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Colorful Decorations Lend Festive Air to Community

The Hico Garden Club committee has reported commendable interest in the annual Christmas Lighting Contest.

Composed of Mrs. Ellis Randalls and Mrs. H. W. Sherrard, the committee said that much interest has

been shown in the contest and suggests that a drive through town will reveal many unusual and lovely lighted homes.

The committee has also announced the date of the judging to enable everyone to be eligible by having their lights on, December 21 will be the night of judging and everyone is urged to turn on their lights that night, as all homes will be judged if their lights are burning, or their outside decorations are lit up.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday for Raymond Armstrong

Raymond Boydell Armstrong, 66, Erath County rancher, was found dead Monday at a barn near his home 10 miles north of Hico.

Peace Justice C. H. McKinney of Stephenville ruled death resulted from a heart attack.

After graduating from Tarleton College in 1910 Armstrong entered the cleaning business, being one of the youngest business men of Stephenville at that time. His business grew and expanded until it eventually became known far and wide as one of the most successful of its kind in West Central Texas.

He closed his Stephenville business contacts in 1947 but did retain some real estate holding there. After disposing of his equity in the Stephenville Laundry and Dry Cleaning company he bought a large farm 10 miles north of Hico. He and Mrs. Armstrong have lived there continuously since leaving Stephenville.

Mr. Armstrong also operated a service station in Hico for several years, before his retirement this fall.

Survivors are his wife; a brother, McClenney Armstrong of New Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. Leonard Mena of Kenedy and Mrs. Lewis Fields of Dallas, and a half sister, Mrs. Rufe Carlton of Walnut Springs.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Stephenville Funeral Home with burial in West End Cemetery.

Schools To Close Friday for Holidays

Hico Public Schools will close Friday afternoon, December 21, for the Christmas holidays and resume classes Wednesday, January 2, Supt. O. C. Cook has announced.

A high school assembly will be held Friday and gifts exchanged. Elementary grades are having individual parties and trees December 21.

Final Rites For Mrs. Jewell Miller, 42, Conducted Tuesday

Rites were conducted here Tuesday for Mrs. Jewell Edna Miller, 42, of Ennis who passed away December 17 in Dallas. Services were held at Barrow-Rutledge Funeral Chapel with Bro. Stanley Giesecke officiating. Burial was in Millerville Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born in Erath County Sept. 3, 1914, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper Sr.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin B. Miller of Ennis; her father, J. E. Cooper Sr. of Anson; five sons, Ist. Lt. Maurice Miller, Duane Miller, Marcus Miller, Dayton Miller and Steve Miller all of Ennis; three daughters, Miss Marilyn Miller, Mrs. H. M. Anderson and Mrs. James H. Frances, all of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Bowen of Anson and Mrs. Daisy Boone of Fort Worth; five brothers, Ernest Cooper of Santo, Fletcher Cooper of Iredell, Ollie Cooper of Brownfield, Oscar Cooper and J. E. Cooper Jr. both of Fort Worth.

Serving as pallbearers were Ernest Cooper, Fletcher Cooper, Oscar Cooper, J. E. Cooper Jr. and H. M. Anderson.

Carlton Resident Buried At Hereford Tuesday

Funeral services were held in Hereford Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, for William Warren Wimberley, 84, of Carlton and Dawn, Texas, who passed away Dec. 16 at Hico Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past three weeks.

Mr. Wimberley, who had lived at Hereford for a number of years, was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Wimberley of Carlton; one daughter, Mrs. Vernon H. Baker of Carlton; three sons, William W. Jr., and Carl T., both of Dawn, and C. A. of Amarillo; one brother, Sam Wimberley; and nine grandchildren.

MOVE TO CONROE

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe and Mike have recently moved to Conroe where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Howard were in Dallas last Tuesday on business.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Hey, Kids! Santa Claus is coming to town!

Word was received here this week that the jolly old fellow would be on the streets of Hico Saturday and Monday.

Bring Mom and Dad, and all your sisters and brothers, as Santa will have treats for all.

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY FOR LOCAL LADY, MRS. BLAKLEY

What would you think if your phone should ring and someone on the other end of the line told you that you had just been named the winner of a 1957 automobile?

Well, that's exactly what happened to Mrs. Scott Blakley, who resides in the Fairy community on Hico Route 3. Mrs. Blakley was informed Wednesday by Mr. Dale Murray of the Preferred Life Insurance Company of Dallas that she had won the new 2-door Plymouth automobile in a puzzle and jingle contest which she had entered recently. Mr. Murray called the News Review Wednesday afternoon and informed the editor of Mrs. Blakley's good fortune.

Presentation ceremonies will be held Friday in Dallas, with the president of the company, Mr. Largent Parks, presenting the new car to Mrs. Blakley. Congratulations are in order for the lucky lady.

RAINFALL IS 'BEST' CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Santa Claus arrived early for farmers and ranchers over this area, as one of the best rains in recent months began falling Tuesday.

The rain continued through Tuesday night and Wednesday and reports Thursday ranged from two inches all the way to 3 inches in parts of the county.

The rain will greatly benefit the grain, and pastures in this area.

Iredell Baptist Church

Student night at Christmas will be Sunday evening. The young people will have charge of the service. Be sure to attend.

YOUTH CENTER SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 21—8:15 to 10:30.
Saturday, Dec. 22—3:00 to 5:00, 7:00 to 10:00.
Sunday, Dec. 23—4:30 to 6:15, 8:30 to 9:30.

Don't Let Christmas Go to Your Head When Driving

Christmas is a joyous, bustling and exciting season. And it is just these elements that too often contribute to tragic accidents, according to Jeanne Smith, Dodge safety consultant.

Both motorists and pedestrians are apt to be so pre-occupied with holiday plans and festivities that they let their guard down in traffic—and that's when accidents are most likely to occur, she warns. Here are Jeanne's suggestions for a safe holiday season:

1. Stay Alert. Don't let excitement over holiday plans and preparations divert your attention from careful driving and cautious walking.

2. Slow Down. Inclement weather and more hours of darkness during the holiday season make it doubly important to reduce speed. Don't be over-anxious to reach that gala party or to complete your Christmas shopping. Last Christmas, excessive speed was the most frequent driver violation.

3. Be a Careful Pedestrian. More than half of the traffic accidents at Christmas time involve pedestrians. Don't let your enthusiasm over selecting the right gifts cause you to forget common-sense safety rules. Never carry packages or umbrellas in such a way that your vision is blocked. Most important

cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks. Never dart into traffic from between parked cars.

4. Be a "Cool" Driver. The holiday rush and bustle often leads to tensions and impatience. Traffic is heavy. Control your temper when behind the wheel and never take unnecessary chances.

5. If You Drink, Don't Drive. At holiday social affairs where drinks are served, don't drive if you have had even "one for the road."

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The regular Fourth Sunday Singing will be held Sunday afternoon at the Hico Congregational Methodist Church. Singing hours are from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Everyone has an invitation to attend.

DUFFAU 4-H CLUB HAS REGULAR MEETING

The Duffau 4-H Club met Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1956.

We discussed carrying fruits to the elderly sick people. We also planned our Christmas party for December 20th.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ANADA WITT, Reporter.

Pastor And Family Honorees at Farewell Party Monday Night

Members of the Hico Baptist Church honored their pastor, Rev. Joe B. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and their son, Joe Frank, with a farewell party at the church Monday night.

A basket supper was served, and the honorees were presented with gifts. A program was also presented emphasizing the accomplishments of Rev. Taylor while serving the church since coming to Hico two years ago.

J. B. Wooton, Mrs. Richmond Herrington, and George Holladay were in charge of arrangements.

The Taylors plan to move to Burnet December 27.

Letters to Santa Claus

Iredell, Texas
Dec. 14, 1956

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy, three and one-half years old. I try to be good. Santa I wish you would please bring me a jumping horse, drum, a set of guns with holster, and I would love to have a tea set. Don't forget my daddy, mommie, brother and my grandmothers. Also bring me something to give my kitty and dogs. I hope I get to see you.

Lots of love,
Bobby George Musick.

Hico, Texas
Dec. 12, 1956

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl one and a half years old. I have red hair and brown eyes. I have been a good girl.

Please bring me a baby doll, house shoes, and a spring horse that I can ride.

Don't forget my big sister, Sandena, and all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Nancy Jill Hicks.

Dear Santa:

I want:
1. Tiny Tears doll.
2. Pastry Mix set, 11 mixes.
3. Size eight bride outfit.
4. Gun and holster set.
5. Doll House.
6. Susy Suerette.
7. Telephone.

Barbara Ann Casey, Hico, Texas.

(Ed. Note) The following two letters are from the second and third grade class of Iredell Schools.

Dear Santa:
Please bring each of us what we want for Christmas—toys, candy, fruit, nuts, clothes or something we can use.
Thank you.

Your friends,

Barry; Christiene Trotter; Connie Smith; Linda Flanary; John Copeland; David Porter; Bryan Bateman; Shirley Huckaby; Darlene Sawyer; Vonne Glenn; David Welch; Judy Thompson.

Dear Santa:

Please bring each of us what we want for Christmas—toys, candy, fruits, nuts, clothes or something we can use.

Thank you.

Your friends,
Sandra Vosburg; Edward Ledbetter; Dartha Wellborn; Linda Weatherford; Randy Lane; Dickie Mims; Suzanne Main; Keith Williamson; Sue Hamilton. (Third grade.)

Hico, Texas

I will like to have a Fairy doll
Suzanne Lackey.

Hico, Texas

Dear Santa:

Would you please bring me a doll in a suit case with clothes and a bottle. A set of dishes. I am a little girl three years old. I have been pretty good. Don't forget my sister.

I love you,
Linda Jean Bullard.

P.S. Don't forget my cousins, Kathy and Debbie. Bring them lots of toys.

Hico, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 7 years old

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Bonus Days Drawing Large Crowds, Business at Brisk Pace

Extra large crowds have attended the two "Bonus Day" drawing this week, and merchants have reported business at a brisk pace.

One of the largest crowds ever assembled in Hico was in town last Saturday for the first of four drawings to be held. The Wednesday crowd was somewhat hampered by the rain, but people and merchants were not complaining.

The next drawing is scheduled for Saturday, December 22, at 3:30 p.m. It will be followed by the final drawing on Christmas Eve day, Monday.

Lucky winners last Saturday

were H. H. Ramage and Mrs. Wy-song Graves. Mr. Ramage was awarded the \$75.00 prize, while Mrs. Graves received \$25.00.

Wednesday winners were Frank Smith, who drew the \$75.00 cash award, and Mrs. Faye Tolliver, who received \$25.00.

Prizes Saturday will be worth the same as those of the previous two days, and the Monday drawing will find some lucky ticket holders drawing a total of \$135.00. First prize on Monday will be worth \$100.00, second \$25.00, and third, \$10.00.

Merchants throughout the town have reported from "fair" to "excellent" business the past ten days, and much of the business is credited to the free give-away by the merchants. Businessmen are expecting an even greater rush the final three days of the Christmas shopping season, anticipating a rash of late shoppers. Stores still have a nice selection of gift items, ranging in most any price bracket.

Don't forget the final two drawings to be held in Hico Saturday and Monday. You might be the lucky winner.

Dr. McDonald Held To Hold Sunday Services At First Baptist Church

Dr. McDonald Held of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, will be speaker at services Sunday at First Baptist Church.

Dr. Held will have charge of both morning and evening services, according to information submitted by R. B. Jackson.

Everyone has a cordial invitation to hear this excellent speaker.

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	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Precip.
Dec. 12	78	38	0.00	
Dec. 13	74	28	0.00	
Dec. 14	65	22	0.00	
Dec. 15	62	38	0.00	
Dec. 16	66	25	0.00	
Dec. 17	70	42	0.00	
Dec. 18	57	31	0.71	

Total precipitation so far this year, 16.23 inches.

COMBAT TRAINING IS COMPLETED BY CARLTON MAN

Camp Pendleton, Calif.—Pvt. Danny F. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Route 2, Hico, completed four weeks of individual combat training November 24 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The course of instruction at this huge training base included the latest infantry tactics, first aid, demolitions, field fortifications, and advanced schooling on weapons.

The trainees learn that all Marines are basically infantrymen, whether they serve as cooks, typists, truck drivers, or with aviation units.

The training is given to Marines scheduled for duty overseas and to all graduates of recruit training before they are assigned to new duty stations.

W. R. Hampton Elected President of Water And Sanitary Association

The Bosque River Water and Sanitary Association met Tuesday night, December 18, at Dublin for their regular meeting.

After a business session, election of officers for 1957 were elected. New officers are as follows: President, W. R. Hampton of Hico; vice president, M. L. Key of Hamilton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Flanagan of Walnut Springs.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to members present.

ATTEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET AT STEPHENVILLE THURSDAY

Among those from Hico who attended the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held last Thursday evening at Tarleton State College dining hall, were Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Patsick, Ellis Randalls, P. W. Hamilton, and E. V. Meador.

CPS EMPLOYEES ATTEND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Local employees who attended the party were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Davis, Donald and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dunlop and children, and Andrew McFadden and daughters, Valerie and Verna Pays.

A Christmas Prayer . . .

By MORGAN GARRETT

Mrs. Annie Lee Funk of Dallas has written what she calls "A Letter to Santa From a Grown-Up Child." Since the things she asks for in the letter are things which only God can give I am taking the liberty of using the ideas of her letter and most of the wording in the form of a Christmas Prayer to God.

"Dear God:
It has been a long, long time since I have really talked to you or listened to you. In case you have lost track of me I should tell you that I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue. All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

Please give me again a few of those precious possessions that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of a steadfast hope that strengthened my soul; and the lodestar of tender love that gleamed in my heart.

In the past years, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures of care for them as I should have; but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will open up my empty heart to you, dear God, and please, fill it with these things:

A large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a larger box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears. Leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and please, dear God, leave quite a lot of old-fashioned faith, understanding and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

May I add a few thoughts to these. These things for which all people hunger are some of the things that God tries to give to every person through His Son, The Church, imperfect though it is, is still the best place to receive these things from God through His Son.

No one has any right to expect these gifts from God who will not recognize the true meaning of Christmas by going to church next Sunday if health permits. My prayer for each person who reads this is that you may ask God for these things and that you may receive them from His hand through His Church. You may receive this by claiming the promise of the Son of God. "Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:23-24.)

Merry Christmas

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FAIRY

By MRS. EUNICE DANIEL

Another cold front came in late Monday bringing much cooler temperatures and light showers which began falling around two o'clock Tuesday morning and is still falling at this writing at nine a.m. According to radio reports some 34 of an inch has been received at Indian Gap in the southwest portion of the county and some 25 an inch at Hamilton. We just hope to receive enough to be of some benefit to the grain as it is very dry here and grasslands too would be benefited.

Mrs. Frank Driver was brought home last Friday afternoon from the Clifton hospital where she had been under treatment for a severe heart attack. She is still confined to bed. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sills are staying in the home. Mrs. Sills is doing the housework. Mr. Sills also suffered a heart attack recently and doctors advised that he do no farm work before February 1. Mr. Driver is still very poorly following major surgery a few months ago and they were very pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Sills could help them out in their time of need. Their daughter, Mrs. Calvin Anderson and their son, Dalton Driver and wife, all of Grand Prairie have been helping out at the home and hospital during their mother's stay there. We sincerely hope Mrs. Driver will soon be able to be up again.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Maude Cooper of Lamkin, who died in the Comanche hospital last Friday night following a heart attack. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Dru Cooper and the late Sam Cooper, formerly of Fairy. Funeral services were held at the Lamkin Methodist Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We extend sympathy to those bereaved in her passing. Mrs. Cooper was 72 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Cunningham were in Hamilton last Friday night to be with their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watson and baby after receiving a message that Mrs. Watson had fell and broke her leg. Mrs. Watson and baby had gone to pick up her husband, where he was employed, and in leaving a portion of the steps gave away. She was carrying their baby who was not injured in the fall. Mrs. Watson is the former Eva Nell Pitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Pitts of Hamilton. She was employed at Garner Alvis in Hamilton during the holiday season and had also been a former employee there before her marriage. We were very sorry to learn of her misfortune and hope she will soon be fully recovered.

There has been some illness in the community due to intestinal flu and colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don visited a while last Friday night in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison of Dublin and to be with their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pittman of Merquite, who were there for a week end visit with their parents, The Allison and Mr. and Mrs. L. Pittman of near Dublin. The Sellers learned while there that Mrs. Allison had spent several days the first of the week on jury duty at Stephenville.

The writer attended singing at Warrens Creek Baptist Church west of Hamilton Sunday afternoon, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sumerford from Hamilton. On our return to Hamilton we visited with Mrs. Minnie McCarty at the rest home. Glad to report her as well as usual. On our way home we stopped for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Driver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover and her mother, Mrs. A. L. Newman of near Hico visited Mrs. Minnie McCarty at Hamilton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Gladys Cox visited a while last Friday night in the Frank Driver home.

We were so glad to learn that Burl Lewis and Fred Ray Noland have recently received their discharge from the service. Burl made his home with his aunt, Miss Ruby Jamson until he went to Fort Worth to work. He was married to Miss Emma Pearl Smith a few months before entering the service. Both were employed in Fort Worth and continued working there until he left for service. Fred Ray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Noland, who reside on the Sellers place south of Fairy, was employed at the Hamilton Broadcasting Station when he entered the service. He has since married but understand she resided in the county. They have been visiting in the home of his parents for the past week or more.

Calbert Daniel spent Monday night in Fort Worth with his daughter Mrs. Marty Haire and went on to the Dallas markets on Tuesday for produce.

Christmas is just around the corner and as usual is bringing

its usual toll of tragedies. Many homes have been broken by the passing of loved ones in tragic death or otherwise. We sympathize greatly.

All are on the rush and run making last minute preparations for the holidays and as old Uncle Elijah on TV who advertises tires says, he's dreaming of a tired Christmas. We fear many housewives are also dreaming of a tired Christmas but a different kind of tired.

Please turn in your Christmas visitors as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pack of Stephenville visited Sunday in the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Parks and Audie.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs. Odie Shafer was a patient in the Clifton hospital last week.

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

Birthdates for this month are my deceased son, J. O. Richardson, Dec. 20, and Martie Haire of Fort Worth, Dec. 31.

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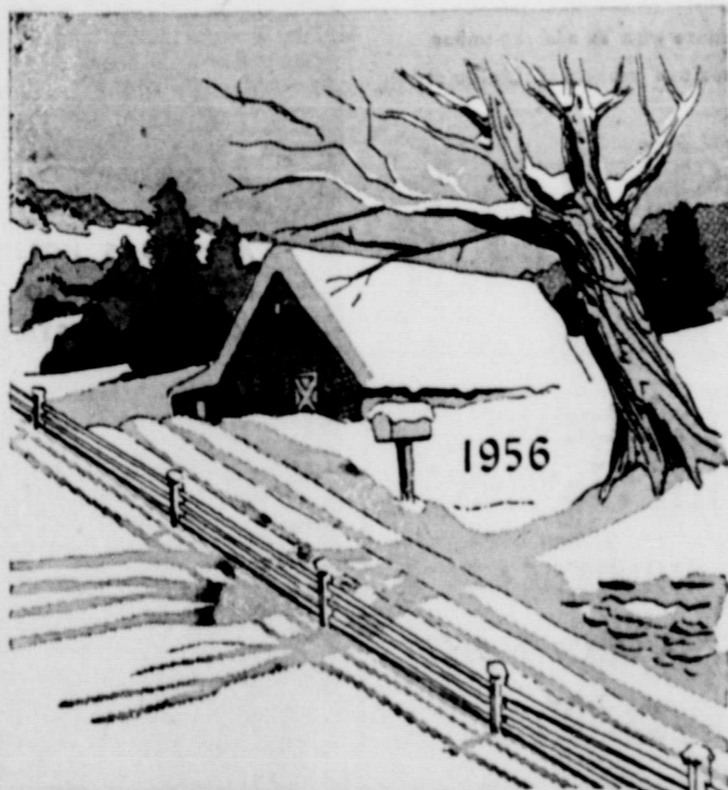
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ROY LINDSEY

MEET OUR BEAU FELLOW

The FHA girls met during the seventh period Tuesday, December 4, to elect an FHA Beau for 1956-57. He is Roy Lindsey, a senior. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Huel Lindsey of Duffau.

Roy is a good athlete and has lettered two years (this being his third year) in basketball. He is a good student who is liked by his classmates and teachers.

Say, Roy, a little bird told me that your favorite subject this year

is English. Could this be true? H—H—S

ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS "DOINGS"

All the rooms in Elementary School are really getting ready for Christmas. They're all being decorated very beautifully.

The First Grade has decorated a silver Christmas tree. The pupils made Santa Clauses to hang on walls. They covered a table with Christmas cards.

The Second Grade decorated a green Christmas tree. Pupils made Santa Clauses to decorate the room.

The Third Grade has a scene of Carolers. They have a white tree and they are using colors of red and blue. The pupils made Santa Clauses and snowmen.

The Fourth Grade has a gold and red Christmas tree. The bulletin board has Santa Claus made with white stencils on a red background. There is a free-hand mural made by the pupils and also a candle arrangement. There is also a manger scene.

The Fifth Grade has decorated a pink Christmas tree. They are using the colors blue, pink and silver. They have a Christmas scene of the manger. Covering the board is a big picture of Santa Claus and his reindeer.

The Sixth Grade has decorated a blue Christmas tree. The bulletin board has a tree made out of chained paper. They have a popcorn tree and snowman. There is also a fireplace scene with stockings hung on it.

The seventh grade decorated the bulletin board with Christmas cards, forming the shape of a Christmas tree. They are also fixing a gum tree, a bouquet of native ornaments and a green Christmas tree.

The Eighth Grade has decorated a green Christmas tree. The bulletin board has "Merry Christmas" written on it with snow and below it is a Christmas scene. There is also a scene of Santa and his reindeer in a fish bowl. On the other board are the words "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men."

H—H—S

FAREWELL COFFEE

Monday afternoon at four o'clock the Hico Public School faculty gave a coffee in the school cafeteria honoring the resigning teachers, Mrs. Joe B. Taylor and Mrs. Jack Barnett. Each was presented a candy jar in milk glass as a farewell gift. The school loses two superior teachers when these two close their school room doors in Hico for the last time.

H—H—S

THANKS FROM THE SENIORS

The Seniors wish to express their appreciation to the school for the use of the Tiger's Den in order to raise funds. They are showing their gratitude by their hard work. Although the Seniors had extra duty during the basketball tournament they handed their home work in on time and asked no special favors.

A sincere thank you to the "ublie for supporting the Seniors in every way. The money will go into the fund for the annual Senior trip.

H—H—S

MATH CLUB NEWS

On December 11 at 8 a.m., at the Hico Chemistry Lab twelve sleepy students filed in for some special purpose. An onlooker might have thought this an odd sight since school starts at 9:00 a.m., but any way, with Mrs. Brummett's assistance we are organizing a math club. The main purpose of the club is to learn how to use the slide rule or to come nearer to mastering it.

The members of the club are Jerry Hamrick, Buddy Teague, Andy Lackey, Judy Holladay, Maxidene Luckie, Kendall Hamrick, Betty Drake, Jerre Dunklin, Ronnie Hathcock, Charles Stipe, Carey McKenzie, and Joe Knight.

The members elected the following officers: President, Buddy Teague; Vice-President, Jerry Hamrick; Sec.-Treas., Kendall Hamrick; Reporter, Jerre Dunklin. The meeting was adjourned after the members decided that the next meeting would be Tuesday morning, December 18.

The second meeting of the club was held Dec. 18 at 8 a.m. Those attending were Jerry Hamrick, Kendall Hamrick, Andy Lackey, Buddy Teague, George Cozby, Charles Stipe, Betty Drake, and Jerre Dunklin.

The meeting opened with a brain teaser brought forth by the program committee. Next everyone pulled out their slide rules and went to work. Refreshments of coffee was served by Mrs. Brummett. The meeting was then adjourned.

H—H—S

IT WAS A GREAT TOURNAMENT

As the end of last week rolled around the Hico tournament came to an end. In the first game the Hico girls were defeated by Iredell but as they completed the tournament, they came out winning consolation prize. A very contested game had to be played to win over Cranfills Gap Friday night. During Hico's entire tournament Anna Lee Luckie scored 59 points.

At the game between Iredell and Morgan girls Friday night the Iredell girls won after playing a good hard fought game. Iredell

then met Pottsville on Saturday night. Although Iredell lost first place to the Pottsville team, they showed good sportsmanship while losing.

The Hico boys lost their first game in the tournament to Fairy, but, like the girls, won the rest of their games and took the consolation trophy.

In the finals between Fairy and Cranfills Gap boys, the first place trophy was taken home by the Gap. They beat Fairy by 5 points.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual High School Christmas program is to be held Friday afternoon in the auditorium immediately following the lunch hour.

The Seniors, as is the usual custom, are planning the program. They hope to make this program one of the best yet. We could tell you all that is going to happen but, after all, some things must be kept a surprise. The Seniors do promise that everyone will enjoy the program. The student body would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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BIG PARTY

The FHA Chapter chose nine girls to plan their Christmas party. The girls chosen were Jerre Dunklin, Virginia Jones, Joan Boone, Louise Baker, Sherry Lane, Juan Williams and Carolyn Patterson.

Last Thursday a meeting was held to discuss what kind of party to have and what to have for recreation.

The party will begin with recorded Christmas carols. Reggie Ellis will then read the Christmas Story. Janice Tomlinson will read the purposes. Joan Boone will read the creed. "What FHA Means to Me", will be read by Jerre Dunklin. Then the group will sing and play games.

By this time Santa should have left all the gifts so we will then have the tree. No doubt each one has been a good little girl so that Santa will be good to her.

Immediately following the opening of the gifts the chapter will have refreshments of assorted nuts candy and cookies with punch as a beverage.

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GIRLS! THE NEW FOOTBALL JACKETS ARE HERE!

Friday afternoon immediately following the lunch hour the student body of Hico High School met in the auditorium to see the presentation of the football jackets to 17 deserving boys.

After a short speech from Mr. Cook, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Keeling passed out the new jackets. The Senior boys who received a jacket were Buddy Teague, Andy Lackey, Charles Hyles, Sherril Kirk, Jerry Hamrick, Kenneth Smith, and Carey McKenzie. Charles Stipe, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Keeling will receive their jackets after basketball season is over.

Other players who lettered are Royce Samford, a freshman. Incidentally, Royce is the only freshman that did letter. Good work, Royce.

Sophomores who lettered were Robert Chandler, Gary Duncan, Butch Eubank, Buddy Ables, Rosie Vinson.

Juniors: Van Hooper, Don Tool-ey, Gerald Hodges and Jeff Holladay.

Say boys, you had better watch out or some girls may have those jackets instead of you.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time of year that everyone looks forward to so much has finally rolled around! Friday of this week the schools will be dismissed for a twelve-day Christmas holiday, instead of the usual ten days.

Everyone seems very jolly because of the approaching vacation (even the teachers) and evidence of the Christmas spirit can be seen almost anywhere you look. The high school has a beautiful tree (that's because the Seniors decorated it) in the upper hall close

to Mr. Cook's office. The bulletin board behind the tree is ornamented with Christmas stockings for Mr. Cook and Mr. Chandler. Mr. Chandler's is already filled with a new paddle.

Here's hoping everyone have a very nice holiday. Advice from a wise old owl: overeat and lay off the fire. Merry Christmas!



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CLUB and SOCIETY PAGE

CLUBS — SOCIETY — PARTIES — PERSONAL MENTION

Hico Review Club Has Two Christmas Parties This Month

The Hico Review Club has had two Christmas parties this month. The first was at the home of Mrs. E. H. Randals Sr., with Mrs. Ellis Randals as co-hostess.

The program for the afternoon presented ideas on Christmas decorations for the home. There were numerous table, wall, door and mantle decorations, with the hostesses demonstrating how each one could be made.

Following a very interesting talk and display the members and guests were served a delicious salad plate.

The regular Christmas party of the club was held on Thursday, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, with Mrs. Wayne Rutledge, Mrs. Ellis Randals, Mrs. Edgar Bradley, Mrs. Bernell Jernigan, Mrs. W. M. Horsley, Mrs. Morgan Garrett and Mrs. Marvin Marshall as hostesses.



MRS. CHARLES E. BLAKLEY (Reed Photo)

Miss Doris Fillingim Becomes Bride of Mr. Charles Blakley

Miss Doris Fillingim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fillingim of Iredell, and Charles E. Blakley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blakley, also of Iredell, were united in marriage in a ceremony in the First Baptist Church of Iredell Saturday, December 15, at 7 in the evening.

The double-ring candlelight ceremony was performed before an altar of white and pink gladioli and greenery arranged in huge baskets. Rev. Charles L. Rice performed the ceremony.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. F. B. Whitlock, pianist, and John Trueblood, soloist, who sang "Sweet Mystery of Life," and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Carl Fillingim, wore a gown of white Chantilly lace and tulle over blush pink taffeta. It was designed with a fitted lace bodice and fashioned with a Dior neckline and three-quarter length sleeves.

Miss Glenda Harnupont of Fort Worth was maid of honor. Miss Bobbie Fillingim, the bride's sister, and Mrs. Derel Fillingim, the bride's sister-in-law, were bridesmaids. Miss Glenda Blocker and Miss Margaret Harnupont of Fort Worth were candlelighters.

A reception, given by the bride's parents, followed the ceremony in the church annex. The bride's table was laid with a white lace cloth over dusty rose taffeta. It held the three-tiered wedding cake which was trimmed with tiny white roses and mint green leaves.

Garden Club Luncheon Held Last Friday At Maxine's Cafe

Members, guests and visitors of the Hico Garden Club met Friday at noon at Kirkland's Cafe, for their Christmas luncheon.

Mrs. Fred Rainwater, Mrs. H. W. Sherrard, and Mrs. Steve Parks were hostesses.

The buffet table was decorated with a centerpiece of enameled oyster white magnolia leaves and white balls. On both sides were tall, rough, white candles embedded in a bed of white leaves. A red brocaded cloth covered the table.

Christmas corsages were used as favors. The long dining table, covered with white and featuring centerpieces of red candles, was surrounded by beds of red berries, the white tree branches were hung with Christmas balls.

The luncheon was a regular turkey dinner, complete with pie, coffee, hot rolls, and all the trimmings.

Mrs. Marvin Marshall gave the Christmas program, which included legends, myths, and informative stories about Christmas customs. Among these were: "The Magic Garden," "Madelon," the story of a Shepherdess; stories of the mistletoe, holly, and fir cones, and the use of greenery in the home at Christmas time.

A Christmas conscious town, Alta Denna, Calif., has grown deodorous cedar trees on the outskirts of the town, and these trees are decorated each year with Christmas lights—a delightful welcome to visitors.

The story of the "Pine Tree in Egypt" also was given by Mrs. Marshall. Mrs. Vernon Jenkins, the president, welcomed the visitors, who were Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Mrs. Barto Gamble, Mrs. S. J. Cheek, and Mrs. Paul Neel, a guest of Mrs. L. N. Lane.

The club heard reports from the different committees. The Christmas lights will be judged Dec. 21. The club pays \$7.50 on the prizes for the best decorations.

The club voted to drop the name of the person who seconds a motion, from the secretary's minutes. The following members were present: Mrs. L. F. Bonner Jr., Mrs. C. H. Boyd, Mrs. Jim Carmean, Mrs. Alvin Casey, Mrs. A. M. Corbett, Mrs. Morgan Garrett, Mrs. John Gough, Mrs. Paul Hamilton, Mrs. Bob Hancock, Mrs. A. H. Lackey, Mrs. Vernon Jenkins, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. L. N. Lane, Mrs. Marvin Marshall, Mrs. Steve Parks, Mrs. Fred Rainwater, Mrs. Ellis Randals, Mrs. H. W. Sherrard, Mrs. H. E. McCullough, Mrs. H. Randals, and Mrs. J. E. Lincoln.

REPORTER. Miss Allie Hooper and Herbert Sellers visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg Monday afternoon.

Mrs. John A. Pitts and two children spent the week end in Breckenridge with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Beasley.

Mrs. J. R. McMillan of Cleburne was a visitor with Mrs. Mollie Harvey Saturday night.

Miss Wilma Sherrard of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sherrard, Roland and Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Campbell of Teague were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lackey and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Funk of Fort Worth spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rainwater. Mrs. Rainwater accompanied them home for a short visit.

a lovely arrangement of white carnations. Miss Loretta Phillips and Mrs. Mike McClure presided at the refreshment table. Mrs. Elliott Ensminger was at the bride's book. Approximately 50 guests registered.

For their short wedding trip the bride wore a wool tweed suit with black suede bag and shoes, white hat and gloves. Her corsage was a white orchid.

The couple will reside in Fort Worth, where both are employed.



MISS MITCHELL

Miss Mitchell And Mr. Bernhardt To Wed December 25

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell Sr. of Iredell have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Doris, to James Franklin Bernhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bernhardt of Clifton.

The wedding is planned for December 25, at 6:30 in the evening, with Rev. Charles E. Wade of Iredell performing the ceremony.

Rev. and Mrs. Moody Smith and children of Brownwood were visitors here this week with friends. They were Tuesday night guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Herrington and Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Simpson returned home Friday after a two-week visit in Levelland with their son, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Simpson Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dove spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head at Spring Creek Ranch near Weatherford.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob French returned home Monday from a 10-day visit with friends and relatives in South Texas. They visited at Bruni, Premont, San Antonio, and New Braunfels.

REPORTER. Mr. S. E. Blair Sr. and Miss Louise Blair were guests in Brady last Thursday and Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Malone and Mrs. James G. Samuelson Jr. Miss Blair was also a guest at the annual Christmas dinner of the Business and Professional Womens Club of Brady, that was held in the Malone home Thursday evening.

On the Home Range

By MRS. VIVIAN BLAIR Home Demonstration Agent

GUARD AGAINST THE "CHRISTMAS COLD"

How do you feel these last few days before Christmas? Tired from all the excitement and rush of preparations for the holidays? It's all fun but so often fatigue, too much food and not the right kind, tension and excitement will lower our resistance to the common cold, and then a part of our holiday is spoiled.

- 1. During the rush start all the family members with a good, wholesome breakfast every day.
2. Plan simple-balanced meals during the holiday rush.
3. Eat at regular times as much as possible.
4. Keep in-between meal refreshment snacks light and nutritious.

Fruit, fruit juices, crisp colorful vegetables served with special dips can be just as tasty and appealing as rich, heavy foods.

EAT MORE PECANS

This is the name of a bulletin, written by foods and nutrition specialists, which you might find useful for holiday foods or everyday salads and desserts. Pecans are plentiful now so if you would like a copy of the booklet I will be glad to have you drop by the office for one.

TRY HALF TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS

Did you have too much turkey left over from Thanksgiving? Maybe for your Christmas dinner you would rather have a half or a quarter turkey. It will cut down roasting time and you won't have the problem of leftovers.

- 1. Rub the cut with salt. Skewer skin to meat along cut edges to hold the skin and meat together during roasting. Tie the leg to the tail piece and tie a cord around the breast to hold the wing flat.
2. Place the bird, skin side up, on a rack in a shallow pan. Grease with cooking fat and cover with a fat-moistened cheese cloth. Baste during roasting.
3. Cook at 325 degrees. Here is a guide for roast times:
3 1/2 to 5 pounds—3 to 3 1/2 hours
5 to 8 lbs.—3 1/2 to 4 hours
8 to 12 lbs.—4 to 4 1/2 hours.
4. Prepare your favorite stuffing as usual and bake in a greased pan or casserole during the last one or one and a half hours of roasting time.

Here is a favorite recipe you might like to use during the holidays.

Cranberry Punch

Simmer one quart of cranberries in one and a half quarts of water until all skins pop. Strain. Add juice of 12 lemons. Make sugar syrup of two cups sugar and 2 cups water. Add enough water to make about 1 gallon of punch. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Just before serving, add one quart ginger ale and ice. Stir well and serve.

Jimmy Barnett Feted With Party Saturday

Mrs. Bertice Barnett honored her son, Jimmy, on his eighth birthday with a party last Saturday afternoon at their home.

The guests were given favors of miniature Santa Clauses and served refreshments of punch, cake and ice cream.

Present were the honoree, Carolyn Wooten, Jim Hill Lackey, Barbara Anderson and Drewford Barnett. Gifts were sent by other invited guests that were unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hicks and children of Carlsbad, N. Mex., visited here last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton visited Sunday in McGregor in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. French and Debbie.

Mrs. Barto Gamble was in Clairette Thursday afternoon on business and visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg were among the 58 member of Hico Baptist Church that attended the M Night at Evant last Monday.



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H. & B. Food Store

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IREDELL ITEMS

By MRS. C. A. MITCHELL

Mrs. Rance Phillips and son, Mike, Mrs. Polly Hanshaw and children and Mrs. Emmett Mann spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Hettie Davis and Mrs. Pearl Ratliff spent Wednesday in Stephenville with Mrs. Davis' brother-in-law, who had surgery at the Stephenville Hospital.

Miss Dolly Holland is sick in the Hico Hospital.

Mrs. Annie White of Waco and Mrs. D. M. Rose and granddaughter, Janie of Hillsboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham of Stephenville were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Tab Warren of Fort Worth visited his mother, Mrs. Rube Warren Sunday evening.

Mr. S. E. Malone of Burkburnet is visiting his sister, Mrs. Georgia Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Musick and son George visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCoy and Sue Sunday.

Miss Alice Musick returned home after a visit with relatives in Hamilton.

Miss Myrtle Tidwell of Oklahoma is visiting her cousin, Mr. T. M. Tidwell, who is ill, but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Johnston and children of Fort Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnston over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Musick Jr. and three children of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bradley and two children of Fairy, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Musick and children of Hamilton visited their mother, Mrs. Ida Musick and Miss Alice Musick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Copeland of McGregor visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Musick and George and Mrs. Zella Manness Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Adkison of Houston visited his mother, Mrs. T. M. Tidwell over the week end.

Mr. R. O. Burns has purchased the Fred Woodson farm south of Ireddell.

Miss Susie Ann Word is on the sick list.

A large crowd of friends gathered at the Bill Stroud home Satur-

day for their Christmas party and tree. There was thirty present. All reported a nice time.

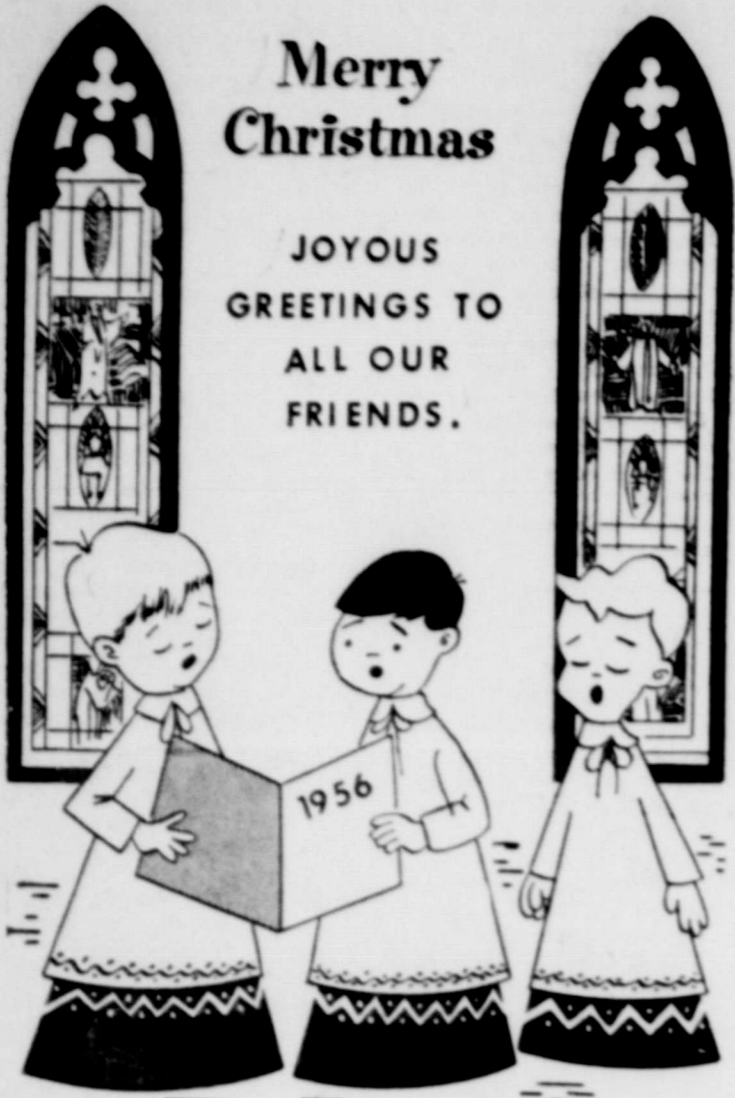
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lawrence were in Stephenville Wednesday. Mrs. Lawrence and daughter shopped in Fort Worth Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Appleby observed their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 16, at their home, from 2 until 4 o'clock. All of their children except one, Charles, were present. All grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present. Seventy-five guests registered. They received many nice gifts. We wish for them many more happy years together.

Mrs. Ike Porter has bought the Tom Fuller house and will move soon. We are glad to welcome them to our midst.

Miss Vera Patterson and brother, Pat, visited their cousin, Mr. T. M. Tidwell last week. Also Mr. and Mrs. Wes Newton visited him, and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Adkison and children of Fort Worth were visitors with the Tidwells.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess White, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Newman and Raymond visited Sunday night in West with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Minix.



Merry Christmas

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DUFFAU

By MRS. PASCAL BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Kirk are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Carla Jan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Van Kirk of Fort Worth, who was born at Hico Hospital Dec. 11. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mr. Chester Land and son, Aodia and Mrs. Jim Land were in Taft Wednesday to attend funeral services for a niece of Mrs. Land, Mrs. Vernon Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ash and son Dale of Stephenville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Britton spent Wednesday in Waco in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Thornton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Scott and children of Fort Worth visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley during the week end.

Mrs. Von Scott and daughter of Clairette attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Bro. Bills preached at the Church of Christ Sunday morning and night. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bills and son, Buddy.

School will be dismissed Friday for the Christmas holidays. There will be a program and Christmas tree at the school at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bell and daughter of Killen spent Sunday with Mr. Eck Bell and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Daniel.

Those visiting Mrs. G. C. Wilks in the W. M. Anderson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lake and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C.

Wilks Jr. and daughter all of Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. Nelms honored the following children, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Nelms of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Anderson, Janett and friend Marie Fogue of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McLendon and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Witt and Anada during the week end.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fouts were Mrs. J. B. Fouts and family of Vernon, Mrs. W. C. Perry of Waco, Mrs. Vella Harris and daughter, Mrs. Dan Gray of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Deffie Nix of Glen Rose.

Mrs. G. C. Wilks and Mrs. W. M. Anderson spent the past Tuesday visiting with friends in Walnut Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Flowers and daughter, Linda Sue visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Flowers of Durant, Okla., recently.

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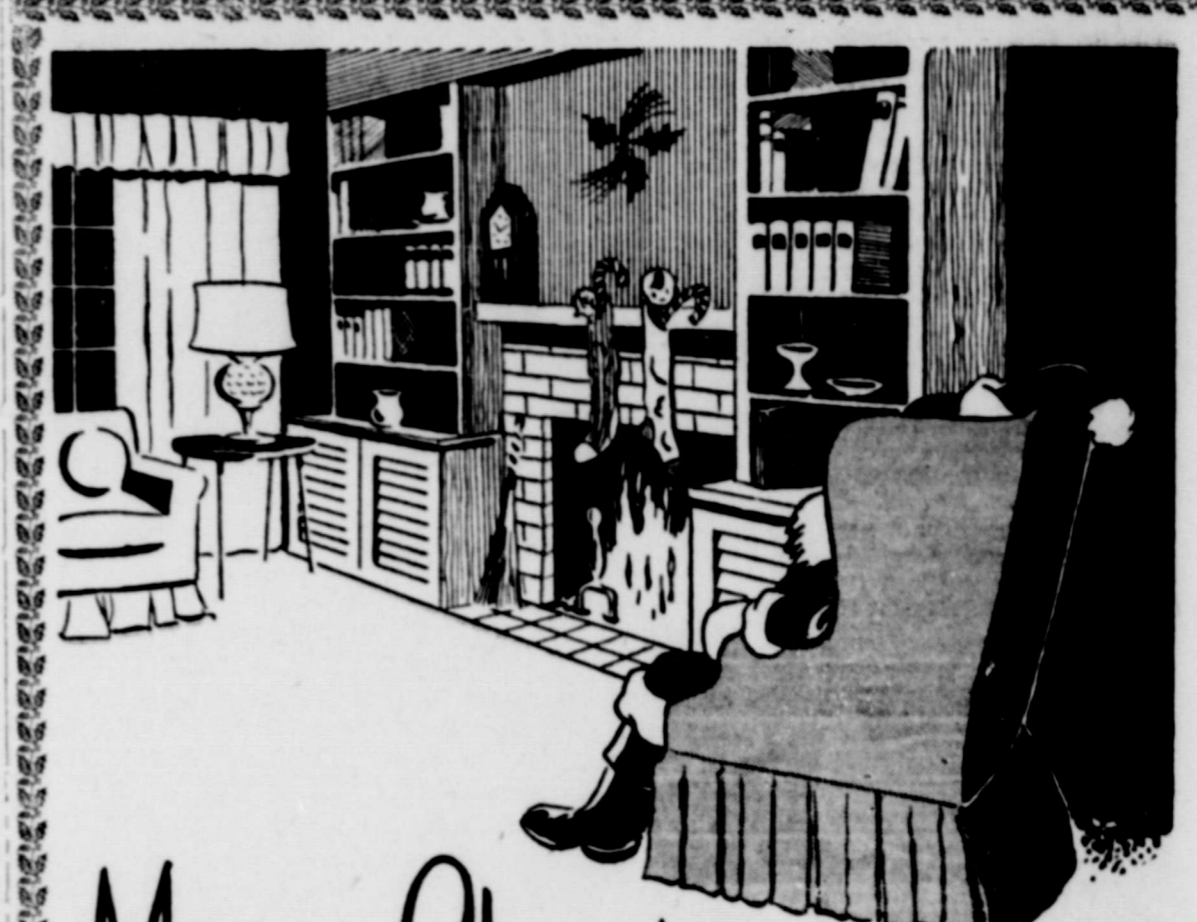
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- A LIVING ROOM SUITE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- ★ COME IN & LOOK AROUND-SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND
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OLD COINS wanted. Current market price paid. Ellis Randalis. 30-5tp.

WORK WANTED: Garbage hauling or garden or yard work. E. G. Adecock. Call Lee Trantham, 188-J. 2-6tp-tfc.



By John C. White, Commissioner

THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS BIG BUSINESS

It's strictly a "seasonal" crop in every sense of the word, but the demand is terrific for Christmas trees.

More farmers are raising Christmas trees for a cash crop than ever before. Once principally a crop harvested from wild forest or government preserves, farmers now own about 70 per cent of the 225,500 acres planted solely to this holiday necessity. A short nine years ago, plantations totaled 100,000 acres with only 66 per cent owned by farmers.

A new interest has developed in this yearly crop. Many states now issue bulletins telling how to plant and harvest trees as a thinning process in regular tree growing. Some 12 regional Christmas tree associations have been formed as well as a national association to help with such items as marketing, research and grading. This increased interest in the Yule tree is largely the result of

a steadily rising demand for them. A survey shows that more than 37 million Christmas trees were used in this country last year as compared to 28 million in 1947. Of those used in 1955, over 25 million were cut in the United States. The remaining 12 million came from Canada.

Still the most popular trees are Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Eastern Redcedar, Black Spruce, and Scotch Pine in that order. Douglas Fir and Balsam Fir have changed places in use since 1947, largely because the Balsam Fir is now less accessible. Scotch Pine, a plantation grown tree since it is not native, moved from 6th to 5th place, but almost doubled in use in nine years.

Price studies show that the Christmas trees produced last year would amount to a \$25.5 million wholesale business, or a \$47.5 million retail business. To the producer they were valued at nearly \$13 million at a roadside and railroad siding.

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IN MEMORY

When this season of the year comes to our mind, our thoughts go back to our beloved Dan Jaggars, who shared his Christmas joys with all.

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On this earth for long we cannot stay.

Our Father wills that we be taken away. From this world of sickness and sorrow and pain.

If a man die he shall live again. While the body sleeps the spirit is at rest.

So in God's mercy we are greatly blessed.

Out yonder a place he did prepare that with him we can forever share. For it our Saviour

shed his blood on a tree.

And left a path clear for you and me, if we walk in this path which is narrow and straight. Our Lord will surely meet us at the Pearly Gates. (Sent in by Rev. Clint Herring, Hamilton).

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Ramage and children of Hooks, are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramage, and in Stephenville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scarborough.



NEW GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Druid Jones left Monday for Big Lake to meet their new grandson, Rickie Lee Jones, who arrived Dec. 12 at Big Lake. He is the son of Seaman and Mrs. Alva Lee Jones. The new mother is the former Bobbie Malone of Texon.

A little girl, Freda Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaggars December 7 at Hico Hospital. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jaggars of Hico. The mother is the former Dolores Davis. The Jaggars have two older daughters, Linda and Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Van Kirk of Fort Worth are the parents of an eight-pound daughter, Carla Jan, who arrived December 11 at Hico Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Merrell of Stephenville have announced the arrival of a son, Joe Lynn, who arrived at Hico Hospital Dec. 17.

Wanda Kay Ford arrived at Hico Hospital December 18. She is the seven-pound daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ford of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Parsons of Hamilton are parents of a daughter, Donna Carol, who arrived December 19 at Hico Hospital.

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J. B. TOMLINSON, Minister

A cordial invitation is extended to you at all times to attend the services of this church.

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Bible School, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching and Communion 10:45 a. m.
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Evening Worship—7:00 p. m.
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LETTERS TO SANTA

in the first grade. I like school real well. Would you please bring me a doll with a bottle and a suit case with clothes in it. A basket-ball and please bring my little sister some things.

I love you,
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Hico, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl five years old. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tear Doll with clothes, a pair of house shoes, a nurse doll, a jumping jack, a TV storyteller and some story books. I also want a nurse set. Please remember little Doug, who will be visiting me.

I love you,
Nancy Davis.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like you to bring me a Miss America Doll with a suit case of clothes, also bring some doll furniture. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Barbara Eloise Anderson.

Dear Santa:
I would like a doll with hair, suit case, doll clothes and doll furniture. I'm a little girl 5 years old. I've been pretty good too. Also bring me a toy car.

Love,
Betty Annette Anderson.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 5 years of age and have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll with doll clothes and pajamas. I will be at my grandmother's home in Lubbock. Please don't forget to bring my little sister a doll, too. Also nuts, candy and fruit.

I love you,
Brenda Sue Smith,
Brownwood, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. I have tried to be a good little girl.

Will you please bring me a Glamour Ann doll with wardrobe and truck, a jack in the box, a nurse kit and a gun and holster set.

Please don't forget my mother, daddy, brother and sister, and my school teacher, Mrs. Joyce Barnett. Don't forget all the little girls and boys.

Your little friend,
Carolyn Kay Wooton.



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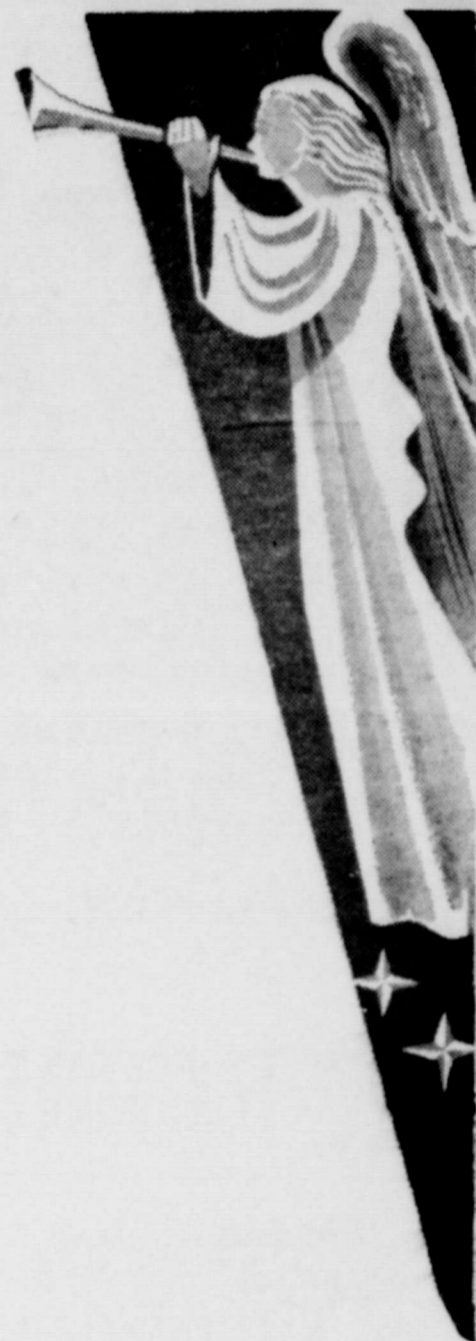
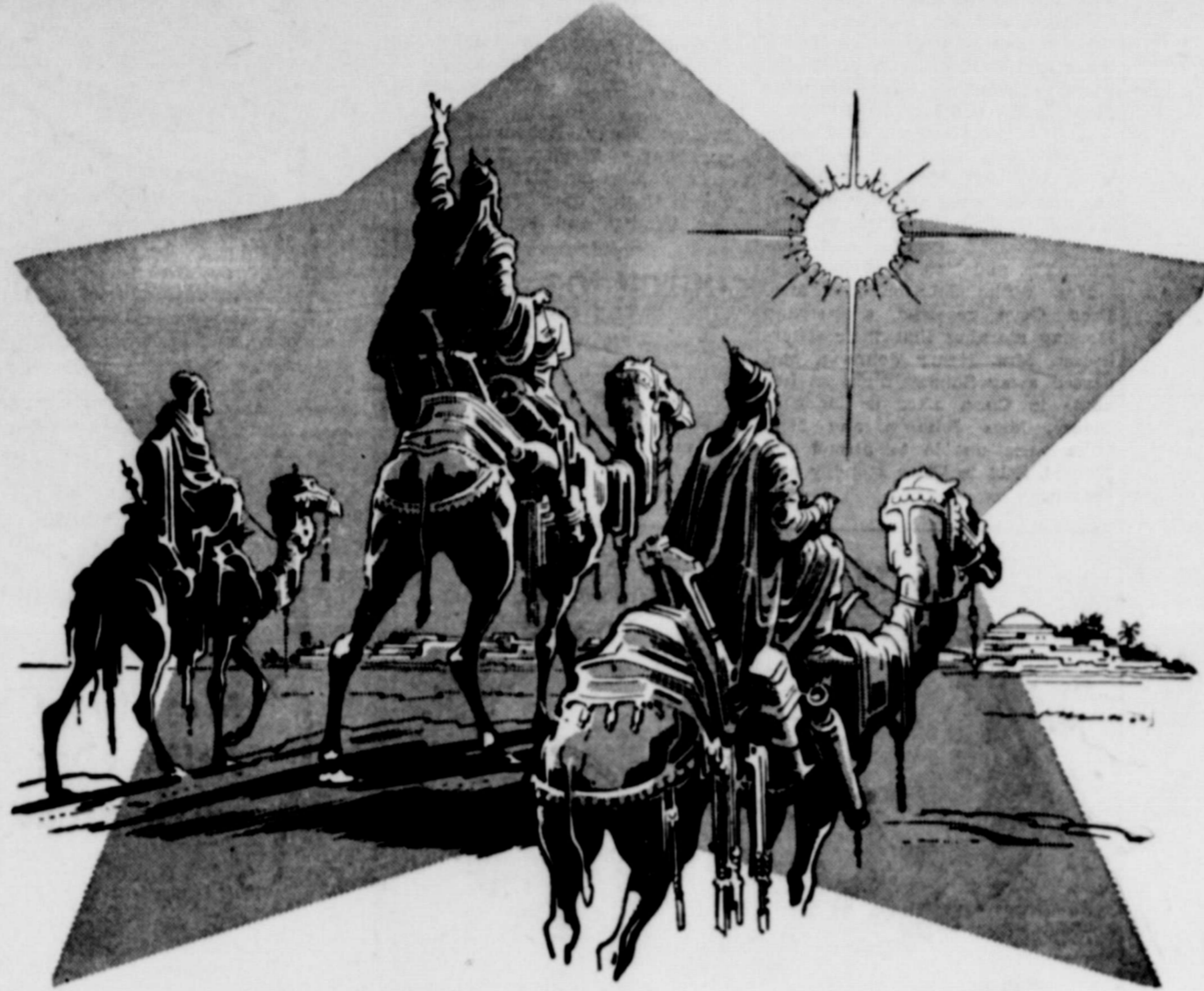
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Merry Christmas

We send our sincere good wishes to all of
our friends and patrons . . . We
hope this Yuletide finds you well and happy and
that this glad season fills your homes and
your hearts with a warm glow that will last
throughout the year to come.

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CARLTON

By MRS. FRED GEYE

ESTHA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Estha Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party in the annex of the church Thursday afternoon, December 13.

Hot chocolate, coffee, sandwiches and cookies were served to the following members: Mrs. W. S. Rudd, Mrs. Sam Hubbard, Mrs. Noah

George, Mrs. A. B. Corzine, Mrs. Emmett Luker, Mrs. Robert Bowden, Mrs. Emmett Basham, Mrs. Fay Thetford, Mrs. Myrtle Hyles, Mrs. Lilla Byrd, Mrs. Milton Whitehead, Mrs. Cyrus King, Mrs. Jim Pierce, Mrs. Enos Fine, Mrs. Harve Turney, Mrs. Aubrey Gibson, Mrs. J. L. Mullins, Mrs. Fred Geye, and two visitors, Mrs. Nell Clark and Mrs. J. C. Moreland

Mrs. W. S. Rudd is teacher of the class.

Games were played and gifts exchanged from their secret pals. Names were revealed and new names were drawn to be revealed in March at their next party.

Mrs. R. L. Hopson of Dallas spent Saturday night with her mother and brother, Mrs. Marie Turner and Sam Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Geye and daughters, Patricia and Deborah, and her sister, Patsy Garrett of Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and daughters, La Jauna Kaye and Carrie Susan of Dublin were week-end visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geye.

Mrs. Lillie Anderson is visiting in Arlington with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson and children, and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Tull is visiting in Gustine with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Gerreald.

Mrs. Willie Johnson and Mrs. Fred Geye received a message Monday morning that their sister-in-law, Mrs. Henry Johnson, had passed away Sunday night at her home in Cisco after a lingering illness. Miss Johnson and Mrs. Geye were unable to attend the funeral, held in Cisco Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Beryl Cozby and children, Beryl and Jimmy of Stamford and her husband's mother, Mrs. H. G. Cozby of Stephenville visited Saturday afternoon with their mother and sister, Mrs. Lilla Byrd and Miss Ida Fine.

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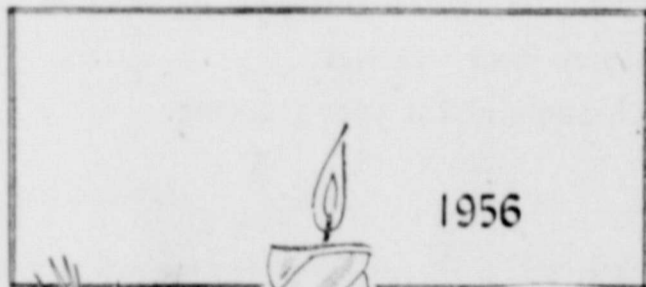
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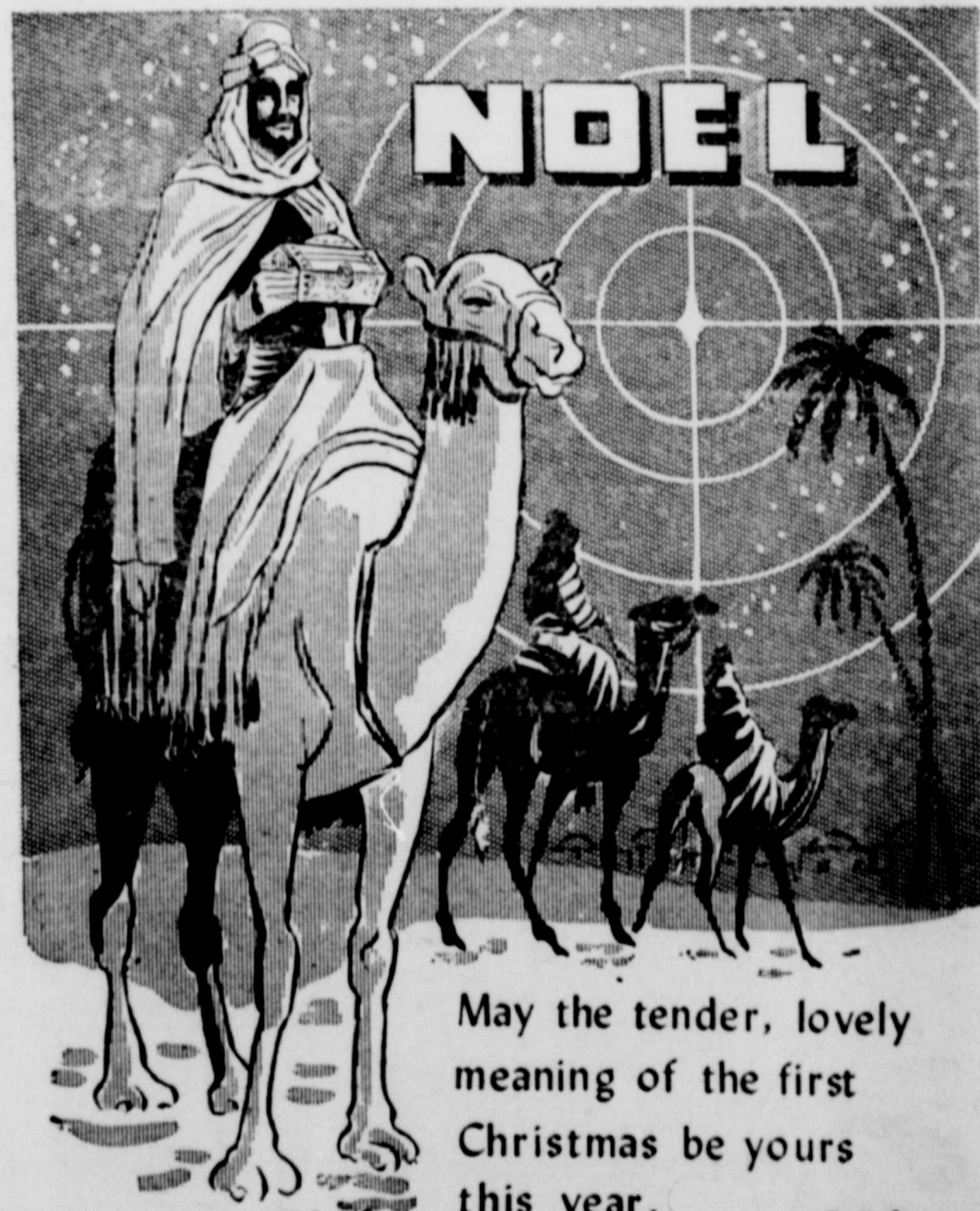


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CLAIRETTE

By MRS. LUCILE MAYFIELD

RUSH HOME SCENE OF BIRTHDAY PARTY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rush was the scene of a surprise birthday party and supper for Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. Zenith Johnson and Lamoine Head, Friday night, December 14.

Mrs. Rush had the home beautifully decorated with a Christmas tree and Christmas flowers.

The three honored ladies lead the way to the dining room where they and the other guests helped themselves to the food. The meal consisted of baked ham, sweet potatoes with nuts, Boston beans, potato salad, olives, French rolls, butter and coffee. After the dinner was served Mrs. Rush placed a big birthday cake on the table where the three honored ladies sat, and also 3 small trees decorated with beautiful handkerchiefs and Christmas corsages in the top of each tree, which were presented to them by the invited guests and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill King presented each lady with a large chopping board which he had made. Each of the three ladies thought they were going to the others party, and not their own. They were made so happy.

Mrs. Rush entertained the group with piano selections, TV show, and showed colored films of Canada, where they lived before moving to Clairette.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Deward Head, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield, and Misses Eunice and Nola Lee.

OTHO PLEMMONS BURIED AT CLAIRETTE CEMETERY

Otho Plemons, 61, of De Leon, son of Mrs. J. T. Plemons of De Leon and the late Dr. J. T. Plemons was laid to rest in the Clairette Cemetery Tuesday of last week. Funeral services were held in De Leon.

The Clairette Masonic Lodge had charge of graveside services. Otho grew up and finished school here before moving away several years ago. He has been in the drug business in De Leon several years. Survivors are his mother, Mrs. J. T. Plemons, and two sisters, Mrs. Ola Goughly of De Leon and Alma Plemons of El Paso.

BUSY BEE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Clairette Busy Bee Club held their annual Christmas supper and party Thursday night, Dec. 13, at the Clairette Community Center. After the meal consisting of chicken and dressing, candied yams, English peas, giblet gravy, hot rolls, pies and fruit salad, coffee and cranberry sauce was served, the group went into the beautiful decorated living room and while some sang "Jingle Bells" old Santa Claus came marching in with candy and fruit for the youngsters. Old Santa didn't look just right as some of the youngsters were frightened as it was their first glimpse of Santa Claus.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree, then the men presented each lady a bag of Christmas candies.

The group enjoyed games. Von Scott offered thanks before the meal and the group paused silently for a few moments in memory of Mrs. Mary Koonsman, the club's mother for several years, who passed away the past summer, and also Mr. Bill Alexander.

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husband of Mrs. Bunnie Alexander, a charter member, who also passed away this past summer.

The group welcomed the four new members and their husbands. One of them, Mrs. Hub Alexander, was an ex-club member, while it was the first Christmas party for Mrs. Sally Rush, Mrs. Cora King and Mrs. Opal Smith.

The group sent a plate of food to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wolfe. Mrs. Wolfe is a member, but not able to attend because of the illness of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edwards visited their son, James, at Mineral Wells last Monday, who underwent surgery there recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Sterling visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Erwin of Gatesville and her mother, C. A. Elliott, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson visited his sister, Mrs. Pearl Harris of Cisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Roberson and James of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Roberson of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reed of Cameron visited the past week end in the Herman Roberson home.

Eight young married couples had a party at the Community Center Saturday night. They plan to have a party about every two months.

The Home Demonstration Club and their families will have their Christmas party December 18 at the Community Center.

The community and churches will have a Christmas program Friday night, Dec. 21 at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend the program.

Here's wishing the Hico News Review Staff, correspondents, and everyone season's greetings.

DUFFAU CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday—
10:00 a. m. Bible Study.
11:00 a. m. Worship & Communion.
6:30 p. m. Young People's Class.
7:00 p. m. Evening Worship.



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... the "Dripping Tree."

The Story of McDow Hole

By MRS. H. V. HEDGES
Seven years the T. A. Caudles have lived within a stone's throw of McDow Hole on Green Creek

between Hico and Dublin, but they have never seen the ghosts of Jenny Papworth and her baby, who were murdered at the hole back

in wilderness days. Neither have they heard their moans rising on the night air when the moon is a slender melon slice in the sky.

The Caudles say when white cranes stretch their wings in the trees near the water, they sometimes resemble phantoms, and that limbs of two tall elms, now grown together, sometimes cross each other when the wind is high, like a bow scraping a fiddle.

But if tales of the haunted hole are only legend to the Caudles, they remain real to many an older Greens Creek settler, who swear the spirit of Jenny still lives at the spring. There are those who will visit the hole only in the light of day.

The stories have grown and spread, and their versions are many, since their beginning 70 or 80 years ago. Many curious from near and far, some from out-of-state, have come to the Caudle doorstep seeking directions to Specter Hollow.

None Stays Long.
Young Charlie and Jenny Papworth and their infant boy made the long, hard trip from Georgia in a wagon drawn by oxen. When they arrived at the clear rippling springs, shaded by towering pecan, elm and oak trees, they had reached the mecca they sought.

They settled in a log cabin, had a second child. Some time later, Papworth returned from a long journey to find his wife and baby dead, his small boy unable to tell what had happened. Some say he found the bodies in the hole, buried them beside it, and never knew how they died. Years later neighbors, thinking they might ease the ghostly wailings by removing the remains, reburied them in Alexander Cemetery, but never succeeded in stopping sounds. Others say the bodies went undiscovered until only a few years ago when floods changed the course of the creek and exposed the bones in a shallow grave.

After the murders, no one was able to stay long in the cabin. Many tried. One neighbor, whose cattle always wandered to the favored spring, attempted to stay there near the cattle, but each night he was gripped with fear as the vision of Jenny and her infant appeared at the door. When he sought to speak to her, she uttered a single blood-curdling scream and disappeared. A Yankee casket-maker moved from the home of friends into the cabin. Days later he was found dead, terror etched into his face, inside the cabin that had been barred from within. Men who bet they could stay in the cabin always lost.

Train Stops for Ghost.

The ghost appeared to many people during the years. Some saw her rise out of the waters. Some say the Katy train has stopped many nights, especially damp foggy ones, to let the woman with the baby cross the tracks.

According to legend, the spring became murky after the murders and has never cleared. Sometimes it has gone dry although it hadn't in all the years before. The spring is murky today and the water is low, but the Caudles say it has never been dry during the present drought.

No trace of the cabin remains, but on the high bank north of the spring stands a gaunt oak with a long limb 10 or 12 feet above and parallel to the ground, from which seven, or maybe 12, men suspected of cattle rustling were hanged one night. Luck swung with the end man that night. Weight of the other men pulled the limb down. The last man touched dirt before it was too late. His name was McDow, and though he tarried little longer in these parts, the hole was named for him. Or others will tell you the end man was Papworth, framed with a charge of cattle rustling by the murdered of his wife, and that he was cut down by his young son. There are dark nights, it is said, when the big oak drips blood all through the night.

Fiddle Army Stopped.

Mrs. Bill Ham, who lives three miles from the McDow, who grew up with its tales; and whose father knew the ghost better than most, remembers when a scoffing group of youngsters often went to the hole to play roles of self-appointed ghosts. At such times the eeriest sounds emerging from the hollow usually came from the violin of a gifted 10-year-old youth, who had great fun for a time.

One night at he drew his bow, a cold white hand advanced from the darkness and firmly grasped his arm. When he finally overcame paralysis and summoned motion to his feet, he set off in a lope, only to stagger, fall and tumble into the graveled creek bed, crushing his violin to bits.

Mrs. Ham's sister Mrs. Mary Joe Clendenin of Stephenville, wrote a history of the McDow ghost several years ago. She recounted many of the ghost's visitations, including the terrifying one she made to her murderer on his deathbed.

Mrs. Clendenin said:
"Was there really a ghost? Don't ask me. I can only tell you what I have seen and heard. No one explains the happenings of the McDow, no one ever will. The mystery lives on."



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