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BUY COTTON, WEAR COTTON, USE COTTON
TOMLIN-FLEMING GIN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1959

Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

Our elders talk about an "old-time" Christmas among the things they are remembering is the measure and anticipation associated with the preparations for the holiday.

There were no "commercial" Christmas trees in the old days—people went out to the nearest grove or forest and chose one that was just their liking—for free. Tinsel, lights, electric tree lights, and so on, weren't to be had. Decisions for the tree were all made—and usually the entire family lent a hand in the preparation.

Many of us would be foolish, if not to take advantage of the many beautiful and ornate decorations available for the home and Christmas tree. Yet, we can still recapture the "spirit" of the "old-time Christmas" by making some of our own Christmas tree ornaments.

A variety of ornaments are available from such materials as styrofoam. A cookie cutter, for example, can be used to outline the shapes as snowmen, dolls, and so on. Clauses, clowns and stars can be cut from 1-inch plastic foam. The shapes with a sharp point and then let each member of the family decorate an ornament. Some can glue sequins to the outlines to form features. The ornaments can be tinted with coloring, or glue felt to the center to add extra details, such as hats or buttons.

A pipe cleaner, inserted and pushed to the top of the ornament, makes a hook.

Decorating the tree is usually a family project, enjoyed by both the young and the old. Preparing the decorations for the tree can be a very enjoyable and memorable part of the prettiest Christmas celebration we have seen in many years. An aunt of mine made them in egg shells. The contents of the egg are removed with a tiny hole. Then with a sharp needle, an oval opening is made in one side of the shell. The shell is tinted, and then the scene is arranged inside the opening. Figures are glued inside; angels, Santa Claus, and so on. Bits of angel hair add color and the outside of the opening is glued to frame the scene.

Some of my sisters-in-law made pretty Christmas tree ornaments using the round styrofoam which can be purchased at toy and drug stores. She then painted each in gaily-colored net, and pinned them tightly at the top and left the excess material. Then pinned sequins, beads and beads all over them, much in the same fashion as pom-pom ornaments which the ladies made a few years ago. At the toy stores these days you can find sequins in the shapes of stars, Christmas trees and many other things in bright colors.

The mission is usually the same, not his looks and name—the story of Santa around the world.

As we know him in America today pretty well follows the description given by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas." This familiar symbol of Christmas is a somewhat angular figure with a red suit, a white beard, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, and a cherry and a round belly.

The idea of Santa Claus began with the Dutch and their "Santa Claus" a contraction from St. Nicholas.

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Farmers Union Urges Reversal of Skip Row Decision

Exra Benson took another of his economic slaps at the farmers of the country this week when he slapped down the four row skip practice used by the West Texas Cotton farmers. This practice has been promoted and favored by the Department of Agriculture for its conservation and water rise value.

The dropping of this four row skip practice where the farmer's allotment was not charged for this idle land will wreck many dry land cotton operations in West Texas.

Many cotton farmers have projected their 1960 program to include this practice. Their credit arrangements and cash rent have been made on this basis and the short notice of cancellation of this practice will put some more farmers out of business.

Texas and National Farmers Union is putting all the pressure it can exert to get a reversal of this decision by the U.S.D.A. We urge all farmers and interested people to write, wire, and phone the Department of Agriculture, Congressmen, and Senators to reverse this further farm depression move by Benson and Company.

ONLY

SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Haylake Club Has Christmas Dinner

The Haylake Club held their annual Christmas dinner Thursday night, December 10, in the fire hall. Turkey and ham with all the trimmings was served. Forty-two and dominoes were played.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey, Willard Merrell, Dud Watters, Billy Garvin, Eual Newman, Luther McJimsey, John Boyles, Rags Riddell, Bert Anderson, Johnny Burson, Virgil Crow, Richard Hill, Shorty Bingham, Herbert Stephens, Rex Vaughan, Oner Cornett, Seymour Brannon, A. T. Brooks, Mrs. Leona Brooks, Mrs. Mary Rampley, and visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brannon, Bill Hill and Teri Lee.

F. N. Hunt Buried At Mount Vernon

Funeral services for F. N. Hunt, about 92 years old, were held in the Edwards Funeral Chapel in Mount Vernon at 2:00 p.m. Sunday with burial in the Mount Vernon cemetery. Mr. Hunt died at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 11, in a rest home in Winnsboro where he had been for about a year; he had been bedfast only a few days. Mr. Hunt lived here many years ago and taught school at Haylake.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Peach, of Springdale, Arkansas, and Mrs. Jeff Davis, Silvertown; three sons, Fred Hunt, of Mount Vernon, Sam Hunt and Frank Hunt, of Silvertown, twenty five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff F. Davis, Sam Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Frankie Lou and Gary attended the funeral and burial services.

Mrs. H. S. Crow spent Friday of last week in Plainview visiting her sisters, Mrs. B. D. Fanning, Sr. and Miss Ida Griggs.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates Buried

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates, 70 and 64 years of age, respectively, were found dead at their home in Morarity, New Mexico, about 11 a.m. Thursday. They were thought to have been dead a few hours from asphyxiation as both were fully clothed and gas stoves were burning in the closed house where they had lived only five days. Funeral service were held in the Stanley High School auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with burial in the Stanley cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates formerly lived here but had lived on a ranch near Stanley since 1929.

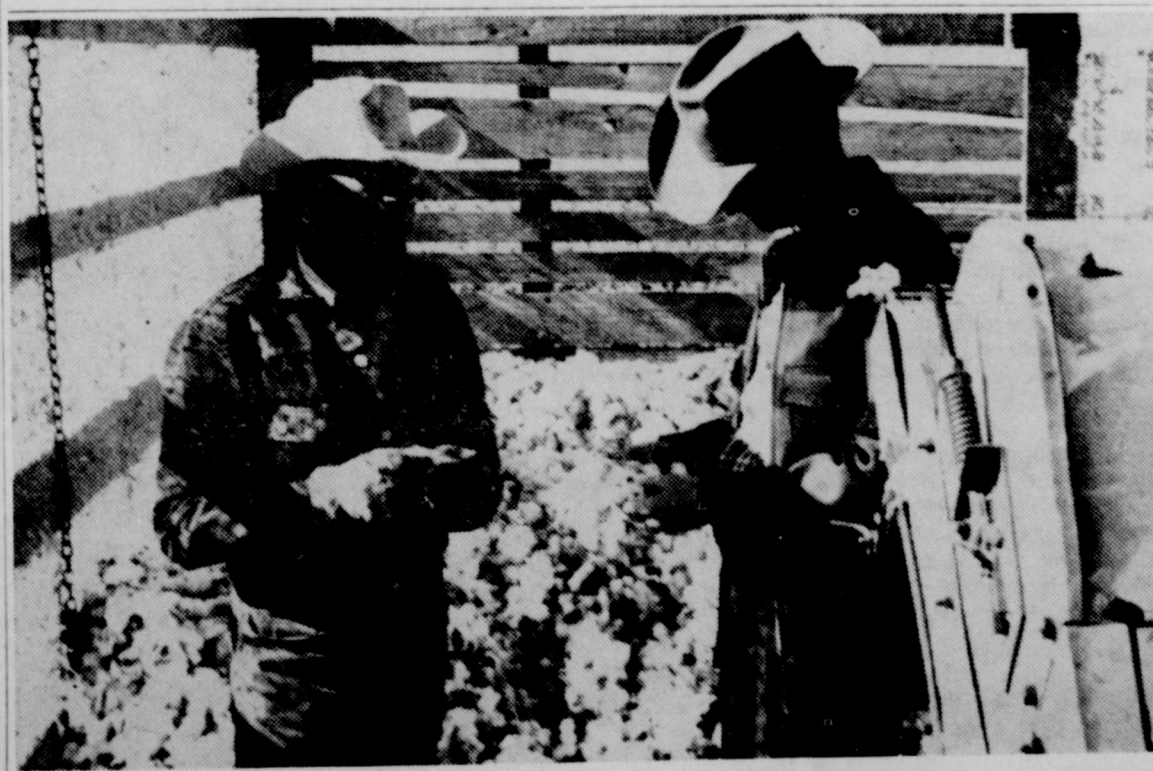
Survivors include an adopted son, Herbert Yates and six grandchildren, of Mountaire, New Mexico; and two brothers, Joe Yates, of Stanley, New Mexico, and L. C. Yates, Silvertown, many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Yates' survivors include six sisters and one brother and many other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens, Donna and Judy, Silvertown; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Futch and Wayne, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Futch, of Waxahachie, attended the funeral and burial. Mrs. Stephens, Riley Yates and the Messrs. Futch are niece and nephews of Frank Yates.

Study Club Meets In Morris Home

Ten members of the Century of Progress Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Gene Morris on Wednesday, December 9, 1959. Several items of business were disposed of before the program was turned over to Mrs. Mary Lou Northcutt. The theme for the day's program was "The Ten Most Influential Women in Russia." Mrs. Northcutt



Shown are Seymour Brannon and County Agent Robert Ledbetter, as they discuss the cotton harvest which is now drawing to a close in Briscoe County. Brannon's cotton was drowned in a five-inch down-

SANTA DUE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM NORTH POLE

On Saturday, December 19, Santa Claus will visit the youngsters of Silvertown, according to a confirmation received direct from the North Pole. At 4:00 p.m. Santa will ride into town on the fire truck with siren open, escorted by dignitaries of the local fire department.

Santa's bag will be bulging with free treats for all the boys and girls, and a good long visit with Santa Claus is assured so that each may be sure that the old gent has all the Christmas orders done correctly.

Santa will visit the children under the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn if the weather is nice, but if the weather does not permit outdoor activity, Santa will visit indoors at the Whiteside building next door to Salem's.

The visit by Santa is sponsored annually by the Eta Chi Epsilon Sorority of Silvertown. Eta Chi was also responsible for the Christmas Pageant and the Christmas tree which was planted on the courthouse lawn recently. They and their families were in charge of decorating the tree and courthouse square.

Remember! The visit from Santa will be at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Seek Members For Farmers Union

The Briscoe County Farmers Union is preparing to immediately launch a membership campaign that will add 50 members to the county organization, according to Edwin Crass County Farmers Union President.

The Briscoe County membership drive is a part of a state wide campaign to reach the state goal

of 10,000 members that was adopted at the recent State Convention in Fort Worth.

"All Briscoe County farmers who are 'fed up' with Benson-Eisenhower-Farm Bureau - Low price programs will be welcomed as members of our organization", said President Edwin Crass.

A membership drive committee composed of Joe Oneal, Woodrow Bice, Gilbert Elms, Edwin Crass, and Luther McJimsey will have an early meeting to make plans to invite every farmer in the county to join Farmers Union.

The Briscoe County 4-H Council met Monday, December 7, to elect officers and plan 4-H activities for the next two months. Carolyn Garrison and Bobby Saul, Co-chairmen, presided.

The County Council will be headed next year by Dewey and Doris Estes of Silvertown. They were elected Co-chairmen of the Council. Dewey and Doris are the twin son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes. Both have made rapid progress in 4-H work as in all of their endeavors. They are junior students in Silvertown High School.

Silvertown High School Invitational Basketball Tournament Begins Today

Rain

Silvertown has this week enjoyed a general rain which covered most of Briscoe County and the surrounding counties as well. Other cities reported freezing conditions which damaged trees, shrubs, TV antennas, and made driving conditions hazardous. At press time on Wednesday, Silvertown had felt none of these adverse conditions, while receiving slowly and steadily four inches of water.

On Tuesday morning Sam Lewis had measured 2 1/2 inches; Mrs. Shafe Weaver had reported 3 inches; Allen Kellum measured 2 inches; Bern May measured 2 1/4 inches; and Mrs. D. Oneal reported 2.80 at their place. On Wednesday morning, Mrs. J. L. Garner reported an even 4 inches had been received at their home down close to the caprock. Quitaque reported 3.30 on Tuesday.

The official rain gauge in Silvertown, kept by Ray C. Bomar, had caught 3.40 on Wednesday morning, as the rain continued to fall. Mail service was disrupted from Childress on Tuesday due to road conditions having been impaired by the weather. Telephone service has been greatly interrupted, and though not restored to normal, is back in operation.

It is very unusual to receive this amount of rain in the month of December. Amarillo weather bureau records show an average precipitation record of 67 of an inch. The rain is very beneficial, at this time, because there is very little evaporation in winter and it will be fine on all crops when warm weather comes.

Rains are being named a great Christmas gift for the farmers, worth many, many dollars to wheat farmers. Rains at this time do not interrupt much farming operations locally, as there are only scattered fields of ungathered cotton and a few fields of feed or hay that had not been taken in. For the most part the rain is being happily received by all, and children eagerly watch the windows in hopes of a white Christmas.

Try a Briscoe County News Want Ad, they get results fast.

Among those to enjoy the long Christmas holidays are:

A & R Supply, Bellinger's Department Store, Briscoe County News, City Tailors, County offices, Crass Motor & Implement Co., First State Bank, House Food, House of Gifts, Jennings Supply, Doc Minyard Implement Co., Nance Food, Pauline's Beauty Shop, Salem Dry Goods, Silvertown Cafe, Seaney Hardware & Appliance, Simpson Chevrolet, Stafford's Grocery & Market, Ray Thompson Implement Co., Tiffin's Department Store.

BRISCOE 4-H COUNCIL HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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The Silvertown High School Invitational Basketball Tournament opens today at the high school gymnasium at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will run through Saturday night, with games scheduled for this afternoon, Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

Nine teams will be competing in the girls' division, including Turkey, Flomot, Quitaque, Farwell, Happy, Sudan, Claude, McAdoo and Silvertown. In the boys' division are eight teams competing, Claude, Sudan, Quitaque, Happy, Turkey, Flomot, Silvertown "A" and Silvertown "B".

The schedule of games is as follows:

THURSDAY: 12:30 p.m. Turkey vs. Flomot (girls); 1:50 p.m. Happy vs. Turkey (boys); 3:10 p.m. Farwell vs. Happy (girls); 4:30 p.m. Claude vs. Sudan (boys); 6:30 p.m. Sudan vs. Claude (girls); 7:50 p.m. Quitaque vs. Silvertown (girls); 9:10 p.m. Quitaque vs. Silvertown "A" boys.

FRIDAY: 12:30 p.m. Flomot vs. Silvertown "B" (boys); 1:50 p.m. McAdoo (who drew a by in the first round) vs. Sudan-Claude winner (girls); 3:10 p.m. Claude-Sudan loser vs. Quitaque-Silvertown loser (girls); 6:30 p.m. Farwell-Happy loser vs. Sudan-Claude loser (girls); 7:50 p.m. Claude-Sudan winner vs. Silvertown "A"-Quitaque winner (boys); 9:10 p.m. Turkey-Flomot winner vs. Quitaque-Silvertown winner (girls).

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Flomot-Silvertown "B" losers vs. Happy-Turkey losers (boys); 10:20 a.m. Farwell-Happy winners vs. Sudan-Claude winners (girls); 11:40 a.m. Happy-Turkey winners vs. Flomot-Silvertown "B" winners (boys); 4:00 p.m. Game for Third Place and Consolation winners (girls); 5:30 p.m. Game for Third Place and Consolation winners (boys); 7:00 p.m. Game for First and Second Place winners (girls); 8:30 p.m. Game for First and Second Place winners (boys).

Local Businesses To Close For Holidays

Most of the businesses in Silvertown plan to close for the Christmas holidays at the end of their working day December 24, and remain closed through Sunday, December 27. Consumers should make plans for this three-day business holiday.

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Thinking Back

December 1958: Northcuts are home from trip to Hawaii... Ed Vaughan honored on 78th birthday... Gay 4-H Club meets in home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May... Miss Vaughnelle Rowell honored with miscellaneous shower in the home

of Mrs. J. Lee Francis... Margaret Whitfill weds R. D. Kitchens in church ceremony... Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown observe golden wedding anniversary...

December 1955: Miss Joni Douglas-Charles Mayfield wed in ceremony at Clovis... Dr. and Mrs. Sedgwick honored on 55th wedding anniversary... Miss Gail Mer-

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TEXAS
ORANGES 10 LB. 39c

WE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 25 & 26

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And these are the hard-working Eta Chi girls who have devoted themselves to making the Yuletide in Silverton happier for children and adults alike. They work and plan all year long in order to have on hand enough funds at Christmastime to purchase treats for all the children who come to see Santa. They planned and presented the Christmas Pageant, on which they are already planning for next year. They hope it will be bigger and better each year. From all of us, to all the Eta Chi members, "THANKS!" for a

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS PHOTO
job well done.

They are: Rosalie Chitty, Bonnie May, Lallie Patton, Wileta Edwards, Lula Bellinger, Eunice Yates, Eva Lee McWilliams, Jackie Stafford and Lillian Lindsey.

cer weds Walter Arnold... December 1953: Jo Ann Hollingsworth honored at party... Smithe-Barrett vows exchanged... Guinn Fitzgerald and Betty Nan Tomlin are boy and girl of the month... Miss Jane Grant Combs becomes the bride of Robert Morris Ledbetter.

December 1951: Miss Guileta Gunstenson and Clifford L. Arnold united in marriage... Mrs. Chester Burnett of Vigo Park was shopping in Silverton this week... Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier were Mrs. T. L. Anderson, Miss Anna Lee Anderson and Mrs. R. L. Campbell.

December 1949: LTD Club meets in home of Mrs. Dee McWilliams... Ben O. King installing new fixtures in barber shop... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kitchens and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt on Sunday... December 1947: Sgt. Curtis Wimberly honored with dinner at Canyon... Teddy Hancock is honored with birthday dinner on sixth birthday... Robert Hughes is honored on fourth birthday... Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCutchen are surprised with house warming... December 1943: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin moved to Lubbock last week... Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith spent the week in Kerrville with the Sedgwicks... December 1936: Mr. and Mrs. Theron Crass were in Plainview on Christmas Eve... Mrs. Wiley Bomar is out again after having had

the mumps... Perry Thomas receives award of merit and \$50... December 1938: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield's baby has been seriously ill with pneumonia... Shower given for Mrs. Clarence Anderson... Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pavlicek returned Sunday from a week's visit in Bomarton... Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wheelock spent the holidays in Olton with her parents.

December 1925: Carl Dean Bomar celebrates his fifth birthday... Mrs. A. L. McMurtry is hostess to big Sunday dinner... Study Club meets with Mrs. Albert Dickenson.

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

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Nichols, legendary Bishop of Myra and the patron saint of the children. Children in Holland may refer to either "Sinterklass" or "Saint Nicholas." Early settlers in America adopted the legendary figure and changed the name from "Saint Nickolous" to "Santa Kal-out" to "Santa Claus."

But, whether it's the Norwegian "Julenisse" or the Chinese "Lan Khoony-Khoong" (nice old father) "Santa", the gift giver, is a part of Christmas nearly everywhere.

T. J. Hodges tells us that the people in Silverton are a pretty friendly group. He says he makes it a point to speak to all the ladies when he goes into town and he finds that about 85% of them speak back, about 10% smile and wave and about 5% laugh and say to themselves "wonder what that old fellow is speaking to me for."

We were talking to a friend the other day on the subject of loneliness. We know that there are many who for one reason or another can't get out much and do so enjoy an occasional chat with friends.

Our suggestion for a Christmas gift that will cost you nothing in dollars and cents, but which will mean much more than money to the receiver, is to be generous with your time and visit someone you know who doesn't get out much, or phone, or send a card or letter. They will brighten an otherwise dull and monotonous day for someone.

Next week we will publish our Christmas edition. We have already begun work on it and we sincerely hope it will be one you will enjoy. We are still receiving letters to Santa. They'll all appear in next week's paper, so kids, the time is limited. Get them in to Box 255, Silverton, Texas, in the next few days. There are many we'd like to hear from.

It has been announced by Cecil Coper, Dean of Wayland Baptist College, that Miss Zenobia Self made the college honor roll for mid-term of the 1959-60 school year. Zenobia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self, of Silverton.

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ADVERTISING RATES

Want Ads, Obituaries, Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, and Poetry—3 cents per word per issue. No ad for less than 35c.

Mrs. Will Pool and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Caffey in Daugherty on Friday of last week; these folks are friends of long standing; the Smiths formerly lived at Daugherty.

Mr. and Mrs. John Poe, Brooks Poe and Mrs. Bulah Sutton, of San Diego, California; Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Brooks, of Prague, Oklahoma, and their son and family, Major and Mrs. Troy Brooks and sons, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks, of Borger, have been recent visitors with Mrs. Bud Brooks and Mrs. Myrtle Demie.

Mmes Poe and Sutton are sisters to Bryant Brooks and the late Bud Brooks. The Bryant Brooks' plan to move to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, soon; Major and Mrs. Troy Brooks and sons will leave shortly for Germany. All are former Silverton folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May, Van Alvin spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey and Mrs. H. B. Pinkard and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are parents of Mrs. May and Mrs. Pinkard.

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By Bob Cherry
Under a new law, first authorized for use last year, you can now take a new depreciation deduction on farm machinery and equipment purchases, in addition to your regular depreciation.

These are the main points:

- 1) The amount which you can deduct is 20% of cost. It can be taken on new or used equipment. Real property (like buildings) will not qualify.
- 2) You do not have to consider salvage. The 20% is figured on the entire cost.
- 3) Taking the additional first-year depreciation is optional. You may take it only in the first tax year that a depreciation deduction is allowable.
- 4) The cost on which the additional allowance is based cannot exceed \$10,000 on a separate return and \$20,000 on a joint return.
- 5) You may take this additional allowance even though the equipment was not owned the full year. If bought in December, you can still take the full 20%.
- 6) After taking this additional allowance, you may take the regular depreciation for the year. But, bear in mind that you figure your regular depreciation after deducting the additional first-year depreciation from the cost.
- 7) To qualify for this additional depreciation, the equipment must have a useful life of six years

or more.
By taking this additional first year depreciation with the fast double declining balance regular depreciation method, it is now possible to deduct up to 48% of the cost of farm machinery and equipment in a 13-month period!

Let's say you buy a tractor for \$4,000 on Dec. 1, 1959 with an estimated useful life of six years.

DEPRECIATION FOR ONE MONTH, 1959	
Additional first-Year Depreciation—20% of \$4,000	\$800
Regular Depreciation—One Month Using Double Declining Balance Method	\$ 89
Total Depreciation for One Month in 1959	\$889

In 1960 your regular depreciation computed on the double declining balance method would amount to \$1,037. Thus, you have been able to charge off \$1,926 in the first 13 months in the life of the tractor, or 48% of the cost.

One reason the Government authorized these fast tax writeoffs was to encourage farm modernization and efficiency. The point here it will pay to replace worn or obsolete equipment has been raised several notches by the fast writeoff opportunities. In effect, you can help finance new equipment and with current tax savings.

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Pictured are members of the Silvertown Owl Basketball team. From left they are: James Roy Brown, 21; T. D. West, 34; Bobby Crass, 24; Dave Schott, 35; Larry West, 31; Front row: Kenny Thornton, 23; Champ McGavock, 32; Jerry Patton, 33; Kenneth Peugh, 22; Joe Anderson, 25. Other members of the squad not pictured include John Howard Burson and Bobby Stafford. Robert Whelchel is the coach for the boys team.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tate and children and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lindsey attended a Southwestern Public Service party and supper at the Golden Cafe in Lockney on Monday evening of last week. Company workers from Floydada and Lockney and their families were also guests. A fine supper was enjoyed and bingo was played later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tschirhart and David, of San Antonio, have recently spent several days here with relatives. Her mother, Mrs. Perry Thomas, Sr. returned home with Mrs. Tschirhart, the former Margaret Thomas, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lindsey attended the funeral of Shirley Tucker, in Anton on Monday of last week. Shirley was killed in a train car wreck near Anton in which a young boy was also killed. Near relatives of Shirley are close friends to the Lindseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyce Smalley, of Floydada, were supper guests of his daughters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tate, Gaila, Terry and Mike, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nance, Wayne, Judy and Juannah spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. Nan-

ce's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Seaborough.

Mrs. Ruth Moore, of Berkeley, California, arrived Sunday evening for an indefinite visit with her sister, Mrs. Una Burson, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Peugh, of Portales, New Mexico, spent last week with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh, who took her home on Saturday. Mrs. Peugh formerly lived here but now lives in a trailer house near the home of her son, Mid Peugh. She suffers from neuritis and says that as much as she loves her old friends and neighbors here that her doctor advises that she live quietly alone and avoid talking on account of her trouble. She was ill a part of last week while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crawford and Mary, of Claytonville, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowart, Charles Edwin and Cheryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall, of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes were in Amarillo on Wednesday of last week for a checkup with Berton's doctors. He planned to return there on Tues-

day afternoon and have wires in his face removed Wednesday morning at Northwest Texas Hospital; he is thought to be recuperating satisfactorily from facial surgery following a recent accident at a local service station.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vardell, of Tulia, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell, Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Walls and family of Fredrick, Oklahoma spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill, parents of Mrs. Walls.

Mrs. Ola Long, of Clarendon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Long were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long, Kit and Mike, at Alanreed. Mrs. Ola Long is the mother of Bud Long and grandmother of Rex Long.

A family dinner was enjoyed in the home of Mrs. Bryan Strange on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fowler and family, of Dimmitt, and their daughter, Mrs. Joe Allen and Danny Joe, of New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. William Strange and Donald Dee Weast, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brannon, Susie and Butch, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strange and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange and children. Mrs. Bryan Strange is the mother of Messrs. Strange and Mmes Fowler and Brannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee visited their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Green of Turkey, in the Plainview Hospital on Friday. Mrs. Green is thought to be recuperating satisfactorily from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn were recent visitors in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Campbell and George Strange.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. McJimsey were week end guests of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Lawrence, and Jerry at Lakeview.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS PHOTO
Invitational Basketball tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mmes R. E. Stephens and Paul Ledbetter were in Plainview Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters, of Amarillo, were weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn, parents of Mrs. Watkins.

Messrs. A. T. Bingham and Ben Bingham went to Boyce City, Oklahoma, to bring back their brother, Harvey (Bill) Bingham, who is recuperating slowly from a recent serious illness. He is staying in the A. T. Bingham home.

Mrs. Glenn Jones and Mrs. Jay Jones were in Plainview on Monday. Mrs. Jay Jones was advised that she is doing fine following her recent surgery.

Mrs. Ben Garvin has been a patient in the Tulia hospital since Sunday. Mrs. L. B. Garvin, Jr. took her to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Garvin visited Mrs. Garvin at the hospital Monday afternoon and reported that she was feeling better.

Mrs. Quillen, who has been staying with Mrs. J. H. Burson for sometime, has been a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for several days; she underwent surgery for kidney stones on Monday.

Recent dinner guests in the home of Mrs. W. A. Rowell were Mrs. Lorene Voyles and Patsey and Mr. and Leroy Reber, of Big Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell, Mrs. W. D. Rowell and Donna Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Baldwin, and Dan Mrs. Jack D. Baldwin, Mrs. Frank Mercer, Peggy and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, Ricky and Rocky.

Mrs. J. N. Cantwell and Mrs. Marie Bishop were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cantwell in Slaton.

Mrs. Glenn Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden and Debbie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rucker and daughters in Quitaque Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow went to Roswell, New Mexico, on Monday; Mrs. Mallow remained there for a few days with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Wayne Rampley; Mrs. Rampley is ill and will be confined to her bed for a while.

Clifton Guice, of Lubbock, was a recent overnight guest of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones.

Sp-5 Joe Dell Hutsell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clyde Hutsell, has recently arrived in Germany where he expects to be stationed with the U.S. Army for three years. He writes that he is well pleased with his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McWatters and their son, Joe McWatters, were in Teague and vicinity from Wednesday of last week until Monday visiting relatives and old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Zena Thomas, who has been here several months with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gilkeyson and Travis, has recently gone to her former home in Streeter, Illinois, for a visit; she expected to be gone for several weeks.

Mrs. Maidie Wilson, of Amarillo, spent Friday with Mrs. W. K. Grimland. They visited Mrs. Florine Durham in the afternoon. Mrs. Grimland is the mother of Mesdames Wilson and Durham.

Debbie Dickerson, Kathy and Joni Self and Venita and Marsha Teeple participated in the grade school recital of Mrs. Record, piano teacher, in Lockney on Sunday, December 6th. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Teeple, Mrs. Dan Montague and Misses Nelle and Ann Bryant attended the recital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and children have been recent visitors with his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Holt, in Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson have recently visited Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Phillips in Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt were recent Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jacks in Lockney.

Mrs. Bud McMinn and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter were in Plainview on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Woods, of Morton, and Mrs. John McCloud

of Tulia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dey Beavers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Woods, who formerly lives here, is a brother to Mrs. Beav-

Floyd Woods has been a patient in the Lockney General Hospital since Wednesday of last week; suffered a heart attack during previous night. He is thought to be doing as well as can be expected but will remain at hospital for some time. Mrs. Woods is staying in Lockney with him.

Clayton Woods, of Dell City, was here several days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woods, after Floyd went to the hospital.

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Office News

Each year the Student Council sponsors an election in which the high school students choose the students who are to receive the honors listed below. Each class elects their "Favorites" and nominates a person for each of the other honors...

- FRESHMEN: Bill Schott, Sue Lanham
SOPHOMORES: Bobby Kitchens, Becky Mallow
JUNIORS: Benny Bingham, Brenda Cornett, Jerry Patton, Frankie Hunt

FAVORITES

- Most Beautiful: LaQuetta Chitty, Nell Rackley, Gretchen Morris
Most Handsome: Rusty Whitfill, Freddie Dunham, Dickie Mayfield, Jerry Patton

Best All Around Boy

Lonnie James, Kenneth Peugh, Joe Anderson, Bobby Crass

Best All Around Girl

Ann Wingo, Reba Maples, Glenda McWilliams

Most Popular Girl

Lou Brannon, Carolyn Frizzell, Joyce Thornton

Most Popular Boy

Robert Rhode, Dave Schott, Bobby Stafford, Jerry Brannon

Most Athletic Girl

Lajuan Curby, Joy McCutchen, Marsha Monroe, Brenda Cornett

Most Athletic Boy

Van Breedlove, Guy Breedlove, Jerry Brannon, Larry May

SHS - HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

The high school students enjoyed a fine assembly program last Wednesday given by their fellow students. The four boys, Ronnie Hester, Kenny Thornton, Jerry Miller, and Stanley Fogerson, played several songs for them.

They didn't seem to show partiality to any singer. They played songs of several different singers. To mention a few—Rick Nelson, Elvis Presley, and Dwayne Eddie.

These boys have learned to play their instruments on their own and are doing a fine job. Maybe the enthusiasm shown by them will make other students more interested and maybe we could have some more instruments in the music department of S.H.S.

Thanks again boys, for a fine assembly program.

SHS - KEY KLATTER

From the Typing Room: Say—have you seen the "Typists' Christmas Tree?" Perhaps you would enjoy hearing about it, for some have been wondering why the 52 ornaments bear the names of the typing students. A five-foot Christmas tree stands on a table at the front of the room. Behind the decorated tree, a chart has been drawn on the black board to help determine how high on the tree the students have progressed.

Technically, it is a motivating device to help each student increase his individual stroking rate. The students have accepted this challenge and are striving to break their previous typing goals. Each day several one-minute writings are given, and from those the student records his best gross words per minute on his Christmas tree ornament. As the speed increases, the ornament is hung higher and higher on the tree.

The chart is graduated from 20 to 100 gross words per minute. Do you think that is too high? Just wait, one of those typists may

Owls Play In Happy Tournament

T. D. West made the All Tournament Team at Happy last week and received a gold basketball.

Even though the Owls "B" team did not place in the tournament, they did a fine job against the "A" teams they were playing.

The Silvertown "B" Owls defeated Lakeview 38-34, with T. D. West sinking 25 points for Silvertown.

The Silvertown "B" Owls played Vega a very close game, being defeated 32-34. T. D. West was high point man, with 20 points. Lakeview defeated the Owls by a 55-24 margin. Leading the Owls was Bobby Stafford, with 15 points.

Girls Win Second In Tournament

The Silvertown Owlets won Second Place in the Happy Tournament. Brenda Cornett, a guard, and Celene Lanham, a forward, made the All Tournament Team. Each received a gold basketball.

The Silvertown Owlets brought home a victory over Lakeview Thursday with a score of 44-35. High point girl was Celene Lanham with 23, second was Jimmie Nell Reynolds with 17, followed by Carolyn Frizzell with 4. The high scorer from Lakeview was Joyce Ponder with 15.

The Owlets were defeated Friday by Happy 29-37. High scorer was Jimmie Nell Reynolds with 17, followed by Carolyn Frizzell with 8. Leading the Happy girls was Ruth Francey with 22 points. Friday night the Owlets scored another victory against Lakeview 54-32. Leading the Owlets was Celene Lanham with 30 points followed by Jimmie Nell Reynolds with 21 points. Joyce Ponder and Kay Clements each sank 10 points for Lakeview.

The Owlets defeated Vega 48-31 Saturday Morning. High point girl was Celene Lanham with 29 points followed by Carolyn Frizzell with 8. Sue Browning with 16 points led the Vega girls.

The Happy Girls beat the Silvertown Owlets Saturday night 38-25. Jimmie Nell Reynolds led the Owlets by scoring 11 points. Celene Lanham followed with 10. Ruth Francey scored 19 points for Happy.

Throughout the entire tournament the Owlet defense did a very fine job of preventing the opposing teams from scoring.

Mrs. Miller's latest helpful hint: "Dark wool or blue serge suits are ideal for removing dog hairs from furniture."

SHS - S.H.S. TOP TEN

- 1. Rockin Little Angel, Ray Smith
2. Running Bear, Johnny Preston
3. Teen Angel
4. You Got What It Takes, Marv Johnson
5. Why, Frankie Avalon
6. Poco Loco, Gene and Unice
7. Run Red Run, The Coasters
8. Beautiful Blue Eyes, Steve Lawrence
9. Dynamite, Cliff Richards
10. Believe Me, Royal Teens

SHS - Birthdays For The Coming Week

- December 17 Roger Cowan
December 19 Mr. Hidalgo
December 20 Harvey Masey
December 21 Thurman May
December 22 Joe Patino, Ninette Martin, Kay Fleming, M. G. Moreland
December 23

LUNCHROOM MENU

SPIESE-KARTE
Montag, Dezember 14
Fisch Filee und Tomaten sose
Erbsen — Gezuckerte Kartoffel
Brot und Butter
Milch — Kirsch Kuchen

Dienstag, Dezember 15
Gehacktes Kloschen und Spagetti
Schwarze Hugen Erbsen
Hefe Rollen und Butter
Kraut Salat
Honig oder Marmelade

Mittwoch, Dezember 16
Heize Tamales—Bohnen—Grunes
Sauere Gurken—Kornbrot Butter
Milch — Frucht

Donnerstag, Dezember 17
Gebackenes Hunchen und sose
Grune Bohnen—Frucht Salat
Hefe Rollen und Butter
Milch —Honig

Freitag, Dezember 18
Braten Fleisch auf Brot
Fleisch mit Bohnen
Platzchen mit Burnus Butter
Frische Appel
Milch

OOps! Looks like Helga must have prepared the menu this week! Maybe we'd better translate it for you.

Monday, December 14
Salmon Croquettes and Catsup
Peas
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Bread and Butter
Milk

Tuesday, December 15
Ground Beef and Spaghetti
Blackeyed Peas
Rolls and Butter—Cole Slaw
Honey or Jelly —Milk

Wednesday, December 16
Hot Tamales—Pinto Beans
Greens—Sliced Pickles
Cornbread— Butter
Milk — Fruit

Thursday, December 17
Fried Chicken and Gravy
Green Beans—Lime Jello Salad
Rolls and Butter
Milk — Honey

Friday, December 18
Barbeque on Bun—Pork and Beans
Hi Ho Crackers with Peanut Butter
Fresh Apples — Milk

Peepin' Tom
Peepin' Tom has collected some pretty interesting information this week. Let's find out what it is.

Jane B. do you furnish cigars for all the boys.

Clela, we would all like to know why you are not true Owl.

The FBLA members are still watching the mail for their pins. Maybe Santa has them in his pack. Wonder how Jerry W. likes the person who is sitting next to him in Biology? I hear she likes it fine, eh Barbara?

Wanda Sue, Peepin' Tom wonders who has your hvtart? Could his initials be D. H.

Dewey, do you have trouble finding girls on Sunday afternoon?

Sheila, has Mr. Verden threatened you with his paddle?

The Biology class has been studying about sugar. They found out that Becky's favorite kind is "Brown Sugar."

Who's the redhead Arnold was with the other night?

Freddie D. seems to be a woman heartbreaker. Does he do it on purpose or is it an accident? We wonder.

Peepin' Tom has found out that Benny stays at Jimmie Nell's house every Sunday evening from 1 to 4.

Lou, is it really hard to drive while concentrating on the person sitting next to you?

What Freshman girl goes all out to have her name in Peepin' Tom's column? This week she even went so far as to ask an upper classman to write something about her. However the upper classman balked when the Freshman called herself "that cute little brunette." Things are pretty bad when we have to resort to complimenting ourselves!

We wonder if perhaps four years after Ann Smith moves away from Silvertown she might possibly start yelling for the Owls. We noticed at present she still yells for Quittaque, although she has been gone from there four years. The high school girls basketball team Friday night surely did appreciate the efforts made by the "B" team boys. The girls said it really helped them build up

Lines From the Librarian

A librarian has a wonderful opportunity to learn . . . and I don't especially refer to books. Books are fine; but better than books are those who read them. The human interest stories I'm gathering here would fill a book; and who knows? I may just do that some day.

The interests and wisdom of these students amazes me; for instance, there was the high school freshman who asked me to note the books her boy friend liked to read. Then, the genuine interest, shown by so many, in my Christmas center-piece, I've been particularly impressed by the boys who wanted to know just how it was made, and who listened so carefully as I told them. As I explained to them, I had very little to do with it, since I found the driftwood in the canyon, and Mrs. Miller showed me how to make the candles. This thing I learned the majority of our students; they appreciate art; born out by the fact that so many readily saw in the drift-wood, the wise men and the shepherds.

ENGLISH Department News

The English Department remained silent last week, not that work was not going on as usual, but the teacher was so busy making plans for the work during her absence Thursday afternoon and Friday that she didn't have a spare moment to tell about it. Mrs. Annette Davis carried the work on in all English classes.

Mrs. Redin, with her husband, and Mrs. Harley Redin and sons, went to Kansas City for the week end. The United States basketball team's playing the Russian men's and women's teams at Lawrence, Kansas, on Saturday night was the focal point of the trip.

It was very interesting to see the Russians and to talk to their interpreter for a very few minutes. He was always busy. He did take a list of questions to answer. They have been sent to Amarillo to be translated. Perhaps there will be some information about them next week.

The Sophomores are completing their study of Julius Caesar. They have learned that some of our very familiar terms come from Shakespeare. The most common ones perhaps are, "It's Greek to me," "having an itching palm," "Oh, that a man might know the end of this day's business ere it comes," and ". . . a dish fit for the gods."

These familiar quotations make Shakespeare's writings seem not so foreign as pupils thought at first.

SHS - F.F.A. NEWS

On Saturday, November 21, the district FFA leadership contests were held in Plainview. The following teams placed in the contest:

Senior Chapter Conducting: Third Place—Kenneth Peugh, John Turner, Rusty Whitfill, Joe Kellum, Fred Edwards, Bobby Kitchens and Floyd Perkins.

Junior Chapter Conducting: Third Place—Butch Norris, Johnny Jewell, Jim Reid, Stanley Fogerson, Jim Edd Steele, Lonnie Janes, Joe Kitchens.

Junior Farm Skill: Third Place—Ronnie Hester, Van Breedlove, Louie Strange.

FFA Quiz: Second Place—David House, Bill S.hott, Gerald Smith, Jay Towe

The following boys attended the district banquet at Floydada on Monday, November 23, and received the banners: Ronnie Hester, David House, Stanley Fogerson, Kenneth Thornton and Jerry Miller.

Carolyn Frizzell, chapter sweetheart, was escorted to the banquet by Jerry Don Brannon, chapter president. They were accompanied by Brenda Cornett and Jerry Patton. Mr. T. J. Mayfield conducted the group.

The score when they heard the yells and cheers for a victory from the boys.

Grade School News

FIRST GRADE Mrs. Elms

We are presenting a Christmas program for assembly on Dec. 22. We invite you to come.

PROGRAM

Welcome James Edwards
Songs First Grade Class
Up on the House Top
Silent Night
Jingle Bells

Soloist Elvira Campos
"Five Little Candles"
Ray Gene Whitfill

Rhonda Dickerson
Becky Stephens
Randy Welch
Vici Jasper
"The Guiding Star"
Leila Jo McPherson
Phyllis Crow
Trena Kae Fike
Lanis Davis
Janell McDaniel

Soloist Lannette Martin
"The Run Away Stockings"
Allan Hilderbrand
Tommy Burson

Santa Claus Lane Garvin
"Christmas" Nine Children
Piano Solo Lannette Martin
Closing Speech Mark Gaither

CURTAIN

SHS - FIRST GRADE Mrs. Trout

There are twenty-eight pupils on roll at present. Our attendance isn't as good this week on account of bad colds.

We are decorating for Christmas and preparing a little program to be presented in our room the twenty second. Exchanging gifts will be immediately after the program. School buses will leave at 2:15 p.m.

SHS - SECOND GRADE Mrs. Bomar

Our room is beginning to look bright and gay as we decorate for Christmas. We are looking forward as always to a gay holiday season but we are trying at the same time to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

SHS - Junior

The Junior Play cast is going to have something to do during the holidays! A tentative date has been set for the play but we will wait until a little later to publish it. Our books didn't come as soon as we expected and we will have to wait until the latter part of January or the early part of February to present it.

Lots of long hours go into the preparation for a play, and right now many of the Juniors are involved in basketball games and are unable to devote their full efforts to the play. However, we shall progress as fast as possible with our many other extra-curricular activities.

"I'd like to see some cookie jars, please," Ronnie Sharp told Mrs. Seaney on an excursion to buy his mother a Christmas gift. His eyes sparkled and he flashed her his most winning smile as she led him to a counter where a variety of pottery jars were displayed. He made a quick survey and then, standing on tiptoe, carefully lifted and replaced the lid of each. His face fell and eyes took on a frustrated look as he asked, "Haven't you any jars with lids that don't make noise?"

SHS - FBLA

Twenty-eight members of FBLA, with the sponsor Mrs. O. C. Rampley, hiked to town last Thursday morning during their regular meeting time to visit the Briscoe County News Office.

Mr. Charles Sarchet, local editor of the Briscoe County News, took them on a guided tour of the premises and briefly gave them a discussion on what happens to the school news from the time it is turned in to him until it reaches its final printed stage.

They were very attentive listeners for many of the members work regularly on the staff of the OWL'S HOOT and others contribute occasional items of interest.

SHS - Monday

Brenda Cornett's dad was driving his loaded pick-up to town. About every half mile he stopped, got out of the pick-up and ferociously banged on it with a baseball bat. After following him a few miles, John Burson pulled along beside him and inquired as to what he was doing.

Mr. Cornett hastily replied, "Well you see John, I've got a one-half ton pick-up with one ton of turkeys on it and I've got to keep half of them flying."

THIRD GRADE Mrs. Taylor

Everyone has been busy getting ready for Christmas and we are no exception. We have been making things to decorate our room; Santa's, bells, flowers, etc.

We are looking forward to the holiday. We wish all of you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

SHS - FOURTH GRADE Mrs. Alexander

We made our salt plans. We made a map of our school ground. We're decorating for Christmas!

SHS - FIFTH GRADE Mrs. Rhode

Christmas is truly in the air in our room as well as in the whole grade school. Windows are decorated; some trees are up; and bells are ringing on the girls' skirts and shoes.

Some times Christmas preparations are noisy, but the Fifth Grade room has been very quiet all week. Our teacher has lost her voice.

SHS - SIXTH GRADE Mrs. Turner

The Sixth Grade students are enjoying their Christmas decorations. They are especially enjoying the Nativity scene that they constructed. Cliff Walker and Johnny McGavock drew the figures and the other members of the class made the stable and other parts of the scene.

They appreciate very much the very pretty decoration that Wayne Rampley's made for the door.

Mary Lynn Schott made 100 in spelling last six weeks. We are sorry her name was omitted from the list last week.

SHS - SEVENTH GRADE Miss Slavik

Wednesday of this week was spent in decorating our trees and our room. Now we are all anxiously awaiting December 22.

This week our class presented the program for assembly. We were happy at the results, but would also like everyone to know that it was all "honest."

SHS - EIGHTH GRADE Mr. Wilmeth

Riley Harris, Raymond Lee Steele, and Roy Morrison have been absent.

We are proud to have Elvire Guerrero with us now. She came Wednesday.

We have been decorating our rooms and the Christmas tree out in the hall. When we were decorating the tree in the hall we had quite a few decorations to fall off and break. We would get the broom and dust-pan from Mr. Honey and sweep up the broken decorations. After we had swept them up we'd take the broom and dust-pan back. About 3 minutes later we heard a crack, and there lying on the floor, would be another decoration. So we went back and borrowed the broom once more and kept it until we had finished. But the tree really does look nice.

We are still looking forward to the Christmas holidays, when we can rest and really live.

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The Silvertown Owllet Basketball team, which just returned from the Happy Tournament where they captured second place are from left (standing) Carolyn Garrison, Carolyn Frizzell, Nell Rackley, Sue Lanham, Celene Lanham, Jimmie Nell Reynolds, co-captain Marsha Monroe, Joy Ann McCutchen, Reba Maples, Peggy Mercer. Front row (kneeling) Darla Peugh, LaJuan Curby, LaQuetta Chitty, co-captain Brenda Cornett, Jane Brooks, Joy Morrison and Becky Mallow. Also shown is Raymond Adams, coach for the Owllet team.

BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS PHOTO

Invitational Basketball tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Briscoe County Farmers Quick To See Good In Great Plains Program

by Virgil Henson

Interest and participation by Briscoe County farmers and ranchers during 1959 in the Great Plains Conservation Program has been so great that they have received almost one-third of the total money allocated for a twelve-county area. Quick to see the advantages of this relatively new program, thirty-

eight Briscoe County farmers and ranchers now have Great Plains contracts in operation, covering over 160,000 acres and with over \$112,000 in government guaranteed cost-sharing.

This program has been proved equally well-adapted to small and large scale operations. The smallest contract in operation is on

a 50 acre farm, while the largest is for an 85,000 acre ranch. The program has been tailored to fit the needs of the local area and offers cost sharing on nineteen separate conservation practices, ranging from 50 to 80% of the average costs of the practices.

One result of the heavy participation in Briscoe County is a county allocation that has limited new participants until after July 1, 1960.

E. J. and B. K. Hamilton, and J. T. Persons of Quitaque, recently have completed plans for cost-sharing conservation practices under the Great Plains Program. Unless we receive additional funds, the above three will probably be the last plans the S.C.S. can process for cost-sharing until July 1. We will continue to accept applications, and there is a possibility that we may get additional funds before July 1, 1960.

Supreme Court to settle the controversy as to who owned Greer County, Texas.

In March, 1896, the Supreme Court ruled that the Treaty of 1819 called for TRUE 100th meridian as the boundary line and not the surveyor's mistake. The court specified the south bank of the south fork.

This last seems to have gone unnoticed at the time but it did evoke howls of anguish later when big oil money was at stake.

In 1901 Congress authorized another attempt to pin down the meandering meridian and several surveys followed.

"The area was rapidly taking on the aspects of Boot Hill cemetery with the various markers erected by the different surveyors," Wilson notes.

In 1906 Oklahoma was admitted as a state and a new face and voice was added to the dispute.

Texas announced in 1919 her intention to sue Oklahoma. But Oklahoma filed first, attempting to establish the boundary along the Red River.

Texas counterclaimed and sued for the location of the line constituting the eastern boundary of the Texas Panhandle and the western line of Oklahoma.

Rather than confront the task of deciding which of the many meridian locators was right, the U.S. Supreme Court said the true 100th meridian remained yet to be discovered and named the man to discover it—Samuel S. Gannett. Gannett styled himself a geodetic and astronomic engineer.

Out of all this Texas gained a

BORDER BATTLE

(Editor's Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles outlining the numerous boundary conflicts dating back to 1716, pointing up little known facts—which shaped the Texas of today.)

Texas fought hard for Greer County, but finally lost to Oklahoma.

In 1890 Congress created the Territory of Oklahoma out of a portion of the Indian Territory which was bounded on the west and south by Texas.

In the same breath it directed that a law suit be filed in the U.S.

strip of land over three quarters of a mile wide and 133 miles long located along the tier of counties forming the eastern boundary of our Panhandle but lost Greer County.

The remark of an old Oklahoma nester indicates how the hard fight had affected the lives of the local citizens.

"I ain't moved an inch in nigh on 50 years but I've lived in one Injun territory, to states and three dad-gum counties."

And, bless him, he had.

Social Security Office Urges Workers to Check Numbers

Now would be a good time for Panhandle farmers to make certain they have a social security number for each social security employee, according to Hal Geldon, Manager of the Amarillo Social Security Office.

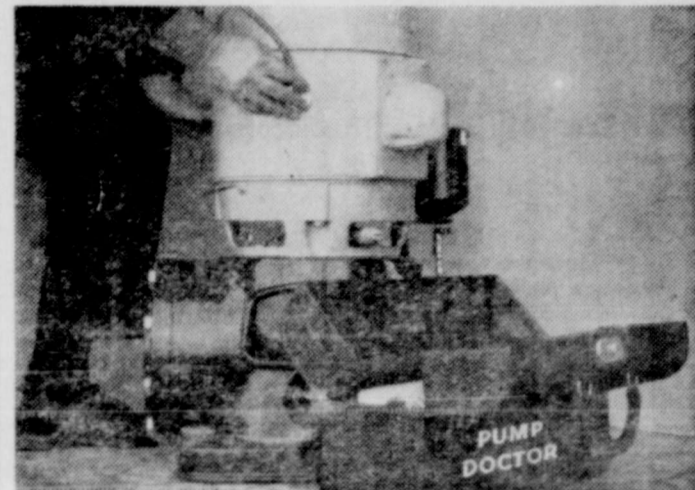
Geldon said, "Farm wages are reported on a yearly basis and the report must be filed with the Director of Internal Revenue during January 1960 for covered employees who worked in 1959."

Under the law, farm wages must be reported by a farm operator if he paid cash wages of at least \$150.00 to a worker. If the operator did not pay at least \$150.00 in wages he is still required to report the wages paid a worker if the individual worked on some part of 20 days on a time basis; such as by the hour, or the day, etc.

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PRIVATE INTERPRETATION

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20-21).

"Knowing this first" means that to learn prophecy we should recognize this important truth first. "Prophecy of scripture" refers to all prophecy of both Old and New Testament. The word "is" means came into being. "Private" means that which is particularly one's own. "Interpretation" means explanation. It follows then that no prophecy ever came into existence as the result of the prophet's own personal explanation (private interpretation) but originated by Holy men of God who were guided by the Holy Spirit.

This passage had been used to teach that individuals cannot understand God's word without infallible aid. This is not true for if one can understand THIS passage without aid the contention is false. If one CAN understand this he CAN equally well understand the others. It is absurd to quote this passage to a man to prove he cannot understand the Bible for this is part of the Bible.

Private interpretation refers to those who delivered prophecy, not to those who read it. This passage does not teach that individuals cannot understand God's word without help.

Read your Bible.

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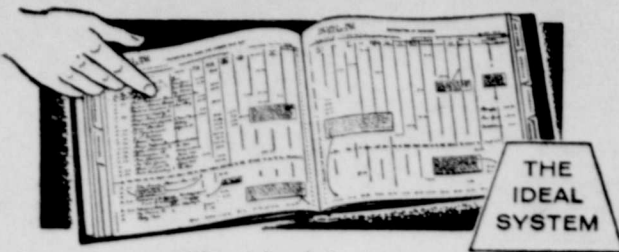
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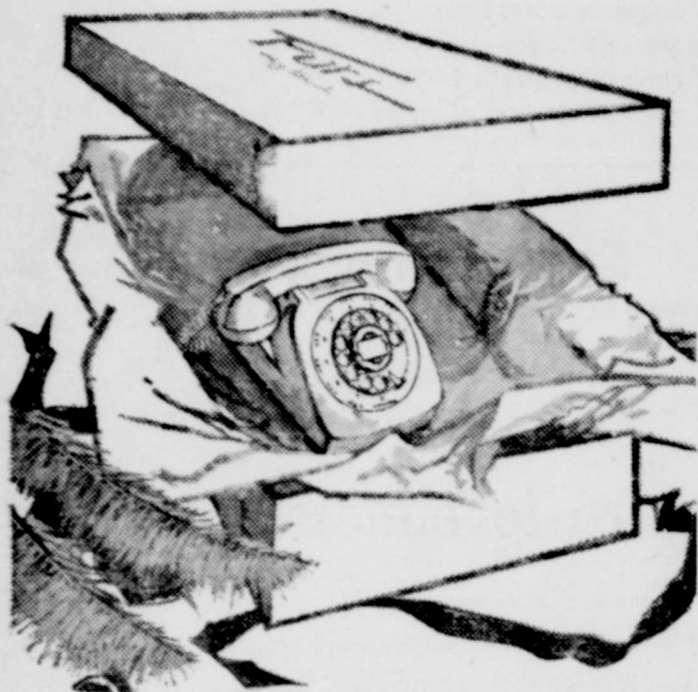
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Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shipman
Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Woody

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means to thank you and to show our appreciation to you for the telephone calls, flowers, foods, cards, visits and every deed of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Nellie E. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Martin
Mr. and Mrs. George Martin and family
Mr. and Mrs. Datis Martin and family
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin and family

A Lanham family reunion was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Becky. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schnable and Jim, of Roswell; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lanham of Quitaque; Mrs. J. B. Lanham, Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and Riley, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lanham and family. The Schnable family spent the week end here and Mrs. J. B. Lanham returned to Roswell with them for a visit.

R. L. Hill, manager of Silverton Co-op Elevator, Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. True Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie May and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt attended the annual meeting of the Producers' Grain Corporation in Amarillo on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. They were guests at a banquet Tuesday evening and the ladies were guests at a luncheon and style show at

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~~~~~ We will close Christmas Eve at 12:00 noon. Will be open Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! FROZEN FOOD LOCKER Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May

~~~~~ The Country Club on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis of Texline; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley Hill, of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilson, Brad and Jimmy Don, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hill and Susie were in Plainview on November 29 to help Mrs. W. T. Haley celebrate her birthday, which was actually the 28th. Mrs. Haley is the mother of Mmes. Davis, Wilson and R. L. Hill. The entire group have lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill May and family of Happy, visited relatives here on Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May and family and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. May, parents of Bill and Edwin.

U. D. Brown came home on "furlough" from the Amarillo Veteran's Hospital early last week. He was due to go back Tuesday but hoped to have his leave extended for a while.

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Around the Town

by Mary Ann Sarchet

Our elders talk about an "old-time" Christmas among the things they are remembering is the pleasure and anticipation associated with the preparations for the holiday.

There were no "commercial" Christmas trees in the old days—people went out to the nearest grove or forest and chose one to their liking—for free. Tinsel, lights, electric tree lights, too, weren't to be had. Decisions for the tree were all made—and usually the entire family lent a hand in the preparation.

Today we would be foolish, of course, not to take advantage of the many beautiful and ornate decorations available for the home and Christmas tree. Yet, we can still recapture the "spirit" of the "old-time" Christmas by making some Christmas tree ornaments and decorations as a family project.

A variety of ornaments are available from such materials as paper, foam, a cookie cutter, for example, can be used to outline shapes as snowmen, dolls, Clauses, clowns and stars. Sheet of 1-inch plastic foam cut into shapes with a sharp knife and then let each member of the family decorate an ornament. Some can glue sequins to the ornaments to form features. They can tint the foam with coloring, or glue felt to the ornament to add extra details, such as hats or buttons. A pipe cleaner, inserted and tied to the top of the ornament, makes a hook.

Preparing the tree is usually a family project, enjoyed by both the young and old. Preparing the decorations for the tree can be an enjoyable and memorable experience. One of the prettiest Christmas ornaments we have seen are an aunt of mine made. They are scenes in egg shells. The egg is removed with a tiny hole. Then with a pair of nail scissors, an oval opening is made in one side of the shell. The shell is tinted, and then the scene is arranged inside the shell. Figures are glued inside; angels, Santa Claus, bits of angel hair add color. The outside of the opening is glued to frame the scene.

Some of my sisters-in-law made pretty Christmas tree ornaments using the round styro-foam which can be purchased at toy and drug stores. She then painted each in gaily-colored net, then pinned them tightly at the top and cut off the excess material. Then she pinned sequins, beads and beads all over them, much in the same fashion as pom-poms which the ladies made to a few years ago. At the stores these days you can get sequins in the shapes of stars, Christmas trees and many other things in bright colors.

It is usually the same old story of Santa around the world. Santa as we know him in America today pretty well follows the tradition given by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Night Before Christmas." This familiar symbol of Christmas is a somewhat angular figure. Moore gave him a sleigh, rosy cheeks, eyes like roses, like a cherry and a round belly.

The idea of Santa Claus began with the Dutch and their "Santa Claus" a contraction from St. Nicholas. **Continued on Next Page**

Farmers Union Urges Reversal of Skip Row Decision

Ezra Benson took another of his economic slaps at the farmers of the country this week when he slapped down the four row skip practice used by the West Texas Cotton Farmers. This practice has been promoted and favored by the Department of Agriculture for its conservation and water rise value.

The dropping of this four row skip practice where the farmer's allotment was not charged for this idle land will wreck many dry land cotton operations in West Texas.

Many cotton farmers have projected their 1960 program to include this practice. Their credit arrangements and cash rent have been made on this basis and the short notice of cancellation of this practice will put some more farmers out of business.

Texas and National Farmers Union is putting all the pressure it can exert to get a reversal of this decision by the U.S.D.A. We urge all farmers and interested people to write, wire, and phone the Department of Agriculture, Congressmen, and Senators to reverse this further farm depression move by Benson and Company.

Haylake Club Has Christmas Dinner

The Haylake Club held their annual Christmas dinner Thursday night, December 10, in the fire hall. Turkey and ham with all the trimmings was served. Forty-two and dominos were played.

Those attending were Messrs. and Meses. Irving McJimsey, Willard Merrell, Dud Watters, Billy Garvin, Eual Newman, Luther McJimsey, John Boyles, Rags Riddell, Bert Anderson, Johnny Burson, Virgil Crow, Richard Hill, Shorty Bingham, Herbert Stephens, Rex Vaughan, Oner Cornett, Seymour Brannon, A. T. Brooks, Mrs. Leona Brooks, Mrs. Mary Rampley, and visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brannon, Bill Hill and Teri Lee.

F. N. Hunt Buried At Mount Vernon

Funeral services for F. N. Hunt, about 92 years old, were held in the Edwards Funeral Chapel in Mount Vernon at 2:00 p.m. Sunday with burial in the Mount Vernon cemetery. Mr. Hunt died at 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 11, in a rest home in Winnsboro where he had been for about a year; he had been bedfast only a few days. Mr. Hunt lived here many years ago and taught school at Haylake.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Peach, of Springdale, Arkansas, and Mrs. Jeff Davis, Silvertown; three sons, Fred Hunt, of Mount Vernon, Sam Hunt and Frank Hunt, of Silvertown, twenty five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff F. Davis, Sam Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, Frankie Lou and Gary attended the funeral and burial services.

Mrs. H. S. Crow spent Friday of last week in Plainview visiting her sisters, Mrs. B. D. Fanning, Sr. and Miss Ida Griggs.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates Buried

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yates, 70 and 64 years of age, respectively, were found dead at their home in Morarity, New Mexico, about 11 a.m. Thursday. They were thought to have been dead a few hours from asphyxiation as both were fully clothed and gas stoves were burning in the closed house where they had lived only five days. Funeral services were held in the Stanley High School auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with burial in the Stanley cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Yates formerly lived here but had lived on a ranch near Stanley since 1929. Survivors include an adopted son, Herbert Yates and six grandchildren, of Mountaire, New Mexico; and two brothers, Joe Yates, of Stanley, New Mexico, and L. C. Yates, Silvertown, many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Yates' survivors include six sisters and one brother and many other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens, Donna and Judy, Silvertown; Mr. and Mrs. Barney Futch and Wayne, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Futch, of Waxahachie, attended the funeral and burial. Mrs. Stephens, Riley Yates and the Messrs. Futch are niece and nephews of Frank Yates.

Study Club Meets In Morris Home

Ten members of the Century of Progress Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Gene Morris on Wednesday, December 9, 1959. Several items of business were disposed of before the program was turned over to Mrs. Mary Lou Northcutt. The theme for the day's program was "The Ten Most Influential Women in Russia." Mrs. Northcutt



Shown are Seymour Brannon and County Agent Robert Ledbetter, as they discuss the cotton harvest which is now drawing to a close in Briscoe County. Brannon's cotton was drowned in a five-inch down-

SANTA DUE THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM NORTH POLE

Helping Hand Club Has Christmas Party In Smithee Home

The Helping Hand Club met with Mrs. Scott Smithee on Thursday for their annual Christmas Party.

Plans were made for the Christmas Supper to be held Thursday night, December 17. This supper is planned annually to honor the husbands of club members.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served to Mmes. Garland Francis, Virgil Baldwin, Clyde Bramlet, Aubrey Rowell, John Lee Francis, Alva C. Jasper, Lenton Lanham, Jack Harris, Jack Jowell, O. A. Fitzgerald and the hostess, Mrs. Smithee.

The next regular meeting of the club will be the second Thursday in January, with Mrs. Garland Francis.

Mrs. John McCloud, of Tulia, and Mrs. Dewey Beavers visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Woods at the Lockney General Hospital Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Beavers is a sister to Mr. Woods; Mrs. McCloud is a sister to Mrs. Woods. Mr. Woods is a patient at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer and James went to Hart Sunday evening to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle.

gave an enlightening discussion on the lives and achievements of these women.

Mrs. James Davis helped the hostess to serve delicious refreshments to the members who were present.

On Saturday, December 19, Santa Claus will visit the youngsters of Silvertown, according to a confirmation received direct from the North Pole. At 4:00 p.m. Santa will ride into town on the fire truck with siren open, escorted by dignitaries of the local fire department.

Santa's bag will be bulging with free treats for all the boys and girls, and a good long visit with Santa Claus is assured so that each may be sure that the old gent has all the Christmas orders down correctly.

Santa will visit the children under the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn if the weather is nice, but if the weather does not permit outdoor activity, Santa will visit indoors at the Whiteside building next door to Salem's.

The visit by Santa is sponsored annually by the Eta Chi ESA Sorority of Silvertown. Eta Chi was also responsible for the Christmas Pageant and the Christmas tree which was planted on the courthouse lawn recently. They and their families were in charge of decorating the tree and courthouse square.

Remember! The visit from Santa will be at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Seek Members For Farmers Union

The Briscoe County Farmers Union is preparing to immediately launch a membership campaign that will add 50 members to the county organization, according to Edwin Crass County Farmers Union President.

The Briscoe County membership drive is a part of a state wide campaign to reach the state goal

Silvertown High School Invitational Basketball Tournament Begins Today

Rain

Silvertown has this week enjoyed a general rain which covered most of Briscoe County and the surrounding counties as well. Other cities reported freezing conditions which damaged trees, shrubs, TV antennas, and made driving conditions hazardous. At press time on Wednesday, Silvertown had felt none of these adverse conditions, while receiving slowly and steadily four inches of water.

On Tuesday morning Sam Lewis had measured 2 1/2 inches; Mrs. Shafe Weaver had reported 3 inches; Allen Kellum measured 2 inches; Bern May measured 2 1/4 inches; and Mrs. D. Oneal reported 2.80 at their place. On Wednesday morning, Mrs. J. L. Garner reported an even 4 inches had been received at their home down close to the caprock. Quitaque reported 3.30 on Tuesday.

The official rain gauge in Silvertown, kept by Ray C. Bomar, had caught 3.40 on Wednesday morning, as the rain continued to fall. Mail service was disrupted from Childress on Tuesday due to road conditions having been impaired by the weather. Telephone service has been greatly interrupted, and though not restored to normal, is back in operation.

It is very unusual to receive this amount of rain in the month of December. Amarillo weather bureau records show an average precipitation record of 67 of an inch. The rain is very beneficial, at this time, because there is very little evaporation in winter and it will be fine on all crops when warm weather comes.

Rains are being named a great Christmas gift for the farmers, worth many, many dollars to wheat farmers. Rains at this time do not interrupt much farming operations locally, as there are only scattered fields of ungathered cotton and a few fields of feed or hay that had not been taken in. For the most part the rain is being happily received by all, and children eagerly watch the windows in hopes of a white Christmas.

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of 10,000 members that was adopted at the recent State Convention in Fort Worth.

"All Briscoe County farmers who are 'fed up' with Benson, Eisenhower-Farm Bureau - Low price programs will be welcomed as members of our organization", said President Edwin Crass.

A membership drive committee composed of Joe Oneal, Woodrow Bice, Gilbert Elms, Edwin Crass, and Luther McJimsey will have an early meeting to make plans to invite every farmer in the county to join Farmers Union.

The Silvertown High School Invitational Basketball Tournament opens today at the high school gymnasium at 12:30 p.m. The tournament will run through Saturday night, with games scheduled for this afternoon, Friday afternoon and all day Saturday.

Nine teams will be competing in the girls' division, including Turkey, Flomot, Quitaque, Farwell, Happy, Sudan, Claude, McAdoo and Silvertown. In the boys' division are eight teams competing, Claude, Sudan, Quitaque, Happy, Turkey, Flomot, Silvertown "A" and Silvertown "B".

The schedule of games is as follows:

THURSDAY: 12:30 p.m. Turkey vs. Flomot (girls); 1:50 p.m. Happy vs. Turkey (boys); 3:10 p.m. Farwell vs. Happy (girls); 4:30 p.m. Claude vs. Sudan (boys); 6:30 p.m. Sudan vs. Claude (girls); 7:50 p.m. Quitaque vs. Silvertown (girls); 9:10 p.m. Quitaque vs. Silvertown "A" boys.

FRIDAY: 12:30 p.m. Flomot vs. Silvertown "B" (boys); 1:50 p.m. McAdoo (who drew a bye in the first round) vs. Sudan-Claude winner (girls); 3:10 p.m. Claude-Sudan loser vs. Quitaque-Silvertown loser (girls); 6:30 p.m. Farwell-Happy loser vs. Sudan-Claude loser (girls); 7:50 p.m. Claude-Sudan winner vs. Silvertown "A" (Quitauque winner (boys); 9:10 p.m. Turkey-Flomot winner vs. Quitaque-Silvertown winner (girls).

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Flomot-Silvertown "B" losers vs. Happy-Turkey losers (boys); 10:20 a.m. Farwell-Happy winners vs. Sudan-Claude winners (girls); 11:40 a.m. Happy-Turkey winners vs. Flomot-Silvertown "B" winners (boys); 4:00 p.m. Game for Third Place and Consolation winners (girls); 5:30 p.m. Game for Third Place and Consolation winners (boys); 7:00 p.m. Game for First and Second Place winners (girls); 8:30 p.m. Game for First and Second Place winners (boys).

Local Businesses To Close For Holidays

Most of the businesses in Silvertown plan to close for the Christmas holidays at the end of their working day December 24, and remain closed through Sunday, December 27. Consumers should make plans for this three-day business holiday.

Among those to enjoy the long Christmas holidays are:

- A & R Supply, Bellinger's Department Store, Briscoe County News, City Tailors, County offices, Crass Motor & Implement Co., First State Bank, House Food, House of Gifts, Jennings Supply, Doc Minyard Implement Co., Nance Food, Pauline's Beauty Shop, Salem Dry Goods, Silvertown Cafe, Seaney Hardware & Appliance, Simpson Chevrolet, Stafford's Grocery & Market, Ray Thompson Implement Co., Tiffin's Department Store.

BRISCOE 4-H COUNCIL HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Briscoe County 4-H Council met Monday, December 7, to elect officers and plan 4-H activities for the next two months. Carolyn Garrison and Bobby Saul, Co-chairmen, presided.

The County Council will be headed next year by Dewey and Doris Estes of Silvertown. They were elected Co-chairmen of the Council. Dewey and Doris are the twin son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes. Both have made rapid progress in 4-H work as in all of their endeavors. They are junior students in Silvertown High School.

Other officers elected were Ann Wingo, Secretary-Treasurer; Sandra Mercer, Reporter; and Lynn McDonald, Parliamentarian. In its business meeting, the Council voted to send each 4-H Leader the National 4-H News Magazine. This important magazine is very helpful with new 4-H activities and ideas. The Council also voted that each 4-H Club would have its own Christmas party and no County-wide party would be held because of the lack of a suitable date.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Mrs. H. P. Rampley spent the week end of November 14-15 with Mr. and Mrs. George Wayne Rampley and children in Roswell.

James Wyly of Pierre, South Dakota, a student at A.C.C. in Abilene, spent the week end here recently with his grandfather, Bill Watters. Mrs. Watters and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Washington and family and Mrs. C. O. Washington, of Tulia; Mrs. Billie Watson and Mrs. James Watson, of Springlake; and Mrs. Farris Martin attended a public meeting at Flomot on Tuesday evening of last week. A musical program was given by Mr. Washington, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Martin, singers, and Mrs. James Washington, pianist. Freewill offerings were made to the Flomot Cemetery Association.

Miss Judith Slavik, a teacher in the local school, spent the week end with relatives and friends in Nazareth.

David Strange was sick early this week. His mother, Mrs. Theodore Strange and grandmother, Mrs. Ray Thompson, took him to the doctor in Tulia on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Jack Williams of Haskell, a sister to Mrs. John Vaughan and M. C. itchens, has fallen recently and is in an Anson hospital where she is being treated for a back injury. Mrs. Williams and the late Mr. Williams formerly lived here.

D. T. Northcutt attended a P.G.C. meeting in Amarillo last Tuesday.

Mmes. M. L. Welch, Bill Long and Carrol Welch were in Amarillo on Monday of last week.

Messrs. Roy Morris and J. L. West went turkey hunting near Miami on Monday of last week.

Messrs. Runt Sweeney and Bud Vaughan were in Amarillo on Monday of last week.

Mmes. Runt Sweeney and Bud Vaughan were dinner guests of Mrs. J. E. Vaughan.

Mrs. Homer Ragland, Jr. of Lockney and Mrs. J. E. Vaughan went to Quanah Friday evening for a week end visit with relatives. Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Hom-

CARD OF THANKS

We cannot find words to express our feeling of thanks and appreciation to all of the good people of Silvertown and surrounding communities for all their expressions of sympathy, desire to help and good wishes of encouragement shown by all the cards, visits, gifts, phone calls and flowers Berton has received since his accident. Through prayer and friends a person can come through a great deal.

For now, just a simple "thank you" to the best people on earth.

Berton Hughes and family

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Two keys and chain on holder from Cage implement, Corpus Christi. Owner may claim by paying for ad. tfc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COUNTY'S INTENTION TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN ROAD MACHINERY

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS, addressed to the County Judge of Briscoe County, at Silvertown, Texas, will be received by the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, Texas, at the office of the County Judge until 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 14th day of December, A.D. 1959, for the purchase of the following described road machinery for the maintenance and improvement of the roads in and for said County, to-wit: One new grader with the following specifications; Heavy duty Tandem drive powered with diesel engine of not less than 115 HP; standard moldboard with power slide shift; cab, heater, hour meter, lights and power steering, equipped with 1300 x 24 - 12 ply tires.

Successful bidder will be required to take in trade one Allis Chalmers motor grader Model AD - 140.

It is the intention of said Commissioners' Court to issue warrants in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding four (4%) per cent per annum, in part payment of such machinery, over and above the cash payment and trade in.

Such SEALED BIDS will at said time be publicly opened and read before the Commissioners' Court of said County.

The Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

This notice is given in strict compliance with the provisions of Chapter 163, Acts 1931, Regular Session of the 42nd Legislature of Texas, and all amendments thereto, and pursuant to an order of the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, Texas.

J. W. LYON, JR.
County Judge, Briscoe County, Texas.

er Ragland and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meeks of Quanah, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnston in Hollis, Oklahoma. The Meeks family formerly lived here. Mr. Johnston is the father of Mmes. Vaughan and Meeks.

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For all the sweet compensations of Thy will
That chastened, tried, and wrought us to Thy shape;

For things unnumbered that we take of right,
And value first when they are withheld;

For light and air;
sweet sense of sound and smell;

For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;

For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;

For the vision of the Worker in the work;

For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere —
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