

Santa Claus Will Be Here Tonight

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...kids, Santa Claus will be in Plains tonight (Thursday) to part in the fun and festivities annual Community Christmas to be staged around the mas tree on Main Street.

...party is scheduled to get away at 7:00 p.m. After an ex- program is enjoyed, old St. will put in his appearance to with his little friends and will tute Christmas goodies, in- fruits, nuts and candies.

...Roy Zuefeldt, program chair- stated that the following pro- will be rendered:

...ol. "O Come All Ye Faithful" by the Buffalo Band.

...ims 89: 15-29, Rev. Zuefeldt.

...ol. "The First Noel" sung by choir.

...h 7: 10-14, Minister James

...ol. "Hark the Herald Angels" with the choir and audience

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...thw 1: 18-25, Rev. Zuefeldt.

...ol. "O Little Town of Bethle- choir and audience.

...e 2: 1-19, Minister Priest.

...ol. "Silent Night, Holy Night," and audience.

...thw 2: 1-15, Rev. Zuefeldt.

...ol. "We Three Kings of Orient" choir.

...n 1: 1-18 Minister Priest.

...yer, Rev. John J. Norris.

...ol. "Joy to the World," band.

...ristmas band concert.

...er the band concert, Santa will arrive and the party will posed after each child present an opportunity to see Santa and ve a gift of fruit, nuts and can-

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT UNDERWAY HERE; WILL CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHT

The annual high school basketball tournament is underway at the local gym with games starting each evening at 8:45. The finals will be played Saturday night.

The event got underway Monday night with the following games being played:

Eastland's girls team won over Bangs, 34-13.

Burkett boys downed Clyde, 72-45. Clyde girls won from Cross Plains, 42-32.

ACCHS boys downed Bangs, 57-35. Eula boys and girls swept into the semifinals of the tournament Tuesday night, together with the Rising Star boys and Coleman girls.

Eula eliminated the host Cross Plains boys, 52-47, while Rising Star defeated Baird, 53-34, in the other boys game.

The Eula girls trimmed Rising Star, 44-33, and Coleman's lasses whipped Baird, 57-35.

School Holidays Start Friday Afternoon

Paul L. Whitton, Superintendent of the local schools stated this week that school classes will turn out at 2:00 next Friday, for the annual Christmas holidays. Classes will resume Wednesday, Jan. 2.

He stated that classes in Ward School will hold their Christmas parties immediately after lunch, Friday afternoon.

John Falkner Suffers Painful Cuts and Bruises in Accident

John Falkner of Texon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner of this city, suffered painful cuts and bruises when the car in which he was riding collided with a truck Friday afternoon near Texon, when he was returning home from work.

John was carried to a hospital in Big Lake where he has been receiving medical care but his parents report that he is recovering satisfactorily and expects to be released from the hospital this week.

The truck driver and a fellow worker of Falkner were also hospitalized following the accident, however, their injuries were not believed to be serious.

Willis Brown To Undergo Surgery

Willis Brown of this city is in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene where he will undergo surgery soon for the amputation of his foot. He has been in ill health for sometime and entered the hospital last week.

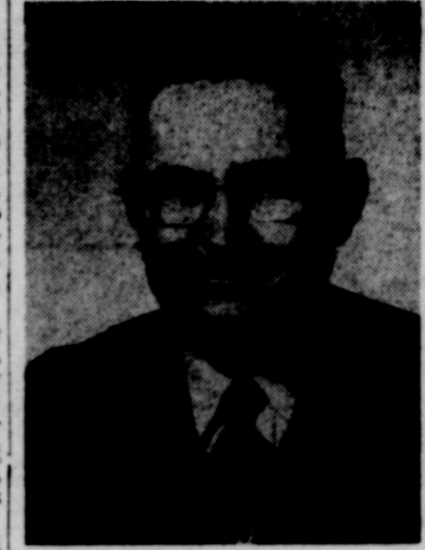
Evangelical Methodist Youth To Present Christmas Program

Rev. Melvin W. Mote, pastor of the Evangelical Methodist Church, announced this week that the youth of the church will present a Christmas program at the local church Sunday night, starting at 7:00 o'clock, under the direction of the church's Sunday School teachers, who include: Mrs. Bill Belyeu, Mrs. J. R. Rector, Mrs. Wayne Mote and Mrs. Bill Pope.

Children having a part on the program will be: Richard Pope, Johnny Covington, Joe Pope, Judy Kay Bowman, Dennis Bowman, Karen Covington, Baylis Pope, Larry Bowman, Connie Bowman, Jan Bowman, Walter Pope, W. A. Morris, Louvinda Morris and Sylvia Morris will serve as pianist.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the program, it was said.

FRED TUNNELL RECEIVES SERIOUS INJURIES IN TWO-CAR COLLISION SATURDAY NIGHT



Rain Gauge Shows 1.56

Slow, gentle rain, ranging from light mist to heavy thunder showers, covered the Cross Plains area Tuesday and Wednesday and was gauged at 1.56 inches on the Weather Bureau gauge, kept here by S. F. Fos' Bond.

The welcome rain started during the early morning hours on Tuesday and continued intermittently throughout the day and Wednesday. There was a wintery coverage of ice on the landscape Tuesday but the weather moderated and the ice melted Tuesday night.

As the Review goes to press (late Wednesday afternoon) the skies are heavily overcast and more moisture appears possible.

The precipitation will be of untold benefit to growing grain and winter pastures and local citizens are happy over this wonderful Christmas present.

Fred V. Tunnell, President of the Citizens State Bank here, received serious injuries when his car was in a collision with one driven by Norman Looney of Abilene, on Highway 36, a few miles east of town about 6:30 Saturday night.

He was carried to the Rising Star Hospital in a Higginbotham ambulance, summoned from Rising Star. After receiving medical attention for severe shock, he was moved to Hendricks Hospital in Abilene about 9:30 that night to undergo surgery. His condition was described as critical and he was given ten pints of blood transfusions during the night in an effort to build him up for surgery. However, internal bleeding from ruptured intestines was so rapid that his condition remained unchanged and attending physicians ordered surgery about 11:00 p.m. Sunday. The damaged intestines were removed and he made an exceptional recovery. He was reported to be able to walk in his room at the hospital Wednesday morning.

Fred Tunnell is one of Cross Plains' most beloved citizens and when a call was issued here Sunday morning for blood donors, the hospital bank received 16 pints by soon after noon.

If his recovery continues, it is believed that he will be able to be moved home for Christmas.

Looney received cuts and bruises and was reported to be doing fine in the Rising Star hospital, Sunday morning.

Both vehicles were headed east on the highway just east of the Rose Butane Co. yard and it is not known exactly how the accident occurred.

Lynn Brashear To Be Home For Christmas

Word was received the first of the week by Robert Brashear that his son, Lynn, will spend Christmas at home. Mrs. Brashear and Lynn will return to Cross Plains the latter part of this week from Houston where Lynn has been undergoing a medical check-up at the M. D. Anderson Hospital.

They will return to Houston in two weeks where Lynn will undergo treatment.

Former Local Boy Receives Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne, of this city, have received word that their son, Bill, stationed in Germany with the Air Force, has been promoted to major.

Major Payne is serving his second overseas tour since being recalled to active duty in 1951 for service in Korea. His World War II service included combat and intelligence work in Africa, Italy and France.

Mrs. Hugh McDermett Moved Home Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDermett returned home Saturday from Houston where they had been for several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Hulan Barr and family. Mrs. McDermett was recuperating from a fractured leg, suffered in a two car accident two months ago, at the home of her daughter when she suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in Houston for sometime.

She is reported to be getting along nicely.

Cottonwood Musical To Be Held Friday Night

A Christmas musical will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center Friday evening, December 21st, beginning at 7 o'clock and all local talent is invited to come and be on the program.

Santa Claus will be present with goodies for the children and coffee, soft drinks, cake and sandwiches will be sold in the kitchen.

Ladies are asked to bring cakes and sandwiches.

AREA OIL NEWS

Two new wildcats have been announced for the Cross Plains area.

Four miles southeast of Cottonwood, Sestet Oil Corp. of Midland No. 1 R. L. Young is a 3,500-foot rotary wildcat. It is 330 feet from the north and west lines of Jesse Dryson Survey 751.

Other test is J. E. Connally, et al. of Abilene No. 1 C. M. Garrett, five miles north of Cross Plains having a proposed depth of 2,995 feet with rotary, it is 3,671 feet from the north and 1,470 feet from the west lines of H. Moscrop Survey 15.

Big D. Drilling Co., et al. of Cross Plains No. 1 W. H. Chambers, et al. Greenberry Survey 146, was plugged at 1,301 feet. It was drilled two miles southeast of Cross Cut in the regular field.

PHILOSOPHER ISN'T SURPRISED CHRISTMAS HERE AGAIN, CLAIMS HE KNEW IT ALL TIME

Editor's note: The Bayou Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on the Bayou has discovered Christmas is about here, his letter this week reveals.

Dear editor:

I know it's customary at this time of the year to look up with a start and say it's possible for Christmas to be about here again, it was only a short time ago we had the last one, but it didn't fool me. I knew it was that time again, and it suits me.

I know too that to a lot of people Christmas means running up a lot of debts, but this is the wrong idea. My idea of Christmas is that it ought to be something different and why do at Christmas time what you've already been doing the rest of the year? This is a good idea, and if we could get England and France and a few other countries to join with us in this yuletide debt-free spirit, I'd have no objections. In this connection, I'd like to throw in the thought that the reason everybody looks to the United States for a loan when their credit runs short is because the U. S. has been sending the wrong people abroad. The million or so U. S. Tourists who went abroad this past year have

been the cream of the crop, from a spending standpoint, and it gives the wrong impression. If the U. S. was smart it'd send me and a few others like me abroad to let Europe in on the fact the U. S. has people with financial problems the same as anybody else. If Europe looked me over and still asked for a loan, there wouldn't be any question about it, they're hard up over there.

But what I started out to say was I learned long ago not to let your financial situation stand in the way of Christmas. Anybody who is waiting till everything is just right before he settles down to enjoying Christmas will never be able to get anymore out of it than he does the 10th of the month when his bills are due.

Consequently, all I'd like to say this week is that I've enjoyed writing for The Review the past year and I hope everybody on it, from the linotype operator on down to the editor, has a merry Christmas and that 1957 brings them at least half of what they'd like to get and only a fourth of what they're afraid they'll get. I'll settle for that any time.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.



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Is That Christmas Gift Taxable?

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000—before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income purposes the cost basis of property by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquires his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000).

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, we would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon sale she

Clean Fence Rows Conserve Moisture, Add to Farm Income

Have you ever stopped to think how much undesirable trees and brush in the farm fence rows cost? A. H. Walker, extension range specialist, says a recent study showed that a single large mesquite tree was using all of the water from one-sixth acre of cropland.

The farmer on whose farm the study was made reported that the tree cost him \$8.10 last year. He averaged a half bale of cotton to the acre on his other cropland but got nothing from the area around the tree. He stopped and did a little figuring and for less than five cents killed the tree.

On another farm, Walker said, no crops were growing for a distance of 90 feet from a bushy fence row. In one mile of fence row the farmer was losing 10 acres of cropland. Countywide surveys have shown that in many counties upward of 5,000 acres of cropland are not producing crops because of fence row thieves. Walker says if fence rows, trees and brush are not controlled, the farmer would at least save his planting seed, time and labor by not trying to produce crops close to brushy fence rows. This he adds would be a waste of good cropland and very good management.

Now is the time of the year to apply chemicals to these moisture and soil nutrient robbers. Walker says research and many farm demonstrations have shown that best control is obtained by spraying the cut-off stump, the tree base or by applying a solution in frills to the standing trees. The accepted chemical is 2,4,5-T which should be mixed with diesel oil or kerosene and applied with a hand or backtype sprayer. For the hard to kill trees, Walker recommends a pound of the chemical would not have to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

Rising Star Granted Rebecca Lodge

A dispensation was granted on Tuesday, December 6, by the president of the Rebecca Assembly of Texas, for the City of Rising Star to organize a Rebecca Lodge and the charter containing 21 names, was granted by the Rebecca Assembly of Independent Order of Odd-fellows of the State of Texas, to be known as Rebecca Lodge No. 268 Rising Star, Texas.

The district secretary of the Rebecca Lodge from Coleman read the dispensation and had charge of the instruction of the Lodge. The first member received by deposit of card were Faierel Jones, Winnie Anderson, Minnie Houser of Rising Star and Leona Hitt of Pioneer. Installing teams from the Rebecca Lodge at Brownwood conferred the degree on 16 other members. Leona Hitt of Pioneer was elected to serve as Noble Grand of the Lodge and La Verne Carroll as vice-grand; recording secretary, Lucille Huddleston; finance secretary LaVerne Maynard and treasurer, Irene Crawford.

The officers were then installed and the Noble Grand and Vice Grand appointed their assistants, after which the Lodge closed in regular form with the Noble Grand in charge.

Meetings will be held each 1st and 3rd Thursday nights at the Odd-fellow Hall, over the City Drug Store in Rising Star.

Names of charter members are: Leona Hitt, Pioneer; LaVerne and E. M. Carroll, Lucille Huddleston, J. M. Huddleston, LaVerne Maynard, Doyle Maynard, Irene Crawford, June Harris, Beulah Jones, Winnie Anderson, Minnie Houser, Mary Gardner, Elzie Crisp, Inez Teague, Faierel Jones, Cora White, Letha Maynard and Jerry Lyons.

cal in six gallons of oil. For easier to kill trees a pound to 12 gallons of oil is suggested.

December, January and February are good months for carrying out the control program. Labor is usually available and working conditions more desirable. Too, few broad-leaf crops are growing which might be damaged from drift from the chemical. The chemical is nonpoisonous to man or livestock in the recommended formula.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bush of Tye visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Holdridge of Abilene spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Holdridge, Sunday.

Norwegian miles are seven times as long as the American mile.

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Rising Star

TAX-MAN SAM SEZ:

Most folks don't like to think about their income tax during Christmas week or any other time for that matter. It does pay, however, to be educated in tax matters. The Internal Revenue folks like for everybody to start work on their tax returns after Christmas. What sort of Christmas do you get for that?

Note! It is interesting to know that come January 1st, Sam owes 55 percent to 60 percent of the taxpayers money. So it appears that most of us get our money back from the Government instead of the Government getting more from us at income filing time.

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By winter if your hearts are warm"

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You Remember?...

December 18, 1941
 W. A. McGowan, 72, a member of the earliest families in Cross Plains country, succumbed after a lingering illness at his home in Wink early Tuesday morning.
 Leo Varner was president of the board of trustees of Cross Plains schools in regular session Monday night and professed a two year contract.
 Miss Zeida Sabanno and M. P. Williams, of Cottonwood were selling Christmas trees Friday afternoon, December 18, shortly after four o'clock in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Bryan, with Rev. Bryan reading the single ring ceremony.
 Benja Pillans, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Pillans, of Atwell, who recently completed a nine months training course in radio, in Bastrop, left the latter part of this week for Los Angeles, Calif. where he will be stationed in the U. S. Navy, in the radio department.
 Miss Aleta C. Chambers, who is employed at the Coleman Flying School was injured Monday morning when the car in which she was riding to work collided with another car. She was the only occupant hurt, however her injuries are not believed to be serious. Burkett news.
 Santa Claus letters from this edition:



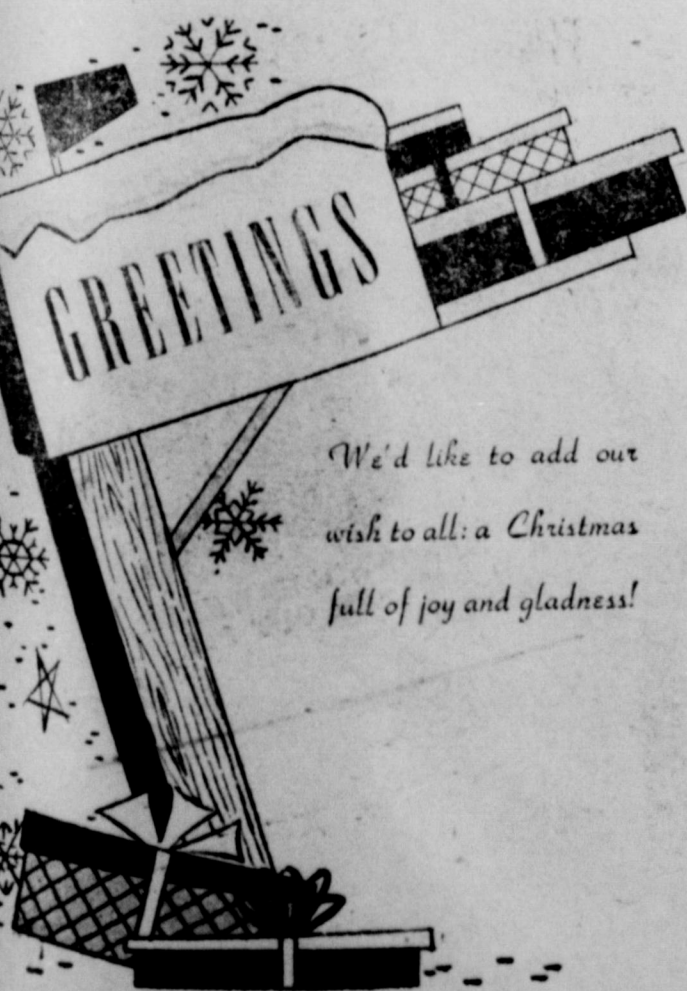
"At Christmas, play and make good cheer
 For Christmas comes but once a year."

May your Christmas be a joyous one!

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December 18, 1936
 Mrs. A. E. Conlee, 36, one of Cross Plains' oldest citizens who died in a Santa Anna hospital Monday afternoon of injuries sustained in a fall seven days before, was laid to rest in the Scranton cemetery Tuesday afternoon beside the grave of her husband who expired in 1911.
 Miss Bera Maud Fort, of Lovington, New Mexico, died at the home of her uncle, J. C. Freeman, West of Cross Plains, Tuesday night after a brief illness.
 At a regular meeting of the Burkett Future Farmers Chapter Miss Emma Jo Newton was elected Chapter Sweetheart.
 An eight pound baby girl was born to Mr and Mrs. J. C. Byrd, who reside between here and Pioneer, Monday afternoon, Dec. 14.
 Master Wayne Newton entertained 36 friends with a birthday party Thursday. Wayne is now a big boy nine years old. Burkett news.
 Little Ernest Clark son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark was carried to Sealy Hospital Saturday with a ruptured appendix, but was not operated on until Tuesday, but is doing very well. Cottonwood news.
 Santa Claus letters published in this edition:
 Dear Santa Claus,
 Please bring me a basketball, an air gun, a tractor, and some little cars. Also a tool set, some candy, fruit and nuts.
 Your friend,
 N. L. Long, Jr.
 Dear Old Santa Claus,
 I think that you are a good scout. Bring me just anything that you want to. I am 7 years old.
 Your friend,
 Loys Edward Davidson.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I have been a right good boy. Please bring me a tool chest.
 Love,
 Charles Coburn.
 Dear Santa,
 I want you to bring me a doll, table, roller skates, stove and dishes.
 With love,
 Billie Jean Barr.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I am a little boy six years old. I am in the first grade. I don't want very much because you have to give the other kids something too. I want a tricycle, football, a hat and a jacket. And don't forget my mother she has been very good to me.
 For ever,
 Billy Anderson
 P.S. Dear Santa: And don't forget daddy. Billy.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle for Christmas.
 Respectively yours,
 Morris Ray Cavanaugh.

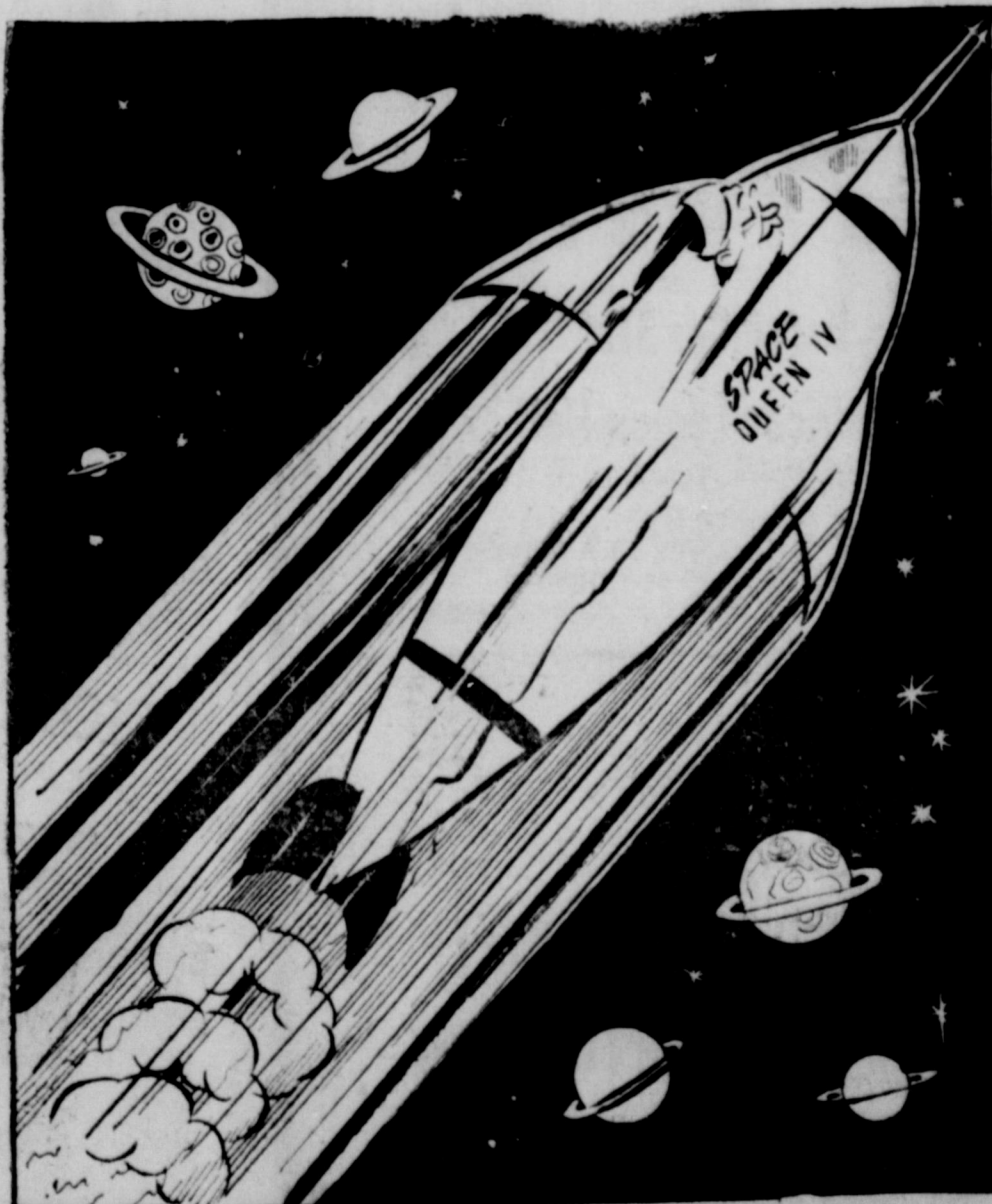
and a big box of candy but I do not want a gun it will shoot me down.
 Robert Eugene Calhoun.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want some fire-works, also a baseball, bat and glove. Some fruit, candy and some nuts. Please don't forget the other good children.
 Your friend,
 Noah Sealy Johnson,
 Dressy School.

some good things to eat.
 Your friend,
 Jack Webb Lacy.
 Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to bring me a pool table and some candy, oranges and apples.
 With love,
 E. I. Vestal, Jr.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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 We make this wish that's most sincere
 A happy day that's full of cheer
 And then what's more, A bright New Year!

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Davis Montgomery Honored With Birthday Dinner

Davis Montgomery, who resides north of town, was honored with a dinner Sunday, Dec. 16, in celebration of his 69th birthday which was on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

All of his children were present to enjoy the day with their father except one son, Claude Montgomery of Foteet.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Westerman, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Montgomery, Mrs. Mina Conlee and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Montgomery, Bettye and Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fortune and Judy and Allen Wayne Bland, of Hobbs, N. M., a fifth generation descendant, and Randy Montgomery.

Following the beautiful dinner, the afternoon was spent in visiting and wishing for the honoree many happy returns of the day.

Don't Let Christmas Go To Your Head When You're Driving

Detroit—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 preoccupied 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 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 cross walks. 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."

Cemetery Donations

A total of \$30.72 has been added to the maintenance fund of the local cemetery association the past week according to V. C. Walker, chairman with the following having made donations:

Mrs. J. P. Smith \$10.00
West Texas Utilities 15.00
Sinclair Crude Oil Co 5.72

Cottonwood

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Wiseman and children from Florence, visited his sister, Mrs. Ace Gill and family over the week end and attended services at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Rev. C. R. Myrick visited her brother, Joe Gransad and family Monday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Respass of Sweetwater visited Sunday in the Respass home.

Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Hazel I. Respass attended the Christmas party Saturday night at the Putnam Methodist parsonage.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Myrick visited Wednesday night in Talpa with their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee and family.

Mrs. Francis Gilleland, and Hazel I. Respass attended a party at Miss Eunice Hembree's last Thursday at Scranton.

Several attended the singing at Rowden Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swafford, Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Billie Coats, Mrs. Raymond Demere and V. L. Fulton.

The Baptist Church and Methodist people will each have a Christmas program Friday night, Dec. 21.

Sfc. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean Womack Honored With Dinner

Sfc. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean Womack of San Francisco, Calif. were honored with a dinner at the American Legion Hall, Sunday, Dec. 16, by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack and Harold celebrating their first wedding anniversary.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Neeb, Monty and Charles, Mrs. Jimmy Lee Payne, James, Jerry and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Hadden Payne, Charles and Sharia, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Payne and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kizer, Betty Ann and Mary Jane all of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Sherl Taylor and Mrs. Willie Mae Shirley, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey Starks and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell and Benny all of Rising Star and the honoree and hosts for the dinner.

All reported an enjoyable day.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Miss Lillie Jennings who has been a patient in the Callahan County Hospital in Baird for sometime, was moved to the hospital at Sanatorium Tuesday of this week by V. C. Walker, in a Higginbotham Bros. ambulance.

Mrs. Darwin Anderson was released from the Rising Star Hospital Friday of last week after receiving medical treatment for a few days.

Scotty Odom Undergoes Emergency Operation

Scotty Odom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Odom of this city, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene Wednesday night of last week. He was released from the Hospital Saturday afternoon and is reported to be getting along "just fine."

James Barr Leaves For Duty in Far East

James Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barr of this city, left Fort Lewis Washington, Friday of last week for the Far East where he will be stationed. James has been stationed at Fort Hood and Fort Chaffey, Arkansas since entering the service.

Rural Youth To Have Special Day At Stock Show

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H members and future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations.

Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day.

On Jan. 27, the Sunday breakfast for junior show exhibitors will be held in Pioneer Palace with the First National Bank of Fort Worth as the host.

A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

Sfc. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean Womack of San Francisco, Calif. are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack and Harold and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, in Rising Star. They will leave after Christmas and return January 1st, for a few days visit before going to Europe.

Rowden News

By MRS. BERNARD CROW

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nowell and Dicky had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom and children.

Frank Muncelle and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brown of Abilene spent Saturday with Mrs. Gene Mauldin and boys.

Mrs. Lois Elliott and children and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell and children of Abilene, visited their father, W. F. Jones, and attended the singing Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thelda Crow of Baird spent the week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dale Brown spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley.

Frankie Crow and Rickie and Frank Alexander and Jimmie visited Bernard Crow Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nowell and Dicky had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose Sunday evening.

The little Duncan girls visited Judy Gibbs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price, Sunday.

Roland Mauldin of Cisco Junior College spent the week end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and Don.

Minister and Mrs. Gene Priest and children will leave Monday for a visit with relatives on the Gulf coast.

Cleave means both to stick together and to part.

George Washington was first inaugurated to the Presidency in New York City on April 30, 1789.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

(Editor, Sports Afield Magazine) Any beginner deer hunter should keep in mind that deer do not have fixed habits, and what few they have will differ in localities and seasons. For those who are about to embark on their first deer hunt, Col. Townsend Whelen of Sports Afield magazine has compiled some pointers.

In the past deer are usually hunted by driving or still-hunting. The drive will usually be in charge of some experienced hunter, and his directions should be followed. For one or two hunters the method that must be used in eastern woods is still hunting.

You will have the best chance of success if you hunt on the upwind edge of feeding grounds (apple orchards, old lumber slashings, second growth birch and poplar thickets) around dawn and dusk. During the remainder of the day hunt the thick growth where deer are most liable to bed, and hunt up-wind or at right angles to the wind.

Be slow, careful, and as quiet as you can, covering not more than half a mile an hour. Your rifle should be carried in a ready position which you can fire instantly, and should be loaded and locked. At any time, a deer may jump up within 25 yards or less, and may be out of sight within five seconds or less.

It is advisable to wear soft clothing that will not scratch audibly when it contacts twigs or leaves. Shoes should have soft rubber soles; rustling leaves, scratching brush or the breaking of very small twigs will probably not alarm a deer unless within 25 or 50 yards, but these slight sounds will alert it at 100 yards or more, and it will be on watch.

In the first and last lights of dawn and dusk it may pay to pause or stand or sit hidden at places that

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afford a good view of fairly open country between feeding and bedding grounds. In these early and late hours deer may be seen moving back and forth between feeding and bedding grounds. Once you make a noise, and have made sure it is not another human being but a deer, and a legal one, you are ready to shoot. Push your rifle straight forward, muzzle point-

ing toward the deer, but close the shoulder, at the same time throwing the safety off. As it passes or jumps through an open place between trees, to one motion raise the butt of your shoulder, drop the front of your aim, put the front sight on the lower front portion of the deer and press the trigger.



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 Thursday Night 7:30
 Saturday Night 7:30

FOR SALE OR TRADE: My home in Cross Plains. Maggie Cook. 23-tfc

NOTICE
 The Cross Plains territory now has an Airway dealer selling Air-way sanitizers, bags and Glycole vapizors. For a free demonstration call or write Mrs. Rhoda M. Spravo, Box 612, Cross Plains, or phone 5-2682. 23-4tc

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FOR SALE: One 5-room house and 1-2 acre of land, storm cellar, water cistern, located on Southeast corner of lot at Burkett, Texas. See Bert Brown at Cross Plains, Texas. 37-tfc

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Marshall's To Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary
 Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Marshall of Pioneer are inviting their friends and neighbors to visit them in their home Sunday, December 23, between the hours of 2-5 o'clock, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.
 Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have lived in the Pioneer-Rising Star area all their married life. Mr. Marshall moved to Eastland County 81 years ago from Parker County. Mr. Marshall, the former Fannie Pittman moved to the County 64 years ago.
 The couple have five children, two sons, W. R. Marshall, Clarendon and R. H. Marshall Abilene and three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Cade, Burkett, Mrs. Mabel Shipp, Rotan, and Mrs. Leslie Stout, May. All of the children plan to spend the day with their parents.

FOR SALE: Nice fat hens. See Mrs. R. E. Jordan. 1tp

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BILLY MIZE, Minister
 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "The Lord's Supper"
 Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "What Makes a Thing Religiously Wrong?"
 Wednesday Study 6:30 p.m.
 "Glory in the Cross"

PIONEER
G. A. DUNN, Jr., Minister
 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Sermon Subjects:
 "The Lord's Supper"
 Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "What Makes a Thing Religiously Wrong?"
 Wednesday Study 6:30 p.m.

COTTONWOOD
HELVIN PLACKE, Minister
 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "Murcy"
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "Degrees Of Faith"

CROSS PLAINS
JAMES E. PRIEST, Minister
 Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Sermon Subject:
 "Christianity Must Be Taught"
 Young People's Class 6:15 p.m.
 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Sermon Subject:
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PAY TAXES NOW

Payments made before February 1st will not be subject to additional fees for interest and penalties, and to accommodate property owners this office has mailed statement of 1956 taxes.

Don't forget that if you wish to vote during 1957 your poll tax must be paid before February first. You will not want to be disfranchised for the need of a poll tax receipt, so attend to this detail at once. Poll taxes may be paid at the Citizens State Bank in Cross Plains as well as at the office of

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TEXANS SUSCEPTIBLE TO HOLIDAY FEVER

Austin, Dec. 30.—Most Texans are susceptible to holiday fever, declares Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of health. Each year they are caught in a last minute rush of buying gifts, wrapping packages and sending cards; in short they have caught the annual fever. This "fever," just as any fever, should be handled carefully, or serious complications may arise.

In order for the fever not to get you down you had better incorporate a few sane ideas into what might become a mad rush of these days.

Organize as well as you can so as to save steps. Always stop before reaching the point where sheer fatigue affects your judgment, tempers and bodily control. When fatigue gets the better of one, he is much more vulnerable to accidents—both at home and on the road.

Duties should be scheduled to allow some time for relaxation. It is surprising how much more enjoyment one gets when he is well rested. Some time should be devoted to sitting and thinking—thinking of what Christmas really means.

If there are children you will want them to have a part in the family preparation for Christmas and share of the fun. Parents need to remember that the youngest children's routines should be upset as little as possible. To deprive a child of his nap, to drag him through crowded stores, to expose him to confusion and to offer him many sweets is not the right kind of sharing.

The child under five can be easily over stimulated about the holidays. Too much advance excitement may make the day itself a let down. Setting limits for older children is also wise, so that Christmas won't be spoiled because they are half dead with fatigue or are battling against a cold. The older folks would also be wise to get plenty of rest, watch their diet and do everything possible to avoid accidents in the home and on the highways.

Church To Be Built For Mentally Retarded Children At Austin

Austin, Dec. 4.—Money for the Chapel for the Children is already coming in.

Plans to build a \$76,000 non-denominational chapel at the Austin State School for Mentally Retarded Children were announced Sunday. Three sponsoring volunteer groups—the Austin Council for Church Women, the Austin Jewish Community Council and the Volunteer Council for the School—were each receiving donations Monday.

The fund drive is being conducted state-wide since the children come from all parts of Texas.

Word was quick to spread among the 1900 children at the school as to the Chapel's possibility. Many of the children have never been inside a church yet the great majority are aware they have a Heavenly Father. The school's chaplain, Rev. Luther Holloway, who conducts church and Sunday School in their schoolroom, has explained to them about a "building just for the worship of God". So have visiting rabbis, priests and ministers. The children have seen churches from windows of the school bus when they have been taken for rides at Christmas.

Two Austin architects who volunteered their services in designing the Chapel, have estimated its cost, furnished, at \$76,000.

There are no chapels or churches presently at any of the state institutions of this kind.

Mrs. W. B. Williams was in Brownwood Saturday visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Gallaway.

Mrs. O. A. Warnock and Glenda of May and Mrs. T. C. Boyd and two daughters of Owens were visiting Mrs. T. M. Davis and Myrtle, Sunday.

Atwell News

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bagley and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray Chapman and children from Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom.

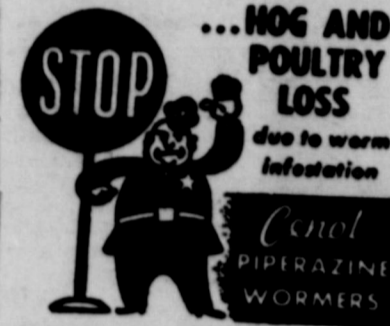
Mr. and Mrs. Gariand Dupriest from Texon and Connie Gobel from Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Rouse over the week end.

Mrs. Jim Hewes and Maggie Wilson were shopping in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster and sons visited Rev. and Mrs. Temple Lewis at Tye Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Chick and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom Sunday for dinner. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Wilcoxon at Cottonwood Sunday afternoon.



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Sheriff

Corrie Driskill
District Clerk

Hazel Reynolds
County Treasurer

Tee Baulch
Tax Assessor - Collector

L. C. Cash
County Superintendent

Bert Brown
Precinct Constable

Claude Foster
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ALLAN WAYNE BLAND'S BIRTH OF SON
Mrs. Allan Wayne Bland announced the birth of a son, Robert Anthony, born Dec. 19, at County General Hospital. Weight, seven pounds five ounces.

The first Christmas Seals to fight tuberculosis were sold in Denmark in 1904.

Oklahoma is the only state whose capital, Oklahoma City, bears the same name.

President McKinley was the first to toss out the ball at the beginning of baseball season.

The fox trot was named after a New York dancing instructor.

State Capitol NEWS

Austin—Christmas has come to the Capitol, and all the traditions are being observed.

A month's 40-foot tree with hundreds of lights centers the rotunda. State employees, from the youngest clerk to the top man, gathered around the huge tree once each year to sing Christmas carols.

For the first time, Gov. Allan Shivers and his family will spend Christmas in the Mansion. In the past they've gone to Sharyland, their Rio Grande Valley home. But this year they're staying here to get ready for moving to make room for Gov. Elect Price Daniel who takes office Jan. 15.

Sen. Daniel is working against time to get legislative and inauguration plans settled before the first of the year. Then he must go to Washington to serve two more weeks as senator.

But between being senator and getting ready to be governor, the Daniels hope to sandwich in a simple family holiday at their Liberty ranch home.

"Better Government" Bills
An extensive legislative program designed to prevent recurrence of state scandals has been unveiled.

Sixteen "better government" bills were formulated in the attorney general's department under sponsorship of the Texas Press Association. TPA's legislative committee approved the measures and has called on Texas newspapers to work for their passage.

Bills are aimed primarily at secrecy in public affairs. They would outlaw closed meetings of governmental bodies, force publication of official transactions and impose penalties for suppression of public records. Insurance companies would be required to publish financial statements at least twice a year. Names of veterans applying for land under the veterans land program would be publicized.

Committee members also endorse creation of a special Travis County grand jury for state affairs.

Daniel Backs Water Plan
Gov. Elect Price Daniel will submit an emergency legislation the proposed \$100,000,000 water development fund.

Daniel said he will support this and other objectives of the Texas Water Resource Committee's program. But he said he wants to study further before making a tax recommendation.

According to committee members, the \$100,000,000 revolving fund would not require a special tax. It would be used to extend credit to local governments for water conservation projects.

However, the committee did suggest taxes to buy water storage space in federal reservoirs. Proposed levies would increase fishing licenses 50 cents and place a five percent excise on pleasure boats and motors.

Cities Fight For Water
Texas' largest cities have squared off in a water rights battle that promises to surpass all others.

Southern Canal Company has asked the State Water Board for a permit to withdraw 200 million gallons daily from the Trinity River for industrial use in the Houston area. Houston has indicated it is backing the company's plan.

Trinity River Authority, together with Fort Worth, Dallas and other cities using Trinity water are protesting.

Testimony before the Water Board is expected to be complex and lengthy.

Waterfall Deficiency
All areas of the state are nearing the end of the year with substantially less-than-normal rainfall.

State Board of Water Engineers reports 11-months deficiency ranging from 12 to 19 inches. Storage in major lakes continues at about 43 percent capacity.

Drought Aid Extended
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has extended from Dec. 31 until March 15 the emergency program to help livestock owners in drought areas buy feed.

Gov. Shivers commended this decision and asked that USDA also extend grazing privileges under the soil bank program. He requested railroads to continue reduced freight rates for hay shipments to drought areas.

Cameron and Willacy Counties have been added to bring the total drought-hit counties in Texas to 238 out of 254.

Second Woman Governor
To Mrs. Neville Colson of Navasota went the distinction of being Texas' first woman governor since Mrs. Miram Ferguson.

Mrs. Colson's senate colleagues had named her interim president pro tempore, an office second in line to the governorship. Gov. Shivers and Lt. Gov. Ramsey gallantly left the state so Mrs. Colson could have the traditional "governor for a day" honors.

She proclaimed State Highway Day in recognition of one of her primary legislative interests.

Shepherd Offers Aid
Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepherd will go to Tennessee next month to help defend persons charged with interfering with school integration.

Shepherd, whose term of office ends Jan. 1, will act as a private citizen.

A federal court order has enjoined persons from interfering with Clinton school integration by "thought, deed or word." Shepherd said he thought this "too broad."

Short Shorts
There'll be a several months delay, Land Commissioner Earl Rudder has told some 13,000 veterans applying to purchase land. Money from the additional \$100,000,000 bond program voted in November will not be available until sometime between April and June.

USDA has upped its forecast of Texas' 1956 cotton crop to 3,610,000 bales—a 10,000-bale increase over the November estimate. Texas farmer is becoming a big operator, according to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. From 1948-54 the number of farms decreased 12 per cent, but total area under cultivation jumped by half a million acres. Result: fewer farms, but more in the \$25,000 a year bracket. Austin school authorities may ask the legislature to establish a special school for the teen-age boys who serve the law-makers as pages. In the past, pages have missed a semester of work. Newly-elected prosecuting attorneys came to Austin for a short course in state codes and procedures. Sponsors were the University of Texas School of Law and the Attorney General's Department. A course for incoming sheriffs and deputies was held simultaneously by the Department of Public Safety.

Mrs. O. E. Fortune, Judy and Allen Wayne Bland Jr. visited in Abilene Saturday.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

At this Holiday Season, we would like to set aside the problems of the business world and turn again to our age-old customs. May we greet you, our friends and patrons, and wish all of you a Wonderful Christmas!

THE LITTLE FLOWER SHOP



Santa's work is overtaxing
But now's his time for just relaxing.
Rudolph stands in wide-eyed wonder
As Santa takes a dip down under.
Santa's packed a lot of toys
For all the little girls and boys.
Toys and books and balls and sleds,
And dolls and buggies and little beds.
He's filled each stocking to the top
He ran out of toys . . . so had to stop.
Now there's just one thing left to do and
That's to wish "Merry Christmas to You."

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Merry Christmas

Our song is for your happiness this Yule season.

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GREETINGS

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Peace on earth... good will toward men

"Peace on earth... good will toward men." . . . is again repeated in every story and song of all Christendom. Once more it will be our privilege to tell the beautiful story of the Nativity, and now more than ever, we need to weigh the implications of the Christmas message.

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Geo. D. Brawley Dies; Buried At Nimrod

George Dill Brawley, 38, passed away at Harris Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth, Saturday as a result of injuries suffered a few weeks ago in an accident in Grand Prairie. He was employed with a construction company at the time of the accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Brawley were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Nimrod Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Charlie Myrick, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mart L. Agnew and Rev. Leamon Anderson both of Cisco. Burial was in the Nimrod Cemetery.

He was born January 11, 1928, at Nimrod and had lived there most of his life before moving to Grand Prairie. He was married to the former Edna Pauline Painter. He served in the armed forces and was a member of the Nimrod Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; a son, Gerald, four years old; his mother, Mrs. J. W. Brawley of Cisco; five sisters, Mrs. G. E. Williams, Mrs. Dannie Claborn and Miss Dorothy Brawley of Cisco, Mrs. M. C. Folmar of Anaheim, Calif. and Mrs. R. D. Saunders of Grand Prairie; five brothers, Walter of Compton, Calif., Lewis, Clifton, Doyle and Joe Brawley, all of Cisco.

Pallbearers were Oscar Chaefer, Edwin Erwin, Pete Dunning, Donald Gorr, Jack Cozart, and Skipp Bale, Fort Worth.

Band Banquet Lauded As Great Success

The Christmas theme was carried out in decorations throughout the banquet hall when the members of the Cross Plains Buffalo Band, their escorts, and members of the school faculty enjoyed the annual banquet held Tuesday night of last week, in the school cafeteria.

The head table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations flanked by red tapers in crystal holders. Runners of greenery and red tapers completed the table decorations.

Preceding the dinner, Miss Mary Scott, drum major of the band, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott, was crowned band sweetheart by band president, Jim McDonald, and presented a large bouquet of red and white carnations. Miss Mickey Jowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jowers, was runner-up for sweetheart.

Jim McDonald was in charge of the short program when band officers for the school term 1956-57 were presented and band director, J. G. (Pop) Stanley gave a short talk in which he expressed his sincere appreciation to members of the band for their cooperation in making the band a success.

Members of the Band Boosters Club served the turkey dinner.

W.S.C.S. Enjoys Christmas Social Monday Afternoon

Members of the Womens Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. N. I. Riley Monday afternoon, for their annual Christmas program and social.

The program was led by Mrs. W. P. Yarbrough. Mrs. Parker Baum directed the program "Christmas at Home", which consisted of scripture readings by members and group singing of carols. A Christmas offering was taken for "Care of Foreign Children."

The program was climaxed with a tree and gift exchange.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to Mmes. Jack Aiken, A. Painter, J. R. Loveless and Jack, V. C. Walker, Parker Baum, M. Eubank, Mack Campbell, Doyle Burchfield, W. P. Yarbrough, W. J. Carpenter, Sam Swafford, Will Fortune, W. A. Payne and Miss Missouri Strahan.

Baptist YWA Meets

The Winona Treadwell Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at the church for installation of officers and a Christmas program.

Ruth Appin was in charge of the program which opened with the YWA hymn, followed by prayer offered by Anna Jo Schaffner. Mrs. Donald Baird was in charge of the installation service and read the charge of office to the YWA officers and the counselor.

As Anna Jo Schaffner read the Christmas story from the Bible, colored slides of the Nativity were shown by Ruth Appin. The group then sang several carols, led by Billie Helen McMillan and accompanied by Glendene Philley at the piano.

After the group repeated the YWA Watchword, Cynthia McCuin offered the closing prayer. A Christmas tree hung with candy canes decorated the room and at the conclusion of the meeting the girls were given the candy canes and fruit by Mrs. Lindsey Tyson, the YWA counselor.

The next YWA meeting will be held Jan. 7.

Sweetwater Preacher Filled Local Pulpit

Rev. Thomas McDonald of Sweetwater filled the pulpit at both morning and evening services at the Evangelical Methodist Church here last Sunday, according to an announcement made this week by Melvin W. Mote, pastor of the church.

A large congregation was present at both services, it was said.

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