend congratulations.

This old year of 1954 is nearing the close and we will soon have to keep watch to replace that four with a five. Yes, the years are swiftly rolling by.

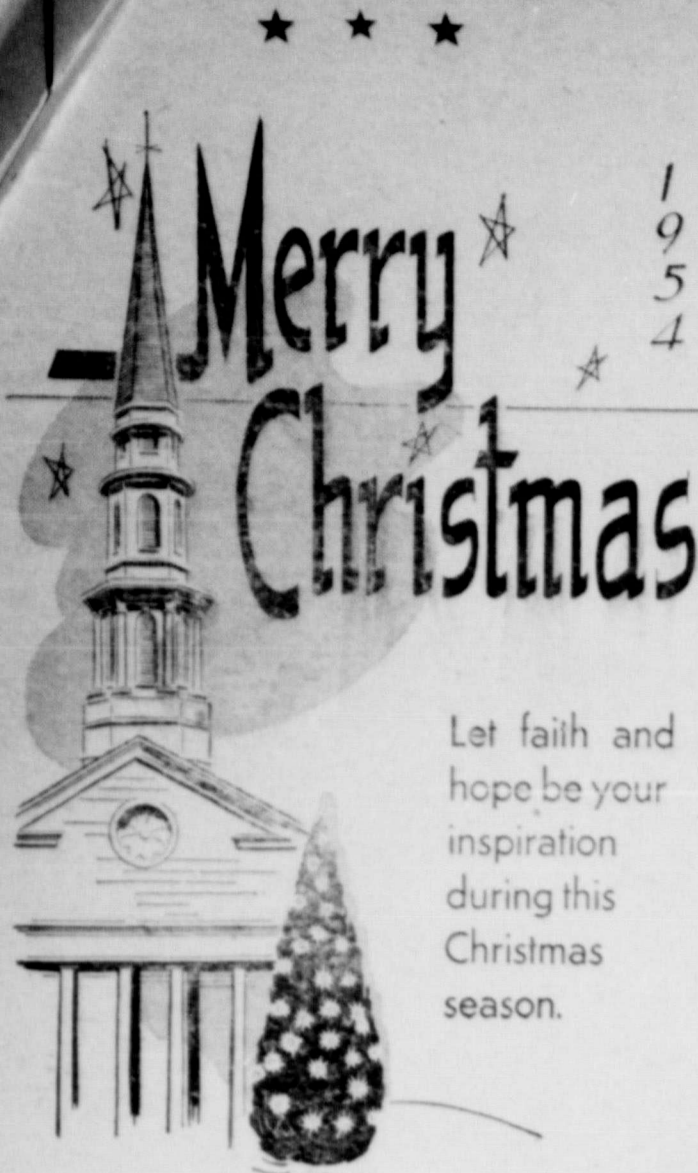
To the News Review Editor and staff, including the Red Bird, although she is a Fort Worthian now, may we say thanks for your efforts during the year to bring us the news from week to week, and since this scribe has had a little part in the work too, we know just how often the job rolls around, and to the many correspondents of our hometown paper, our thanks also to you. We want you to know we have enjoyed your news letters and just hope our news letters have meant as much to you. We realize we haven't pleased all, but we do appreciate those who have shown by words and deeds that they do appreciate our effort. To all the above mentioned and readers of the News Review here's wishing for all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Eda Chitwood of California was in Fairy Tuesday greeting old friends. He formerly resided in this section. Our postmaster, W. E. Goynne tells the writer it has been over fifty years since he had seen Mr. Chitwood.

We have been informed that Miss Fay Russell and sister, who live in the Falls Creek community, lost their home and contents by fire last week. Miss Fay had purchased a school building from the Fairy school last summer and was planning to build them a new home. We understand she had purchased some new lumber for the home which was also burned. We extend sympathy.

DUFFAU CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday— 10:00 a. m. Bible Study. 11:00 a. m. Worship & Communion. 1:00 p. m. Herald of Truth, WBAP. 4:30 p. m. Young People's Class. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Preaching by Clovis Allen. Wednesday— 7:30 p. m. Mid-week Class.

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CARLTON
— By —
Mrs. Fred Geyer

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberts and sons, Audie, Lowesco and Laverne returned home Tuesday night after attending the funeral on Monday for Mr. Roberts' 87-year-old mother, Mrs. Una Roberts at Portales, New Mexico.

Clay Driver of Pleasant Grove is visiting his father, George Driver and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hall.

Mrs. Izora White and daughter, Mrs. Chas. Waggoner of Grand Prairie attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday morning and were luncheon guests with Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gibson.

Mrs. W. H. Vick has been a pa-

tient in the Hico Hospital since last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Partin of Waco spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Ophelia Upham. She accompanied them to Waco Sunday afternoon to spend the holidays.

J. W. Jordan, two of his sons and a daughter, Fern and Culmer Jordan and Mrs. Walker Curry left Monday morning for Lubbock in response to a message that his brother, Lovett Jordan had passed away after a long illness. He was a former resident of Carlton.

Cpl. and Mrs. Gene Lane of Junction City, Kansas and Bob Duvall, a student at Tarleton State College, are here for the holidays with their parents, Supt. and Mrs. Bill D. Duvall and children.

Lt. and Mrs. Laymon Smith and two sons of New Orleans, La., are visiting their parents and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Proffitt and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Taylor and Louetta, John Walton and Charles Threath, students at Tarleton State College and Inez Thetford, student at NTSC in Denton are home for the holidays.

W. A. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vance and Mrs. Mary Patten attended the funeral at Bridgeport Wednesday for Mrs. Ella Mae Seelinger, an aunt of Mr. Proctor.

Week-end visitors with Mrs. N. N. McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves of Brownwood and George McGuire and children, Bob and Louise of Dallas.

Mrs. R. L. Brimer and Mrs. Lilie Anderson are in Houston to spend the holidays with their children. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brimer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brimer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson.

Mrs. J. H. Tull is visiting in Abilene with her son, Dr. Raymond Tull and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin and Ginger Sue spent the week end in Waco with his mother, Mrs. Alice Griffin and son.



Merry Christmas

Best wishes to you and yours.

RAYMOND LOWE GARAGE

DUFFAU
— By —
Mrs. Pascal Brown

Mr. J. A. Craig celebrated his 86th birthday Sunday. Those visiting in the home were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carey and grandson, Carey Miles of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown, Bonnie Lee and Harry and Betty Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Witt visited in the home of Mrs. McCoy of Glen Rose recently.

Mr. Buddy Engler of Fort Lavena is visiting his wife and children, who are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nachtigall.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Land and sons were visitors in Dublin Saturday.

Mr. M. H. Gillentine and children received word that Mr. and Mrs. James Gillentine of Fort Worth are the proud parents of a baby son, born Thursday. He has been given the name of James Vernon Jr. and weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces.

Cliff Iltt has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. M. H. Gillentine and children spent Sunday in Wichita Falls visiting their wife and mother, who is a patient in the hospital there, and reported that she is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Templeton and daughter, Donna, accompanied by Betty Booth of Hico, were in Fort Worth Saturday to meet A. C. Wilburn O. Templeton of Mississippi. He is going to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents.


Mrs. Blair and Mr. Seay visited in the home of W. D. Elkins Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest appreciation to the friends and to the doctors and nurses of the Hico Hospital who ministered to the needs of our mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Sparks, during her last illness.

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Greetings

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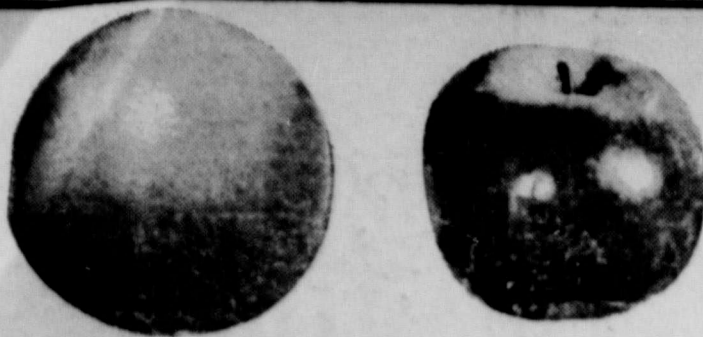
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Any erroneous reflection on the character, reputation or standing of any person or firm appearing in these columns will be gladly and promptly corrected upon calling attention of the management to the article in question.

Hico, Texas, Friday, Dec. 24, 1954.



IT'S THE LAW in Texas

AMERICAN "BILL OF RIGHTS" EXPLAINED

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civic rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the right of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense; against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case; and against having his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentation or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights."

Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII. Other articles insure the right to bear arms and ban quartering of soldiers in private homes during peace time.

Then, to make quite clear to our governing bodies the underlying intent of the preceding provisions, the Ninth Amendment states: "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes this basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

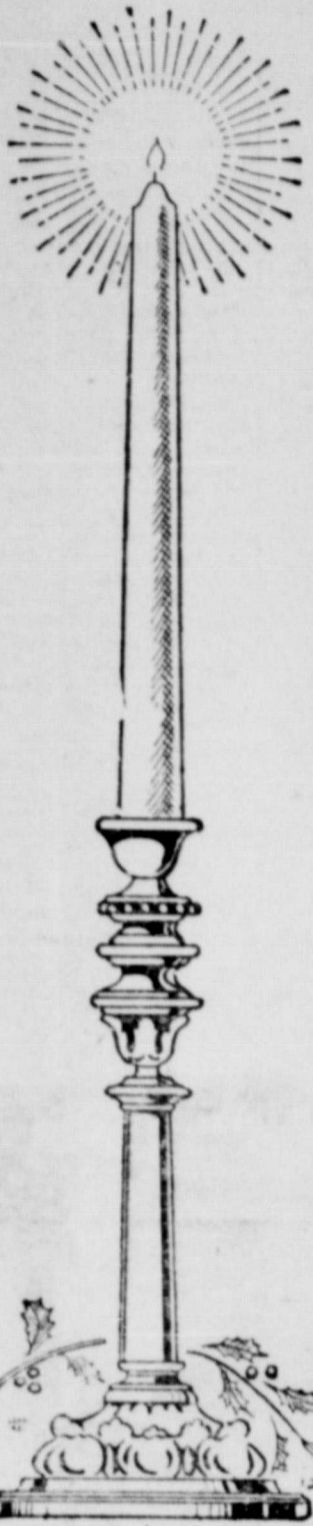
Thus, the fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

(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.)

The University of Texas has a permanent fund which is increasing by approximately \$17 million a year.

Listen as the Redbird Rambles

By Carolyn Holford



MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM
THE REDBIRD

Solutions Being Found For Health Problems Presented by Drouth

Austin, Dec. 6.—The drouth, which during the last ten years in the Southwest, including Texas, has caused untold damage to the farmers, ranchers and industry, has also presented problems in public health, declared Dr. Henry A. Holle, State Health Officer.

The drouth may be a lesson as it has brought along with it an awakening of the conscience to conserve and protect water quality and quantity for all useful purposes. Many organizations from Chambers of Commerce to other civic clubs, watershed organizations, research foundations and educational institutions have appointed committees and are doing something about it. The problems are complex, yet with unity of purpose, a solution will be reached.

It was through the coordinated efforts of the municipalities, trained water and sewage plant operators and public health workers throughout the state that we have emerged from a most disastrous situation by the breadth of a fine hair. Municipalities in the state, though some of them face future shortages, have at this writing sufficient water for local needs when used conservatively and such cities as were fortunate enough to be located in the proximity of impoundages previously built should show no hesitancy in continuing their expansion plans.

Dr. Holle stated that the state has been able to maintain good protective services which unquestionably will be increased. Such services include approval of plans for water treatment facilities. The periodic inspection of the treatment facilities and checking of their efficiencies. The regular analyses of water specimens, amounted to over 85,000 during the past twelve months. Watersheds are surveyed. Reservoirs are required to enforce sanitary regulations. Stream analyses are made. Pollution needs are being met with the 629 treatment plants in the state. Regular inspection is made of the large industrial plants and their wastes are checked for toxic materials and contaminants.

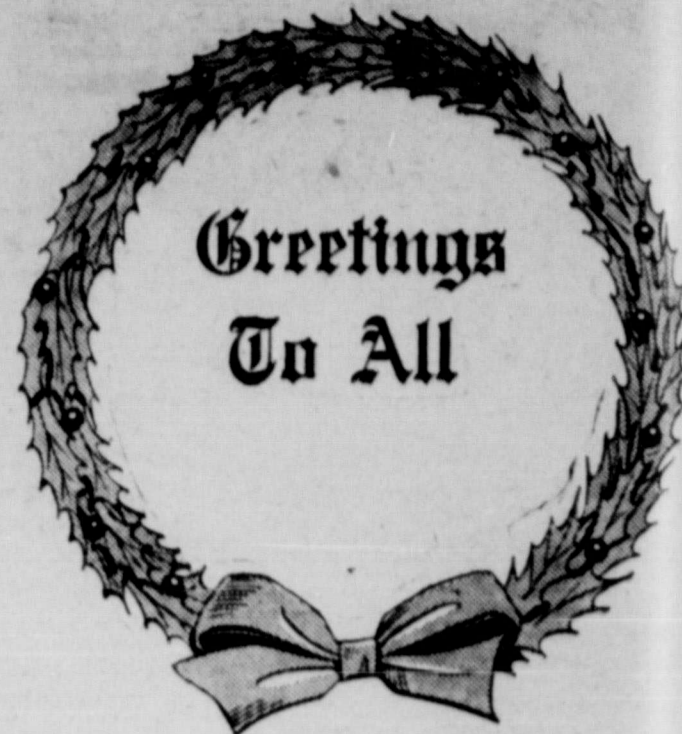
Dr. Holle said that we should lend our support to the recommendation of the Texas Water Resources Committee which has studied the problem from various angles and is presenting a plan which, if implemented, will insure Texas' preparedness in meeting future drouths.

Technology plus the free enterprise system have tripled the output per man-hour of America's working force since the turn of the century.

In the battle of the big cities against smoke, St. Louis once ranked as having the heaviest soot deposit of any major city. A ten year period of city effort has now ranked the city among those having the least smoke.

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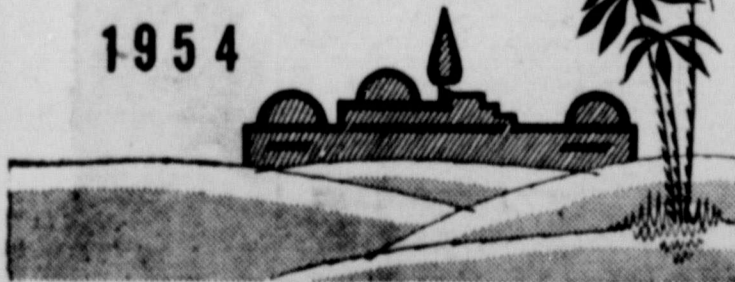
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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simpson of Waco visited Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Meador and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lovell and children of Cleburne spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovell.

C. C. Smith, on vacation from his duties with the Katy Railroad, came up from Temple Tuesday to visit with his dad, J. J. Smith, and deliver his Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Blakley and children, Jimmie, Nancy and Grady of Levelland arrived Monday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Grady Harrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith and children and Mrs. Hettie Smith and daughter, Jewell of Waco brought Christmas gifts to J. J. Smith Sunday and visited for a while.

Miss Mettie Rodgers, who is an instructor at A & M College at College Station, has arrived to spend the holidays in her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett, Mrs. Ethel Lackey and Miss Florence Chenault plan to leave Friday for College Station to spend the Christmas holidays with their brother, W. I. Chenault and family.

Week-end visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Baldrige were Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baldrige and children, Tom and Ray of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stover and children, Mary and John of Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe. They moved to Fort Worth last week where he is employed with Andrews Tower Company and Joyce Rae has enrolled as a junior student at Paschal High School.

Rolene Chaney, student at Baylor University, Waco has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chaney. He went to Carrollton Monday to be in the wedding of a friend, James Smart, who is also a Baylor student and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smart of Hico. The bride was Miss Bonnie Richardson of Carrollton and a student at Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton.

Judge and Mrs. C. E. Gandy of Gatesville were Sunday visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Baldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Marshall and one of their children, Marvin III, came up from Corpus Christi last week end for a pre-Christmas visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall.

Visitors last week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy French were Mr. and Mrs. Charles French of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Dub French and little daughter, Deborah Lynn, of Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fewell have received an announcement of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dabhour in Washington, D. C. recently. The mother is the former Miss Oleta Fewell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fewell of Hico.

Couple Married Here To Celebrate 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kinser will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 6 p. m. Sunday at their home, 112 Kings Highway, Fort Worth. The couple were married in Hico and resided here until they moved to Fort Worth three years ago.

They will be assisted by their daughter, Miss Naomi Kinser, and their son, Billy Kinser, at the open house.

Friends of the couple have been invited to call during the appointed hours.

Iredell Couple to Mark Wedding Anniversary On Christmas Day

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Webb of Iredell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Christmas Day at their home.

They were married at Crandall, Kaufman County, and have been living in Bosque County 49 years. The couple have two sons, J. C. Webb of Iredell, and Austin Webb of Fort Worth; and four daughters, Mrs. Ray Gibbons of Meridian, Mrs. A. L. Madden, Mrs. Roy Moore and Mrs. J. V. Early, all of Fort Worth.

my PEEVE by Mike Bennett

THERE ought to be a law against anybody writing a column titled "Pet Peeve" at Christmas. Even Scrooge would have a tough time.

Most of us are thankful for what we have when Thanksgiving rolls around. On Veterans Day, we say a prayer for continued peace. Yet, it's true—and rightfully so—that no holiday touches us as deeply and significantly as Christmas.

Christmas touches us where we are softest—the heart. There is a spirit about the season that shakes away our inhibitions, removes any distrust we may feel for our fellow man, and reaffirms the faith that dwells to some degree within every living human. Being "cranky"—even "peevish" is simply out of season.

Did you ever notice how often it is at Christmas time that the most ardent tightwad or dedicated penny-pincher shakes loose the mothballs from the treasure chest to buy presents for everybody? And bills are just a couple of guys named William when Dad starts stuffing Santa's pack with the things he'll leave under the family tree.

Even the Old Timers (who complain that the new generation has "commercialized" Christmas) shake out the old sock and go gift shopping. People don't react this way because of the any "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em" philosophy. Not at all.

Gift giving is spurred by one motive in every heart. Subconscious or not, each individual gives to commemorate a wonderful night, many years ago, when mankind received the greatest gift of all.

Magazine Says U. S. Gains More than Texas From Tidelands Oil

Washington.—The magazine U. S. News and World Report said today offshore oil land development now promises to be a huge bonanza for the federal treasury and a much smaller one for Texas and Louisiana.

The magazine said that, contrary to expectations when the "tidelands" controversy raged, the federal government stands to reap a profit six times as great as the Gulf Coast states. "It appears now as though the federal treasury will wind up at least six billion dollars richer because of tidelands development," the article says; "the states of Louisiana and Texas will be lucky if they get (a total of) one billion dollars."

The reason given: With improved methods of deep-water drilling, oil companies are finding the Gulf lands reserved to the federal government more attractive than the offshore lands now under the ownership of the states.

After sale of the first offshore leases off Louisiana in October, Secretary of Interior McKay said it was estimated the government would get over the years three billion dollars or more from the submerged lands.

The law enacted two years ago to resolve the ownership controversy gives the states title to submerged lands off their shores within their historical boundaries. For Texas and part of Florida that is generally regarded as three leagues, or 10.35 miles. For Louisiana and other states the government says it is three miles. Louisiana is claiming an average of 27 miles seaward.

The report said the lands still held by the federal government "are believed to contain almost eight times as much oil as the land now held by the two states."

The article said the federal government expected to get about 30 million dollars for drilling rights on 19 tracts recently offered off Louisiana's coast—but actually netted 121 millions for the 997 tracts actually leased.

In addition, the article said, the government will collect 16 1/2 per cent of the value of all oil produced. This is estimated to be at least five billion dollars at current prices. And in addition the treasury stands to net an estimated one billion dollars from drilling rights alone.

The magazine said this federal cut from "one of the most extensive oil hunts in history" will go into the general fund of the treasury—and not, as supporters of federal ownership to all of the oil lands once proposed, into a fund for the benefit of public schools.

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.

Employees, Officers and Wives Entertained at Bank's Annual Party

The annual Christmas party for officers and employees of The First National Bank and their wives was held Tuesday evening at the dining room of Loudermilk Cafe.

Pretty Christmas decorations adorned the setting, arranged by Odie Patsick, president of the bank, and Mrs. Patsick. They also acted as hosts at the dinner, where other delicacies added to the menu based on traditional turkey and dressing.

Fountain pens were given to the directors, and employees received their annual salary bonus awards. Favours to the ladies were corsages and boxes of candy.

Included in the guest list were Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Randals, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richbourg, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woodard, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Randals, Miss Ruth Phillips and Miss Edna Walker. Another employee, Miss Teresa Holley, was ill and could not attend.

Sunday School Class Entertained Monday At Christmas Party

The Fidelis Matrons Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church entertained with a Christmas party Monday night, December 20, at the Firemen's Hall. Forty-two was enjoyed by all present.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, coffee and cocoa were served, after which gifts were exchanged. Everyone reported a good time.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Munterlyn, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lounney, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Seago, Mrs. Gladys Smith and Mrs. Rena Eproson. REPORTER

Children Entertain Review Club Members At Christmas Tea

Claudia Hafer and Judy Jameson entertained members and guests of the Hico Review Club with song and dance numbers at a Christmas tea Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. F. Hafer.

Mrs. R. B. Jackson gave a reading, and Mrs. Grady Wray of Meridian and Mrs. Hafer played organ selections. Mrs. M. I. Knudson presided at the tea table. Hostesses were Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. D. R. McCauley, Mrs. W. M. Horsley, Mrs. T. E. Roberts, Mrs. Morse Ross, Mrs. Knudson, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hafer.

Wesleyan Guild Adds Donation to Baskets Lions Will Distribute

Mrs. Porter Willis was the leader of a Yuletide program, "Peace on Earth," at a Wesleyan Guild meeting Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. G. R. Lackey.

The hostess served fruitcake and coffee to 14 members.

The group sent a donation to the Lions Club for the baskets for the needy.

Hospital and Clinic Staff Have Christmas Party at Clubhouse

The annual Christmas party for the staff and employees of Hico City Hospital and Hico Clinic was held Monday night at Bluebonnet Country Club.

Attending the gathering were: Mr. and Mrs. Buster Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keller, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tudor, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hylea, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howard.

Also Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hafer, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Hedges, Carlton Tudor, Mrs. Della Abel, Mrs. W. E. Whitson, Mrs. Gene Hicks, and Mrs. Sarah Reeves.

Mrs. Mollie Harvey Honored at Celebration Marking Her Birthday

Mrs. Nora Thompson surprised her stepmother, Mrs. Mollie Harvey, with a celebration last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Harvey's 79th birthday the following day, December 20.

Her guests were two old-time friends, Mrs. Mae Snellings (the two had known each other for over 53 years), and Mrs. Susie Latham, Mr. and Mrs. Hop Cronover and family were there too.

Mrs. Thompson served a delicious dinner to all, and Mrs. Harvey received several nice gifts and some money. All had a nice day, and the ladies talked over times of long ago. All left late in the evening wishing Mrs. Harvey many more happy birthdays.

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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Mrs. McDonel was in Hico Tuesday.

Mr. C. A. Mitchell is at home from the Holt Hospital and is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Jenkins of Pasca spent the past week end with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Hanshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Haygood of Walnut Springs visited her daughter, Mrs. Earl Behringer this week.

Mrs. Minnie Piker and her daughter and her mother, Mrs. Clara Golden of Houston visited here Saturday afternoon. They were on their way to El Paso to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jackson and twin boys, Floyd and Lloyd and their daughter, Peggy, of California spent the holidays with his parents and her mother, Mrs. Doty of Hico.

Mrs. Brit Ogle has returned from Lake Charles, La., where she visited her son and family.

Doak Simpson, who is in college in Stephenville, and his girl friend visited his grandmother, Mrs. Nora Smith Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ellis of Brownfield visited his sister, Mrs. J. E. Lawrence this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadors were in Hico Saturday.

Miss Bettye Bradley, who teaches in Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Patterson of Clifton spent Sunday with his brother and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flanary were in Meridian Monday.

Miss Lavern Koonsman of Dallas spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence spent Sunday in De Leon with their daughter, Mrs. Lelan Nabors and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem McAden visited their son, A. C., who is in a hospital with pneumonia. He is improving. He and his wife live in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith and daughter of Fort Worth spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Allan Dawson and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Deane Huckaby and son of Fort Worth spent Sunday with her father, Mr. Abe Myers.

Mrs. Fred Flanary has returned from Anton where she was with her daughter.

A CHRISTMAS STORY By STELLA JONES

Mr. Andy Jason and his wife Nora, lived in a Texas city. He was in the grocery business and done fine. Was loved and respected by all. He was honest with all.

He got tired of the store and sold out and bought a nice little farm just outside of the city limits.

He is 70 and she is 65. Mr. and Mrs. Jason have a daughter, Pearl. She is married to Mr. Jozin. They have two children, a girl 5 years old and a boy 7 months old. Mr. Jozin has a big department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason moved to the farm a few days after Thanksgiving. They have some fine cows, which produced plenty of milk and butter and a large flock of hens that sure lay the eggs. Will have a nice hog to kill.

They are a happy couple. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, live in the city. Both are 85 years old. They have a son. He is out of the state.

Mr. Jason got a man and his wife to come to the farm to help out. There was a house on the place. Mr. Jason told the man, "No tractors for us. They are dangerous." He has some good horses that are fed good and they would be used for the farm work.

Big preparations were being made for Christmas. A big turkey had been bought and was being fed and it sure was getting fat.

The hired man's wife helped with the Christmas baking and also would help with all the work. Little did Mr. and Mrs. Jason know how this Christmas Day would be. We will wait and see.

On Christmas Eve their daughter and children came to the farm. He would be there that night after the store was closed. The little girl enjoyed being out on the farm.

A Christmas tree was put up in the living room and it was beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason went to town and bought many nice gifts, also candy, fruits and nuts. Got extra gifts for anyone who came in unexpected. Good thing they did.

The cooking for the big day was about done. A girl close by would help that day with the serving.

The hired man and wife would spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in town with relatives.

Mrs. Jason had a piano and done a good deal of playing. Her daughter also had one. On this Christmas morning, all went into the living room and before the gifts were taken off the tree they sang Christmas carols, the daughter doing the playing. All were happy over their gifts.

All went in the dining room and enjoyed a good hot breakfast prepared by the girl.

The house was soon put in order and the turkey was put on to cook and everything going fine. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown came and brought some nice eats and some gifts also. Mr. Brown turned thanks and soon the fun of eating began.

The maid heard some one at the front door and went. A woman and two children were there. Mrs. Jason went to the door. She had seen the woman a few times. Her name was Josie Smith. "I am cold and hungry. I started to my mother's home a short distance from here and I couldn't make it."

She fell in a faint. Was put in bed. A doctor was called and she was soon revived. The doctor knew her well.

"Josie, you are run down and I will give you a tonic."

She had two girls, one 4 and the other 1. They got rides part of the way.

Some food was given to her and the children and some gifts also. Josie and her children were taken to the home of her parents, who lived a short distance down the highway. She thanked all of them for their kindness.

Her husband wasn't very much. He was mean to them some times and some times was good. She told them he put them out and said, "I am going to have a big time."

The news was brought to her the next day that her husband and two other men were in a car wreck and were killed. The car was badly torn up. She was very sad of his death.

They owned their home. She remained with her parents for a while. After the funeral her and the children returned home. She was feeling fine now. He had an

insurance policy and would do well. She didn't forget Mr. and Mrs. Jason on that Christmas for their kindness to them. Would visit them some.

Her daughter and Mrs. Jozin's daughter would play together and would have great times. Josie was a friend to one and all and all were her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jason also were friends to all.

Many a hungry person has been fed there and some would spend the night. They were known far and near for their kindness to one and all.

May all enjoy this short story as much as I did in writing it.

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Love, MIKE CHRISTIAN.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm Mike's little brother and am 2 years old. I have been good too and will try not to fight with Mike on Christmas Day.

Love, BARRY CHRISTIAN.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm not a bit hard to please and am real good, so bring me a teddy bear and anything else handy for a 10-month-old.

Love, RANDY CHRISTIAN.

Dear Santa, I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I wanted a doll, suitcase and doll for Christmas, also candy, fruit and nuts.

Love, BRENDA SUE SMITH, Box 123, Thorndale, Texas

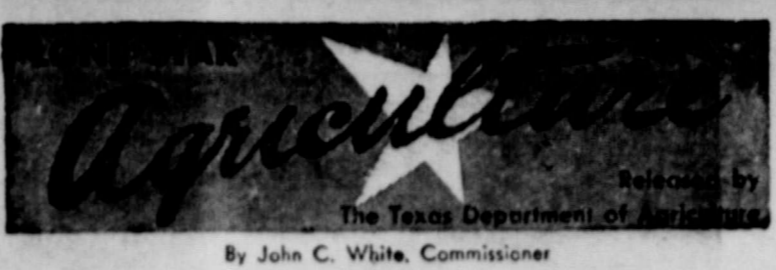
Dear Santa, I am a good little girl and I want a doll, housecoat, pajamas, baton, piano, records, needles, house shoes, sparklers and some fruit, nuts and candy.

Love, PAULA ANN LANE.

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By John C. White, Commissioner

NEEDED PROTECTION

Recent amendments to the Social Security Act will bring federal old-age and survivors insurance to most Texas farm families.

Farm operators—people farming for themselves—have not previously been covered by the Social Security Law, beginning January 1, all of them who make as much as

CLAIRETTE

This writer wishes the NR staff and every one a Merry Christmas. The Busy Bee Sewing Club had their annual Christmas party Friday night, Dec. 17 at the school building.

A good crowd attended the Christmas program and tree at the Methodist Church Saturday night. After the program refreshments were served and Christmas games were played.

Mrs. Wayne Garner and girls of Selden visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Robertson last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Willie Wolfe visited Saturday afternoon with Misses Eunice and Nola Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cornelius and children of Sherman came Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Tate of Salem community visited Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson Sunday afternoon.

The Baptist people had a Christmas program Sunday night at the Baptist Church.

Several Clairette ladies attended the county-wide club party in Stephenville Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15.

Mrs. Reba Carter and Mrs. Les Dowdy spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Carter and family of Round Rock.

Those attending the O. E. S. Christmas party in Hico Thursday night were Mrs. Ara Denman, Mrs. Zona Havens, Mrs. Reba Carter and Mrs. Lucile Mayfield.

Mrs. Mollie Cook received word her sister, Mrs. Minnie Akers of King City, Calif. is seriously ill and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Albert Cook of Fort Worth underwent surgery last week.



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These are days of plenty — plenty of turkey, that is — and with turkey on the plentiful foods list now that means it is economically priced, too! Once just roasted food, the new style is cut up turkey for broiling or barbecuing outdoors. Cut up turkey fried and Creole dishes give Southern cookery a new twist. Oven fried turkey is one of the newer recipes. The Southwest is a leader in producing turkeys and it gives your table something "extra" to serve turkey in a variety of ways during the Fall and Winter months when it is plentiful and pleasant budget-wise, too!



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Humble TV to Show Celebration of Active Bishop's 88th Birthday

As a rule, men celebrating their 88th birthday anniversary aren't very active. But that general rule doesn't apply to retired Methodist Bishop Hiram A. Boaz of Dallas. To get films of the Bishop's recent anniversary celebration and some background films, cameramen had to trail the fast-moving Bishop from Dallas to several other Texas cities. These films knitted together make an interesting feature next week on The Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

The program will also include films of caged birds valued at \$300,000 being exhibited in Houston, a group of San Antonio orphans visiting the Milk Bowl football game in Kerrville, Col. Homer Garrison of the State Department of Public Safety being honored at a banquet, and a profile of ex-Texas University football player Hugh Wolfe, now a successful Mineral Wells businessman.

Texas in Review can be seen Monday, December 27, on KRLD-TV, Dallas, at 7:30 p. m., and WBAP-TV, Ft. Worth at 8:00 p. m.

Social Security Law Changes to Affect Many Local Farmers in '55

Many farmers in and around Hico have begun to show a keen interest in the new social security law as it will affect him in 1955 and later, according to Joe Clepp, Field Representative of the Waco District office of the Social Security Administration.

"In visits to Hamilton County, representatives of the Waco office are having numerous questions and inquiries from self-employed farm operators about what they need to do now and later, and what it will mean to them and to their families in the way of future retirement or survivor monthly benefit checks," Clepp stated.

"In general," he reports, "self-employed farm, ranch and cotton gin operators, who earn as much as \$400 net profit in 1955 and in 1956 will become fully insured in April 1956. Those then 65 years of age or older, or survivors of those who die insured after that date will be due monthly checks subject to the retirement or earnings test contained in the 1954 Amendments.

"Farm employees who are paid as much as \$100.00 by one employer in 1955 or any later calendar year will also begin to earn social security rights. The test of being insured depends on what we call 'quarter of coverage.' A farm employee gets one such 'quarter of coverage' for each \$100.00 in taxable wages, up to four in each year. The self-employed person receives his farm 'quarters of coverage' for each year that he reports as much as \$400.00 in net profit. No one is insured until he has at least 6 quarters of coverage, and the requirement rises through the future years to a maximum need for 40 such credits."

To help local area farm families learn full details about the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act affecting them, the News Review is carrying the coupon below for their convenience. Completing and mailing the coupon to the address shown will bring you the free booklet "Facts for Farm Families."

Social Security Administration
206 North Sixth Street
Waco, Texas

Please send me the free booklet called "Facts for Farm Families."

(Name—please print)

(mailing address)



Merry Christmas

May this Yule be happy like ones of old.

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Tuberculosis Losing Battle With Man For Better Health

Austin, Dec. 16.—Tuberculosis, many years ago the nation's leading cause of death, is losing out because of man's fight for better health. Once the leading death in Texas, too, tuberculosis now ranks ninth in Texas as a cause of death, says Dr. Henry A. Holle, State Health Officer. Last year all forms of tuberculosis killed 1,070 Texans while twenty years ago with a population of only two-thirds of our present population there were 4,020 deaths.

Tuberculosis usually attacks the lungs. The disease is spread from person to person, through germ-laden droplets or sputum discharged by an infected person. It can be spread through kissing, breathing air containing tuberculosis germs, and through handling objects used in common with tuberculous persons.

A regular chest x-ray is the surest way to detect early tuberculosis. Every Texan has an opportunity to have his chest x-rayed by one of the mobile x-ray units operated by the Texas State Department of Health.

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