

Six Drilling Locations Announced

Sherman County has six new drilling locations for potential gas wells.

Phillips Petroleum Co. No. 1 Aycock is 2,427 feet from the north and 2,483 feet from the west lines of section 110 in Block 1-C.

Samrock Oil and Gas Corporation Price et al D No. 29 is 1,420 feet from the north and 1,910 feet from the west lines of section 23 in Block 2-B. Potential depth of the well is 3,500 feet.

Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation Price et al D No. 30 is 1,320 feet from the north and west lines of section 31 in Block 2-B. Potential depth of the well is 3,500 feet.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corporation Price et al D 31 is 1,320 feet from the north and west lines of section 31 in Block 2-B. Potential depth of the well is 3,500 feet.

Shamrock Oil & Gas Corporation Price et al D No. 32 is 1,320 feet from the north and east lines of section 49 in Block 2-B. The potential depth of the well is 3,500 feet.

Blue bonnet Oil Corporation Pronger Brothers No. 1 is 330 feet from the north and east lines of section 298 in Block 1-T. The potential depth of the well is 3,000 feet.

9 Completions Tested
Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Cartrite No. 1 in section 7 of Block 3-T has a deliverability test of 1,097 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 388 pounds.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Coombes No. 1 in section 374 of Block 1-T, has a deliverability test of 9,223 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 365 pounds.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Gladish No. 1 in section 306 of Block 1-T, has a deliverability test of 11,310 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 349 pounds.

Tascosa Gas Company Boney No. 1 in section 8 of Block 3-E has a deliverability test of 1,929 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 405 pounds.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Lee No. 10 has a potential test of 3,110 million cubic feet of gas from a depth of 3,204 feet.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Inc. Arthur No. 1 in section 24 of Block 3-T, has a deliverability test of 2,668 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 405 pounds.

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries Inc. Jessie No. 1 in section 8 of Block 3-T has a deliverability test of .640 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 404 pounds.

Tascosa Gas Co. Frei No. 1 in section 93 of Block 1-C has a deliverability test of .761 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 399 pounds.

Tascosa Gas Company Parker No. 1 in section 119 of Block 1-C has a deliverability test of 748 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 408 pounds.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Payne, Campo, Colorado, are the parents of a five pound fourteen ounce daughter, Linda Burlene, born Monday in Hamilton Clinic at Springfield, Colorado.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends whose acts of kindness in sending Christmas cards, and foods, not only during the past few days, but all during the long illness of our loved one, which made each day of her illness brighter. May God bless you all.

Earl Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith
And Children,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith
And Children,
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray
and Julia.

APPRECIATION

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the many friends for their kind deeds and goodness to our sister and aunt.

Ruby and Dud Webb
And Children.

The elephant is one animal that cannot get all four feet off the ground at the same time.

Last Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Earl Smith

Funeral services for Mrs. Earl Smith, 56 years of age, were conducted at the First Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon by Rev. H. A. Nichols, pastor, assisted by Rev. John Reaves, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Smith passed away Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock after a lingering illness of two and one-half years.

Mrs. Smith was born in Collins County, Texas, moving to Stratford with her parents at an early age. On January 6, 1913, she was married to Earl Smith. To this union three children were born: Mrs. Harold Gray, J. W. Smith, and Jack Smith, all of whom survive.

Most of her life was devoted to her family. In 1947 she started her business venture, the Stratford Floral Shop. She was associated in this business enterprise with her husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray.

Survivors besides her husband and children are: three sisters, Mrs. G. A. Webb, Fowler, Colorado, Mrs. Walter Clements, Dalhart, and Mrs. Ralph Sloan, Alberta, Canada; three brothers, George Ritchie, Monterey, California, E. D. Ritchie, San Antonio, Texas, and Sam Mills, Catossa, Oklahoma; a nephew, Roy McAdams, Lovington, New Mexico, and five grandchildren.

All of the relatives except E. D. and Georg Ritchie, and Sam Mills were present at the funeral.

Burial was made in the Stratford cemetery under the supervision of Wilson Funeral Directors.

Minute Meditation

(By Ferguson C. Pollycutt)

It has been stated frequently that "the road to Hell is paved with good intentions." And I might add, as we stand here at the threshold of another year, that some of the "paving stones" may very well be made of broken New Year's resolutions!

From general observation, year after year, it is evident that many resolutions are made only to be broken. And yet we do not want to be like the man who, when asked what he planned to resolve for the New Year, answered, "Nothing, I'm perfect!"

I am afraid that most of us miss the mark when it comes to perfection! However, this does not excuse us from trying. I feel certain that God expects us to try and live up to the best of our potential. Of course we fall along the way. But we must not permit ourselves to become discouraged and disheartened to the extent of not caring. For, when we cease to be concerned about our spiritual growth and development, we have lost the only thing of real value in life!

Our Creator put us on this world for only one reason; and that is to prepare for an everlasting fellowship with Him. And that process of change from finite to infinite begins right now. This is our one and only opportunity!

And so, as we are blessed with the unlimited opportunities of a New Year, may we take time to review the past and discover where mistakes were made. Then, let us resolve to do a better job of living in the future. Forget the past; it can never be re-lived! And with renewed determination, let us enter into this New Year resolved to grow better and better in a manner worthy of the trust God has placed in us!

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Square Dancers Invited To XIT Dance

The Stratford Square Dance Club has been invited to attend the XIT Square Dance Club Jamboree in Dalhart Saturday night, December 29. Members of the club who are interested in attending the Dalhart dance are requested to meet at the American Legion Hall at 7:00 o'clock Saturday night.

THE STRATFORD STAR

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\$150,000 School Bond Election Saturday

Voters in the Stratford Independent School District will approve or reject a proposed \$150,000 bond issue Saturday in an election which would authorize the bonds for the purpose of adding six class rooms to the elementary school building and the construction of a swimming pool.

Due to the increase in the amount of taxable property in the school district it will be possible to pay off the proposed bonds without increasing the tax valuation of property in the district.

The Stratford Independent School District operates on the state and county tax rate. Most school districts have a higher rate.

Increased taxable property in the district is largely represented by new gas wells and pipe lines which have been completed.

In 1948 when the present elementary school building was erected, the Stratford school district had a tax valuation of less than four million dollars. Bonds issued at that time for the erection of the building were for as much as the tax value of the property in the district would justify. This year the value of taxable property in the Stratford Independent School District has risen to a little more than nine million dollars.

Taxes from the additional property in the school district will be sufficient to retire the bonds for the construction of the needed six class rooms and the construction of a modern swimming pool, spokesmen for the School Board stated this week.

Enrollment in the Stratford School is rapidly reaching numbers which require two class rooms for each of the classes in grade school. Eighth grade students have been housed in the crowded high school building in recent years. The proposed addition to the Stratford School building would make possible the housing of all grade pupils in the grammar school building and leave sufficient space for high school students in the high school building.

Top corn yield in the corn hybrid production contest for 1951 in Texas was made by Harold Watkins, a Red River county 4-H club boy. His per acre yield was 165.4 bushels. This compares with the state average of 19.5 bushels per acre.

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Mrs. Joy Smith Hospitalized In Dumas

Mrs. Joy Smith was rushed to Dumas Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon suffering from internal hemorrhage. Several blood transfusions have been given and she is reported to be in an improved condition.

The most productive parts of the farm should be planted to cash crops. The use of fertilizers and effective insect control measures will help increase the yield per acre.

U. S. Must Build Civil Defense

RURAL AMERICA HAS IMPORTANT PART IN PROTECTING HOME FRONT

(This is the second of a series of articles on civil defense, based on the booklet "This Is Civil Defense" prepared by the Federal Civil Defense Administration. It may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for ten cents.)

By MILLARD CALDWELL
Federal Civil Defense Administrator

Even if forewarned of war, our armed forces cannot prevent attack, for there is no sure way of keeping enemy planes from getting through our defenses.

The enemy's first objective would be to upset the war efforts of the civilian population, as well as to destroy property and to kill and injure people. His aim would be to make you quit, leave your jobs, desert your homes and start panic among you. Panic can take a tremendous toll of lives. It also can bring production to a stand-still.

It is the task of the civil defense to organize and train millions of Americans so that each one will be prepared to render the best protective service at the moment it is needed.

Your aim should be to accept that training so that you will know how to rescue the trapped and injured, know how to work with volunteer fire-fighting units, know how to prevent panic and know how to perform any of the specific duties of civil defense, particularly those you have indicated, in your training, that you are best qualified to do.

There are ways to save thousands of people from the effects of blast, radioactivity and heat from the atomic bomb. There are ways to take shelter, to rescue the trapped and injured, and ways to cut fire losses to a minimum. Organized civil defense can do those things.

The atomic bomb is too expensive to use purposefully on a farm community. However, this relative freedom from attack only adds to the responsibility of the people who live in such areas. Civilians away from the target area will be better able, mentally and physically, to cope with situations of disaster.

Farm People Equipped
With cars, trucks and tractors available, farm people are well equipped to aid any stricken area within their reach. Mobile support, rescue and evacuation work are phases of civil defense that rural folk are especially qualified to do. To do any of them without confusion and delay, you must be organized and trained.

(The next article will discuss what would happen if an A-bomb fell on your city without civil defense.)

PTA Meeting Announced For January 3

A meeting of the Stratford Parent-Teacher Association will be held Thursday, January 3, at 7:00 P. M. in the school auditorium. County Judge Bob Ferguson will be the main speaker.

At the close of the meeting members will retire to the school cafeteria where refreshments will be served and games of "42" will be enjoyed.

Entertain With Dance For Younger Set

Misses Beth Pemberton, Marjory Mathews, Cynthia Gamble and Jo Wayne Harding were hostesses Wednesday night at a formal dance given in the American Legion Hall. Christmas decorations were used to carry out the holiday theme. The table was centered with an attractive arrangement of red carnations, small white reindeer and holly. Beth Pemberton and Douglas Carter received the guests and assisted them in signing the guest book. Punch and cookies were served throughout the evening to the following guests: Bobby Lovelace, Lyle Wakefield, Alvin Bachman, Leah Price, Douglas Carter, Jimmy Whittenburg, Carroll Reed, Jeanne Price, Jimmy Davis, Billy Keener, Ray Grimes, Joe Everett, Sherrydon Keener, Johnny Summerour, Gene Glazener, Marion

Sears, Charlie Boren, Gaynelle Parker, Fred Green, Mary Nan Davis, Fin Ramon, Tommy Ed Wakefield, Gordie Ramon, Norma Kerns, Cotton Williams, Carroll Ann Parvin, Jean Beth Keener, Betty Jo Huggins, Gary Parsons, Gene Marshall, Jerry Sherrod, Billy Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bain, Jimmy Ingham, Jack Reed, Bob Garoutte, Johnny Lyons, Richard Bachman, Lloyd King, Sherry Goule, Balon Davis, Martha Plunk, Feliz Ramon, Timmie Lu Williams, Shirley Plunk, Rita Neal, Lynne Reeder, Ada Belle Knight, Nanette Cummings, Joy Armstrong, Jean Cummings, James Crawford, Helen Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cotney, Dorothy Nell Harding, Buddy Palmer, John Harrison, Carl Ritchey, Billy McMinn, Jean Reynolds, and Bill Riffe.

The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Gamble, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding.

Governor Urges March Of Dimes Aid

Governor Allan Shivers emphasized the impact of polio on the family, community, state and nation in officially designating the period from January 2-31 for the 1952 March of Dimes.

In an official memorandum, bearing the Seal of Texas, which was signed December 26, the Chief Executive cited the heavy expenditures of March of Dimes funds by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in combatting four consecutive years of heavy polio incidence.

"As a result of these attacks," said Governor Shivers' statement, "thousands of patients from previous years as well as approximately 75% of those stricken during 1951 have required financial assistance from the National Foundation for infantile Paralysis."

"No one can predict when this upward curve of polio incidence will be curbed. Thursday play starts at 3:00 P. M. when Pampa "B" meets Panhandle, and at 4:15 Lefors plays Groom. Thursday night Phillips, Happy and Stratford go into action against some of the first round winners. Three sessions will be held on Friday and Saturday with the finals on Saturday night starting at 7:00 P. M.

The Claude Mother's Club will serve food in the High School Home Making Department. J. C. Knowles, J. I. Kimmins, and Norman Trimble are the tournament referees.

Texans Give Support To Christmas Seals
Dr. David McCullough of Kerrville, president of the Texas Tuberculosis Association, expresses the Association's appreciation to Texans for their generous support of the 1951 Christmas Seals Sale conducted by the Texas Tuberculosis Association and its 97 affiliated groups throughout the State to raise funds for tuberculosis control.

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6 Miles FM Road Designated For County

Six miles of paving will extend from the end of Farm-to-Market Road 845 south to Farm-to-Market Road 1573, has been approved for Sherman County on the Farm-to-Market paving program, it was announced this week by D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer.

The proposed paving contract is subject to the availability of funds in the Farm-to-Market Road Fund of the State Highway Department as established by Senate Bill 827, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature and appropriated by House Bill 426, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, for the improvement of Farm-to-Market Roads by the Texas Highway Department during the biennium from September 1, 1951 to August 31, 1953, and subject to the further condition that Sherman County will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the State.

Upon acceptance of the provisions of this order by the proper officials of Sherman County the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the preparation of plans for construction and when right-of-way and funds are available to proceed with construction and to assume the road for maintenance upon completion of construction.

Elks To Play In Claude Tournament

Twelve of the Panhandle's best boys basketball teams are all ready for the ninth annual North Plains Invitation Tournament to be held at Claude on January 2, 3, 4, and 5. These four days are the same as last year with the big tournament getting under way at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday, January 2. A total of 2 games will be played with each team guaranteed two games at least.

Schools entering teams are: Groom, White Deer, Phillips, Gruver, Lefors, Happy, Canyon, Panhandle, Stinnett, Stratford, Pampa "B", and Claude. This list should insure the Claude meet of being one of the strongest invitation tournaments in the Panhandle. As of now favorites seem to be Canyon and Phillips with Stratford, Gruver, and Happy not far behind. However some of the schools with long football seasons may round into shape in time to show up stronger than expected.

The Claude girls team, defending Class B State Championships, will play exhibition games on Friday and Saturday nights. The strong McLean girls team will play on Friday night and the Gruver High lassies will play on the Saturday night of the finals.

Five large and very handsome trophies are to be given to the boys and are now on display. Opening play on Wednesday night will see White Deer against Stinnett at 7:30, and then Claude's boys will tangle with Gruver at 8:45 P. M.

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"THE WORLD IS LOOKING FOR THE SUNRISE"



So Others May Play

(By Rolena Johns Graham)

I'm just a little shaver and of course folks don't pay much attention to me but, Mister, I'm just like all kids. I like base-

ball and football and you know what, once when our team scored I got so excited I swallowed my chewing gum.

I like marbles, gosh you ought to see my aggies. I like funnies, too, and I'd like to romp with my dog Stumpy. Daddy says he's not much of a dog but all the same I like him, he un-

derstands me. When I sit all quiet like he sneaks up close to me. Some times he sits up on his haunches and whines like he is saying he is sorry, and sometimes he just licks my hand. Yes, Stumpy understands.

I'll bet my Daddy is the best fisherman ever was. We used to go way up in the mountains to fish. Soon as we got the things unpacked we'd stick trout flies all over his hat and Mother would say, "Jim, don't you ever dare make fun of my hats." Then he'd put his hat on all crooked and say, "Come on Jimmy, this is no place for a couple of he-men. Let's go fishing." He would grab my hand and a-way we'd go and I'd almost split my pants trying to take long steps like Daddy.

When we'd get to a good looking spot, little quiet pools or ripples, Daddy would pull his waders up around his hips, step down into the stream and then wink at me and say, "Watch sharp, Jimmy, I'll show you how to catch 'em. I'm going to catch the granddaddy and he'd say, "Nope, I changed my mind. I'm going to leave old granddaddy right here for you to catch when you get big enough to wear my waders."

I wish you could see my Daddy shoot birds, Mister. I'll bet he's the best dog-gone shooter in the country, maybe in the whole world. He was teaching me to shoot. He used to call me Jimmy Retriever because when he'd shoot a bird in a grain field I'd get it for him. Sometimes I'd pick most of the feathers off, they were so soft and pretty and I liked to see them flutter away in the wind.

We used to have a lot of fun, Mom and Dad and Sue and me. But, well, things have changed at our home. Dad and Mom keep trying awfully hard to laugh like they used to but it doesn't sound the same, it isn't bubbly any more, leastwise not to me.

You see, Mister, I guess I won't ever romp with Stumpy any more. And I won't be able to wear Waddy's waders or catch that old granddaddy fish. I won't be able to go shooting or retrieve Daddy's birds. And I can't play marbles, or do any of the things boys like to do, like play baseball or football.

And Sue, well Sue was my sister, Sue isn't here any more. Sue and I had polio and Sue, well she died. Me? well, they say I won't ever walk again. So you see, Mister, how things have changed.

All I can do now is read the funnies, listen to the radio, and rub old Stumpy's head. Good thing I can use my hands, isn't it? I told you Stumpy understands, he gets as close to me as he can and looks right at me as if he was saying, I know all about it, Jimmy, I miss Sue too, I know you can't play, but I'm right here by your side.

Folks won't pay much attention to what I say but they'll listen to you. So please won't you tell them not to forget to do their share! They don't mean to forget I guess. They sure wouldn't if they knew just how a guy feels when he sees other fellows running and playing, doing all the things he'd love to do, but can't ever do again. Makes a fellow feel all shivery and cold and achey inside. Sometimes when Daddy and I went fishing or hunting and walked a long way I'd cry a little at night because my legs ached. Now sometimes I cry because they won't ever ache any more from playing or walking.

A lot of the kids who have polio run and play again. But some die, like Sue, and some won't walk again, like me. But a lot more of them will live to walk and play again if people will just remember to give to the March of Dimes.

So please, Mister, won't you tell them about Sue and me and tell them not to forget. Tell them not to let the polio kids down. The next one might be theirs.

Devotional Gems

(By N. D. Carter)

In Jude's Epistle, verse four, we read "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Let us note that the Apostle did not say "a" faith or "one of the" faiths, but "the" faith. This faith that he is speaking of is the faith that is revealed and outlined in the

gospel. The Bible reveals only one way of salvation; there has never been but one way of salvation in both the Old and the New Testament. It is a certainty that the faith spoken of here is the way of the New Dispensation and it is also the way of the Old Testament, for they are the same as far as the salvation is concerned, see Gellatians, chapter three. The same faith that saved The Old Testament Saints save us today, that is faith in the Savior that God himself has provided. The only difference is that they looked forward to the deliver-

ance and we look back to it, because when Christ was delivered, he was delivered once and for all. There is sufficient word in the Bible for all to find the true way of faith and practice.

Beloved, this way is the faith that we are to earnestly contend for. Any person who will take God's word and sincerely strive to find and hold to God's way will find that rest spoken of by Jesus in the eleventh chapter of Matthew, for it is written "seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." In studying the whole Epistle of Jude we learn that he might

well have said, earnestly contend for the faith that was delivered of God and not of men.

The Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee offers this word of warning. Every citizen is urged to practice and observe the rules of safety during the holiday season. Acting without thinking, and carelessness in general, will take the lives of many Texans during the period. Make it your business to keep accidents from happening to you or your family, urges the Committee.

Corn-cob-and-shuck meal, ground peanut hulls, dehydrated green cotton stalks and gin trash are some of the emergency roughages now being fed by Texas livestock producers. Some are low in quality but may be used if fed with other roughages of higher quality and a protein supplement such as cottonseed meal.

J. P. Powell M. D.

Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat
Dalhart — Texas



Stratford Abstract Company



YOUNG AMERICA GROWS UP . . . Transcontinental travelers were allowed 10 minutes for refreshments at way stations along the line. In this 1886 lithograph, a restive conductor holds his watch while the train bell tolls a warning for passengers to return to their seats in two minutes.



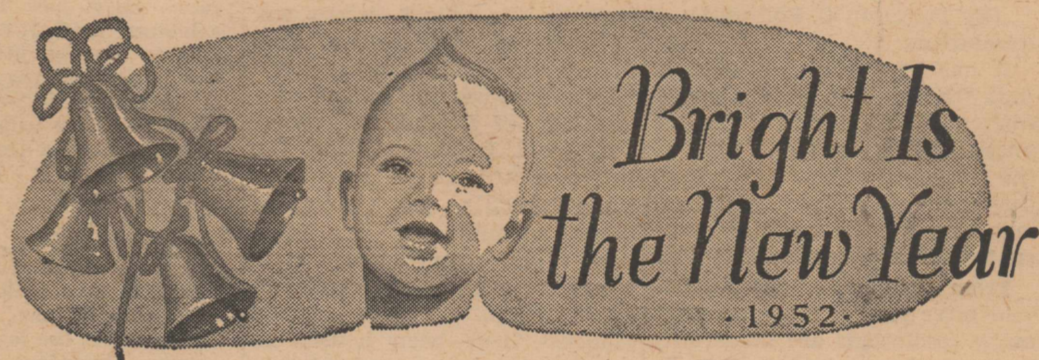
Bill's Service Station

W. S. "Bill" Frizzell, Jr.



Our most sincere wishes for your continued health, happiness and success

City Drug



The finest part of the New Year is looking ahead to your continuing friendship in the future...

...and looking back to the heart-warming association we have enjoyed in days past.

The Stratford Star

Think About These For 1952

COLLEGE STATION — Farmers and farm families are faced with a challenge for the coming year that can best be met through planning and more efficient production. The level of farm prices is edging down-

ward; but the prices of materials, equipment, labor and other things that farmers buy are edging upward. At the same time, more and more agricultural production is needed to take care of a growing population at home and to meet foreign demands.

This situation, says C. H. Bates, farm management specialist for the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service, calls for careful planning if the present farm living standards are to be maintained. Crop yields must be increased and every job on the farm should be studied for the purpose of cutting down on expense and labor requirements, adds Bates.

When the farm plans are made, the specialist suggests that they include the use of the highest yielding adaptable crop varieties. Research workers of our experiment stations are continually introducing new and improved varieties of crops and as these are tested and planting seed becomes available, Bates says, substitute them for the varieties now grown. The new corn hybrids and grain sorghums are examples.

He says the most productive part of the farm should be planted to cash crops. If you are in an area of the state where commercial fertilizers can be successfully used, get your fertilizers early and apply them generously. To help make their use even more profitable, he suggests that before the planting season rolls around that soil samples be submitted to the state laboratory for analysis. Local county Extension agents have detailed information on how to take and mail the samples to the laboratory.

Don't forget to include in your production plans, provisions for taking care of the insect enemies. Book orders now for enough insecticides to take care of your minimum needs. Planting seed should be treated to control seed borne diseases

MAYOR McGUP By John Jarvis



and then follow through with a good insect control program for better yields and quality in the crops, says Bates.

Another mighty important item is timing. Plan your production program for the farm so that peak labor loads can be avoided and so every piece of machinery and equipment can be used to the best advantage.

Finally, the specialist urges the use of good business methods in managing the farm. Farm records are a must. And Bates points out that detailed records should be the basis for making major changes in farm operations and practices. Complete records are also mighty useful about this time of the year for income tax figuring purposes, he adds.

Joe A. Doby, Dial 3431. 4-tfc

Long distance household moving. Years of service your guarantee of satisfaction. —Bruce &

WANTED: 100,000 Rats and Mice to Kill with Ray's Rat and Mouse Killer. Also Rays Warfarin, guaranteed. — Yates Drug. 5-tfc

54 LP Gas Service — Butane and Propane — Everett Riggs, Phone 4181. 38-tfc

NEW MODELS of the Kelvinator Refrigerators and Home Freezers now in stock. — Van B. Boston. 42-tfc

FOR SALE: 10-room frame house with 2 baths and modern 3-room garage apartment on two corner lots, corner Third and Chestnut. Call 4366 or see Eugene McDaniel. 5-tfc

WE HAVE PLENTY of Barb Wire at regular price. — Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. 3-tfc

EX-CEL-CIS PRODUCTS, Cosmetics of Distinction For Home Beauty Treatment. Dial 2411, Bonar residence. 7-tfc

IF IT RUNS on Gas or Electricity and it won't work, call us. We specialize in service. —

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Roxy Theatre

STRATFORD, TEXAS
SHOW TIME

BOX OFFICE OPENS

6:45 P. M. Week Days

Feature Starts at 7:00 P. M.

5:15 P. M. Saturdays

2:15 P. M. Sundays

DECEMBER 29

The Magic Carpet

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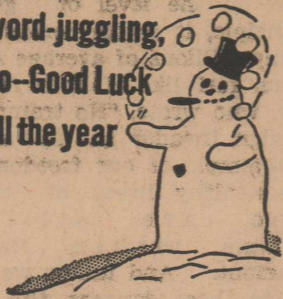
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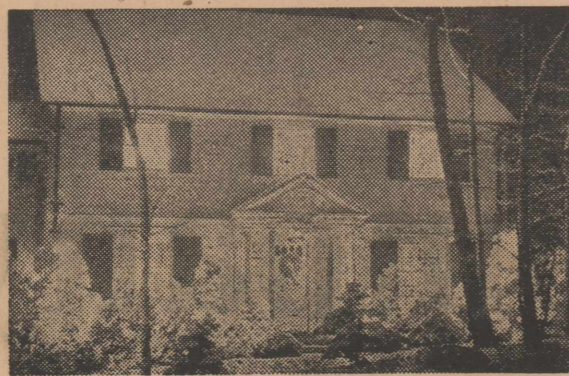


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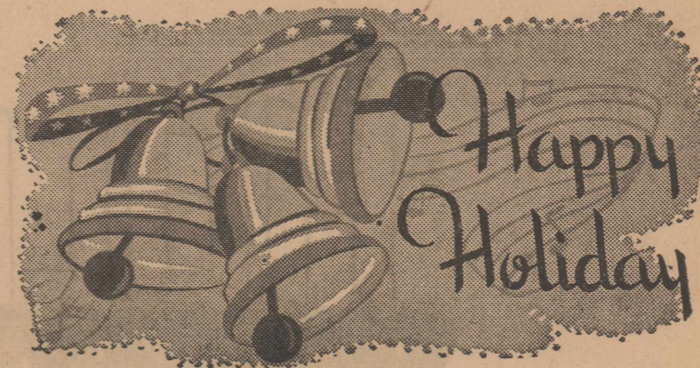
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Economic Highlights

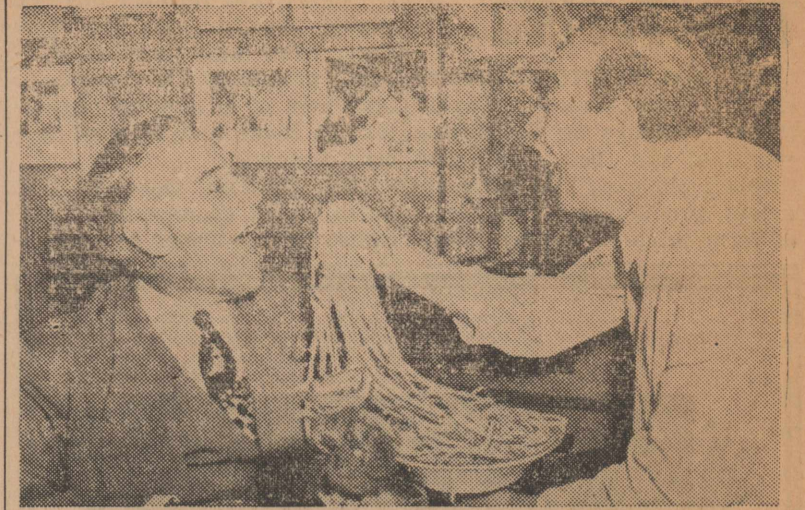
It's a safe bet that nothing since World War II, with the single exception of the Korean conflict, has so thoroughly rock-

ed this country as the graft revelations. And, according to reports on the contents of Congressional mail from the folks back home, nothing has so shocked and revolted the people. Democratic party chairman McKinney recently said that he

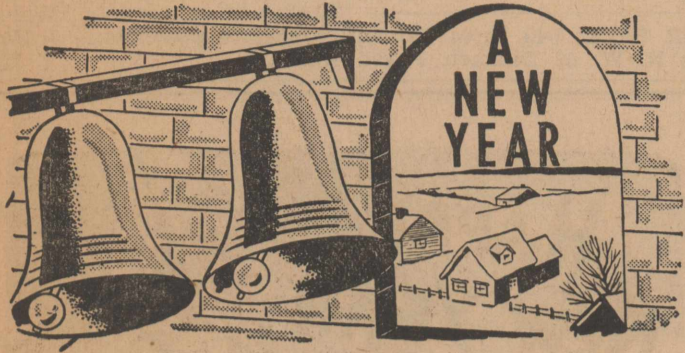


HEN ADOPTS KITTENS . . . This hen took over the maternal duties of the family cat of Mrs. D. Bailey of Melbourne, Australia. The kittens seem to like the change.

Only about three per cent of United States is naturally red-headed the adult population of the headed.



ENTANGLING ALLIANCE? . . . Rep. Sterling Cole (R., N. Y.) enjoys fettuccini noodles in Rome, Italy.



**NEW FAITH,
NEW COURAGE--
MAY IT COME
TO YOU
IN ABUNDANCE**

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is sure the scandals will not be an issue of the 1952 campaign, on the grounds that the President and other Democrats are handling the situation, and will clean everything up neatly in short order. This, in the view of most observers, is whistling in the dark with a vengeance. The graft has been going on too long, and too many people in key Administration jobs are directly or indirectly involved. On top of that, it was a junior Republican senator, Williams of Delaware, who cracked open the tax frauds and has seen to it that the investigation kept going. And it is an interesting fact that some Democrats who have done valiant work on behalf of high ethical standards in government — such as Senators Kefauver and Douglas — are persona non grata at the White House.

The reaction of the American press to the scandals has been one of anger — just as was the case with the scandals of the Harding administration. As a

general rule, the editorial attitude has been "turn the rascals out." This has been buttressed by most of the columnists, who are taking a similar line. And on the factual side, coverage of the news by both press and radio has been excellent.

The big thing, of course, has been the graft in the Internal Revenue Bureau. This has completely overshadowed the deep freeze and mink coat episodes, and for an excellent reason. As Robert Ruark put it, "We cannot understand a billion here, a billion there, because so few of us deal in billions that they just represent a long line of zeros. We cannot understand the deviations of the state department. The good Lord knows we cannot understand what has transpired with prices and ceilings and economics in general, because it is a solid cinch the people who perpetrate them do not understand them, either."

"But there is one thing we know, from Natchez to Mobile, and Memphis to St. Joe. Taxes

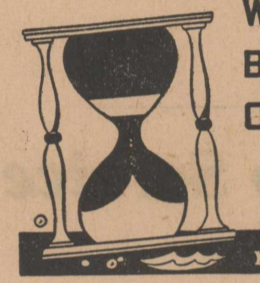
we know. I know 'em, because I owe 'em. You know 'em. You know 'em because they squeeze 'em right out of your tired old take-home, and you never get through the one year without fretting about the next."

Everyone kicks at the tax collector as a matter of course, but everyone has believed that Internal Revenue was honest as they come. Now that the Bureau as taken on the smell of an ancient fish, the general public has turned whopping mad. And on the level of general principle, it seems certain that many millions of average Americans feel like Holmes Alexander, who wrote, "No tramp of a foreign invader has so shaken the temple of our freedom like the stealthy threat of thieves who are still at large within the government. And unless we wake up to these dangers, the Communist dream of decaying democracy can become our own nightmare."



Happy New Year

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WE HOPE 1952 WILL
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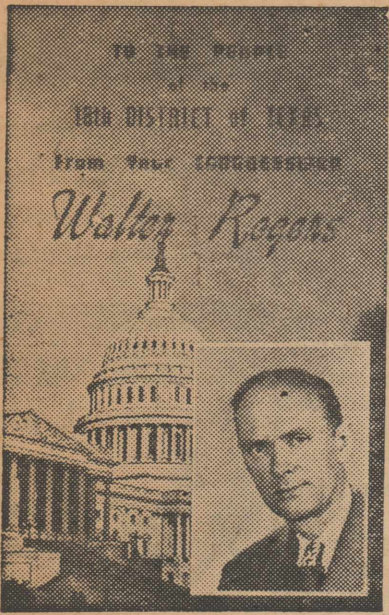


Just looking in to give our best good wishes to you and your loved ones



1952

Stratford Grain Company



This Christmas season brought great happiness to many and deep sorrow to others. The list of prisoners released by the Communists meant so much to those people whose loved ones were included in the list, and of course came as a terrific shock to the loved ones of those whose names were not listed. All of these people had spent many months hoping against hope that their loved ones had not paid the supreme sacrifice. If the list furnished by the Communists is not correct, it is one of the cruellest things that could be done by one human to another, a cruelty that could perhaps be conceived only by the mind of a person versed through the centuries in the school of cruelty and torture. Should this list prove to be incorrect, the wrong must be laid not only on the doorstep of Red China and North Korea, but also on the doorstep of Russia, there to be

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney

I'LL BE FINISHED SHOPPING SOON SO MEET ME AT 5TH AND MONROE AT FIVE-THIRTY SHARP.

OH-OH! LOOK AT THIS BIG SALE. SO THAT'S IT. BONNY WILL BE LOADED DOWN WITH PACKAGES-"GARGAINS"-AND OUR BUDGET WILL BE SHOT!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

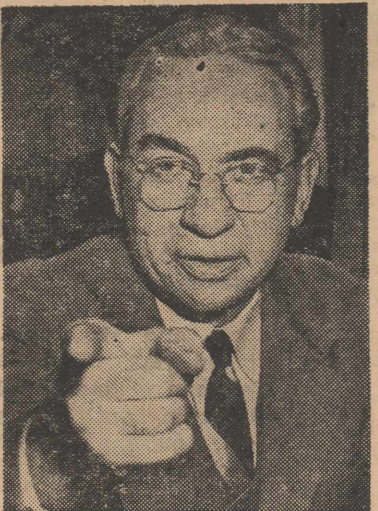
YES BONNY, DEAR.

WHY DEAR-YOU SURPRISE ME. I FIGURED YOU'D BOUGHT OUT THE STORE-SPENT A FORTUNE-BUT ALL YOU HAVE IS ONE LITTLE PACKAGE! HEH-HEH!

YES-IT'S A THIRTY DOLLAR BRACELET FOR JUST TWENTY-AND THE REST OF MY PURCHASES WILL BE DELIVERED BY TRUCK TOMORROW!

counted among many other half truths, misstatements and falsifications that can be charged against the Communists since the conception of their insidious scheme to bring disaster to the entire world.

Washington Investigations
The Christmas season brought about only a short cessation of the continued investigations into corrupt, illegal, immoral and questionable practices. The wholesale effect of these investigations is amply evidenced by



SPIRITUAL . . . Pointing an admonishing finger is Edward Bodin, candidate for president of the U.S. on the Spiritual party ticket.

land has turned thumbs down on the proposal several times in so far as furnishing troops is concerned. England is on the front lines again in this possible world conflict, as she was in World War II. This country has pulled the fat out of the fire for England too many times. I do not believe that the people of this country regret any assistance that we have given

England in the struggle for world peace. I do believe that reciprocity is a virtue and that England should be happy to furnish her proportionate share of the troops for a European army, as her defenses must depend primarily on the defense of Europe. It is my opinion that this country should pursue the demands for England to furnish her proportionate share of the

troops for this army with the same enacity that England always pursues such propositions as she might desire. The traditional persistent attitude of the British in reaching their desired goals is indeed laudable, and by the same token such a persistent attitude by this country would be equally laudable. We cannot as a nation furnish all of the troops and all of the

equipment. We are all proud of our allies and want to help them all we can, but these allies must not lean too heavily upon Uncle Sam.

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Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

- Dance step
- Level
- Fourth Calif
- Skull
- Anxious
- Drunkard
- Musical instrument
- Drinks to the honor of
- Strong longing
- Force with legal authority
- Retained
- To tear
- A punctilious person
- Narrow inlet
- Noise
- Crone
- King of Babylon
- Tattered cloth
- Small pouch
- A Chinese measure
- A scolding woman
- Play on words
- Cattle
- At the summit
- Writing implement
- Deer
- Pry
- A weight of India
- Quarters to which one is assigned
- Dawn of day
- American humorist
- Big
- Malay gibbon
- Color
- A melody (pl.)
- A number

VERTICAL

- Indian moccasin
- A Negro people in Nigeria
- Polish river
- Part of hammer
- Buddhist pillar
- Symbol for silver
- Friend, Colombian's greeting
- Indians
- God of love
- To stie
- Parcel of land
- Pronoun
- Seine
- Savory meat jelly
- To transfix
- Measure of distance in India
- Number
- To equip
- Blood of the gods
- Specter
- Bird
- Pale
- To turn back
- Planet
- Caused to re-voive
- Through
- Red wine of Piedmont, Italy
- Part of flower
- That woman
- One foot per second
- Brings action against
- To prohibit
- Kind of fish

Answer to Puzzle No. 165

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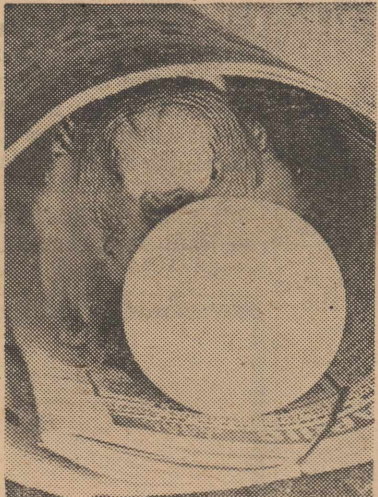
HAPPY NEW YEAR
May the light of your happiness never dim
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Happy Holiday

For being the friends you've been, our heartfelt thanks and **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

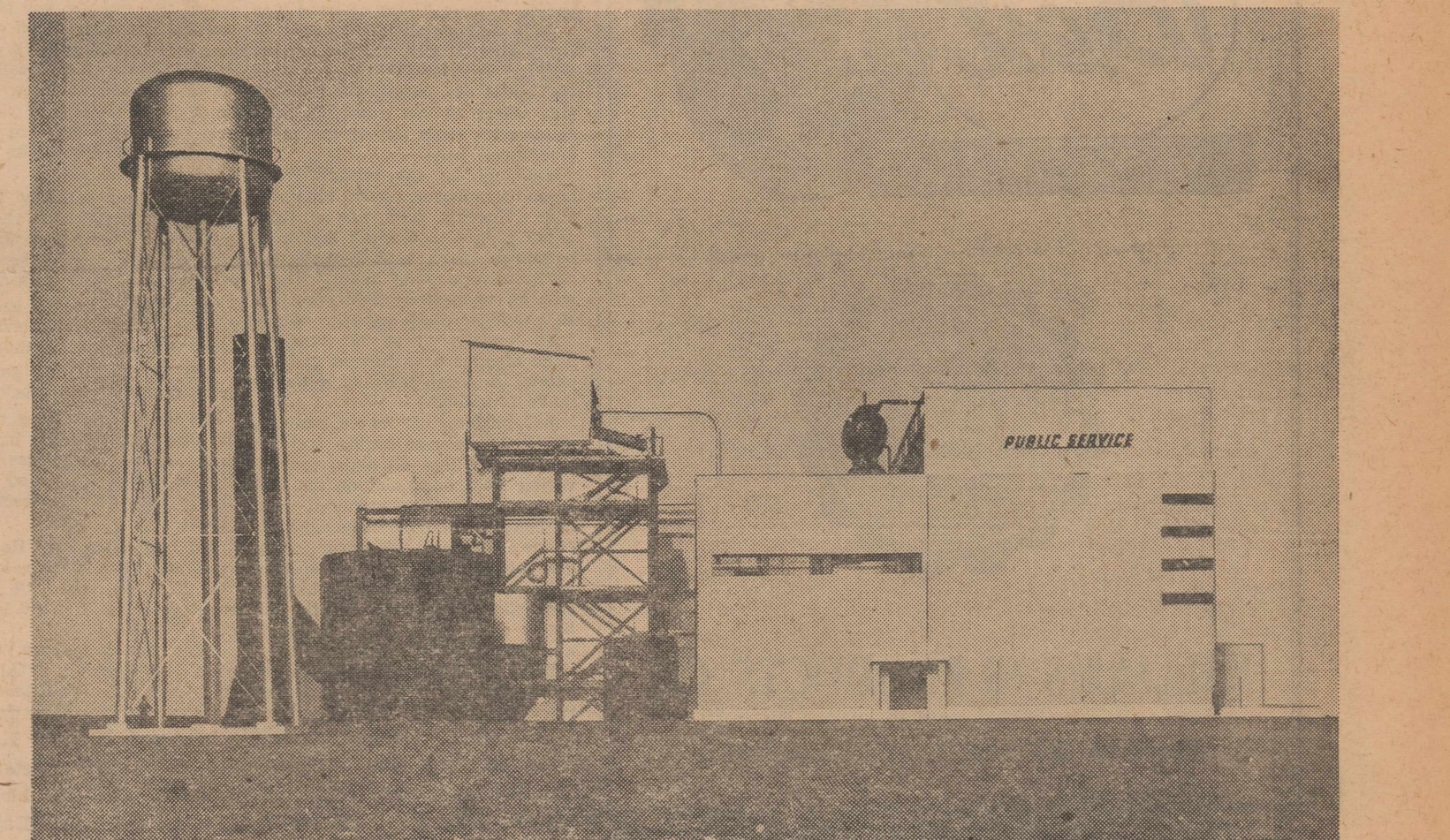
Joe Duby Frigidaire



WHAT IS IT? . . . It's a budgeter owned by S. E. Lark of Clapton, Eng., propelling a ping-pong ball through a rolled-up newspaper—his favorite trick. He's a talking bird.

the reduction of the usual large flow of lavish gifts to Government officials, state, county and local. This gift practice that has been employed so extensively in the past has been reduced to a mere trickle. It is a practice that should have been stopped many years ago. The departments of the Federal Government, and I understand many departments in many of the state governments and local governments have placed a ban on the acceptance of gifts by the officials or the employees. Further developments are daily accumulating, and the cleansing process is moving forward with devastating effect. This will not only serve to cull the culprits, but it will certainly be a means by which the innocent and faithful can be singled out for just rewards.

The European Army
The proposed European Army for the protection of Europe is in keeping with the principle advocated by many of us here in supporting the Poage Amendment that I explained in a prior news letter and have discussed in many speeches. This amendment was offered upon several occasions during the past session of Congress but was never approved. It in effect provided for the use of nationals from countries friendly to this country, in a portion of our army, under control of our military department. It is interesting to note that the European Army now being advocated and pushed by General Eisenhower has met with the approval of a number of nations whose freedom is primarily at stake in a world conflict, but has not been approved by England. Although England through Mr. Churchill and Anthony Eden has stipulated that it will furnish support to such an organization, there has been no commitment forthcoming to furnish troops. In fact, Eng-



Pictured is engineering model of gigantic new Public Service Power Plant being erected in Lamb County, Texas.

WORK TO DO IN 1952

Plant X, the new power plant we are building in Lamb County, Texas, is the symbol for the work we must do in 1952 to continue to meet your electric service demands.

The first unit of Plant X, which by mid-1953 will have 200,000 horsepower of electric generating capacity, will go into service this year. Also this year, a 25,000 horsepower addition will be made to the generating capacity of our Carlsbad, New Mexico power plant.

Altogether in 1952, it will be necessary to spend more than \$21,000,000 in new construction alone, to meet your needs for dependable electric service.

But, necessary as it is, new construction is only part of the work we must do in 1952. The 24 hours a day job of providing you with dependable electric service will go on and 1800 men and women will see that you get the best possible electric service each day of the year.

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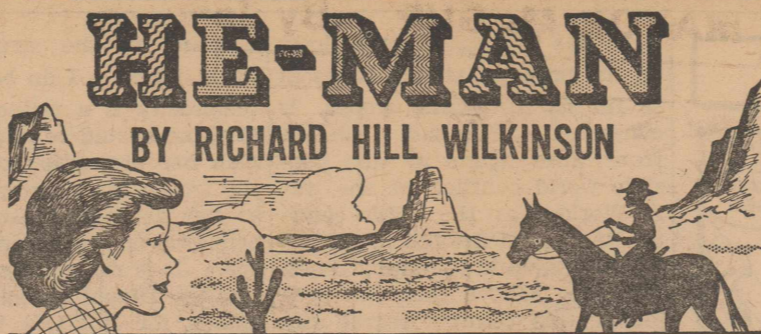
Local News

Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and Jamie Louise, McCamey, Texas, will arrive Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross and Elizabeth, Mrs. H. M. Brown,

Mrs. Richard Albert and children visited relatives in Amarillo Christmas Day.

Among the out of town students spending the holidays with their parents and relatives, are Misses Mildred Bennett, Georgiana Skillen, Kathryn Newman, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary Crabtree, Mary Nan Davis, Alana



HE-MAN
BY RICHARD HILL WILKINSON

JEFF SIGHED DEEPLY and watched the girl disappear over the hill on her pinto pony. This was a man's country. The girl had said so, had as much as told him she didn't consider him a man. Or much of a man. He swore under his breath. If it were a man's country then what was she doing in it? There was certainly very little about her limp brown eyes and soft brown hair and full, curved mouth that was masculine.

He looked down at the camera in his hand and scowled. She had been contemptuous when he told her he was a photographer. You could tell by the way her eyes lighted in amusement that she thought taking pictures was for sissies. In fact, anything short of punching cows and riding range was in the category of effeminate occupations, according to her code. It was disgusting.

"So you're one of those tourists!" she had said. "Land! We've enough troubles now what with trying to track down cattle rustlers without having more tourists cluttering up the range."

But she hadn't been nearly as vicious as she sounded. He learned that after spending the afternoon with her and listening to her tell about the grief the rustlers had been causing the Circle Cross, her father's ranch.

He sighed again. Well, he couldn't waste time wishing she considered him a real he-man. He had to get some shots to use in the illustrated lecture he was scheduled to deliver next month at the opening of the Adventurer's Club in Buffalo. Real western stuff was what he wanted. Something genuine.

He clucked to his horse. It was a fine, bright day, with the distant hills clear-etched against a purple horizon. Close at hand was a gully that led up into a series of rocky hills, a wild, rugged looking country. Jeff turned his mount up the gully. He hadn't the faintest idea where he was going; in fact, he was too busy day-dreaming to give much heed.

Suddenly he sat upright. His horse had stopped on the edge of a cliff. Beneath him was a little green park with a small huddle of buildings. Men and horses and cattle were moving about. There was an open fire. Jeff squinted. Holy smoke! They were branding! Just exactly what he wanted! None of your new fangled gadgets either. An open fire and a home-made branding!

Jeff unslung his movie camera, adjusted telescope sights and set to work. Within an hour, maneuvering from one point on the cliff to another, he had acquired what he believed would be several reels of one of the most picturesque western occupations. He considered going down and thanking his unsuspecting victims, but thought better of it. They might get sore, and it was growing dark fast.

Back in his hotel room in the cattle town of Valley's End, Jeff

daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Drenner, Austin, Texas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skillman and daughter, Sherry Gail, in Wichita, Kansas Sunday and Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Drenner spent Christmas in the Bonar home, returning to their home Wednesday.

Pfc. Robert Bachman, who is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bachman and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pronger, Jr., and children, spent Christmas with her mother and other relatives in Tyler, Texas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pickens during the Christmas holidays, were his sister, Mrs. Mildred Veasley and son, of Maud, Texas.

Pleas Harrison, Stinnett, was a guest of his mother, Mrs. A. L. Harrison, and other relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Buckles spent Christmas with her parents in Sweetwater, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ridge-way of Denver, Colorado were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kirksey Wednesday.

Cpl. Harold Cameron left Wednesday for Camp Stoneman, California after spending the week-end holidays with his parents in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foreman visited their son, Lt. William A. Foreman in San Angelo, and at points in South Texas, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Texarkana, Arkansas last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Buckles were Christmas dinner guests of Mrs. D. L. Buckles and William.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker, Mrs. Violet Beard, Ben Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chisum, all of Amarillo, spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tommy also enjoyed the day in the Chisum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brooks and children were guests in the home of her sister, Mrs. Orval

Bowling and family near Amarillo for Christmas.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pendleton in La Veta, Colorado were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Miss Minnie Laura Jackson and Cpl. William N. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Price left Wednesday night for Dallas, where they will visit and attend the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl football game.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Simons and children of Huntsville, Texas, are spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen. Others who enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the Allen home Wednesday, were Mr. and Mrs. Eual Allen of Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen and

baby, of Conlen, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen and sons.

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Gary Parsons, who is with the U. S. Navy, is spending Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, New Orleans, Louisiana, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Blake and other relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Seaman, Guymon, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Seaman Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Salesman and children of Flat Rock, Illinois, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Palmer, and other relatives.

Ernest Hubbard visited with his mother and brothers in Greeley, Colorado, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. C. R. Bonar, and her

PANHANDLE CHAMPIONS!
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of CONCHAS DAM, NEW MEXICO
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Who will be the 1952 Champ?
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WISHING ALL OF YOU A
Happy New Year

May all your troubles melt like a snowman in the spring

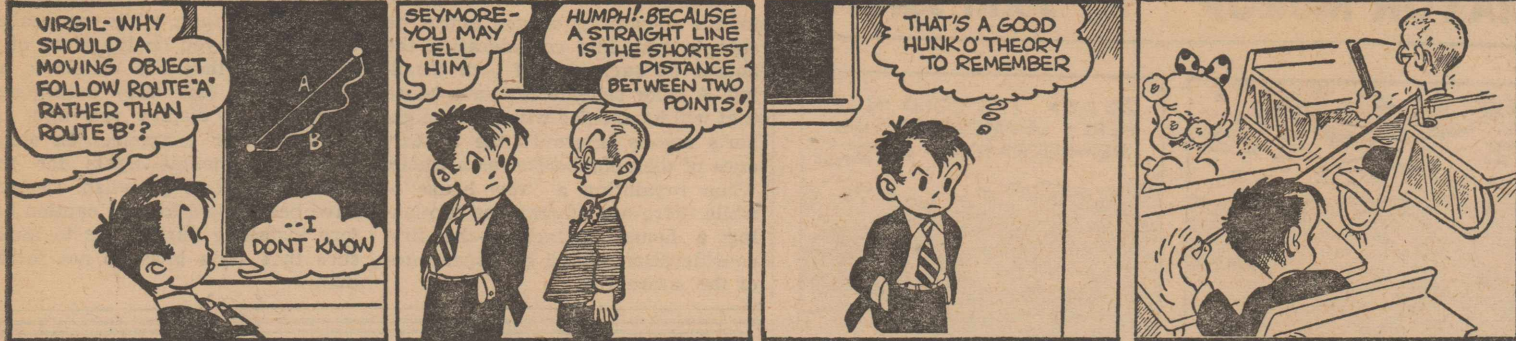
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A Glad New Year 1952

May your happiness be complete and all-embracing in the days to come

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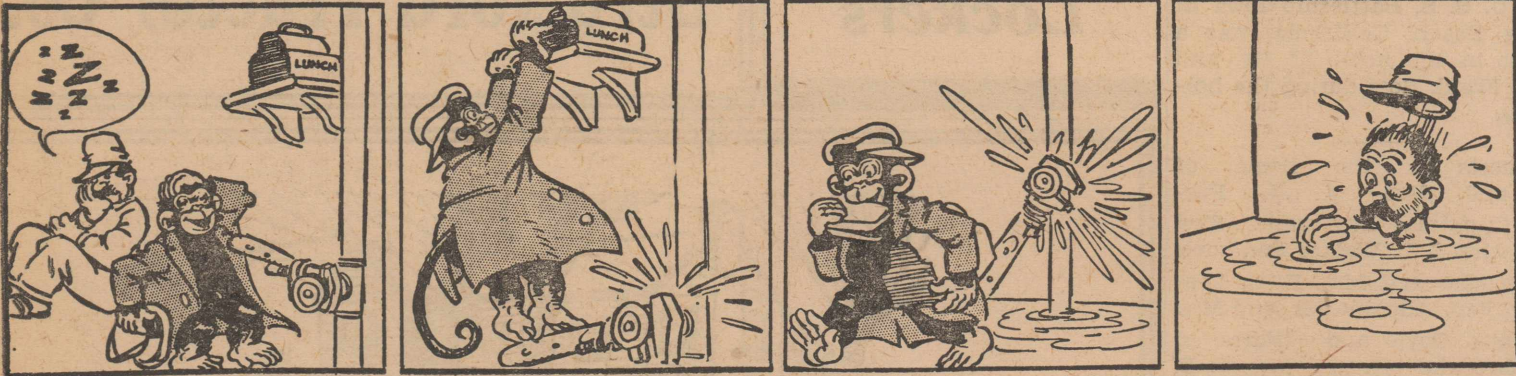
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MUTT AND JEFF



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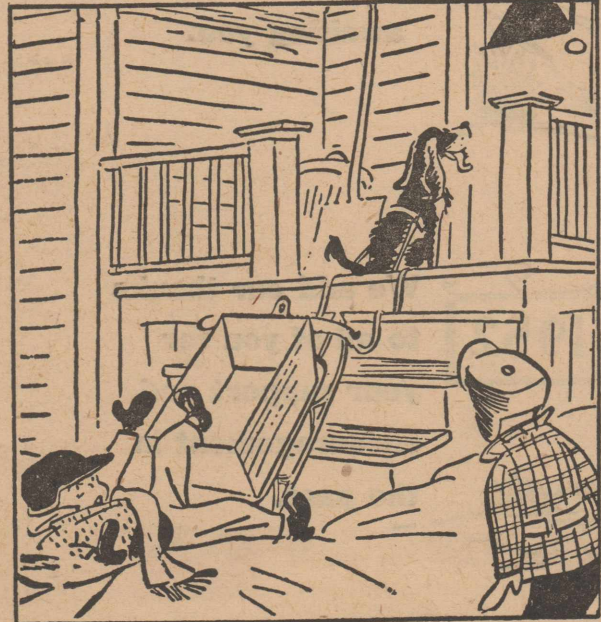
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SCRIPTURE: Joshua 23-24.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Joshua 24: 14-18.

The People's Choice

Lesson for December 30, 1951

WITH New Year's Day right around the corner we should take stock of ourselves. What is to become of us as a nation? Can we survive in this atomic age? Is our future curve upward or down?



Dr. Foreman

The answer to such questions lies in the answer to another one: What will the people choose? The most important fact about any people, at any crisis in their life, is not what they have, not what they have done or accomplished or enjoyed, not what they have at the present moment in power or in possessions. It is not their reputation, their income, their history. It is simply their choices, their decisions. However grand a nation's past may be, however good their present may be, wrong decisions can destroy everything. What will the people choose?

Democracy Means Free Choice

THERE are some interesting parallels between the United States, or Canada, today, and Israel of more than three millenniums ago.

It was a little nation, so new it could scarcely be called a nation, so small it could be lost in one of our big cities. But when it was beginning its time in Palestine, it was much nearer a true democracy than it was in the more famous and glamorous times of David and Solomon.

There was at first no hereditary monarchy, the people had no precedents to go by, they had to pick their way through an uncertain world, much as we do only on a smaller scale.

In Joshua's time there had been a military government; first Moses and then Joshua had done most of the thinking for the people. But when he grew old, Joshua knew that in the future the people would have to think for themselves. When the people do think, it is democracy; when they think only what they are told to think, it is a police state. Now Joshua knew that the main choice before the people was basically religious. As he put it: Whom will you serve?

A High Way and a Low

THE choice was not merely between good and bad theology. If you choose a God you choose his way of life. The way of the true God was the high way, other ways were low. The Israelites' God was the God of the Law, the God of pure strong living. The gods of the Canaanites were pictured as golden calves, brass he-goats.

There is a world of difference between a man, or a nation, whose highest thoughts cannot rise above the level of the animals they worship, and a man or nation whose highest thoughts are expressed in the holiness, justice and mercy of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

If any one has a sneaking feeling that all religions are really much the same, let him remember what happened in Palestine. The peoples who chose the animal-gods simply rotted away, leaving few traces in the dust of history. The nation that (not everybody, not all the time, but on the whole) chose the true and living God, has made an impression on history, such as no nation so small has ever made.

Idols of Today

THE Living God still challenges us, a free people. The words of Joshua might still be spoken in this 20th century: Choose this day whom you will serve. Millions make the wrong choice. Some worship the idol called success-at-any-price; some fall down and worship Mammon; others worship popular opinion; others will do anything for what is in a liquor bottle; others give their all for the goddess of sex, others for the "great god luck."

The dismissal of ninety cadets from West Point for cheating (who set them the example?), the revelations of the Kefauver Crime Committee, the strangle-hold gamblers have on national affairs, the crowded divorce courts and race tracks, the ravages of liquor and drugs even on young boys and girls, the general foggy confusion about what is right and what is wrong, the prevalence of the bare-faced lie in public life—all must cause a thoughtful person to ask: What kind of choices is our country making?

Can we be called a God-fearing nation or do we also still worship idols?

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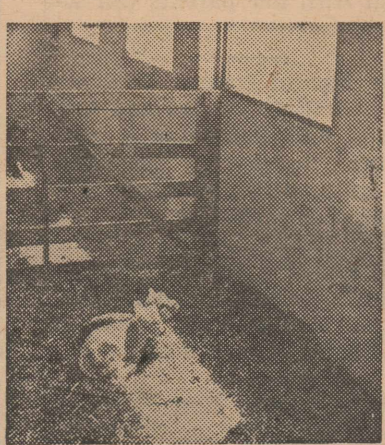
Farm Topics

Experts Say Barn Windows Practicable

Sun Reduces Disease And Barn Moisture

Farm experts are urging farmers to make practical use of sunshine to solve some of their problems of moisture, sanitation and daylighting inside farm buildings by installing large windows.

Farm building windows in the past have been too small, have frosted over during cold weather so that sufficient sun energy could not get into the building to provide warmth. Also, little attention has



Lambs like these above, as well as other farm animals, are attracted to sunshine in a barn on a cold day. Large double-pane windows for better daylighting and moisture control in farm structures are becoming more popular.

been given to the germicidal effect of direct sunlight in the poultry house, dairy barn or farrowing pen.

Proper ventilation and sunlight not only helps to dry up moisture, but direct sunlight helps kill bacteria wherever they gain access to farm buildings.

As an example of the sun's heating power, in a central farrowing house in Iowa using insulated windows in the south wall, the inside temperature never dropped below freezing although the outside temperature hit 25 to 30 degrees below zero.

Wheat, Corn Estimates Below Last Year Yield

The nation's 1951 corn and wheat crops will fall short of 1950 production, according to the latest U. S. Department of Agriculture report.

The corn crop for all purposes is estimated at 3,105 million bushels, a decline of 26 million bushels from last year's production, but above the 1940-49 average of 2,981 million bushels. The indicated yield per acre of 36.7 bushels is 0.9 bushels above the average of 33.9 bushels.

Production of corn for grain this year is estimated at 2,789 million bushels compared with 2,845 million bushels last year.

Total wheat production is estimated at 994 million bushels, about 3 per cent smaller than the 1950 crop of 1,027 million, and 7 per cent smaller than the average of 1,071 million bushels.

Corn and wheat production, however, is expected to meet U. S. needs.

Poultry Litter



A specially-processed vermiculite poultry litter has been put on the market for the first time. Poultry producers might find that it will fulfill their needs. Called Sani-Flor, it is fireproof, vermin-proof, an efficient insulator against cold, and a non-conductor of electricity. The product is being introduced to seed and feed dealers and hardware stores across the country. It comes in four cubic foot bags, weighing about 25 pounds.

Dead Tree Perils Are Acute When Winter Hits

Alive, trees are considered among the householder and farmer's best friends. Dead, they become his most dangerous enemies. Trees that succumb to insects or disease have a way of developing into serious menaces long before owners are aware of their peril. These woody foes should be removed before winter storms hit. Snow, sleet and howling winds make them acutely dangerous.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Patricia left Wednesday for San Antonio, Texas, where they will visit her mother, Mrs. W. H. Winn and other relatives. They plan to also visit his brother, Bob Taylor and family in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson went to Coleman, Texas Saturday night to be at the bedside of his father, who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Watson returned to their home Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake

Best Wishes



Wilson Funeral Directors

and Tommy, and Mrs. Violet Beard were visitors in Dalhart Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross went to Wichita, Kansas last weekend and brought their daughter, Elizabeth, back home with them for the holidays.

Cpl. William N. Jackson, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson and other relatives, will return Friday to Camp Stewart, Georgia, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Rhea Bryant and children of Lindsay, California, and BM2 Orvie Brooks, San Francisco, California arrived Sunday for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brooks and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Dow Brewer and children, Pampa, Texas, also enjoyed a visit with her parents Christmas Day.

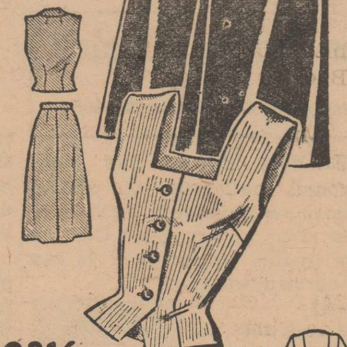
Rev. Marvin Powers, Trinidad, Colorado, J. C. Powers and son, Charles, and their aunt, Miss Pauline Powers of Alhambra, California, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kirksey.

Cpl. and Mrs. Russell Kelp and daughter, Serena, arrived Saturday morning to visit relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foreman entertained with a Christmas dinner at their home for their children, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foreman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hudson and children,



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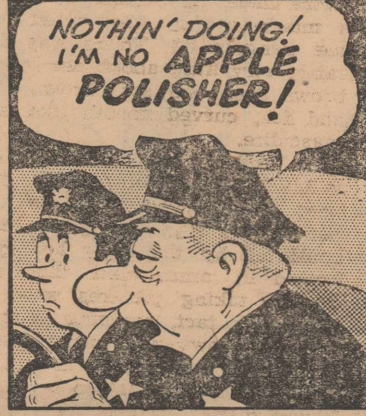
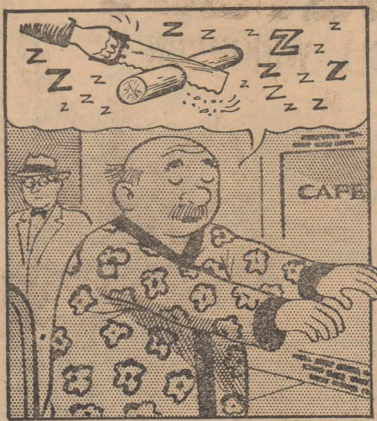
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MAYOR McGUP By John Jarvis



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pemberton, Ropesville, Texas, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Garret in Ulyses, Kansas.

Cpl. and Mrs. Richard Albert and children, Lubbock, arrived Sunday morning for a Christmas visit with her mother, Mrs. H. M. Brown. Mr. Albert returned to Lubbock Tuesday afternoon, while Mrs. Albert and the children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Rogers spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carmichael, Oklahoma City, spent Christmas with her sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Carmichael, Mrs. Hazel Cameron, and Mrs. Russell Kelp, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Elliott was a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and family at Conlen Sunday and Monday.

Vernon Bowen visited relatives in Amarillo Christmas Day.

Fr. G. L. Ross, stationed on the U. S. S. Battleship Iowa in Long Beach, California, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross during the holidays.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Foster Christmas Day were: Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Walker and sons, Evangelist and Mrs. E. C. Lagmay, Veryl Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Doyle and children of Cactus, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fickling and children of Spearman, Texas.

Cadets Lloyd King, William L. Riffe, and Don R. Knight of Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe, and Mr. and Mrs. John Knight.

Dr. E. E. Boyd and daughter, Mary Lou, Stafford, Kansas, were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. D. L. Buckles and William, Friday, and spent Friday night in the R. C. Buckles home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kirksey spent part of the holidays in Lufkin, Gorman, and Cisco, Texas visiting Mrs. Kirksey's relatives.

Largest Tunnel
A new double-track railway tunnel, 7,052 feet long, and opened last year for regular service near Bluefield, West Virginia, is said to be the largest of its kind in the world (though not the longest), being 32 feet high and 31 feet wide inside.

Baby Blue Eyes

Your baby can recognize you at the age of six months. All babies are born with blue eyes. It is normal for a baby's eyes to have little or no coordination in the early months of life, but if the condition persists after the first half-year professional aid should be sought. At birth, a baby's eye is about two-thirds of the size it will be in maturity. Like the brain, the eye reaches its maximum size long before the rest of the body. It is usually full-grown by the tenth year. The blue eyes of the newborn baby change color in many cases within the first year.

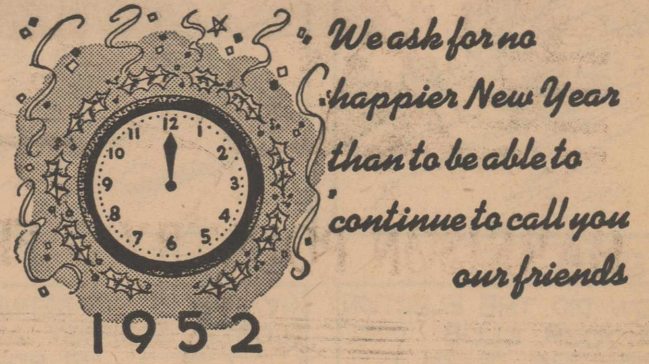
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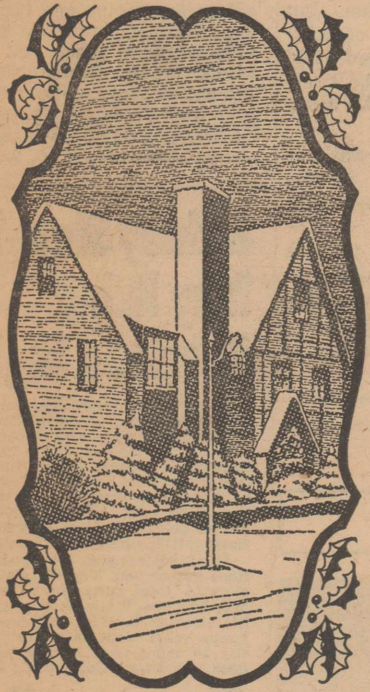
Watch Hood Ornaments
Many state laws require that no lights other than white or amber can be displayed on the front of a car so that they are visible to an approaching car. Only emergency vehicles can display red light on the front, for example. In some states ornamental lights for the hood are becoming stylish. Dealers have been urged to take caution before installing such lights to make sure that state laws do not forbid them.



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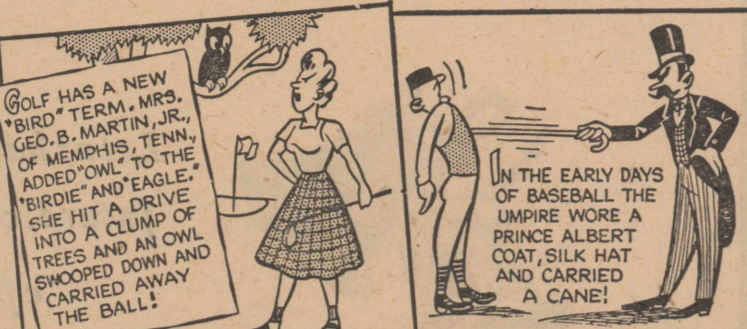
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SPORTLIGHT Texas, Missouri Keep Gridders

By GRANTLAND RICE

NEW YORK—"If you want to size up a football team," writes L.P.S., "take a look at where most of the players come from. There's the answer. Teams that have many players from out of their own state were benefited by the heaviest proselyting, recruiting and subsidizing, as a rule. Did you notice that in a recent well-selected all-Southern team, nine of the eleven men came from the north? I just made a check and found that the majority of the Southern stars came from well above the old Mason and Dixon or Smith



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and Wesson line. Pennsylvania is the main recruiting ground.

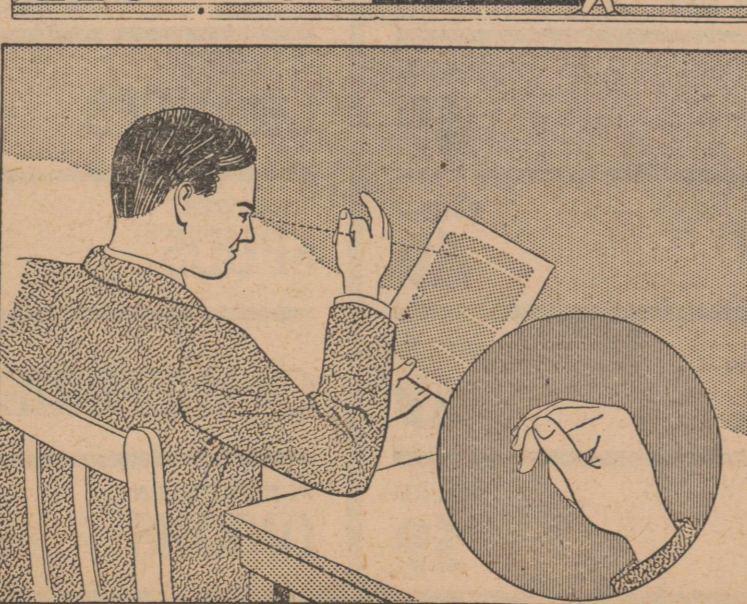
"On the other hand," he continues, "Texas teams are nearly all packed with Texans. Missouri has nearly all Missouri boys in her line-up. Pennsylvania, I'd say, gets the heaviest raiding. They travel from 1,200 to 1,500 miles to grab the best talent Pennsylvania has to offer. I'd say Pennsylvania could field a team that would outmatch any in the country, including Ohio and Texas. But one state can't take care of fifteen or twenty colleges. Or maybe many more." If any heavy cut is made in football's present system the loudest squawk will come from Texas.

Texas has from 800 to 900 prep schools that go in seriously for football. These myriad schools supply Texas, SMU, TCU, Rice, Baylor, Texas A and M and one or two others. The Texas athletic scholarship list is also heavy and if there is any big reduction here Texas may secede again—if not from the United States, at least from the N.C.A.A. Texas could lure in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and have all the fun and action wanted. Football in Texas is a civil war and the teams really go all out. The high schools in Texas battle it to the hilt from September to December. I don't know whether Texas has the phony courses for football players that so many other colleges have or not. I doubt it, since most of the complaints that have come this way haven't blown in from Texas.

Split-Up May Follow

There is a good chance that the end of this football argument may lead to a big split-up—to different ways of running the game.

How to Fix It



READING WITHOUT YOUR GLASSES IN AN EMERGENCY CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CROOKING THE FINGER AS SHOWN, AND READING THROUGH THE HOLE, WHICH MAGNIFIES THE PRINT.



DIOGENES GIVES UP

"It's too tough," said Diogenes sadly. "I'm handing in my lantern."

"Isn't this a rather hasty decision?" we asked. "Don't you think you should reconsider?"

"No. I'm quitting. The search for an honest man has never been harder. I thought I had found one the other day, but he got away."

We noticed something fuzzy on his sandals. "What is it?" we asked.

"Mink," he said sadly. "It gets into everything these days. I just dashed off a little verse about it." Here Diogenes read:

"Think of me, a little mink, Wondering what people think; Lately I don't sleep a wink Knowing I may be a link Putting someone in the clink."

"Sort of shows what a mink may think," he went on. "Oh, well, as I said, I'm through anyhow."

"Aren't you too cynical?" we asked. "There are plenty of honest men around."

"Oh yeah!" said Diogenes. "Get yourself a lantern and see how you like it. I will advise that if I would settle for something less and make a compromise I could get somewhere."

"Something less?" we asked.

"Yes. There's the nearly honest man, the almost nearly honest man, the possibly almost nearly honest man and the possible-almost-nearly-honest-provided-you-don't-ask-too-many-questions type. You find 'em everywhere these days in all walks of life and on every level."

"I suppose it really is hard to find somebody who hasn't taken bribes or accepted favors," we agreed.

"Oh, I don't bother too much with them," said Diogenes. "They're the great majority. It's the bribe givers, the tribute payers, the fixers, connivers, get-it-for-you-wholesale boys who need attention. For every man who takes a bribe there are thousands ready to pay it, which is the sad part."

"There's at least one gravy distributor, influence hunter and general contaminator in every neighborhood," we said.

"You're being conservative," declared Diogenes. "The real termites in American life are the fellows always ready to use money and connections to grease their way out of something. How many people do you know who wouldn't play ball with a tax agent, attend a testimonial dinner to a slick politician not noted for honesty, vote for a phony, put over a fast one, play a sure thing in a fixed horse race or basketball game?"

"Oh, there must be millions," we said. "Do you say there is more dishonesty today than there ever was?"

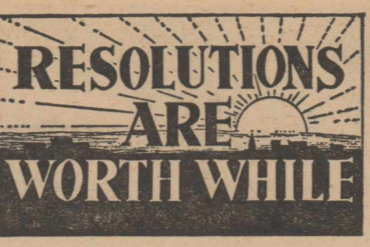
"It comes in more models and sizes," said Diogenes. Diogenes was obviously washed up and discouraged. He needed encouragement.

"Listen," we said. "What you need is a new lantern. I know a fellow who can fix one for you with 40 per cent off and a testimonial dinner to a slick politician not noted for honesty, vote for a phony, put over a fast one, play a sure thing in a fixed horse race or basketball game?"

These are days when you wonder whether even Diogenes got his lantern honestly. . . . B.E.H. says there are so many rascals in the world today that they are using a two-plate system. . . . The dollar is now worth 50 cents. . . . That's provided you don't meet a fellow with 50 cents worth of something for which he is demanding a dollar and a half. . . . Woman dashing into a hallway as the air raid sirens sounded in a New York drill: "That reminds me I must call up my voice teacher. . . . 'Churchill Visit Will Have No Money Motive'—headline. . . . Wanna bet? . . . We just heard of a labor leader who wants time and a half for tearing up contracts. . . . Both parties, we are informed, will have a platform plank next year denouncing mink."

Shudda Haddim missed the \$1,513 daily double at Providence on "Deep Down" and "Big Dance." And the night before the race he attended a party where he tried the Charleston and fell through a trapdoor. He also missed "Ringmeup" which paid fifty to one at Bowie. "Just before the race I asked a guy why he never gave me anything good and he said 'call me up.'"

New York: A city sometimes known as Quillsboro, located at the southern tip of New York State, wounded on the west by the Hudson River and on the east, north and south by ultimatums, threats and dictatorial pronouncements. It was first settled by the Dutch who moved out in time to avoid harassments, headaches, transportation tie-ups and assorted chaos. The city was later taken over by Michael Quill as his personal domain, with out a shot being fired. The climate is hot.



Resolutions are not the laughing matter that cartoonists and humorists like to make of them. The practice of making new resolutions should be commended as much as possible because it signifies the desire to start out a new era correctly and to correct the bad habits of the past.

Words, like people, so often fall into disrepute by the company they keep. So it is with the word "resolutions." The popular theory is that resolutions are things that are made on New Year's day and then promptly forgotten on the second day of January. Such is not always the case.

Every man or woman who ever achieved success or greatness did so by making resolutions—resolutions not only made with the advent of a new year, but made during the course of every day living. These resolutions might well be more mental than verbal. A successful man is one who profits by his mistakes. He doesn't make the same mistake twice—and, whether or not he realized it, he made a mental resolution not to commit the same error again.

We should all be able to take a lesson from this information and not be afraid to make resolutions, even though we hold a fear that they might not be kept.

Each time we resolve to do better, we have improved our mental lot a thousand fold.

Naval Observatory Clocks Are Tops

To the most of us, seconds and minutes have very little importance. For that reason it is hard for us to realize the exquisite exactness with which the government tries to mark the passing of every second of time.

The clocks in the Naval Observatory are the most accurate in the



world, and special pains are taken to see that they remain so at all times.

The standard clocks keep "mean" time into which is the division of the days into hours, minutes and seconds. Regulation of the clocks is so exacting that the daily rate, meaning loss or gain, is so small that it can not be measured.

The clocks are regulated by coincidence of the beats with a sidereal sounder. The clocks beat so silently that microphones must be used to magnify the beats in order that they might be heard at all.

Janus, Deity of Romans, Gave Name to January

January comes from the two-faced Roman God, Janus who has the power to look back into the past and also foretell the future.

The Romans named their New Year in honor of Janus, and represented him with a key in his hand to symbolize his power to open the doorways to the past and the future.

The year of the Romans once had but ten months, the New Year being celebrated in the Spring. January and February were the last two months to be added, being placed before the original ten, with January 1 being celebrated as the first day of the year.



THE WORLD BELONGS TO HIM

Did Christopher Columbus Celebrate New Year Here?

Some historians say Christopher Columbus was the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the Western hemisphere. While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, they say, Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous meal with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

It was at this meeting that the discoverer of America had his first taste of tobacco.



HAPPY NEW YEAR
May it be a bowling success

Many Holidays Mark Calendar In Various Regions

With January 1, one of the most important holidays, just around the corner, did you ever stop to think that an unusual number of the 365 days of each year are public holidays?

The number of holidays that you receive each year depends greatly upon the part of the country in which you live, for there are innumerable sectional holidays in addition to the accepted national observances. Many of the Southern states, for example, still set aside a day to commemorate the Civil War.

Columbus Day, October 12, is a holiday in 29 states. Kentucky and Tennessee are the only two states that observe both the birthdays of Lee and Lincoln and Easter Monday is a legal holiday in Texas.

Yet, we Americans are not the best, nor the worst, as far as the number of holidays per year are concerned. The largest number of holidays may be found in India, where 50 bank holidays are observed yearly to meet the prejudices of the varied religions to be found there.

The least number of holidays is found—you guessed it—in Russia. The U.S.S.R. celebrates but five holidays yearly, all Sundays having been abolished.

Gift-Giving Is Old Custom in Scotland

New Year's day is more generally celebrated as a day for gift giving than is Christmas in Scotland.

A family get-together on the eve of the New Year was quite a ceremony in old Scotland. There would be the preparation of the "hot pint," a kettle filled with warm, spiced ale. At the stroke of 12, each member of the family would take a drink of the "hot pint" and there would be a general round of handshakes and good wishes.



After good wishes and drinks had been passed around, the family elders would take up the kettle and go out to visit the neighbors to offer them sips from the kettle.

If they were the first to step into the house of a neighbor, it was deemed very important that they not come empty-handed, but with their hands well full, signifying the full year that lay ahead of the house's occupants.



The first day of the year has been more generally observed over a longer period of time than any other holiday.

Celebration of the New Year can be traced back to the Druids in England, and even to the Babylonians, when it was the season for a 12-day celebration.

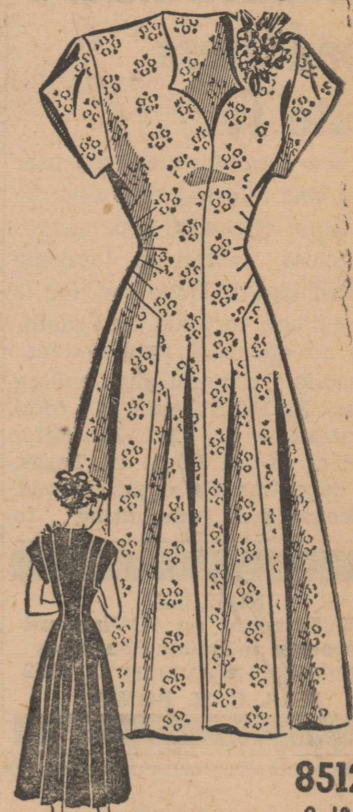
The Druids celebrated the New Year on the shortest day of the year. They believed this to be the day that the sun, which journeyed away from the earth in the cold months, began the journey homeward bringing with it sunshine, warmth and good cheer.

New Year Late in U. S.

By the time the United States welcoming of the New Year is approaching the climactic stage, most of the world will have celebrated the advent of 1952 and quietly settled to rest. Geography puts the Western hemisphere at the end of the line for the approaching New Year.

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"What convinced you our present ones are out of date?" his assistant wanted to know.

"A problem my boy read out of his arithmetic book," Smithers snarled. "It begins: 'If a plumber gets three dollars a day—'"



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Breakdown Of Road Users State Tax

A new breakdown of road user taxes was released this week by the State Highway Department, and close observers quickly pointed out that the revenue is not enough to build and maintain an adequate road system.

During the fiscal year ending August 31, 1951, there was a total registration of 3,321,736 motor vehicles of all kinds in Texas, the department's report showed.

License fees amounting to \$53,225,831.38 were paid on these vehicles, and of this amount the highway department received \$32,561,756.94, or a little over 60 per cent. The remainder went to the counties.

Collections from the gasoline tax grossed \$115,544,686.98 for the period, with \$47,187,511.45, or a little over 40 per cent, going to the highway department.

Other sources of revenue for highways in Texas were \$29,875,081.00 in Federal Aid and \$15,000,000.00 to the farm-to-market road fund from the Omnibus Tax Clearance Fund.

Jack Kultgen of Waco, president of Texas Good Roads Association, emphasized that the total is insufficient for the state's highway needs.

Kultgen cited a recent survey made by the highway department, showing that an additional \$5 million for the next five years will be required to bring this state's roads up to



DAD AND MOM NAUGHTY . . . Nancy Jean's sweet innocence softened a Pittsburgh magistrate's heart and he released her parents with only a fine for shoplifting after suspending jail sentence.



MOTHER COLLAPSES AT FUNERAL . . . Mrs. John Diskin, Los Angeles, collapses with grief over casket of her son, William, killed in Korea.

standard. "We face constant deterioration of our highway systems and programs in every state of the nation, and that is increasingly true in Texas, Kultgen said, adding:

"Highway congestion and highway accidents are steadily increasing. Roads are dying from obsolescence."

General Ike Ashburn, executive vice president of the association, referred to a statement by General Ernest O. Thompson that in the past four years only 26 cents of the dollar collected from highway users were spent on state highways. The Texas Good Roads Association official observed:

"We must return to the principle that all this money is to be spent on the roads. We now have going to the counties and county governments and to the available school fund many millions of dollars a year. That is a complete misuse of funds collected for specific purposes and used for unauthorized and unaccounted for purposes.

"All of the highway department's expenditures are clearly accounted for and are examined by several agencies. No such records are kept of the expenditure of state funds allocated to the counties and for which there is no spelled-out report to the Legislature or the Government."

In percentages, this is how the state gasoline dollar is divided, according to the highway department's report:

Motor fuel tax enforcement fund, .99; total refund claims, 16.74; available school funds, 20.42; county and road district highway fund, 20.42; state highway fund, 40.84; amount not prorated August 31, 1951, .59.

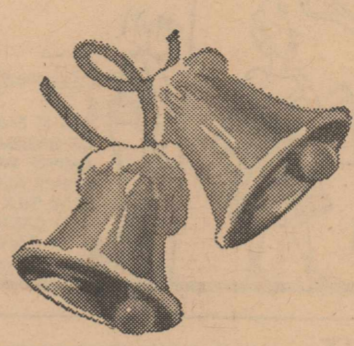
Pvt. Johnson In Training At Lackland AFB

Pvt. Stanford E. Johnson, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Johnson, is completing his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the world's largest air force base, site of Air Force basic training, for men and women, headquarters of the Human Resource Research Center, and home of AF's Officer Candidate School.

His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment, in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

Cars Essential
Recent surveys show that nearly three-fourths of intra-city travel is by passenger car. Studies showed that smaller cities are more dependent on automobiles than larger ones. In the smaller cities 86.5 per cent of the passenger traffic was by automobile; in the larger cities 60.3 per cent of the passenger traffic used automobiles. The average is 76.1 per cent for cities in the population range of 100,000 to 250,000, and 80 per cent in the 50,000 to 100,000 group.



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