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Around Town

is the time when we peer at the face of the new year and try to plan for the foreseeable future. Perhaps the unforeseeable is the month, in Texas, when citizens are asked to pay their poll taxes. Failure to pay their democratic privilege is stripped from them. A good citizen pays his poll tax year since with our form of government it is impossible to advance when an important matter will be presented for a vote. Some of us try to out-pace, and skip paying in the old "off election years."

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oll tax is well known as a burden for knowing whether or not you are eligible for a governing body with heavy electorates. The democratic principle involved in a tax cannot be overlooked, for how small the price of a vote we feel it probably should be, but however small it is, pay your poll tax and exercise your privilege as a citizen to vote.

of the above ideas are editorial in the Crosbyton written by Editor Patrick. The following on the sub-taxes and voting is quoted from Steen of the Floyd Hesperian:



Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates, with reminiscent thoughts, cut their Golden Wedding cake. The cake, shaped in the numerals "50", punch bowl and arrangement of golden mums, hands set at the wedding hour, graced the refreshment table.

MR. AND MRS. YATES OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Yates was celebrated in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens, from two to five o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 3, 1960. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Riley Yates were hosts for the occasion. Clara Mae Smith, Long Grove, Oklahoma, Mrs. Ora Holmes, of Costa Mesa, California, W. S. Yates, of Riverside, California, and Lee Yates, of Bloomington, California, were unable to attend the celebration given in honor of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Yates were married at Mineral Wells and came to Silvertown in 1924. They were blessed with three sons and three daughters, thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. The refreshment table, laid with a gold lace cloth, was centered with a gold clock, the hands of which proclaimed the 10:00 o'clock hour of their wedding, an arrangement of gold mums and the couple's wedding picture completed the very pleasant arrangement. The cake was shaped in the numerals "50" and was iced with gold and decorated with wedding bells. Golden punch was also served. Mr. and Mrs. Yates wore corsage and boutonniere of gold carnations and were the recipients of many pretty and practical gifts. Several relatives were unable to attend because of weather conditions in their home towns, and it also happened that there was another golden wedding celebration in the family held at the same hour on the same day. Rev. G. A. Elrod added to the occasion with a talk to those present, at the beginning of which he read a part of the marriage ceremony, as if remarrying the couple on their fiftieth anniversary. Out of town guests included a nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yates and children, of Mountaineer, New Mexico; Mrs. Ben Martin, of Pampa; Opal Brummett, of Quitaque; Mae Gilkeyson, of Lockney; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Watley and Jack Watley, of Plainview. If you are interested in helping promote this club or playing with it, please attend the meeting. Everyone is invited, according to Oscar Weaks.

Steele Announces For County Commissioner's Post

I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct No. 3 in the Democratic Primary to be held May 7, 1960. In seeking election to this office I do so, realizing the duties and responsibilities connected with the office and my past experience in the office should help me in discharging the duties of the office. I will make every effort to contact each voter in the precinct before election date and personally solicit his or her vote, but in case I fail to see you, please remember that I will appreciate your vote and influence. Sincerely yours, Alton Steele. Mrs. Luke Thompson will enter Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Friday of this week, and expects to undergo surgery on Saturday morning.

Baseball Meeting To Be Held

There will be a meeting Thursday, January 21, 1960, at 7:30 p. m. at the county courthouse to discuss the possibilities of promoting a baseball club here in Silvertown. It has been suggested that the only way to do this is to call a meeting to find out how many are interested in the idea. Silvertown has been asked to enter a league with Tulia, Floydada, Lockney, Quitaque and Turkey. More information will be brought out at the meeting concerning the league and the ball

FIRST SNOW OF SEASON ADDS TO MOISTURE READING

The first snowfall of the season and first appreciable moisture of 1960 blanketed the area in the early morning hours of January 5. Snow continued to fall throughout the day to a maximum depth of 7 1/2 inches here in Silvertown, according to our weatherman, Ray C. Bomar. The 7 1/2 inches of snow added .82 of an inch to the already soggy condition of our area. Heavier snow was reported to the north and some roads leading out of Amarillo were blocked. It was a very gentle snowstorm, however, and its multimillion dollar value has been acclaimed by press and radio. Children and adults alike, enjoyed participating in snow activity for the first time in a year. Dazzling sunshine raised the lid on our gigantic deep freeze on Wednesday morning, but failed to melt the cover of snow. On Thursday, however, old man sun began to win the battle, and the snow melted quickly so that by Thursday evening the streets and highways were almost completely clear.

A regular Farmers Union Meeting will be held Monday, January 18, at 7:00 p. m. in the Methodist Church Basement. A program is planned.

'59 Rainfall Exceeds Yearly Average

Based on the 1950 Census, the average rainfall for the Silvertown area is 21.50 inches a year. In 1959 Silvertown received 24.24 inches, as recorded by the official rain gauge of Ray C. Bomar. There were 47 rain days with an average of .514 of an inch per rain. On 20 days a trace, or less than .01 of an inch was received. These figures are based on a 24-hour average. The peak month of rainfall in 1959 was, of course, December, with a big 5.20 inches, followed by July with 4.45 inches; June with 3.57 inches; May 3.53; October 2.83; April 1.81; August .94; February .90; September .42; January .23; November .19; and March received the least rainfall with only .17 of an inch. The 1959 total topped the 1958 total of 20.01 inches by a wide margin, but failed to approach the 26.43 inches measured in 1957. December's 5.20 inch total, plus January's .82 of an inch of water from snowfall spell a great boon to area agricultural prospects, as well as contributing to the underground water supply, which experts tell us has been in danger of depletion. The moisture does not evaporate in winter, therefore the soil is absorbing every drop of water it receives—as indicated by the large number of lakes which sprang up overnight in December.

COUNTY-WIDE 4-H CLUB HOLDS SESSION

The County-wide Senior 4-H Club met Monday night, January 11, in the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Saul. Ann Wingo led the group in the pledge and motto. The members are to have decided by the next meeting what teams they will enter in the District II Contest next May. Committees appointed to help with the stock show were: Joe Kitchens and Lynn McDonald—Weigh pigs; Doris Estes and Ann Wingo—Weigh in Calves. Dewey Estes was appointed to get the show barn ready. Doris Estes was elected 4-H Princess. She will hand out ribbons and prize money at the County Show Saturday. She will also be Briscoe County's entry in the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show 4-H Princess Contest at Lubbock in March. Two films were shown: "You and Your Friends" and "You and Your Family."

Area Bank Deposits Highest In History

Banks in almost all Texas cities started 1960 with their deposits at the highest mark in history. There were a few cities which reported deposits slightly down from a year ago, but the majority of reporting cities showed sharp increases in statements to the State Banking Department for condition of banks as of December 31. Several banks in our area have reported record-breaking totals of daily deposits. The banks in Plainview last week broke all-time records in Texas banking history by taking deposits which averaged one million dollars for each official hour of banking business transacted and caused bank employees long hours of overtime work in tabulating the day's receipts. Depositors placed over three million dollars in one Plainview bank alone that day. The Lockney bank reported deposits exceeding one million dollars one day last week. Our own First State Bank of Silvertown received deposits amounting to half a million dollars on January 4, and had on deposit almost three million dollars as of December 31, 1959. The bank's total assets are in excess of three million dollars, having risen to that figure since the last report on October 6, 1959. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stunder and daughters of Fontana, California, left Wednesday of last week after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. Marie Bishop, and grandmother, Mrs. J. N. Cantwell. Wheat farmers, dry and irrigated alike, should have good chances for a bumper wheat crop in 1960, which is long overdue in our area.

Owls Win Trophy At Claude Tournament

The Silvertown Owl Basketball team added a coveted trophy to the shelves in Silvertown High School in the North Plains Basketball Tournament held at Claude on December 31, January 1 and 2. The boys and girls from Silvertown failed to win games to enter the championship competition, but the Owls were awarded the Sportsmanship trophy, which is a compliment to our team of which we can all be proud. First place in the girls' division was won by Claude, while the Gruver boys won out as champions in their division. Teams participated from Stinnett, Texline, White Deer, Groom, Clarendon, Panhandle, Happy, Gruver and Friona. Second place trophies were awarded to the Friona girls and the Stinnett boys, while the White Deer girls and Claude boys won Consolation trophies. The Owls were nosed out of the competition in the Caprock Holiday Tournament held in Lubbock the week after Christmas. The Silvertown Owls opened their season of conference play at Idalou Tuesday night by losing to the home team by a 52-48 margin. The Owlets were more fortunate, and won their opener, downing the Idalou girls 55-48.

Word was received in Silvertown shortly before press time on Wednesday of the sudden death of Mrs. Flora Dickerson, of Lubbock. Elbert Dickerson, her son, was notified early Wednesday morning. Mrs. Dickerson, wife of the late Billy Dickerson, was reported to have been feeling well at bedtime Tuesday night, but passed away during the night. It is expected by relatives that the funeral and burial will be here in Silvertown.

Family Loses House, Clothing, Furniture In Fire Tuesday

The Deryl Musick family, who have occupied a four-room house belonging to Ed McMurry in northwestern Briscoe County lost all their household goods and clothing in a fire which destroyed the home about 9:00 a. m. Tuesday morning of this week. Thought to have originated from the hot water heater, the fire spread quickly through the house completely destroying it and its contents. Mrs. Musick and the children, aged six and four, were away from home at the time of the fire and Mr. Musick was working in the field. Due to the fact that the family lost all their personal belongings, it is requested that all who wish to give clothing or household furnishings please contact Mrs. Bern May, phone Bean 4552 or Mrs. Lily Wofford, Phone 2631.



The snow which fell very gently in Silvertown, lent a Christmasy air to homes and landscapes. Evergreen bushes and trees held the soft snow, making every home a showplace. Pictured are two of the prettiest, at right the Troy Burson home and at left the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Long.

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ADVERTISING RATES
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Jewel Hodges, of Lubbock, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hodges.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Sedgwick were in Amarillo for his routine check up following surgery he had some time ago.

Mrs. Beatrice McKeever, of Childress, is now staying with Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown. Mrs. McKeever has stayed with them several times in the past and is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wayne Brooks and children of Canyon, were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brooks, Diane and Danny, of Quitaque, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden and Debbie spent a recent week end in Oklahoma City with Mr. Jones' mother, Mrs. Susie Jones, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Larson and Bobby, of Burk Burnett, visited his sister, Mrs. Jay Jones, on Sunday.

Mrs. Glenn Jones took Mrs. Jay Jones to Plainview on Monday for a check up. Mrs. Jones is doing fine and will only go for monthly checkups now.

Truman Fleming of Fort Worth, who formerly lived here, came on Friday of last week for a few days visit with relatives and friends.

Jack Fleming is still a patient in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. His mother, Mrs. Walter Fleming, is there with him.

Doodle Zaenry spent the week end in Henrietta with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Zachry.

A turkey dinner was enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L.O. Riddell and Alton on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith, Mrs. H.L.O. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Lynn and Ann, Mrs. Jim Brooks, Jane Brooks and Joy Ann McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins and Becky, Silverton; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Dale, of Quitaque.

Mrs. Donald Perkins was a patient in the Lockney Hospital over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Bentonville, Arkansas, visited relatives and transacted business here and in Tulia last week. They visited her mother, Mrs. W. W. Reid, and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKinney.

Mrs. W. L. Keefer and Billie Lee of North Kenova, Ohio, arrived here on Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele, Raymond Lee and Kim. Mrs. Keefer is the mother of Mrs. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King were in Amarillo for her regular check up on Tuesday of this week and were very pleased to hear one of the best reports on Mrs. King's condition that they have received in a long while. The doctor advised her that she would not need to return for three months unless there was some change in her condition in the meantime. Mr. King says she is gaining weight, which is certainly a sign of improving health.

Theodore Strange, who underwent lung surgery at Baylor hospital in Dallas on Wednesday of last week, was reported as doing very satisfactorily early this week. Mrs. Strange remained in Dallas with her husband but other relatives have returned home. Messrs. G. W. Lee, Shellie Tomlin and K. M. Fleming spent the week end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. Strange.

L. B. Garvin, Jr. and his aunt, Mrs. Omega Basham, visited relatives at Wingate on Thursday of last week.

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... much hurry up, they think. Before you know it, time to file for office will have expired. It takes hot July weather really to make politics get hot—hot weather and crops mostly laid by. No. 1 the first primary comes on the best day of the year to plant cotton.

Should the kind of weather that is said to be in the making prevail during the spring and early summer the cotton planter will wear his ear muffs to start planting. After he freezes out, he'll crawl down off the planter and indignantly tell himself, "Heck, I'm about to freeze. I'll just take out and go vote."

Joe Salem, of Sudan, but whom we like to consider at least a "part-time resident" of Silverton, has thoughtfully nicknamed Silverton "the mirror of the plains." He thinks all towns should have a slogan, and says this one is particularly appropriate for Silverton. He explains that Silverton mirrors the progress, growth, agricultural and business development, and is also easily accessible to beauty and recreation spots, as boasted by other towns and cities on the plains.

And while thinking on the subject of the Salem brothers, who, incidentally have been one of our best advertisers and most loyal supporters during our ten months in Silverton, we'd like to relate an incident that Mrs. Joe Salem tells on Tom, the Turkey brother. It seems that Joe and Tom came to America when Joe was about seven and Tom was about two years of age. Gordon Alexander, on learning this fact, remarked that what the family should have done was to drop Tom overboard on the transoceanic trip. Tom, on hearing this, advised Mr. Alexander at their next meeting that if he had foreseen people like him in his future, he would have jumped overboard.

Silverton is suffering a great loss of talent as Mrs. Glenna Wilson moves with her husband, C. L. Wilson, to Canyon. The students in Silverton High School have paid her the highest tributes as she leaves her job as school librarian. We certainly hate to lose one in whom the students have so much confidence and respect as much as Mrs. Wilson. Glenna is fortunate though, to receive these compliments being paid her, as such a great percentage of people whom we appreciate are never told of our feelings toward them.

So maybe it is well that one does not spend his entire life in one place, and can know the reaction of his friends on his leaving. Mrs. Wilson can certainly take a great amount of pride and pleasure from the verbal expressions of appreciation and the one written by Toni for this week's school news. We're sure the students will miss her quite severely when they next visit the library and plan a party or banquet.

We have looked forward to her poetry each week, and will miss it. We have asked her to send us a line now and then, and we hope she will oblige us. We appreciate those like her who are willing to share of their wealth of talent

so that our lives may be a little brighter because of it.

The story of William Allen White and the Church Bell:

"I don't need to advertise," an established merchant in Kansas once told William Allen White, renowned publisher of the Emporia Gazette. "Everybody knows me and knows what I sell."

"In that event," replied the publisher, "We can dispense with the oldest advertising medium for the oldest institution in the world. See that church down the street," continued Mr. White, pointing to one of Emporia's oldest and most beautiful structures, "That church has been established here for many years. Everyone knows what it is

and what it does. In the town the church is a bell and on Sunday it rings out to the folks to come to church.

"Shoppers go where they are invited and stay where they are well treated," concluded the publisher. "Regardless of how established a firm may be, newspaper advertising is a repetition and a reminder to visit and do business with that store."

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stewart have been at the bedside of father, H. L. Stewart, who is an Amarillo hospital. Kenneth returned home Sunday evening. They report Mr. Stewart's condition is about the same.



Nelly Don

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Reminder: Turn Your Porch Lights On January 18 For Mothers March



Linda then . . . and Linda now

Six-year-old Linda Brees of Columbus, Ohio, has been crippled from birth. She suffered from a birth defect, a disorder which seriously affects one out of every 18 babies born in the United States. When Linda was old enough to walk, she could get around only with the aid of steel braces on her legs. That meant wearing heavy, ankle-high shoes which were not very pretty for a little girl who was otherwise developing into a real beauty. Children with significant birth defects, known medically as congenital malformations, often face a lifetime of crippling. But there was hope in Linda's case. In her hometown, at the Columbus Children's Hospital, a new center especially designed to treat birth defects was set up with the support of New March of Dimes funds. It is probably the world's first birth defects treatment and study center. Linda began a series of surgical operations, treatments and exercises to strengthen the muscles she still had in her legs. Today she no longer needs the braces and can even ride a tricycle. Though she still uses crutches, the doctors at the Columbus center hope that she may soon be able to abandon them. Meanwhile, what delights Linda most is that, like other little girls, she can now wear pretty shoes. The New March of Dimes campaign in January, 1960, is aimed at three major crippling diseases, including arthritis and polio in addition to birth defects. It is estimated that one out of every four American families is affected by these disorders. Linda's progress toward a healthy, normal life symbolizes the hope held out by the New March of Dimes for millions of sufferers from crippling diseases.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Wells, of Fort Worth, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones, from Saturday evening through Monday. Other Sunday dinner guests in the Jones home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden and Debbie, Silvertown; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rucker

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones spent Christmas Eve day with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, in Amarillo; they spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rucker and daughters, in Quitaque.

Mrs. Jay Jones returned home Sunday after a holiday visit with relatives in Burkburnett. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones took her for a check up Monday afternoon and she is thought to be doing satisfactorily following her recent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams, Martina and Anette, spent Christmas holidays in Portales, New Mexico, with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben McAllister. They spent Monday in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bigham and Rickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schofield and Janna Karol, of Canyon, spent the week end here with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schofield and Jodie in Flo-mot and with Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey. Janna Karol remained here for a longer visit with her grandparents, the McJimseys.

Gene and Dwain Ledbetter, of Amarillo, and George McJimsey spent the week end with friends in Moran.

Tom Dozier and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hinson and children, of Gruver, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jasper and family. The entire group were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Calloway and Gay Lynn on Monday. Other dinner guests were Mrs. P. D. Jasper and Dawn and Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Bomar and children. The late Mrs. Dozier was a cousin to Alva Jasper and Mrs. Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell were in Lubbock on Monday.

A Ledbetter family dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, Jr. in Amarillo on Christmas day. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter and Mr. and Mrs. Irving McJimsey, Silvertown. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beabout, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goff and daughter, Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Freeman, of Fort Worth. The Ledbetter family formerly lived here for many years.

Christmas day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel and family, were Mrs. Cross McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Loudermilk, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWatters and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bingham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ray Martin and family, Silvertown, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, Quitaque.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts and David, of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Vaughan and family of Amarillo, spent Christmas Eve night with Mrs. J. E. Vaughan. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughan, Ronny and Danny, enjoyed seven o'clock

dinner and the family Christmas tree with the group. Mrs. J. E. Vaughan is the mother of Mrs. Smalts and the Messrs. Vaughan.

Mrs. John Vaughan is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappel left Christmas Eve day for St. Jo where they planned to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gaston, and sons. They planned to visit other relatives before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marshall were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Kay and Jo in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mercer of Phillips, spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mercer.

Those enjoying Sunday dinner in the Barney Stephens home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isbell and daughters, Estes Park, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stephens and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Whitehead. Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Whitehead and daughters, of Tulia, spent part of the day in the Stephens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. King are spending a visit with her stepmother, Mrs. Denton, in Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stephens

and children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ritchey, in Dalhart.

Jerry McGinnis and a couple of friends from the Amarillo AFB spent two days with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens during Christmas holidays.

Barney Stephens was called to DeLeon because of the serious illness of his brother-in-law, R. C. McGinnis; he returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Rhoderick, Sr. were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rhoderick and family in Plainview. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. F.

Rhoderick and family, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Johnson and daughters, of Quitaque; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rhoderick and son, of Aiken; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr and family, of Barton, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Marshall and Patti, of Lubbock, and Jim Marshall, of W.T.S.C. Canyon, have been visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Marshall, during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown and sons spent Christmas day in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Olen Pierce. The ladies are sisters.

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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

If the Bible is the very word of God as all Christians believe, it is of the utmost importance that every child of God should have at least a general and correct knowledge of this, the greatest library in the world. Today we are passing through a world revolution in many ways and are soon to come face to face with other religions that know not God and our Christ as we know them. Then, too, there is an increasing number of religious sects that differ widely from the Church which Christ established that if Christianity is to survive we must get back to the blessed old book and walk in its ways, that our faith shall not rest on any word of man, but upon "Him in whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

"Rightly dividing (or handling aright) the word of truth" is our text. All competent teachers of the Bible recognize that the first great essential is a correct knowledge of its different parts or divisions. It is all the word of God, but the fact that the 66 books of which it is composed were written over a period of several hundred years, and addressed to different peoples in widely different conditions, has everything to do with understanding its meaning and its applicability in this day. Hoping we might be of help to some beginners in this study, we are setting down an elementary sketch of the natural divisions of God's Book.

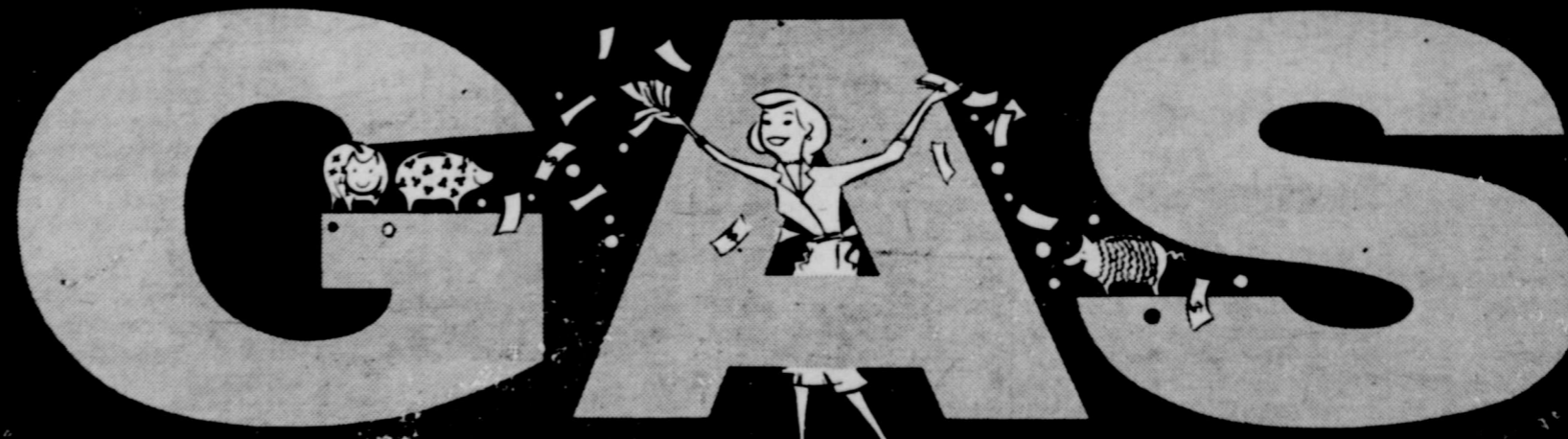
First, are the two general divisions of the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament naturally divides itself into four parts: (1) Law—first five books of the Bible; (2) History—the next twelve books; (3) Devotional—the next five books; and (4) the 17 books of prophecy. The four natural divisions of the New Testament are (1) Biography—the first four books; (2) History of the early church—Acts of the Apostles; (3) Epistles—next 21 books and (4) Revelations—the last book in the Bible.

Gentle reader, of this you may rest assured: there is no equal for this unadorned volume which graces the libraries and firesides of more homes than ever before. As we contemplate the tremendous importance of eternal salvation to a lost world, we humbly submit this simple lesson, hoping for a greater interest in this "BOOK OF BOOKS" in this dark and troubled hour.

You have an invitation to attend the services of the Silvertown Church of Christ.

L. L. Thornton, Minister
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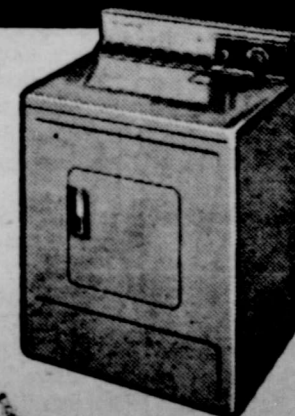
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Are you doing the things that you want to do, or are you doing the things that other people think you should? Are you more interested in what people think of you than you are in doing the things that are right? Of course, no one likes to be different! It seems to be a basic instinct to want to follow the crowd, to be one of them. Still it is the people who have dared to be different that have left their mark in the world. No one should be unhappy if he runs into resentment or ridicule. He should be sure that he is right then go ahead. It takes courage to be different, but there is also an art to it. It is a gentle art, an unobtrusive art, but it requires real skill. It is the art of not antagonizing people unnecessarily by your differentness. Some times people

cover up their fear of being different with an air of superiority. The truth is, you can do almost anything and get away with it, so long as you do not give your neighbor the impression that you consider him beneath you because he does not do it too. One classic example most of us know is Billy Mitchell. His concept of air power during World War II was prophetic—and correct. Unfortunately, he could not conceal his conviction that anyone who disagreed with him was a fool. As a result, his hopes and dreams were thwarted for years; he did not live to see their fulfillment.

BE AS DIFFERENT AS YOU LIKE, BUT BE TOLERANT OF THE PERSON WHO DIFFERS FROM YOU.

Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Seaney and children at Masterson and transacted business in Amarillo on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charlie Holt has been a patient in the Lockney hospital several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thornton went to Dallas on Monday to visit Theodore Strange and Mrs. Robert McJimsey and their families there. Mr. Strange and Mrs. McJimsey both underwent surgery in Dallas hospitals last week.

Charles Cowart was moved from the Lockney hospital to the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Tuesday. Further tests are being made to determine the cause of his illness. He has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for about two

weeks. Mrs. Cowart went to Lubbock with her husband.

Mrs. James Whitfield entered the Nichols Hospital in Lockney on Tuesday where she planned to undergo surgery.

Mary Welch is a patient in the Lockney hospital this week. She injured her back in a fall at school on Friday of last week. Her mother, Mrs. Wade Welch, has been staying at the hospital part of the time.

LaGuan Thompson received X-rays and medical treatment in Tulia Monday for a badly sprained ankle, injured while she was at school.

Jani Beth Guest, of Floydada, spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty, Troy and LaQuetta.

Funeral Service Held For Mrs. Harmon

Funeral services for Mrs. Dana Thomas Harmon were held in the Chapel of the Carter Funeral Home in Lockney on January 5, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Richard Jones, minister of the Episcopal Church in Plainview, officiating. Mrs. Harmon was the daughter of Dr. D. J. Thomas, an early pioneer physician in Lockney.

She is survived by a daughter and a granddaughter, of Dallas and a grandson of New York. Also surviving are three sisters and several nieces and nephews, among whom are Mrs. Johnny Emmitt, of Tulia; Mr. Charles I. Simpson, of Plainview; Mr. Thomas O. Simpson, of Lockney, and Mrs. Carver Monroe, of Silvertown.

March Of Time Study Club Holds Meeting

The March of Time Study Club met January 7, 1960, in the Clubroom for the Annual Meeting. Hostess for the meeting was Mrs. Clarence Anderson.

Mrs. Alvie Mayfield gave the invocation and "Our Club Collect" was given by Mrs. Roy Mayfield. Slides of the State Headquarters Building were shown by Mrs. E. Posey.

A written report of the duties performed during the last year was given by each officer of the club.

Election of officers was held and the following were elected:

President—Mrs. Alvie Mayfield; First Vice-President—Mrs. Ben Whitfill; Second Vice President—Mrs. Marvin Montague; Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Lee; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Fred Mercer; Treasurer—Mrs. E. Posey; Reporter—Mrs. J. W. Lyon, Jr.; Parliamentarian—Mrs. Roy Mayfield.

The chairman appointed the year committee for next year, Mrs. True Burson, Mrs. Troy Burson, and Mrs. Rex Dickerson.

UNDERGOES HEART SURGERY

Mrs. Robert McJimsey underwent heart surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas on Wednesday of last week. She is reported to be doing exceptionally well.

Mr. McJimsey was there for the operation and was still there early this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self went down later and came home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutton and Sue McJimsey spent the week end in Dallas visiting Sue's parents, the Robert McJimseys.

George Wayne Rampley of Roswell spent Sunday and Monday here. He came to return home his wife and children who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Deleath Peugh of Amarillo, are parents of a baby son, David Wayne, born at Northwest Texas Hospital on Thursday December 31, weight 7 pounds and 4 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Woodward of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Peugh are the grandparents. Mrs. Jewel Kirk of Amarillo and Mrs. W. M. Peugh, of Portales, are great grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer were in Lubbock on Thursday of last week to visit Noble Lyde at the Methodist Hospital. Mr. Lyde, brother-in-law of Mrs. Comer, had a heart attack on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Badgett returned home Thursday evening of last week after having been away since early in September. Mrs. Frank King of Houston, brought them home and is spending a few days here. Mrs. Badgett has spent all of her time in Houston with the Kings. Mr. Badgett spent most of his time in Charlottesville, Va., with Dr. and Mrs. Ed Younger and daughter, but spent the Christmas holidays in Houston in the King home. Mmes. King and Younger are daughters of the Badgetts. Both Mr. and Mrs. Badgett are much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Amburn of Tulia and Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Carman G. Rhode and family.

Toni Rhode attended a meeting of officers of the South Plains Student Council held at Wayland College, Plainview, on Saturday.

Mmes. L. C. Yates, W. H. Newman and E. C. Newman took Mrs. Ben Martin to Roaring Springs on Thursday of last week where she planned to visit her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. McIlroy for a few days before going to her

home in Pampa. Mrs. Martin, a former resident of Silvertown, has visited friends here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Minyard and family have moved to Brownfield. Travis was employed here by Mr. George Long.

Funeral Services Held For Pioneer Rancher-Banker

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 8, in Clarendon for James Langston (Jim) McMurtry, 80, pioneer rancher and banker, at the First Methodist Church with Dr. E. D. Landreth of Amarillo and Rev. C. M. Ryan, pastor, officiating.

Born in Denton County on June 2, 1880, Mr. McMurtry came to the Panhandle of Texas in 1900. Before going into the cattle business himself, he worked for J. E. Williams near LeFors, and for the JA and RO ranches. At the time of his death he was one of the most widely known cattlemen in this region of Texas.

In 1906, Mr. McMurtry was one of the original organizers of the Donley County State Bank in Clarendon, which he served as vice president at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Beulah Dodson in 1911, who survives him. Beginning in the cattle business, Charlie McMurtry, a brother, was in partnership with Jim, a business association which lasted until 1949.

Mr. McMurtry had been a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association since 1910.

Pallbearers were Cap Morris, Pete Kunz and George Benson, Clarendon; Jess Kemp, Clifford Allison, Buford Blackwell and Rex Long, of McLean; and Newton Harrell, of Claude. Burial was in Citizen's Cemetery at Clarendon.

Among the survivors are six brothers, including Ed McMurtry of Vigo Park and A. L. McMurtry of Silvertown.

Those attending the funeral from Silvertown were A. L. McMurtry, Wayne McMurtry, Mrs. Theron Crass, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Bomar, Rev. G. A. Elrod, J. E. Wheelock, Dick Bomar, Pete Chitty and Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt.

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