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Churches Plan Yule Services

Christmas tree services with visits from Santa Claus for the children are being planned by the churches.

The Christmas program will open at the Christian Church at 7:00 p. m. Christmas Eve with the presentation of the cantata, "Let Earth Receive," which will be presented by the combined choirs of the cherub, junior and adult choirs.

A special program of interest for the younger children will follow with a visit from Santa and distribution of treats for the children.

The Christmas program will open at 7:00 p. m. on Christmas Eve at the Baptist Church. A program will be presented by the children.

The Methodist Church Christmas Eve program will open at 7:00 p. m. A program will be presented by the cherub choir, kindergarten and nursery departments of the Sunday school. Santa Claus will arrive at the close of the program.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa:
My name is Phyllis Raye Oquin. I have been as good as a 16 month old girl could be, so please bring me a baby doll and a pounding board.

I love you,
Phyllis Oquin
Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 3 years old and have been a pretty good girl. Please bring me a blue pedal car and tiny tears doll. Also remember all the other boys and girls all over the world.

I love you very much,
Micky Sue Oquin
Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Mike and I am 3 1/2 years old. Would you please bring me a dump truck and a steam shovel. Also some guns. Please bring my little brother, Brad, a small dump truck and a gun. Thank you for all the nice presents you left me last year. I have tried to be a good boy, but didn't always succeed. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls. See you Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk by my stocking.

Love,
Mike and Brad Everett
Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 5 years old and my sister, Tana Gail, is 2 1/2 years old.

Please bring me a slide to put on my swings and Tana a baby doll and buggy.

Bring them to grandma's house in the country; we will be there.

Bring all the other little girls and boys something.
Barry and Tana Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 6 years old. I have tried to be good. I would like to have a doll, a Cootie game and some clothes.

Be sure and come to my grandma's in Clovis, New Mexico. Don't forget to bring the others some toys, too.

Your pal,
Lana Brewster

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me these things: a stove, a bake set, a potato set, and an accordion.

Faith

Danny Davis Seriously Ill In Denver

Danny Davis, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Davis, former Stratford residents, is in a serious condition in Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He suddenly became ill November 28. A major exploration operation was performed Tuesday but surgeons failed to find the cause of his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Naugle, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Naugle and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Blades went to Denver Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Blades returned home Monday.

A small Christmas tree is much less hazardous than a large tree.

If your child is in a Christmas pageant, make sure his costume is flameproofed.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for their many considerations shown me during my illness. Your gifts, visits, cards and letters will never be forgotten.
Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield, Sr.

KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTED



4 Elks Make District Squad

Christmas Card Funds Donated To Church Fund

The following members and friends of The First Baptist Church of Stratford decided to donate to the Baptist Building Fund, money which they normally spend purchasing and mailing Christmas Cards. Because of this our many friends in Stratford, Kerrick, Conlen and surrounding communities will not receive a personal Christmas card from us. However we wish to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our friends will be interested to know that our Building Fund has been increased over \$1,000.

Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Upchurch, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bain, Mr. and Mrs. George Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McBryde, Mr. and Mrs. John Kidwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Steel, Mrs. Belle Davis and Molly, Mrs. M. E. Ellison, Junior Department, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harbour, Mr. and Mrs. Lorel Halle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNeal, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meek, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall, Mr. and Mrs. Baskin Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hankey, Mrs. C. V. Collins, Mary Sue Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lavake, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Luther, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Durr, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Burkham, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Pruet Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer, Mrs. Ruby Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Saddler, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton, Mrs. Bess Reed, Mr. and Mrs. David McBryde, Mrs. Virgie Mathews and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Shuler Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Steel, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McMahan, Alma Lee's Beauty Shop, Walter McKee, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdock, Mrs. V. M. King, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Newton James, Mrs. Mettie James, Mrs. Roy Peterson, T. E. L. Sunday School Class, Dorcas Sunday School Class, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Harding, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kendrick, Ealon Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Strothers, Mrs. Elma McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Grimes, Mrs. Zelda Dunlap, Mrs. Minnie Reeder and Carol, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, Mrs. Dorothy Slay, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baskin, III, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hayworth, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brewster, Mrs. Tom Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Strother,

Four Stratford Elks have been placed on the district 1-B football team selected by the players and coaches of the district.

Lance Harrington was selected as a guard and Paul Aduddell was selected in a tie for center with M. Reno of Groom on the first team.

Aduddell and Reno again tied as centers of the second team. Richard McMinn and Mike Neal made the team as backs.

Wayne Cummings' received honorable mention for playing the position at tackle.

Twelve members of the Elk football squad are expected to graduate with the senior class this year. They include: Wayne Cummings, Lance Harrington, Raymond Kirkwood, Hoy Harrison, Mike Neal, Carroll Wisdom, John Seaman, Jimmy Huggins, Russell Albert, Bob Donelson, Ted Oakley and Raymond Self.

Post Office Open Until 3 PM Saturday

The Post Office will remain open until 3:00 P. M. Saturday to deliver Christmas packages to patrons.

Cities Service Stakes New Location

Cities Service Oil Co. announces the drilling location of the Tidwell No. 2A, 1,250 feet from the east and 1,250 feet from the north lines of section 403 in Block 1-T, 13 miles south of Stratford. The potential depth of the well is 4,700 feet.

T.E.L. Class Has Christmas Party

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Sunday School had their annual party and Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall Friday, December 14, at 3:00 p. m.

The group enjoyed the singing of Christmas carols and playing games, after which the hostesses, Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. W. W. Steel and Mrs. T. F. Baskin served refreshments of candy, coffee and cake to Mrs. Lee Grimes, Mrs. W. P. Brooks, Mrs. Elma McDaniel, Mrs. W. E. Pleyer, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Roy Allen, Mrs. C. V. Collins, Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. Dorothy Slay and Mrs. W. D. Ellis.

Among the Sick

Mrs. John Kidwell is ill with a throat infection. Bobby Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor, underwent an operation for acute appendicitis in Neblett Hospital in Canyon Friday morning. Bobby was taken to the hospital Thursday night.

Helen Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Scarth, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Taylor, Mrs. Lester Taylor, Mrs. V. O. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Cone Donelson.

'51 Graduates To Have Supper December 22

The graduating class of 1951 of Stratford High School will have a covered dish supper and reunion Saturday, December 22, at 7:00 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bain. All graduates of 1951 and their families are invited to attend. Games will be played after the meal is served.

Beta Sigma Phi Meets With Mrs. Lavake

The Texas Nu Beta Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi met December 13 at 7:30 p. m. in the home of George Anna Lavake.

Helen Buckles, president, presided at the business meeting.

A committee was appointed to select a needy family to receive the Christmas gift from the chapter.

The program on "Art" was in charge of Flo Hudson and Wanda Riffe.

Dorless Wells read an article, "The Gift of Women," by Katherine Porter.

The following members had parts on the program: Ronnie Dettie, Glennelle Dettie, Alice Jeffcoat, Bettye Lasley, Flo Hudson and Wanda Riffe.

Bobby Cummings read a poem written by her grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Calvird.

Refreshments were served by the co-hostess, Sue Howard to Maxine Stinson, Theresa Jackson, Virginia Lamb, Bobbie Cummings, Glennelle Dettie, Ronnie Dettie, Mava Gray, Dorless Wells, Wanda Riffe, Flo Hudson, Jerry Heil, Helen Buckles, Charlene Oquin, Aline Judd, George Anna Lavake, Johnnie Vincent, Alice Jeffcoat, Bettye Lasley and the director, Lela Moon.

Junior Cooks Meet In Cafeteria

Junior Cooks 4-H girls met in the school cafeteria Tuesday with Kathy Sneed presiding over the meeting. Miss Leona Miller gave a demonstration on a cookie press. Thirty-six girls attended the meeting.

Mrs. Albert Feted At Shower



Mrs. Russell Albert, the former Clara Mae Stone, was feted at a miscellaneous shower given in the home of Mrs. Wright Davis on Tuesday afternoon, December 18.

The entertaining rooms throughout the Davis home reflected the spirit of this holiday season, carrying out the festive touch in decorative fantasy of a winter wonderland, using also silver and blue, chosen colors of the honoree.

The serving table was covered with white lace over blue satin. The beautiful centerpiece was a one-candle affair, very ornate in gold and silver trim. Appointments were of crystal and silver.

The honoree, Mrs. Albert, Mrs. Ural Stone and Mrs. Earl Albert were presented with beautiful corsages of blue carnations, flecked with silver.

Mrs. Albert was the recipient of many lovely and useful gifts.

Hostesses were Mrs. D. M. Knight, Mrs. Donald Borth, Mrs. Herbert Folsom, Miss Carolyn Folsom, Mrs. Ernest Palmer, Miss Ernestine Palmer, Mrs. Norval Davis, Mrs. Paul Aduddell, Mrs. Arthur Judd, Mrs. H. L. Vincent, Mrs. Lewie Brannan, Mrs. H. H. Carraway, Mrs. Harry Sears, Mrs. Bob Newman, Mrs. W. D. Brannan, Misses

Harold Gray Wins Florist Recognition

Harold Gray was given recognition in a recent publication of the Southern Florist, a national florist trade magazine, for his creation of a bridal bouquet. The publication makes criticism of 50 of the best floral arrangements created during each year. This is the second time Gray has won such an honor. He won his first entry with the magazine while working with a floral house in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Girls Finish Training Course

Miss Juanita Faye Beall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall, and Miss Ernestine Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Palmer, returned home Wednesday night of last week from Omaha, Nebraska where they completed a course of training at the Electronic Radio Television Institute. They have employment in Washington, D. C. and will take over the responsibilities of their new positions soon after the first of the year.

E. B. Turner International Law Attorney

E. B. Turner, son of Emmett Turner, is setting up offices for the practice of international law in California. He is a graduate of Stratford High School, and has completed 29 years of schooling. Mr. and Mrs. Turner and daughter were here over the week end for a visit with relatives, enroute from Greeley, Colorado to California.

John Paul Jones was the first great U. S. naval hero.

Ealon Davis and Dorothy Bachman.

YOUR brain budget



1. The word "farad" relates to (a) royalty; (b) electricity; (c) biology.
2. Hypotension is a condition of (a) high blood pressure; (b) low blood pressure.
3. Pianarians might be discussed in a class on (a) history; (b) business; (c) zoology.

A major victory in control of animal disease through research is evidenced by the fact that the incidence of tuberculosis in cattle stood at 4 per cent in 1922 but was reduced to 0.6 per cent by 1935.

Among persons over 65, it is estimated, from one-tenth to one third are chronically ill. About one-half of all the chronically ill are over age 45, and most persons over 60 have some more or less permanent disability or disease, notes a report of the Twentieth Century Fund.

WORDS or Just Being Human

MY GOODNESS. THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF



BUT LET'S FACE IT...

They'll never get me on one of these things again



KEYNOTER . . . Kentucky's Gov. Frank K. Clement, 36, will deliver keynote address at Democratic National convention opening in Chicago Aug. 13.



HARVEST FETE . . . Robert Muskrat and Princess Silverfoot perform Indian ritual of blessing cranberry crop at South Carver, Mass.



WAR VICTIMS . . . Two youngsters join hundreds of hungry Egyptians in raid on food dump near Port Said, after cease-fire was agreed.



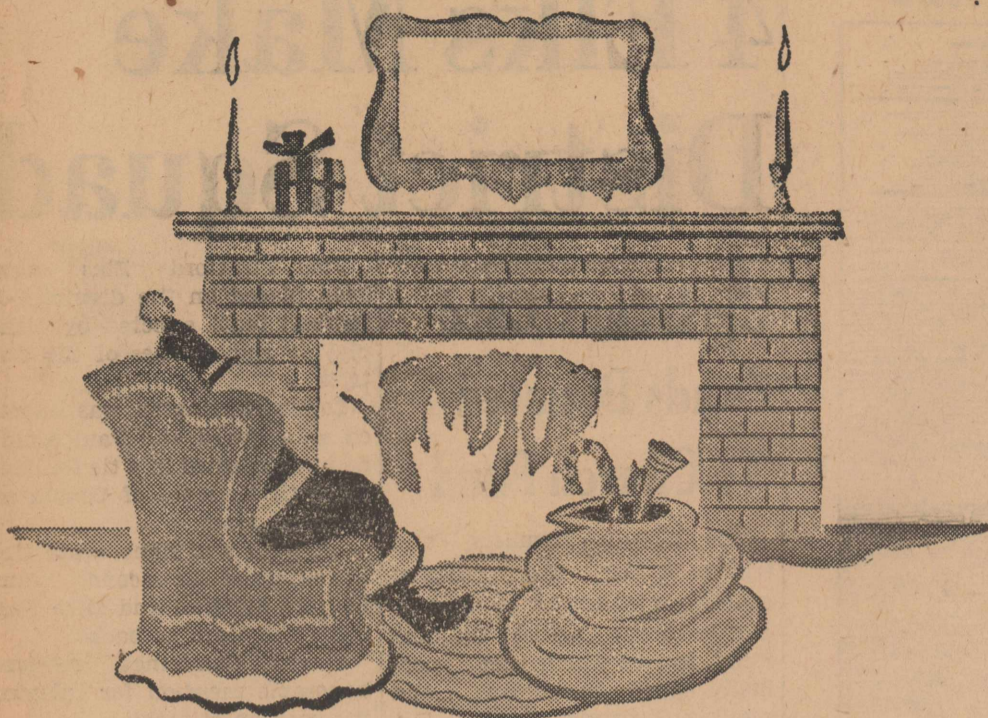
GOODBYE, JOE . . . East Berliners take last look at 24-foot bronze statue of Stalin which will be removed in accord with Red's new anti-Stalin program.

Nickel is the third most magnetic element after iron and cobalt.

Soon it will be time to start making Christmas candies. Do you have recipes of these easy to do favorites: date loaf, easy to do pralines, million dollar fudge, holiday fruit delight, caramel crunch and pecan roll? These and other holiday recipes are given in Extension Bulletin, "Christmas Time At Home." Get a copy from your local home demonstration agent's office or write the Agricultural Information Office.

When decorating for Christmas, remember this, it's possible to get too much of a good thing. All decorations should be in harmony, playing up a main theme or idea. Beware of a cluttered look from too much color, too many strings of lights or other objects in the "overall" picture.

An acorn was frequently used as a design on Colonial furniture because it was considered a symbol of hospitality.



Merry Christmas

We take "time out" from a busy season to extend our very best to you.

Van B. Boston

Season's Very Best



May the symbols of child-like peace denote our Christmas thought.



GARRISON MOTOR CO.



-and on earth, peace-

May the deep meanings of the first Christmas bless your home.

STRATFORD BUTANE CO.



best wishes at Christmas

This is a time for remembering old friends, and we number you among ours.

Appliance Sale on Kelvinator and Norge Washers and Dryers

NO MONEY DOWN — 36 MONTHS TO PAY

Word Hardware

Legal Notice

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAXPAYING VOTERS OF GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held within and for GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER, on the 8th day of January, 1957, at the polling places hereinafter set out within said District, at which election there shall be submit-

ted to the qualified resident tax-paying voters of said District the election of two precinct Directors for Precincts Four (4) and Five (5) of the District and the election of two County Committeemen from each County composing Ground Water Conservation District Number 2, North of the Canadian River for a two-year term.

Upon each of the ballots used at said election shall be placed the names of the candidates for Precinct Director, as follows:

Director's Precinct No. 4 — Territory within the District which is situated in Moore County: Gaston Wells.

Director's Precinct No. 5 — Territory within the District which is situated in Hartley County: Robert Thompson.

Upon each of the ballots shall also be placed the names of the candidates for County Committeemen to be elected for each County composing Ground Water Conservation District Number 2, North of the Canadian River, as follows:

HANSFORD COUNTY

Joe Smith
Joe Dan Bryan
Dee Jackson
Anson Ward
N. F. Renner
T. C. Harvey, Jr.

HARTLEY COUNTY

Ray Cain
Jack Thompson
Gene Atkinson
HUTCHINSON COUNTY
Noble Watson
Moody Womble
Ray Moore

MOORE COUNTY

C. C. Burnett
B. C. Shaw
Herbert Clark

OCHILTREE COUNTY

Roy Stallings
Don Manning
Howard Holt

SHERMAN COUNTY

George Jeffcoat
Arlyn Halle
Walter Lasley

Blank spaces shall be left in order that the names of other persons may be written in. Each person residing in Director's Precinct Four (4) and Five (5), as set forth above, shall vote for

SMALL TOWN STUFF

By Anna Yarbrough

DAN WEAVER saw the sign, "Johnson's Barber Shop," when he turned into the town's main street. Although he had never been in this town before, he knew from experience in other small towns that the main street barber was generally the best.

He nosed his car in front of the shop and parked.

The sight of a pretty girl seated at a manicurist's table completed his good opinion of the shop. The flutter of her slender fingers had caught his attention. She was gesturing to someone in the shop.

Dan removed his car key, smoothed his dark hair back, and walked briskly into the shop.

Just inside the door, he paused to read a sign on the wall behind the pretty girl, "Help the Handicapped." Of course, he wasn't interested in furthering that or any other charity but it was better to, at first, appear uninterested in the girl's charms.

He glanced over the shop. Uhm, just a one chair shop, no preference given. He crawled into the chair.

The barber was as big as an ox, and as surly looking as they come. He gave the chair a hitch, and the mechanism screeched.

The girl glanced up. It was always an insult to Dan when a barber did this, calling attention to the fact that Dan was a small man.

But Dan swallowed his resentment and said glibly to the girl, "Nice day isn't it?"

She smiled pleasantly, "Oh, yes, I just love rain. It looks like a storm is coming."

Dan leaned back and smiled inwardly. It was going to be easy. These dumb, small-town beauties always tried to be witty but their wit was as full of holes as an expense sheet.

Dan lifted his dark brows, and began an old approach, "Haven't I seen you before?"

The girl laughed, entirely at

ease, "I suppose you have if you've ever driven past this shop," then she asked, "Live around here?"

That burned Dan. She took him for one of these country yokels. He answered, "New York." That wasn't his town, but that would hold her.

The big barber almost smothered Dan in soap. Darned awkward, this big fellow.

As soon as Dan could speak, he said to the girl, "What do folks do around here for amusement?"

"Go to picture shows," the girl answered.

Dan's chest warmed; this was going to be easy, "Do you like picture shows?"

"Crazy about them," and a merry little chuckle.

The barber jerked Dan around and began to scrape as though scraping a pig. This roughness would have ordinarily brought out a few of Dan's choice words, reserved for poor service; instead, he smothered his anger and said to the girl in his most seductive tone, "How about stepping out to a picture show with me tonight?"

The girl laughed as though she were genuinely enjoying the invitation, but said, "You'll have to ask my husband."

Dan had heard that line before, he countered, "Couldn't we keep it quiet from the old man?"

"Not hardly, he's shaving you," she said.

As the razor slipped over Dan's throat, he hoped the barber wouldn't cut his goose-bumps or his throat.

He left the shop without glancing toward the girl.

Dan hadn't driven two miles out of town before the thought struck him. Darn it, that whole set up seemed phoney! It was too pat! Why, he'd heard that joke told at the Salesman's Club!

Well, the joke was on him. But this was a joke that he would never tell at the Salesman's Club.

only one Director, namely the Director for the Director's Precinct in which the voter resides. All persons may vote for the candidate of their choice by placing an X in the square beside the name or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of such Director on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other candidates appearing on the ballot for Precinct Director. Each person residing in the counties composing the Ground Water Conservation District Number 2, North of the Canadian River, as above set forth, shall vote for two (2) County Committeemen for the County in which the voter resides. Each person may vote for the candidates of his choice by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all other names in that race and leaving the name of the County Committeeman on the ballot. All persons desiring to cast a vote for a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, may do so by writing the name of that person in the blank space provided on the ballot and by placing an X in the square beside the name, or by scratching or marking out all but two candidates appearing or written in on the ballot.

The area comprising the Ground Water Conservation District Number 2, North of the Canadian River is hereby divided into the following election precincts:

Election Precinct No. 1 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Hansford.

Election Precinct No. 2 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Hartley.

Election Precinct No. 3 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Hutchinson.

Election Precinct No. 4 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Moore.

Election Precinct No. 5 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Ochiltree.

Election Precinct No. 6 shall consist of that territory within the District which is situated within the Texas County of Sherman.

The polling places and officers for said election are as follows:

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 1, HANSFORD COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Court House in Spearman, Texas. Presiding Judge Roy L. McClellan Assistant Judge A. L. Wilson, Jr.

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 2, HARTLEY COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Commun-

ity Building in Hartley, Texas.

Presiding Judge Johnny Book-out

Assistant Judge J. E. Craig-head

Clerk Howard Baker Clerk Raymond Weatherford

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 3, HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Pringle School, Pringle, Texas

Presiding Judge Lee Richardson

Assistant Judge Mrs. Buster Kirk

Clerk J. B. Buchanan Clerk Charlie Robertson

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 4, MOORE COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Court House in Dumas, Texas

Presiding Judge H. S. McMurray

Assistant Judge Eli Willis

Clerk H. B. Bishop Clerk Harold Shoulters

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 5, OCHILTREE COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Court House in Perryton, Texas

Presiding Judge G. M. Dietrich

Assistant Judge J. H. Kershaw Clerk Fred Huston

ELECTION PRECINCT NO. 6, SHERMAN COUNTY

Polling Place No. 1: Court House in Stratford, Texas

Presiding Judge Joe Billington

Assistant Judge E. H. Hudson Clerk Jewel Dovel (Mrs.) Clerk Vernon D. Cotney (Mrs.)

IV.

This election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of Directors of Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto.

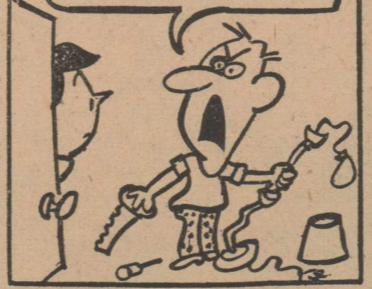
/s/ Gaston Wells, President

Board of Directors Ground Water Conservation District No. 2, North of the Canadian River.

ATTEST: /s/ R. V. Converse R. V. Converse, Secretary Dec. 20-27; Jan. 3.

WORDS or Just Being Human THOUGHTS

WELL! I GUESS I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!



BUT LET'S FACE IT...

I'll wait until Junior gets home from his manual training class



"EASY DOES IT" BY HELEN HALE

HERE'S a delicious dressing for your green vegetable salads: blend a cup of mayonnaise with 2 tablespoons chopped ripe olive, 2 chopped anchovy fillets, 1 teaspoon minced parsley and 1 tablespoon prepared mustard. You can make appetizing cake out of white cake mix for this upside-down variety: Pour the batter over a mixture of applesauce, rais-

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

Coconut Sugar Cookies (Makes 24)

2 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or shortening
1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup shredded coconut
Sift together dry ingredients. Cream shortening, add sugar and cream well. Add eggs and beat thoroughly. Then add dry ingredients (flour, baking powder and salt). Blend in vanilla and coconut. Chill dough until firm enough to roll. Roll dough on floured board 1/8-inch thick and cut with a floured 3-inch cutter. Sprinkle with sugar and bake on ungreased cookie sheet in moderate (375°F.) oven for 12 minutes or until golden.

sins, coconut, brown sugar and butter. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

Blend white steamed rice with slivered almonds and fry until light brown in butter. This makes a wonderful side dish to serve with fried chicken.

When you're broiling cheese and bacon sandwiches, broil a few peaches sprinkled with brown sugar alongside them and you can have sandwich and fruit in an appetizing combination.

Cantaloupe quarters make a pretty salad when you fill them with pineapple chunks and garnish with cooked prunes filled with cottage cheese topped with walnut halves.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Our Very Best to You and Yours...

Sherman County Abstract Co.

Wars have not been the sole cause of piling up public debts, but they dwarf all other factors. In no other country is the relation between wars and national debt clearer than in the United States.

Devices for protecting the eyes from excessive light or glare go back to antiquity, even before the use of glass. The Eskimos used tubular wooden goggles with slits to admit light. In Venice in 1581, slits were put in the visors of armor for the same purpose. Colored glasses for lenses came into use in the latter half of the 19th century.

POINSETTIAS From \$3.00
Stratford Floral DIAL 3531

Season's Greetings
WILL BE CLOSED Friday, December 21 Through January 1st
Stratford Dairy Queen

a joyous Noel
Old fashioned greetings to old-time friends.
McMahen Furniture Co.

This man can give you dependable delivery of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
Housewives, businessmen, teachers, and students all over the world read and enjoy this international newspaper, published daily in Boston.

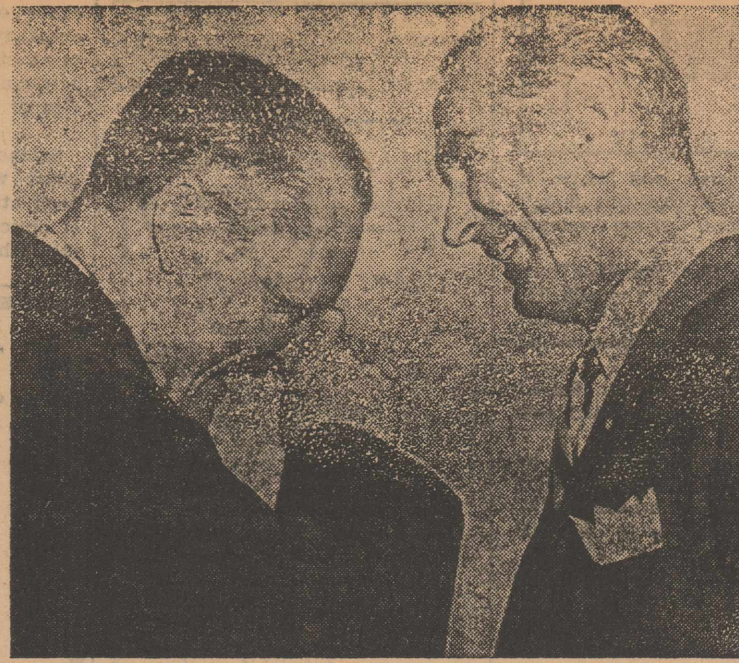
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas
BE SURE to bring in the Clothes BY NOON FRIDAY
Closed Monday and Xmas Day
Kelp Cleaners BILL SANDLIN

Season's Best
We'd like to sit to your fireside at your very personally, Merry Christmas.
T.O.C. Motor Co.

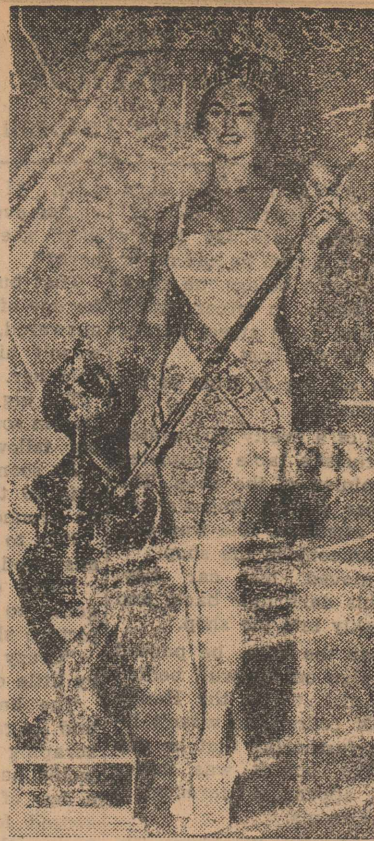
Christmas Cheer
Midway Service Station



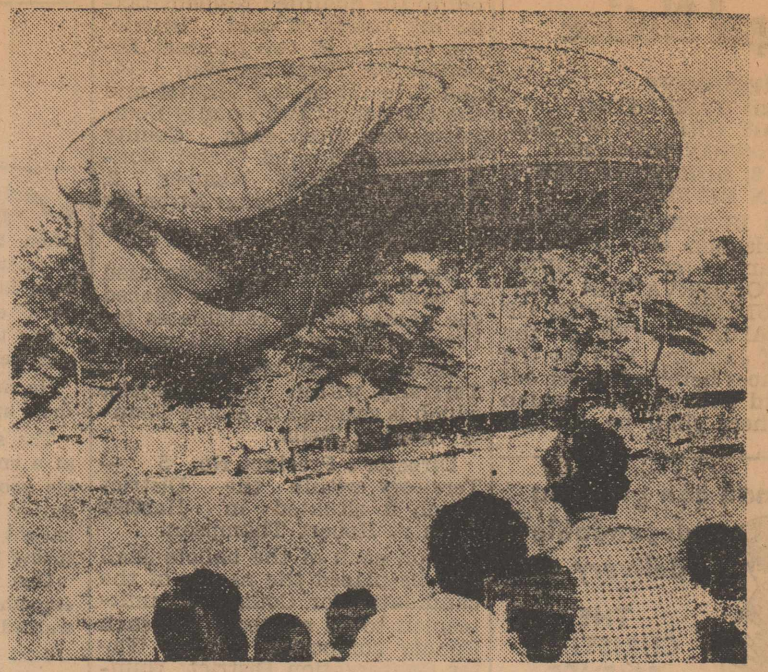
Smith Chevron Station



SENATORS JOKE . . . Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson (D) Texas, right, and senate minority leader Wm. F. Knowland (R) Calif., share a jest.



QUEEN OF ALL . . . Carol Morris, 20, Drake U. coed and daughter of minister in Okemwa, Ia., won Miss Universe title over 72 beauties at Long Beach, Cal. She's 5' 7", weighs 129.



TROUBLE SPOTTER . . . "Big Bertha", 90 foot barrage balloon, is used in war against terrorists on Cyprus where Greek patriots battle the British.

SENTIMENTAL MEETING

By Lee Bradley

LEORA ALLEN stared thoughtfully out the hotel window. When had the dullness entered her marriage? she wondered. When was it Charles began to take her for granted? Each day he came from work, gave her a peck on the cheek, ate his dinner, then retired to his easy chair to read and watch television. Or, as was often the case, to drowse until time for bed. Surely he was bored, too!

She had certainly done her part. She went regularly to the beauty salon; she watched her weight; and she kept her mind active by reading the latest books and magazines. But Charles seemed not to notice.

She smiled reflectively. How different her life would be if she had married Edgar Somers. Although, she hadn't seen Edgar in years, she could still remember his tenderness.

Edgar was the reason she was in Chicago. Charles had come on business, and she had felt impelled to come along. She knew Edgar worked here, and the urge to see him had been too strong to ignore. She felt it was time to keep a nostalgic date with her past!

An hour ago, she called Edgar on the phone, and his voice had sent shivers up her back. Just those few words had made her feel like a girl again. And he had invited her to lunch, as she had known he would. Dear Edgar, always so dependable!

Edgar recognized her first. "Leora, dear!" he exclaimed, pressing her hand.

"You haven't changed a bit! I would have known you anywhere. The same wonderful smile—the same even white teeth." It was almost as if he had added, "Thank God!" How she wished it were all true.

"I often think of the old days," he went on. "Of the time I thought I was a poet. Most of the stuff I wrote was about you." He stopped and laughed.

"The girl with the Mellin's Food teeth, She eats chocolate fudge and roast beef, I know 'cause I saw her, And her name it's Leora, The girl with the Mellin's Food teeth."

Leora stared. Mellin's Food, indeed! She hadn't thought of that baby food in years! She had expected a sentimental ditty about the stars in her eyes. And all he could talk about was teeth. What had become of the tenderness? Of the romantic love they had shared?

All during lunch she felt uneasy. Edgar seemed to be watching for her to smile. Waiting to see those even white teeth, no doubt. Leora was glad when it was over and she was back in her hotel room. She had never been so disappointed in her life.

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Later, she stood in front of the bathroom mirror and tried to see herself as she had looked to Edgar, today. She smiled, gently at first, then wider until all her teeth showed. A wave of sadness shot through her. He had said she was unchanged, but it wasn't true. She had changed terribly.

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Dry both celery and parsley leaves and use for seasoning soups, stews and stuffings.

Those bits of cheese can be grated when they're dry and used when grated cheese is specified. Save those bits of butter left on bread and butter plates. They can be used for seasoning vegetables.

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Buy day-old bread and save money on it. If you don't eat it all during the same day, see that it's kept well wrapped and stored in a well-covered bread container. Cereals, flour and sugar, if you use them in quantity, will save you money if bought in substantial quantity.

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From Paul Morgan, Los Angeles, Calif. Almost fifty years ago I was a young boy down on the farm. Part of my daily chores was to chop and saw wood each day (enough for the following day). I had my choice, could do it before or after school — most always did it after school. A kid with a sharp ax could chop a lot of wood.

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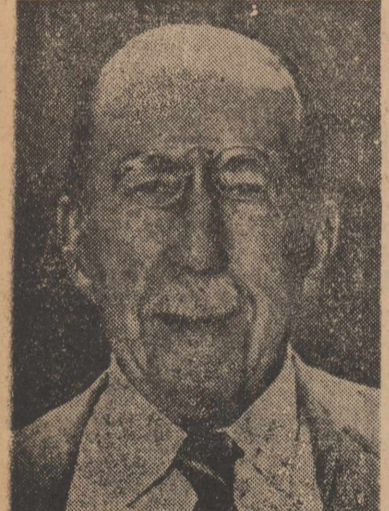
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Christmas again,
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Stratford Department Store

Merry Christmas

We greet Christmas
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The Elk

FIRST GRADE NEWS (By Darla Galloway)

Our mothers give a party once a month usually on Friday preceding the 15th for the children born in that month. The mothers of those children serve refreshments. Our honorees this month were Ronnie Brooks and Alice Guthrie. Their mothers treated the children this week. We are glad to report that we have had good attendance this week.

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For our part in the operetta (Miss Ballinger's room) we wish to thank Mrs. Mehner for directing the operetta. We couldn't have given it without her wonderful directing. We also wish to thank the parents for making the costumes and in other help they have given. We wish to thank Mrs. Earl Kirkwood for making the tall silk hat. We thank the P.T.A. for buying the operetta books so that we might give the operetta. We enjoyed the refreshments that were served in the cafeteria. After we came back from the cafeteria our Room mothers had a treat for us for which we thank them. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

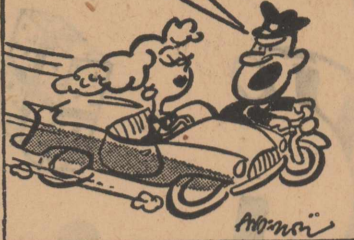


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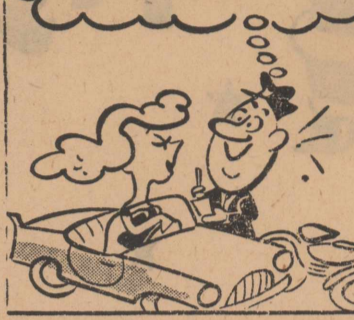
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WHERE'S THE FIRE?



... BUT LET'S FACE IT!

ZOWEEEE-WOW-WOW!



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It has been a long, long time since I have written to you.

I have moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

All of the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had, the shining bubbles of joy, the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice, the candles of faith that shone in my eyes, the frank incense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and love star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past I now realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have, but I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will hang my empty heart by the chimney, Santa, and please, this is what I want:

Give me a large basket of forgetfulness with which to cover up all bitterness and useless

from the "Amarillo Daily News."

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P.S. I'm 48 years old.

GIRLS SPORTS (By Darla Galloway)

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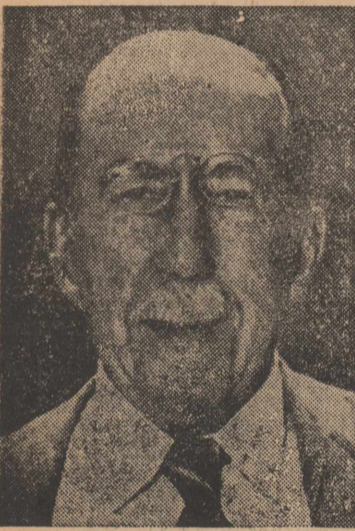
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Christmas again, and may its basic meaning mark your Holiday!

Stratford Department Store



Merry Christmas

We greet Christmas with the friendly spirit of past years.

DAVIS Motor Co.

What Kind Of Christmas Will You Have?

Family planning largely deter-

mines the spirit that will prevail in your home during the holiday season, reminds Mrs. Eloise Johnson, extension family life specialist. Without advance planning, families get caught in

the hectic, exhausting pace of trying to keep up with the Jones' in spending and entertaining.

Plan to relieve the financial strain, and emphasize the true meaning of Christmas — of giving instead of getting. Let every member of the family have his share of the family money for spending and giving. Make or select gifts for people from whom no return is expected as a special family Christmas project.

Family traditions and customs strengthen the family more than any other single thing, says Mrs. Johnson. American families have inherited a rich blend of traditions from many lands. Let your own heritage be reflected in the Christmas decorations, the foods, and the hospitality of your home. If possible, start early and let the children help select a tree, gather holiday greenery, wrap gifts, and make some of the decorations for the tree and the family dinner table.

The climate of Christmas in most homes can be enriched spiritually, too. Reserve a place in your home for some representation of the real reason for Christmas. A simple, very natural arrangement of the nativity scene gives real meaning to the most important of birthdays.

ening was a surprise lingerie shower for Mrs. Stanley Murdock who will soon be leaving the community. She and her family, husband, Stanley, daughters, Betty Lou and Margaret Ann, and young son, Mark, will be greatly missed.

Delicious refreshments of salad, hot rolls, coffee, nuts and mints were served by the co-hostesses, Mrs. Stanley Murdock, Mrs. Robert Elms, and Mrs. Ray Taylor. Those enjoying the party were the Mesdames Allene Boren, Beulah Eden, Twila Fenton, Miranda Florida, Pauline Harboure, Marylou McDaniel, Irene Miller, Ferne Scott, Franny Taylor, Rose Taylor, Lynn Wells, Florabell Bell, Frances Brewster, Judy Reynolds, Juanita Donelson, Polly Durr, and Miss Peggy Taylor. Mrs. Hiram Butler of Boise City was an additional guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Taylor.

The Kerrick Community Club will have their Community Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p. m. Hosts for the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdock, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel. A program is planned and Santa will be present on a hurried pre-Xmas trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDaniel and children, Patti and Mike, attended the annual Hi-Plains Amateur Radio Club Christmas party, Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Saunders of near Balko, Oklahoma. Following a basket dinner, there was a gift exchange. A total of 48 attended, coming from Meade, Ingalls, Cimmaron, Plains, Fowler, Satanta, Ashland, Coldwater, in Kansas; Buffalo, Elmwood in Oklahoma; and Canadian, Booker, and Kerrick, in Texas. The Club plans to meet with the Fred

McDaniel's on January 20th.

Sixteen adults and five children attended the second Ground Observer Corp meeting at the Kerrick Community

Building last Wednesday night. Instructions on giving "Aircraft Flashes" was given by Sgt. Ronald Edwards of Amarillo. Mrs. Virgie Mathews was elected Post Observer. Fred McDaniel is the

Post Supervisor. The third meeting is planned for January 25th at which time a movie will be shown, along with practicing aircraft flashes over field phones.

Season's Greetings



May yours be filled with pleasant people all through the Holidays.

Will Rogers 54 Cafe



BOTTLE BABY . . . Infant kangaroo thrives on milk fed to it from nursing bottle in zoo at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, after mother's death.

Merry Christmas

Dick and Wanda
Karen and Don



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HELP WANTED: A lady to stay in my home. Must drive a car and be able to do house work. Room and board and wages. My home is in the country 6 miles east, 4 miles south and 2 miles east on Farm Road 289. Write or come and look the job over. — Mrs. L. B. Haile, Box 437, Stratford, Texas. 49-3tp

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FOR RENT: Furnished modern apartment, Phone 2941 or see Mrs. E. Hill, 7th and Maple. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: 3-room modern house, enclosed back porch, bills paid. See Marguerite Wilson, Phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment. — Paul Aduddell, Phone 2846. 25-tfc

Special Services

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NEED HAY? See J. I. Mooney. 31-tfc

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I will continue writing State Farm Insurance although I am working at the Sherman County Abstract Co. — Mrs. Marguerite Wilson. 30-tfc

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For Sale

FOR SALE: HOUSE, 3,000 square feet; two bedrooms and bath on second floor, living and dining area, kitchen, utility room, den and half bath on ground floor. Full size basement, garage attached. See R. G. Gillis, or phone 4536. 10-tfc

FOR SALE: Used 12 cubic foot chest type Philco Home Freezer, \$200.00. — Claude Sloan Implement Co. 37-tfc

FOR SALE: Modern Furnished House and Modern unfurnished House. Call Marguerite Wilson, Phone 2491. 44-tfc

FOR SALE: Electric Train \$10. See Al Bammes. 49-tfc

FOR SALE: 1948 Massey-Harris model 44 Row Crop Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter; 1949 John Deere Model G Tractor, LP gas equipped, 4 row lister and planter, good; 1948 John Deere Model G Tractor with 4 row lister and planter, completely overhauled; John Deere 114A Roughage Mill, practically new. — Sherman Implement Co. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: Used Westinghouse Washer and Living Room Suite. See the new Speed King Automatic Washer. — McMahan Furniture Co. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: 26-inch girl's bicycle, like new, \$40.00, Phone 4081. — Susie Sloan. 37-tfc

FOR SALE: Used baby bed, bassinet and mattress, baby car chair, Teeterbaby jumper chair, baby play pen. See Mrs. Norvell Blake. 51-4tp

USED Automatic Washing Machines, most models. — Van B. Boston. 50-tfc

FOR SALE: 1 Stock Trailer, \$100. — Al Bammes. 50-tfc

FOR SALE: One 6.8 foot deep freezer, \$100. — Al Bammes. 50-tfc

FOR SALE: Homemade Kosher Dill Pickles. — Mrs. D. D. Woodall, Phone 3906. 50-2tc

Light and Dark Fruit Cakes for sale, also plum puddings, Call 5031. — Margaret Harrington. 50-2tp

To reduce flammability, cut the Christmas tree at an angle and set it in water.

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PARENTS WARNED . . . Soviet poster depicts problem of juvenile delinquency as result of pampering Russian youth.

A new rechargeable cell for use in flashlights and other portable electric lanterns has recently been put on the market. Hermetically sealed, the nickel-cadmium battery cell can be recharged more than 200 times and will not deteriorate if either overcharged or undercharged.

Kerrick Ladies Have Party In Taylor Home

(By Mrs. Fred McDaniel)

The beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Ray Taylor at Kerrick was the setting for a Christmas Party for the ladies of the community. The event was at 7:30 p. m. on Friday, December 14. Sitting in the bay window was a white Christmas tree, trimmed with red lights and baubles. A gay Santa waved gaily from one corner of the greenery decorated mantel. Christmas candles stood on the other corner. Leading from Santa's hand were 5 silver bells which hung from the ceiling. A variations of charades, using the titles of Christmas songs, was enjoyed during the evening. A highlight of the night was the opening of Christmas Secret Pal gifts and the revealing of this year's names. New names for the coming year were drawn with twenty women participating in 1957.

Adding to the fun of the ev-

MERRY XMAS TO ALL

Another Christmas finds us joining hands with neighbors to wish you well.

May the light of a Happy Season shine brightly.

The First State Bank

Of Stratford

potential dangers to those who drive or walk in traffic or such gatherings.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

The Elk will not appear in the room during the week of December 24th. Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. — The Staff.

MEDITATIONS OF A PRINCIPAL

(By H. T. Galloway)

Christmas should be a time of joy, don't turn it into disaster.

At the base of the Christmas tree is kept in water it will help lessen fire danger.

Let's turn aside one and all giving thanks for all the many

blessings that have been given us the past year.

Lets resolve to do better by our fellow man than ever before. Our prayer should be one of courage to forgive those who trespass against us.

My thanks to the students in Stratford High for their co-operation and consideration, realizing at times they have a right to be angry with me for something said or done.

If you travel during the holidays do be careful, and watch the fellow behind the wheel of the car that is behind the car in front of you.

Don't let the spirit of Christmas catch you with your caution down.

Here are some good rules to follow in tree decorations.

Use only flame proof crepe pa-

ONE WAY STREET

By F. L. Rowley

LIONEL BRACKEN was a conscientious man. His conduct was proper; his manner gracious. Lionel had never been known to make a serious mistake—never. At school he had confounded his tutors by anticipating each question and answering it correctly. And now, as professor of Physics at Blackmoor College, he continued to awe his students by his ability to solve any problem laid before him.

As the big car approached the new subdivision known as Hillcrest Lionel's pulse began to skip. Looking over the well-spaced cottages with their rolling lawns he had the feeling of a man returning home after a long absence.

Then he saw it—his dream house! Though it was still under construction Lionel recognized it at once. Without taking his eyes off the place he swung his car into the narrow street. Before stepping out of the car he glanced at the rear-view mirror—and his heart missed three beats! For full in the mirror was the reflection of a sign which read: ONE-WAY STREET.

Lionel began to tremble. For the first time in his life he had made a mistake. By the time the smiling police officer reached his car he was quite ill.

"Better turn around, mister," suggested the policeman with a twinkle in his eye.

"I made a mistake!" Lionel whispered incredulously.

"It happens to the best of us!"

"A mistake!" Lionel went on doggedly. "I, Professor Lionel Bracken, am no better than a common criminal."

"Oh, come now," said the policeman with a wry smile, "it isn't that bad."

Perspiration trickled down Lionel's graying sideburns. He held out his hand: "Give me the ticket."

"Ticket? I'm not going to give you a ticket, professor."

"I've broken the law. It's your duty to give me a ticket."

The policeman frowned. Pulling a yellow pad from his pocket he scribbled rapidly.

When he'd finished writing the policeman folded the paper and tucked it into Lionel's breast pocket. "Now, turn around and be off!" he said crisply.

He wondered how his wife would take the news. He found himself wishing that in the past he'd had more patience with Marie and her shortcomings.

Marie was waiting at the door. "You're late, dear. What happened? Lionel—you look ill!"

Without a word he took the sheet of yellow paper from his pocket and handed it to her. For a long moment Marie stared at the paper—then she began to laugh. He hadn't heard her laugh like that in years.

Puzzled, he took the paper from her hand. It was a piece of ordinary note paper, across which was scrawled: "Isn't it lonely up there, being the world's only perfect man?"

During the days that followed Lionel noticed a wonderful change in Marie. She began to treat him less like a precision-built machine—more like a human being. He could make mistakes like anyone else. Lionel was a happy man.

In this pleasant state of mind he decided to drive Marie over to Hillcrest to look at the new house. As they neared the place Lionel saw a blue-shirted, familiar figure working on a lawn before another house. It was the policeman who had given him the note!

Lionel curbed the car. The policeman flushed guiltily as he walked across the lawn. Lionel, meeting him half-way, held out his hand.

"You're not mad, even though you were right?"

"I'm not angry," said Lionel with a smile. "What do you mean by 'right'?"

"Some kids took those one-way signs off a stalled city truck. They stuck them up all over the place. Sorry professor—you didn't actually make a mistake."

per for streamers.

Never use cotton bunting around a tree.

If you must use, candles, do so but keep away from curtains, be sure the holders won't tip over.

Use only tested and approved lighting fixtures.

Keep the base of tree in water.

Take down the tree as soon as is practical after Christmas.

Give freely of your love, courtesy, kindness and best wishes to enemies as well as friends.

I would like to wish all of you a merry, merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Thanks to everyone for your help and friendship.

F. F. A. NEWS

(By Raymond Kirkwood)

For the last several years the Ag department has had to use the scales at the stockyards to weigh their livestock project.

Last year we purchased a set of Safe-Weigh scales. They will weigh up to a ton. Recently, Mr. Granvil Preston, Mr. Billy Pendleton, and other interested adult leaders have been working to make these scales portable.

They are putting wheels on the scales that will raise and lower like the wheels of an airplane. This will make the scales portable and yet have a steady base when in use. Portable scales will make it much easier to keep records of animal weights. The scales will be carried to the projects once a month. In this way accurate records of progress may be kept.

CHRISTMAS

(By Betty Bradley)

Christmas is bursting out all over. Even before Thanksgiving, they were advertising Christmas. All of the stores were urging people to do their Christmas Shopping early to avoid the last minute rush.

About the first week in December, letters to Santa Claus began to appear in the paper. Christmas trees appeared in homes and store windows. Almost over night the town is decorated with colored lights and a huge Christmas tree is erected in the middle of town. Signs painted on windows and billboards wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Christmas cards begin coming along with the usual advertisements and bills. The grade school windows are soon decorated by willing young artists. A lovely decorated tree appears in the school cafeteria.

The chorus begins singing Christmas carols at rehearsals. The bands begin practicing for the Christmas concert to be given to the school Friday 21st. The school calendar is full with no open dates. Many of the dates are taken up with Christmas parties. The school children and teachers especially look forward to the Christmas holidays.

Under the glamour and glitter of Christmas there are many more serious thoughts. Christmas is much more than the bright decorations and the mysterious gifts under the tree. It is the day Jesus, our Saviour, was born. If it was not for this day long ago, we would not have the wonderful gifts and decorations in the house. Some

people forget the real meaning of Christmas. I feel sorry for these people, because they can not be really happy until they have Jesus in their lives at all times. So not only for yourself, but for me too, don't forget the real meaning of Christmas and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Candle flames invite fire; use electric lights on your Christmas tree.

CAFETERIA

(By Betty Bradley)

January Meals

Wednesday: Cream tuna, whole kernel corn, mixed greens, carrot raisin-pineapple salad, rolls, butter, purple plums, milk.

Thursday: Rolled roast gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, lemon jello, potato salad, rolls, butter, cherry cobbler, milk.

Friday: Meat balls, sauce, potato casserole, English peas, congealed salad, rolls, butter, devil food cake, and milk.

Saturday: Rolled roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry-cranberry salad, rolls, butter, cake, milk.

Saturday: Tournament meal.

The seven wonders of the modern world are the airplane, radium, antiseptics, antitoxins, X-ray, radio, and the telephone.



Joy at Christmas

May your Christmas

be filled with

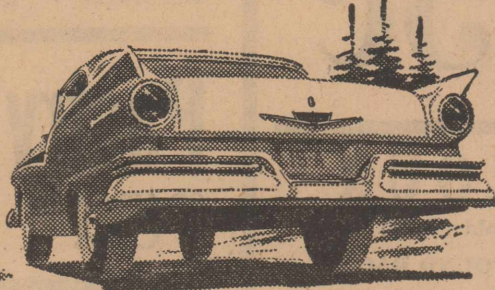
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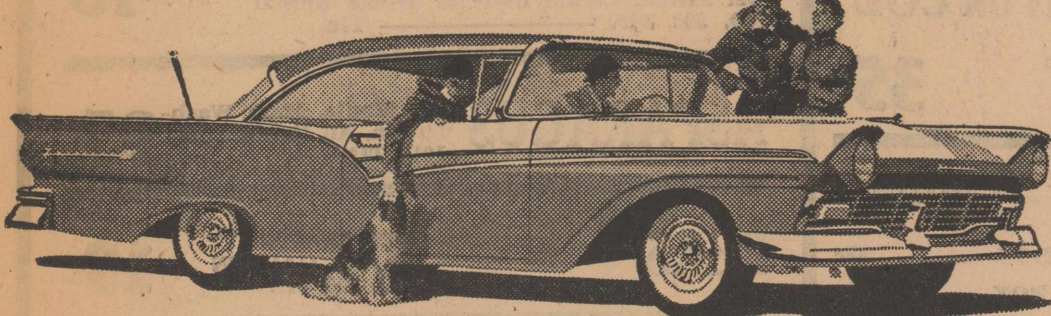
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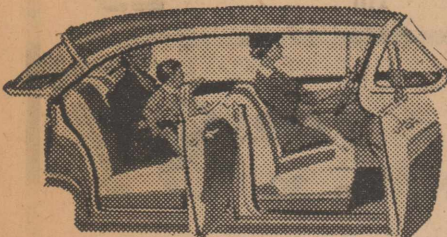
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Advertisement for Consumers Co. featuring a group of children holding a sign that says "GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." Below the illustration, text reads: "We join the parade of well wishers making their way to your door... Merry Christmas. Consumers Co."

Advertisement for Stratford Motor Co. featuring a large Christmas tree and a reindeer. Text reads: "Best Wishes May happiness and joy symbolize your home in this season of Christmas. STRATFORD MOTOR CO."

SCANNING THE NEWS

CAN President Eisenhower re-make the Republican party unto his own image and likeness? He is going to try and believes he has made much progress in the four years he has been in office.

But the American electorate obviously did not believe so, judging by the amazing election results which for the first time in the history of the nation, a President running on his own record, a popular national hero, was re-elected by a smashing nine million majority and yet failed to carry Congress with him. As a matter of fact this year's election was the second time this popular President failed to persuade the American people to give him a Congress controlled by his own party, for in 1954 President Eisenhower campaigned for the election of a Republican Congress, but failed to carry a majority in on his coat tails.

This is not the first time Presidents have been faced with a Congress of opposite political faith, either wholly or in one of the Houses—either the House or Senate. It has happened nine times—with Grant, Hayes, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, Taft, Wilson, Hoover and Truman, all of whom lost control of Congress at the congressional elections in their mid-terms.

And it has been 108 years since a winning President, has failed to take with him a congress controlled by his own party. This was in 1848, when another war hero,

General Zachary Taylor, hero of the Mexican war, was elected as a Whig, but found a Democratic Congress on Capitol Hill. It was only a few years until the Whig party passed out of existence and the Republican party took its place.

The affection of the voters for President Eisenhower as a "Peace and Prosperity" president was not enough to extend even to some of his closest friends, such as former Governor Langlie of Washington, keynoter at the GOP convention, Governor Dan Thornton in Colorado, Duff of Pennsylvania and former Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay of Oregon, all defeated by Democrats for the Senate.

Then how did the President amass that record breaking vote? Here are some of the reasons: He drew several million votes from Negro citizens, who pulled out of the Democratic party over the civil rights and segregation issues. But they were largely confined to Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and California, which he would have carried anyway. The negro vote merely added to his majority. He polled a huge ethnic origin vote on the issue of peace in these same states. And throughout the south other negroes voted Republican for the first time, added to the growing Republican vote in the south sufficiently to carry such states as Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Virginia and others.

School Closes Friday For Holidays

Stratford Schools will close Friday, December 21, for the Christmas holidays, and classes will be resumed on Wednesday, January 2.

Dinner Held In Honor Of Miss Leggett

A dinner was held Sunday at Rices Dining Salon in Amarillo in honor of Miss Doris Leggett. She is the District I Home Demonstration Agent. Her retirement becomes effective after January 1. After the meal Mrs. Argen Draper from Deaf Smith County presented to Miss Leggett her gift. It was a very lovely jewelry box, plus cash.

The County Home Demonstration Agents who were present were: Miss Barbara Fain from Armstrong County, Mrs. Janie Fletcher from Carson County, Mrs. Sybil Stringer from Castro County, Miss Kathryn Potter from Collingsworth County, Mrs. Argen Draper from Deaf Smith County, Mrs. Dortha Prowel, As-

sistant from Deaf Smith County, Miss Geraldine Mayes from Hutchinson County, Miss Lou Ella Patterson from Ochiltree County, Miss Jimmie Lou Wainwright from Parmer County, Miss Pauline Lokey from Potter County, Mrs. Mona Hildrith from Randall County, Miss Leona Miller from Sherman County, Miss Vera Crippen from Wheeler County, and Miss Mary Inez Holland from Hardeman County.

The two Secretaries from Miss Leggett's and Miss Lockey's office were also present. Agents who were unable to attend were Miss Pat Broyles, Assistant from Gray County, Miss Helen Dunlap from Gray County, Mrs. Dorothy (Harbin) Neufeld from Oldham and Hartley County and Mrs. Mildred Pugh from Lipscomb County. The Agents each received a lovely gift from Miss Leggett.



FATSO... Gary Wein, one-year-old, of Reseda, Calif., weighed 33 pounds to earn "fattest baby" title in contest with 630 other babies.

WORDS or Just Being Human

by Brad Anderson



Prices Good Through Christmas Eve

42 Prizes Will Be Given Away at 4:00 p. m. Saturday, December 22

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Hams Christmas Sunray Tender 14 to 18 Lb. Whole or 1/2 — **49**

Bacon WILSON CERTIFIED 2 LB. PKG. **95**

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RIPE OLIVES White Swan Extra Large — Pitted Tall Tin **39c**

Shortening SNOW DRIFT 3 Pound Tin **89**

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TUNA 4 cans **\$1**
DEL MONTE LIGHT MEAT — 26c

BLACK PEPPER Schilling 2 Ounce Box **19c**

BEETS KIMBELL'S WHOLE NO. 303 TIN **15c**

FRESH DATES Lb. Box **33c**

POP CORN 6 cans **95**
WHITE SWAN 10 Ounce Tin — 17c

PECANS Stewart's Large Paper Shell Pound **29c**

CANDY FANCY CHOCOLATES POUND **45c**
5 POUND BOX **\$1.99**

Fruit Cake Mix Lyons-Radiant 1 Pound Box **49c**

CAKE MIX Betty Crocker ALL REG. — BOX **31c**
Answer **35c**
ANGEL FOOD **55c**

Cranberry Sauce WHITE SWAN 16 OUNCE TIN **15c**

FLOUR Gold Medal 10 POUND BAG **95c**

CORN on COB White Swan Large No. 3 Tin **35c**

TEA - Lipton 1/4 POUND BOX **39c**
1/2 POUND BOX **77c**
1 POUND BOX **\$1.49**
TEA BAGS 12 QUART BOX **45c**
100 BAG BOX **\$1.10**

SALT - Barton's 26 Ounce Round Box **9c**

Oranges Sunkist Or Choice Pound **12 1/2c**

Lemons CALIFORNIA CHOICE POUND **12 1/2c**

RADISHES CELLO. PKG. EACH **5c**

Celery CALIF. PASCAL LARGE STALK **15**

Coffee FOLGERS POUND **97**

FRUIT COCKTAIL 4 cans **89**
DEL MONTE NO. 303 TIN — 23c

CHERRIES 4 cans **89**
STURGEON BAY NO. 303 TIN — 23c

PEACHES Cal Top Elberta Large No. 2 1/2 Tin **25c**

PINEAPPLE 4 cans **\$1**
Del Monte Crushed No. 2 Tin — 26c

Pastry Peaches OR APRICOTS Bake Rite No. 2 Tin 26c 4 Cans **\$1**

GREEN BEANS 5 cans **\$1**
KIMBELL'S — WHOLE — NO. 303 TIN — 21c

CORN 3 cans **49**
Del Monte, Cream Style or Whole Kernel NO. 303 TIN — 17c

ASPARAGUS Del Monte, Mary Washington, All Green Tips 10 1/2 TIN **35c**

PEAS DEL MONTE EARLY GARDEN NO. 303 TIN **19c**

Grapefruit Juice Don Rio 46 Ounce Tin **25c**

Pineapple Juice 3 cans **87**
Del Monte 46 Oz. Tin—30c

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