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Odessa Woman Killed In Wreck; Man Hurt

Hit Parked Truck

Mrs. Pearl Elliott of Odessa was instantly killed and her companion, Earl McNurlen, also of Odessa, received head and chest injuries when their car ploughed into a stalled truck 12 miles out on the Midland highway Wednesday morning about 7:40 o'clock.

The truck, loaded with cottonseed, had lost a wheel and was stalled. The driver, E. D. Curtright of San Angelo, had set out lighted flares around the truck.

Joe Emery and Dr. W. J. Swann made the run in Lowe's ambulance and later Dr. Swann accompanied McNurland to the San Angelo hospital. His nose was broken and two ribs were cracked.

McNurlen operates the Rainbow Inn in Odessa, and Mrs. Elliott was a waitress in the Elliott Hotel coffee shop.

The truck belonged to Curtright and J. J. Waldrip, both of San Angelo.

Foster Family Xmas Party

The R.W. Foster family annual Christmas dinner and party was held last Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster. The guests enjoyed a turkey dinner and had a Christmas tree afterward. Next year the group will meet with the Templeton Fosters.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. Templeton Foster, Mrs. Sterling Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster and Reynolds Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster and Marvin and Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Conger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and Freddie, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Austin of Sanco, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins, Deanna Marie and Karla Jean of Garden City, Miss Marvin Frances Foster of Dallas, and the Rufus Fosters.

Girl Scouts Have Xmas Party

The Intermediate Girl Scouts entertained with a Christmas party at the Girl Scout cabin last Friday night. A Christmas tree, games, and refreshments lent charm to the evening's festivities.

Present were Carolyn Bengé, Elizabeth Hildebrand, Dorothy Sue Lowe, Winona Ware, Courtenay Skeete, Fern Garrett, Trina-beth Reed, La Verne King, Clinton Hodges, Paschal Brown, Don Gann, Billy Lee Smith, Duard Grosshans, H. W. Grayston, O. F. Carper, Don House, Mrs. Taylor Garrett, Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, Mrs. Will Grosshans, J. T. Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douthit.

Sees Baby for First Time

Lt. Charles J. Harris, U. S. N., is here on leave visiting his wife (former Anna Lee Durham) and his baby, Jill Annette and relatives. Lt. Harris, who has been on duty in the South Pacific, flew to Big Spring from Los Angeles last Saturday, on a short leave. Lt. Harris had not seen his baby daughter before and thus his visit was a meaningful one.

What's Doing in the Churches

METHODIST CHURCH
Ed. H. Lovelace, Pastor

The young people of the University of Life will present a Christmas Pageant Sunday evening at 7:00 in the Sanctuary of the church. The program will be over by 8:00. Following the pageant the young people will go caroling.

Other activities of the day will be:

Church School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00. The sermon subject for this service will be "Caesar or Christ".

Christmas - 1944

Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
Christmas in lands of the fir-tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palmtree and vine,
Christmas where snow-peaks
stand solemn and white,
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight."

-PHILLIPS BROOKS

As CHRISTMAS COMES AGAIN, ONCE MORE
OUR HEARTS REACH OUT TO THOSE OF US
WHO ARE FAR AWAY - TO THOSE IN THE
ARMED FORCES EVERYWHERE, SERVING
THE CAUSE OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

North Concho River Soil Conservation District News

Board of Supervisors:
Zach Jones, Chairman
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J. R. Mims, Supervisor
J. W. Cox, Supervisor

Riley King is digging a channel to complete a water spreading terrace on his range land this week.

Forest Foster deferred a three quarter section pasture last summer. As a result of this deferment, there is a good growth of buffalo, side oats grama, and hairy grama on this pasture. Heifers grazing on these grasses are in very good condition. He has small grain growing in a 67 acre field which will furnish green winter grazing.

J. R. Mims stated at the supervisor's meeting last week that H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, gave the most interesting discussion he heard at the recent State Supervisor's meeting at College Station. Bennett praised the district movement as "the greatest development since historic time with respect to the land", and added, "Soil conservation districts give us what we have heard so much about and have seen so little of--local farmer control of farm programs. Nothing has yet been thought of in the agriculture that has had more local control in it than the soil conservation district."

Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College at Brownwood praised the "democratic nature of the soil conservation district movement" and declared that the soil conservation district, which is organized and controlled by the land owner, is "a home owners' agency." Dr. Taylor said that it is true that civilization is founded on the top soil, and when the top soil is gone, man must go, too.

Fred Hodges has a good growth

P.T.A. to Sponsor Hot Lunches

At the December meeting of the Sterling City P. T. A. it was voted to sponsor a school lunch program.

Supt. Jones introduced Mrs. Willie Belle Wilson, district representative of the War Food Administration at Austin. Mrs. Wilson led a very informative discussion on the school lunch program as operated under the Department of Agriculture.

According to Mrs. Wilson, all schools are eligible to receive up to nine cents per lunch served, provided the lunch is operated on a non-profit basis. Mrs. Wilson discussed the lunch program from educational standpoint as well as nutritional standpoint.

A committee consisting of Mrs. John Skeete, Mrs. Harvey Glass, and Mrs. Kenneth Garms was appointed by Mrs. Riley King, P. T. A. president, to meet with Mrs. Wilson, members of the school board and Supt. Jones for the purpose of beginning work on the various details of the program.

The third grade, under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Crossno, presented a Christmas play at the meeting.

The Dan Ritters, who recently sold their ranch on the divide, moved to Maryneal on Wednesday of this week.

Time for most subscribers to renew the News-Record.

of grass on his ranch. By stocking at the approximate rate that the range grasses are capable of producing feed, he has given the more palatable grasses opportunity to spread and increase in vigor and density.

W. N. and L. R. sold 44 aged cows to N. H. Reed and Bill Davenport to be placed on wheat. The cows weighed 1007 pounds at Big Spring.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee and children of Sierra Blanca will arrive here this week-end at their daughter's, Mrs. W. Y. Bengé, Jr., and they and the Bengés will spend Christmas in San Angelo at the Wallace Hendrick's home.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES--Call for your new telephone directory at the State Hotel. Webb Hudson

Mac Bengé butchered 14 hogs Tuesday. Mac said not to put it in the paper because he didn't want to be reminded of it again.

The Noratadata Club is giving away its fruit cake on December 23. The cake is on display in the window at Bailey Bros.

Neal J. Reed, freshman in A. & M., and son of the Nick Reeds, will arrive home this week-end for the holidays.

Will Meyer took 2 cows and 4 hogs to the San Angelo auction ring Monday.

FOR SALE--A nice pair young work mules. W.L. Foster.



MRS. WAYNE WALDRIP
**Sgt. Beth Lee
Marries**

WAC Sgt. Beth Lee and Wayne Waldrip were married in Dallas in the Church of Christ pastor's study at high noon on December 7. Rev. Melvin J. Wise performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee of Sierra Blanca and is stationed in Dallas. The groom is the son of W. J. Waldrip of Snyder, Texas. He recently received a medical discharge from the army.

After the war the couple will make their home in Snyder.

LOCALS

Mrs. Bill Durham was taken to a San Angelo hospital Tuesday night, suffering from a heart attack. She is doing as well as can be expected.

The Girl Scouts are giving away their fruit cake tomorrow, December 23, to person holding the lucky ticket. Tickets may still be obtained from any of the Girl Scouts. The cake is on display in the window at Garrett & Bailey's.

George Ellis Daves, S Ic, is now home on leave from his station at the Armed Guard Center, Algiers, La.



S-SGT. Wm. T. GREEN



MRS. Wm. T. GREEN

Miss Abernathy Marries

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Abernathy of Sterling City announce the marriage of their daughter, Arlene, to S-Sgt. William T. Green, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Green, Sr. of Christoval.

The wedding was solemnized in a double ring ceremony at 6:00 o'clock Saturday evening, December 9 in the home of Rev. Voss of Biloxi, Mississippi.

The couple was attended by T-Sgt. and Mrs. C. O. Ball from Anson, Texas.

The bride wore a powder blue wool jersey suit with black accessories and a shoulder corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Green is a graduate of Sterling City High School and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Odessa for a year.

Sgt. Green, a graduate of Christoval High School, was in defense work in California before entering the army.

The couple is at home at 220 Gill Ave., Biloxi, Mississippi.



**PVT. VANCE BROWN
In Five Major Battles**

Robert Vance Brown, son of Robert Brown, has been in five major battles in the Pacific—Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Munda, Saipan, and Guam. He is now in the Philippines battling away with the famed 27th Infantry.

Vance was inducted in March, 1942 and has been in the Pacific theatre of war since shipping overseas. He has five stars for the 5 major battles he's been in.

Sgt. Douglas Hunt, son of the Lee Hunts, who was recently wounded in action, is now in a general hospital in England.

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LOCALS

Mrs. Mary Bell Bengé underwent an appendectomy in a San Angelo hospital Sunday. Her condition was reported satisfactory.

Gloria Carter and Dorothy Myers of San Angelo spent last week-end here visiting at Mrs. Leah Wyckoff's.

Patricia Hayes of San Angelo is visiting Dorothy Sue Lowe this week.

John Dillard has returned to Abilene after a visit here with the Will Meyers.

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Mrs. Henry Merrell spent the first part of the week visiting an aunt in Christoval.

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Oscar Meyer and Hubert Williams got better than \$62 a head for a load of cows at the San Angelo auction ring last week.

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Captain Royal T. Foster, Jr. has landed in England with his unit, his wife and parents here have learned. Captain Foster was stationed in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, before he was sent overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Boyd and Forrestine of El Campo will arrive here this week-end for a holiday visit with Mrs. Boyd's mother, Mrs. J. A. Revell, and her sister, Mrs. Nick Reed, and other relatives.

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Card of Thanks

Mrs. Elliott Mendenhall, daughter of Claude Collins, and her two children of Dallas, have all been sick. Mrs. Mendenhall was seriously ill with pneumonia for two weeks, and is now improved. The Claude Collinses returned from Dallas Sunday night following a visit there.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and respect and also for the many acts of kindness shown us at the loss of our wife and mother. May God bless each of you.

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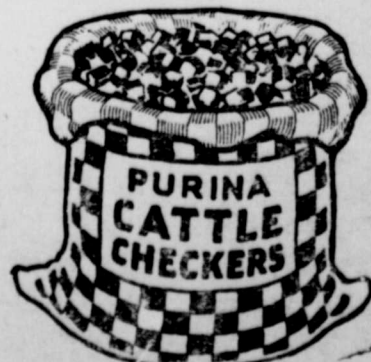
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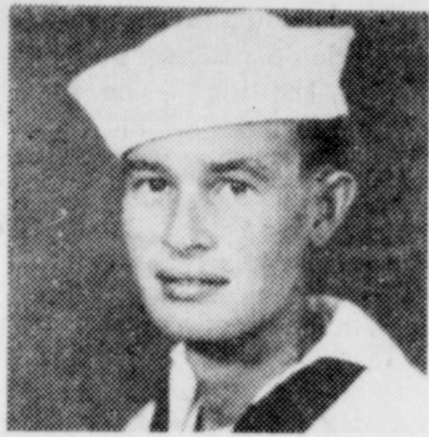
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SEA BEE SAM MORGAN

Sea Bee Spent 27 Months in South Pacific

Sam H. Morgan, CM 3c, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Findt, is to return to Davisville, Rhode Island, after a brief stay with his friends.

Sam was employed by the South Texas Lumber Co. before joining the U.S. Navy Sea Bees. He joined the Navy in the summer of 1942 and shipped out after finishing basic training. He spent 27 months in the South Pacific doing construction work. Sam said that those months were the longest summer he had ever seen and that he was really glad to see our cold weather while he was here. He hopes to be in the states for four months before shipping out again.

T-5 J.D. Murrell Commended

T-5 John D. Murrell, son of the Wesley Murrells of Sweetwater, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Murrell of Sterling City, recently received the following letter of commendation:

To C.O., Medical Detachment,

Special Troop, 27th Inf. Division, A.P.O. 27.

1. Tec. John D. Murrell, ASN 38431190, Medical Detachment, Special Troops, 27th Infantry Division, was attached to this organization from July 29, 1944 to October 12, 1944 inclusive, during the Saipan, Mariana Island operations. During that time his efforts were untiring in administering first aid to the officers and men of this unit which numbered more than two hundred (200). Tec. 5 Murrell was to a large degree responsible for maintaining a standard of health within this unit, which made for higher combat efficiency and excellent state of morale.

2. When the dengue epidemic started to spread throughout the unit, Tec. 5 Murrell immediately erected a hospital tent in the Company area. There he assembled his patients and kept a close contact on their ailments. He personally took care of their feeding to make sure they received the proper diet. Besides caring for the dengue patients, he had his regular schedule for sick call three times a day. But regardless of this he was always ready and willing to administer first aid at any time of day or night. His days were never ended.

3. The officers and men of the 27th Signal Company express their sincere thanks and gratitude to Tec. 5 Murrell for his excellent services rendered during the recent campaign.

4. It would be a pleasure to have Tec. 5 Murrell return to this unit as aid-man for any future operation.

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Xmas Banquet Held

The annual high school Christmas banquet was well attended last Tuesday. Some eighty students, guests, teachers, and school board members enjoyed a Christmas dinner and a Christmas program.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Jackie Durham, president of the Senior Class. The following program was given:

Invocation-Rev. Malcolm Black
Piano Solo-Joe David Crossno
Songs-Billy Lee Smith and Norvin Brown

Speaker for the occasion-Rev. W. J. McCawley

Christmas tree

Christmas Carols by the group
The food and decorations for the banquet were prepared by the three home economics classes under the direction of Miss Mildred Atkinson.

The tables were served by girls from the eighth grade.

The menu included turkey, dressing, gravy, jellied cranberries, English peas, buttered potatoes, hot rolls, tea, coffee, and cherry pie.

Just Patter

Well, the holiday season is here with a bang. We have all sent our letters to Santa. Margaret would like a tin soldier. Annie Lou and Dixie would like to have the convertible. Billy Lee would like a paper doll. He has almost worn the last one out.

We all had fun at the banquet. Everyone ate a little too much.

That's all for now--so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We Wonder

Who was riding in the convertible Saturday night.

What the attraction was besides the basketball game Saturday at Coahoma.

Why Billy Hudson got so tickled in church Sunday night.

Who got a hair cut Thursday night. Say, Paula, do you know anything about it?

Why Peggy left so early Saturday. Say, Bill, do you think it was the crowd?

If Beth is beating Annie Lou's time or vice versa. What do you say, Carold?

Who Billy Vern brought to town after the party Sunday night.

Who Carolyn's friend was at the show Sunday.

If Margaret is having competition. Seems as if Ewing and Dorothy were doing O. K. Sunday night.

If Billy was angry Tuesday and why.

Who asked Melva Jean to the banquet and why she didn't go.

Rhythm Band Program

Last Monday the rhythm band of the first and second grades gave a program consisting of Christmas music. Included on the program were "Jingle Bells", "O Christmas Pine", "I Saw Three Ships", "Deck the Halls", "The First Noel", and "Luther's Cradle Hymn".

The program was brought to a close by the singing of Christmas carols by the students of the whole school. Mrs. A. L. Davis led the group.

Mrs. Homer Brown and Miss Lucille Hodges have charge of the rhythm band. Joe David Crossno is the pianist.

Grade School News

The various grades of the grammar school participated in Christmas programs and Christmas trees for their respective rooms last Wednesday.

George Hobbs and Ruby Joyce Mitchell were absent this past week from the third grade.

Hal Knight, Jr. and Marshall Blair went to San Angelo last Saturday.

Billy Joe Swann and Gene Smith were in Big Spring Saturday.

Those absent from the sixth grade last week were Elizabeth Hildebrand, Billie Jean Nichols, Lynelle Ward and Winona Ware.

Dorothy Sue Lowe was ill this week.

Harry Blanek's sister is home from Washington, D. C.

The eighth grade pupils have been making Santa Clauses for the first grade.

The second grade was entertained on December 13 by Mrs. Joe Barton. The occasion was Bobby Joe Walker's birthday. The group was served cake and drinks.

University of Life

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Jack Douthit and Mrs. Tommie Johnson gave a review of the Old Testament characters studied during the fall term.

Rev. B. B. Hestir brought the message at the church service. Young people assisting in the service were Billy Vern Davis, presiding; Norvin Brown, scripture; Dixie Knight, prayer; piano solo, Jacqueline Everitt.

Carolyn Foster was hostess to the group for an open house at her home for the recreation period where a good time was had by all.

The subject for the winter term was voted on as well as leader for the term.

Sunday evening the program will consist of a Christmas Pageant at the Methodist Church from 7:00 to 8:00 and caroling will follow the pageant.

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Dec. 24, 25, 26

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Dec. 27, 28

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DOUBLE FEATURE

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 29 & 30

'Jamboree'

Ruth Terry-George Byron

'Days of Old Cheyenne'

SUNDAY MATINEE

3:00 P. M.

The third grade presented a delightful little Christmas play to the P. T. A. last week. The program was announced by Billy Joe Swann. Other students who had parts in the play were Hal Knight, Jr., Ruby Joyce Mitchell, Gay Murray, Dan Glass, Jackie Foster.

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