

FAIRY

By MRS. EUNICE RICHARDSON

We were very sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Alvin Barrett of the Wilson Community, west of Carlton, who died early last Friday morning at the Gorman Hospital. Mrs. Barrett was hospitalized and Mr. Barrett was with her as he could not stay alone at their home due to a heart condition. It will be remembered that his twin brother, Malvin, a bachelor, who had made his home with the Barretts for many years, was found dead in their field after an all-night search last Sept. 12. Mr. Barrett had been deeply grieved and depressed due to the death of his brother. He was born on July 29, 1889, being 71 years of age. Funeral services were held at Dublin at 2 p.m. Saturday, with

Rev. Lynn Dalton of Hamilton, and a pastor of the Barretts whose name we failed to secure. The music was under the direction of Mrs. John Harbin of Dublin. The Dublin Quartet rendered several numbers. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended. The beautiful floral offering bore tribute of love and respect for the deceased. Burial was in the Pecan Cemetery near Purves. Mr. Barrett is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lora Fine of Carlton, to whom he was married in 1917. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Prater of Stephenville and a number of nieces and nephews. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved wife and other relatives who mourn his passing.

The writer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright of Hico, attended the funeral service for Mr. Barrett Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sills received a phone message from their son, Jamie of Idaho early this week informing them of the arrival of a new grandson, born Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sills left Monday for a visit with their son and family and to make the acquaintance of the new grandson. They drove their car to Fort Worth and left from there by train. Mr. and Mrs. Audie Clark and Mary Jo moved to Stephenville last Friday. A going-away shower honored them last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abel. A large crowd was present to enjoy the occasion. Refreshments were served to some 60 or 70 guests. Mary Jo plans to stay with friends here until she finishes mid-term. We are very sorry to lose the Clarks from the community. They will be greatly missed by all. We wish them well in their new location and feel sure they will be coming our way at intervals since they are not far away.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Turner were hosts to a family reunion of Mrs. Turner's relatives on New Year's Day. Those present were her three brothers and families, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Farris of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Farris and grandson and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Farris and three children, all of Killeen, a sister, Mrs. T. L. Ross and James of Turnersville, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ross and three children of Fort Worth, Miss Ann Farris of Flat, Mr. Turner's mother, Mrs. L. J. Turner of Flat, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Powell of Houston, R. A. Powell of Gatesville, the Turner's children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Botkins and Tammy of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Turner of Arlington, Ray and Berniece of the home, and Miss Carolyn Sellers. A son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Turner and Curtis of Killeen were unable to attend due to the illness of Curtis. All had an enjoyable day together. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hartgraves of Bishop spent the New Year weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allison. Other children present Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Texie Allison and two children of De Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. Dellis Seago of Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Gardner and family had as guests during the Christmas holidays three of his brothers. They were Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gardner and family and her mother of Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Gardner of Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Gardner of Kerrville. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stanford of Goldthwaite were supper guests of the Gardner family New Year's Day. The Stanford family formerly resided near Fairy on the former Akin place. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes attended church here Christmas Day and visited in the home of his niece, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sills. We did not learn where they re-

side, but our last account, they were residing in Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Farrel Murry visited the past week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coyt Clark. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham visited during the Christmas holidays with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prinz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Arrant and children, all of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frederick of Venus. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Manning of Petersburg visited during the New Year holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cunningham. All went to Venus Saturday where they visited the Bob Fredericks. Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Brummett returned home Monday from San Francisco, Calif. where they went to adopt two small children, Grant, age 4, and Nancy, age 3. They were children of Mr. Brummett's cousin and grandchildren of the late Lincoln Brummett, formerly of Fairy. We wish for them much happiness with the new additions. The Brummetts had no children. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover and their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Spencer and sons, Don and Dickie of Lubbock returned from Laurel, Miss. Wednesday night. Mrs. Spencer and sons left by train for their home Wednesday night. Lest we get ourself in the dog house with our nieces, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Charles Price of Austin. Guess we'd better make a correction of last week's report that they were here to spend Christmas with parents and didn't report the husbands coming along. Mr. Spencer brought his wife and sons down to make the trip to Miss. and were Christmas Day dinner guests of her parents, the E. M. Hoovers. Mr. Spencer's mother, Mrs. Frank Spencer of Breckenridge also accompanied them and visited with relatives in Stephenville. They all visited with relatives a short while in Dublin. Mr. Price also accompanied his wife and children for the holidays with her father, P. L. Cox. The writer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Todd, attended singing at Evergreen Baptist Church near Jonesboro Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ed McGuyer of Rockdale was a business visitor in this section Tuesday of last week and visited a while in the home of his brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Todd. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goyne of DeSota spent the week end at their home here. Mrs. Goyne had visited last week with a sister and family at Lubbock. C. M. Broyles is visiting in the home of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Jones and Claudette at Alice. The J. W. Ballard family of the

Lanham community are on a deal to sell their farm and purchase irrigated property on the plains. We would like to inform those having lots in the Fairy Cemetery that we would like to know how much space will be needed and which side or direction is to be reserved by the present grave or graves. This refers to un-curbed lots which have available space on each side. Also some have stated they have a lot. These are un-marked however and are not specified on the map. We need this information in granting lots. We don't want to let anyone have a lot that has been selected by others, but if it isn't marked and the line established on the map we have no way of knowing. So please give this your consideration and let us know so we can mark these on the map. Mr. and Mrs. Billy McClure and family of Granbury spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Springer and family. We received one and two-tenths inches of rain the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Houston of Anton stopped at the home of the writer for a short visit Tuesday.

They had been to Fort Worth to attend funeral services for his brother's wife and returned by way of Fairy for a visit with her uncle, P. L. Cox, but found him gone. They also drove by the J. Wood place, which was the former home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox. Mrs. Houston is the former Buelah Cox of Fairy.

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ALEXANDER by MRS. ALICE WILSON

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Eric Brantner is a frail and appealing little boy who achieved the age of two years the other day in his crossroads home at Palouse, Wash.

Held in his mother's arms on that great day, blue-eyed Eric could recognize his birthday well-wishers, among them his dancing hound-dog, Jupiter. But not so long ago, Eric wasn't given much time by most doctors to enjoy Jupiter or other members of the household. He was born three months prematurely and also developed an enlarged head (hydrocephalus) due to excess fluid on the brain.

His despairing parents, Gail and Vonda Brantner, did not believe that a second birthday was in the cards for Eric.

Then, as the head grew alarmingly larger on the insubstantial body, members of the Whitman County Chapter of The National Foundation came forward with an offer of March of Dimes funds if they were needed for patient aid.

They were urgently needed. Eric was rushed to Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, 65 miles away. There, at the age of 10 months, he underwent surgery for nearly four hours. The surplus fluid was drained away, relieving the pressure on the brain caused by blockage, and a plastic tube was inserted to keep the accumulating fluid flowing from the head to the blood stream near the heart.

Although Eric's appearance today belies his two years—the little boy looks scarcely more than six months old—the doctors' view is that he now has a good chance of survival. He cannot sit up by himself and he is only just learning to toddle uncertainly in a baby walker. But he engages in lively play with his mother and father, who is a section hand for the Great Northern Railway, with his dotting brother Mark, three years, and of course with his frisky but gentle four-footed companion, Jupiter.

Eric enjoys the dubious distinction of being one of the first victims of a significant



On second birthday, which his parents never expected Eric to celebrate, his mother Vonda Brantner holds him aloft.

birth defect to be given patient aid in continental United States under The National Foundation's expanded program, which includes arthritis in addition to continued work in polio. (The first instance of patient aid under this new program occurred last year in Honolulu where the local chapter expended March of Dimes contributions to care for a Hawaiian infant born with the birth defect of an open spine; the baby today is well along the road to a normal life.)

Otherwise, Eric's plight is not singular. Each year in this

country, 250,000 infants are born with significant defects and 34,000 of them are stillborn or die within four weeks. The National Foundation, which helped develop both the Salk and the Sabin polio preventives with March of Dimes funds, moved into the area of birth defects because these congenital malformations comprise the largest unmet childhood medical problem in the nation today. With generous support of the New March of Dimes in January, hopefully the number of Eric's will in time be many thousands fewer.

CARLTON

By MRS. FRED GEYE

Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Rickenbaker and daughter will return home this week after spending the holidays in South Carolina with their parents. Dr. Locosta Mum, a teacher at the Seminary in Fort Worth, preached Sunday at both services at the Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell spent the holidays in San Angelo with her sister, Mrs. Jewel Lewis and in Snyder with her son, Dub Mitchell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prindle of Witharal and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harbour of Plainview were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Harbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Finley and Bob, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Finley, Stevie, Wayne and Jo, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Mounce and son, David of Walnut Springs and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Finley of Fort Worth were visitors Christmas Day with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Moring and children of Cotton Center and Mr. and Mrs. Daymond Weaver and sons of Snyder spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geye and Judy of Lufkin, and son, Jeffrey, a student at A & M, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Geye, Patricia and Deborah of Glen Rose, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren, Kaye and Carrie Susan of Dublin, Mrs. Dow Self, Freddie and Jack Henry of Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Mack Self and baby, Connie Dowlyne of Lubbock were holiday visitors with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Fred Geye.

Holiday visitors with Mrs. Lilla Byrd were Mr. and Mrs. Toye Shaddy and Toby of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Cozby, Berynn and Jimmy of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Byrd and children of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrd and son, Eugene, a student at A & M, Mr. and Mrs. George Cozby and son of Hico, Mrs. Ruby Hudson of Waco, John Abel and son, Lewis of Grand Prairie, and Mr. Shaddy's nephew and family of Dallas.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullins were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wright and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. P.

B. Bolton of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Clark Jr. of Fort Worth, Mrs. Ollie Ditmore of San Angelo, Pete Ditmore of Odessa, Harral, James and Charles of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Baker and daughter, Patricia of Plain Dealing, La., J. C. Moreland Jr. of Shreveport, La., Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Moreland of Kingsland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams and children of San Angelo spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moreland Sr.

Cecil Shuler of Austin spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Christine Bowden and children.

Chief Petty Officer Harold Smith and family of Memphis, Tenn. were holiday visitors with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Danny.

M-Sgt. Garland Rudd and children of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rudd of Energy and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rudd of Temple were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rudd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hob Thompson spent Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drott Jr. and children of Pineville, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sharp and sons of Snyder came in Sunday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sharp and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lunsford and children.

Fields Baird and family of Houston, and Gail Baird and family of Dallas, Michael Bacon of Stephenville spent Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vaughan and children of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Proffitt and children of Comanche visited during Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Proffitt.

Hal Sowell and family of Tyler spent the holidays with his mother and sister, Mrs. Hattie Sowell and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reeves.

We were sorry to learn of the sudden death last Thursday of Alvin Barrett, 71, who passed away in the Gorman Hospital where he was visiting his wife, a patient there. His twin brother, Malvin, passed away in September. They were former residents of Carlton. Burial was made in the Pecan Cemetery near Purves. Mrs. S. B. Shaw and Mrs. Jes-

sie Finley visited in Stephenville Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Roberts and children of Dora, New Mexico and Lowesco Roberts and children of Electra spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Wiseley and Mrs. Carl Bine and children of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Ray Menting and children of Shreveport, La. were holiday visitors with their mother, Mrs. S. B. Shaw.

Mrs. Novice Littleton and daughter, Annette of San Angelo were holiday visitors with her mother and sister, Mrs. Charley Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr.

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Ray L. Anderson, District Director for Jehovah's Witnesses, delivered the final talk Sunday entitled "Safeguard Your Thinking Ability." Director Anderson a full-time minister for 18 years, stressed throughout the need for accurate Scriptural knowledge for those who seek God's approval and life, and gave practical suggestions on how to profitably use the mind to gain such desirable knowledge.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and everyone who was responsible for remembering us at Christmas time with the nice basket of food and other gifts. Their thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Marie Rainwater and children.

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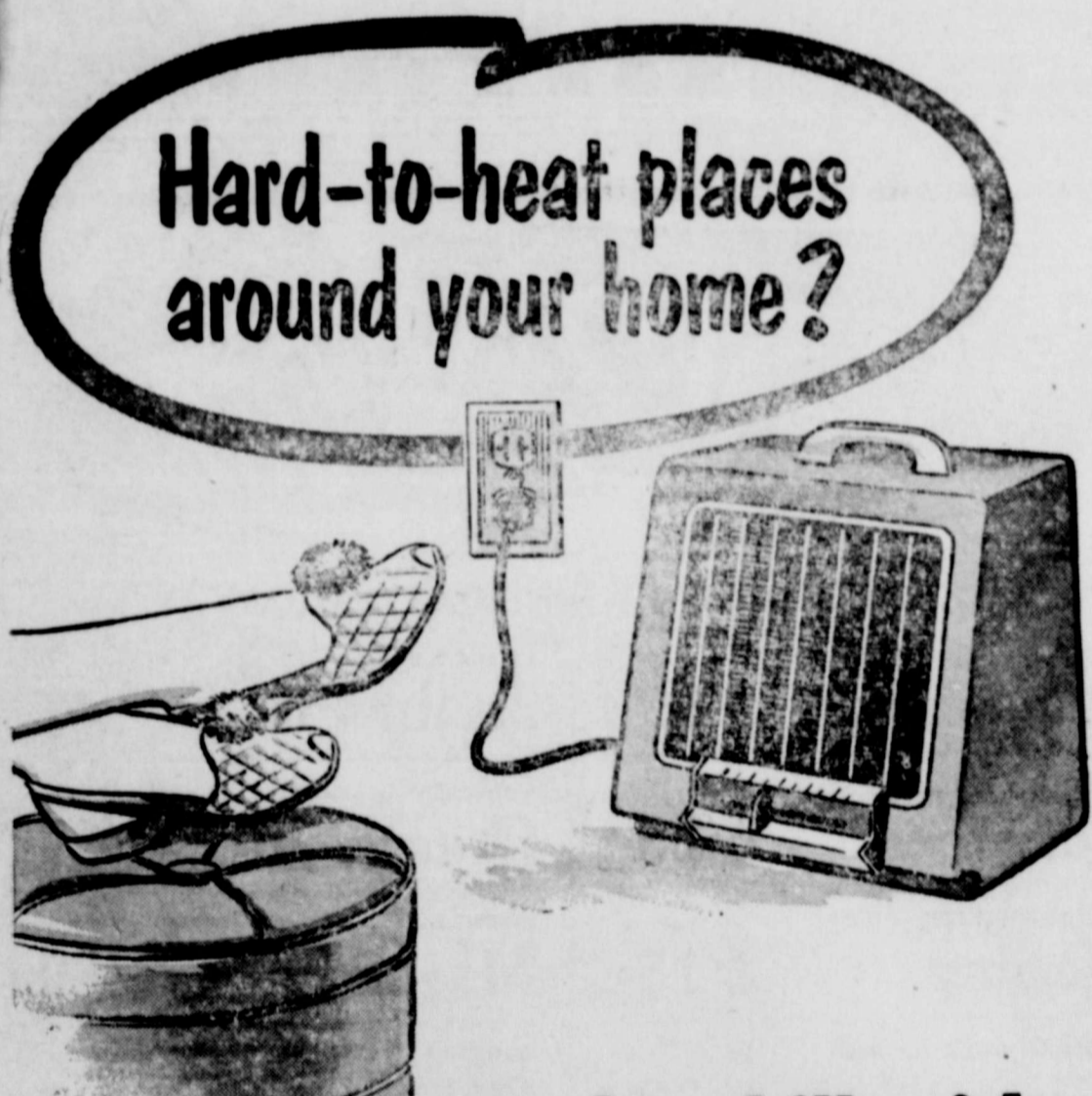
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COUNTY AGENT REPORTS

By E. R. LAWRENCE

Some of the best pasture work I noted is that of resting a pasture through the growing season.

The ASC office program offers three choices on this. One is a 12-month resting period, one is 9 months, and the other is six months.

Either one of these three will help a pasture. Should you be interested in the 12-month program, Dec. 30 was the final day for making application. Payments are made or these three depending on which you choose.

Right along with the resting program there is another one which will earn payments and that is the eradication of pear and mesquite.

Should your resting pasture have mesquite on it, next summer would be a fine time to start control work on it. Cost shares can be earned.

Per acre costs of controlling mesquite vary from pasture to pas-

ture. This depends on the number of mesquite trees per acre and the size of the trees. Demonstrations this summer show that costs can vary from \$3.50 to \$10.00 per acre. Too, one should not expect a 100 per cent kill, which means that some trees might have to be treated a second time.

Our county has had some of its cotton acreage allotment for this coming year due to some not planting their 1960 allotment.

Should you not want to plant the allotment you receive, it will help some other grower if you will turn in your allotment to the county office. They in turn will then let some other cotton grower have all or some of it. However, if you receive an allotment for 1961 and do not plant it, then it is lost for good.

I believe everyone has received their 1961 allotments, so if you don't want it for the coming year, won't you consider turning it back so it will help someone else?

The local ASC office is not taking requests for new grower allotments. If you have not been growing cotton and want a new allotment, see the office as soon as you can.

Dates for the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Junior Livestock Show has been set by the show committee. It will be Thursday, March 9. The Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the capon and broiler show. 4H and FFA members have time to ready some broilers, should they wish.

At this time I don't have the dates of the Hico FFA Show, but as a rule it is in March too, around the latter part of the month. Watch the paper for announcements on the date. Harold Walker is advisor for the sponsoring organization.

Had a visitor? Been some place? Then call in your news items each week.

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THIS WEEK IN AUSTIN—

Ten Major Events in Texas During Past Year Listed

By VERN SANFORD Texas Press Association

Austin, Jan. 4.—Forecasters are fond of saying "That which is going to happen has already begun." If so, the first year of the new decade, 1960, was strewn with weathervanes to point the course of Texas in the next nine years.

Among major Texas events in the opening year of the sixties were these:

1. Party Primaries were held in May and June, two months earlier. New dates ended old traditions, like announcing with the dogwood, campaigning in the heat. For the first time in years, challengers toppled two incumbents from statewide office, a fact that's bound to encourage future activity from young men "waiting in the wings." 2. Democratic Conventions, though temptuous as always, were held in control by the joint leadership of Gov. Price Daniel and Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson. Johnson won near-unanimous backing for his presidential bid at the June state convention, an event which marked the end of the left-wing DOT. After the national convention in July, dissension arose in the other wing. Many conservative Democrats bucked at supporting Standardbearer John Kennedy and the liberal national platform. Enough became "Texans for Nixon" to make Texas a "doubtful state." Scars and divisions of 1960 will inevitably be re-opened when Texas Democrats get together again in '62 and '64.

3. 1960 Census reports confirmed predictions that Texas will be a metropolitan state in the sixties. Overall, population grew from 7,711,194 in 1950 to 9,579,677. Sixty per cent of the increase was in the four largest cities. In addition, in every growth area, cities increased their populations at the expense of surrounding rural counties. This did not alter the state total, but changed the make-up of population—now 70 per cent urban, 30 per cent rural. Result will be a strong push for more urban representation in the legislature, more state-level sympathy for city problems.

4. State Finance Problems never were out of the news, as both public officials and private citizens circled the issue that will come to a boil in this year's legislative session. State Finance Advisory Commission, appointed by Governor Daniel in May, worked through the summer and all. In December it recommended a one per cent payroll tax to raise the more than \$100,000,000 a year the state is expected to need in new money. Meanwhile, meetings were held by

practically everybody — teachers, labor and business groups, all with a vital interest in future taxing and spending decisions.

5. Auto Insurance Rates, under a new merit rating plan, have for good or ill stirred more commotion than a back-firing Model T at a horse auction. Last Legislature turned down flexible rating and instructed Board of Insurance to consider safety incentives and driving records in setting statewide rates. Result was a plan, begun last January 1, basing auto insurance rates on the driver's arrest record for past three years, including traffic tickets as well as accidents. Drivers whose rates jumped because of minor violations were irate. Those with spotless records got lower rates and were generally happier. A number of lawmakers have promised to look into the matter thoroughly this year.

6. Gas Tax Suit, begun in early 1960, probably will be in the courts another year. In the past year, gas pipeline companies won rulings that the severance beneficiary tax is unconstitutional in district court and the Court of Civil Appeals. In months ahead, the case will go to the Texas Supreme Court and U. S. Supreme Court. If the tax is upheld, future efforts to raise the rate are certain. If, as in the case of the gas gathering tax in 1953, it is held unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court, it is unlikely that even the most ardent gas tax advocates will try again to raise revenue by this route.

7. Race for Speaker of the House as tight and uncertain as in 1959, brought renewed suggestions that "there ought to be a better way." Whether Rep. Wade Spilman of McAllen or Rep. James Turman of Goben wins in the secret ballot of House members on January 10, it will be several weeks before either can get committees organized and ready for business. To add to the confusion, prospective candidates for Speaker in 1963 already are jockeying for position. Some have suggested a constitutional amendment to permit representatives-elect to meet and elect a presiding officer a month or so before the session's actual opening. Another proposal is to let the people decide by making the post an elective one the same as in the Senate. Advantage besides letting the voters have a choice is the fact that the decision would be reached in November and the House could go to work immediately on the opening day of the session. Also it would eliminate all of the bitterness that is created under the present system.

8. Tourist and New Industry promotion got underway in 1960, despite penny-ante budgets. Highway Department brought out its first tourists' brochure, a 32-page book, let in four colors. This year it will ask the Legislature for \$300,000 to place advertising in national publications. Texas Industrial Commission also produced a brochure, but says it cannot compete with other states on a \$23,750 a year budget. It will ask the Legislature for \$420,000 a year. Both the tourist and industry seeking agencies contend that Texas cannot achieve its growth potential in the sixties unless it goes in with six-figure budgets comparable to those of competing states.

9. Texas tidelands ownership, a paramount issue in the forties and fifties, finally was laid to rest in June, 1960. U. S. Supreme Court, to the surprise of many, ruled that Texas owns the submerged lands 10 and a half miles out into the Gulf. If the land is as oil-rich as hoped and if there is a market for oil, tidelands revenue will augment the permanent school fund in the years ahead.

10. Senator Johnson's Election as vice president opened the door for more lively politicking in 1961 to decide his Senate successor. Field is already crowded with the likelihood of a dozen candidates before the filing deadline passes. Conceivably, someone who already holds an office could be elected, setting off a chain reaction of moves up the political ladder.

Farm Production High.

Texas farm production in 1960 tied with 1958 for the second highest year in history, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported. Total production was 138 per cent of the 1946-1956 average. Combined value of the principal crops was \$1,400,000,000. This was three per cent less than last year, largely because of drops in cotton and sorghum grain prices.

Cotton is still the leading crop. Texas farmers produced 4,350,000 bales in 1960 for an income of \$711,000,000. Improved conditions and methods were reflected in the 329 pound average yield per acre, up 79 pounds per acre from the 1958-59 average.

Civil War Exhibit On Display at Waco

Central Texas collectors have set up a Civil War exhibit in First Federal Savings Building, Austin Avenue at 13th in Waco, in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Civil War. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 8.

Members of the Heritage Society, Civil War Round Table, Waco Coin Club, Waco Gun Collectors and Texas Gun Collectors are displaying books, documents, firearms, newspapers, letters, cannon and coins. First Federal building was selected as site of the valuable exhibit because of its colonial design and First Federal is celebrating its first anniversary in its new home.

The collector's items may be viewed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through January 7. The exhibit will be open to the public from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8.

Women in costumes of the Civil War period will be hostesses Sunday afternoon. Members of the participating clubs will be on duty during the week to explain the various exhibits.

CLAIRETTE

By Mrs. Lucile Mayfield

Here's wishing everyone a happy, prosperous and peaceful 1961. One and three-tenth inches of rain fell here during the past week.

Shirley and Roger Duncan have returned to Fort Worth after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield and Mitchell and with relatives in Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson of Bryan visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boone and Bobby during the holidays.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Jud Moore of Proctor. Mr. Moore and family lived here a few years when most of his children were at home. They owned the ranch now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rush. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Busy Bee Club while here, and the family was active in church work and other community activities. The community extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Linda Duncan of Hico spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Roger and Shirley Duncan in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Baldwin of Stephenville visited Monday afternoon at the Clairette Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Auvermann had their son and family from Orange and their daughter and family of San Antonio as visitors during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Noland had their children from Weatherford as Christmas visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cook of Bryan visited Mrs. Dona Wolfe and Mr. John Salmon the past week end.

Dr. H. L. Self and family of Ames, Iowa are visiting with Mrs. Ethel Self.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haley and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Haley during the holidays.

Mrs. Hugh Koonsman is a patient in the Hico Hospital. She underwent surgery Saturday morning and is doing fine.

Reno Dunbar of Center, Colo., and Jack Pickard of Weatherford visited last Thursday in the Henry Mayfield home. Mr. Dunbar spent the holidays with his folks at Henderson. Mrs. Dunbar remained to be on duty at Mont Vista Hospital Christmas, so that other nurses with children could be at home with them on Christmas Day. She sent greetings to all her friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly spent last Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stidham in Fort Worth.

Randal and Jane Burden of Clinton visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly Saturday night, and their granddaughter, Vickie Keller of Hico spent last Tuesday and Wednesday with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Huffpouir had her sons and families during the holidays.

We wish to thank Rev. Cronk and the members for the work they did at the Methodist Church inside last week. It looks very nice.

There was a frost that looked like snow New Year's morning and lots of ice.

Charlie Dowdy had several relatives for New Year's dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pruett had their daughters and families as visitors during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kay and David of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Autry of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Haynes of San Angelo spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Noland.

Visitors in the Roy Harvey home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvey and family of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Rowe and family of Mineral Wells, and Mrs. Herman Harris and children of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harvey had

CHALK MOUNTAIN CEMETERY MEETING SLATED MONDAY

There will be a meeting at Plainview Church January 9 at 7 p.m. of the Chalk Mountain Cemetery Association. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect board members, a treasurer and secretary.

WEATHER REPORT

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

Weather Bureau			
Dec. 28	37	0.12	
Dec. 29	41	35	0.51
Dec. 30	46	35	0.21
Dec. 31	44	35	0.55
Jan. 1	55	25	0.00
Jan. 2	54	30	0.50
Jan. 3	53	23	0.00



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