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Stratford Tourney Opens Jan. 3

Mammoth Lake Underlies The Plains

An estimated 80 to 85 million acre feet of water still lies in storage, available for pumping, in the water bearing sands of the 13 counties in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

How long will this amount of water last?

No one knows. Too many factors depend on other things to get an accurate answer. But hydrologist know that the water table is continually dropping. In some counties, like Lubbock the water supply is down about 40 per cent whereas in Bailey County it has only dropped 10 per cent from what it was in 1938.

In order to give south plains residents and farmers a better picture of the actual water situation under this area, directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District have had the hydrologic staff prepare three composite maps of the water district in color.

These maps, about as large as a single newspaper page, are in four colors. The first map was printed in the November issue of "The Cross Section" the monthly news-letter of the water district.

The first map shows the thickness of the Ogallala formation — the entire section of the sediments from the ground to the bottom of the water-bearing sands — the Southern High Plains principal source of underground water.

The second map will be printed in the December issue of The Cross Section, and the third map in the January issue. The second map will show the thickness of the saturated part of the Ogallala formation in 1938 and the third map will show the decline of the water table since 1938.

More than a year of work has gone into the preparation of these maps. Considerable time and expense has been put into their production and in order that all farmers and interested persons see or receive these maps, the directors of the water district are making the maps available free.

Anyone receiving The Cross Section will automatically receive the maps. Anyone not receiving The Cross Section, may obtain the maps by writing to The Cross Section, 1628 B 15th Street, Lubbock.

Fire Boys Entinguish Grass Blaze

Stratford's Volunteer Fire Department extinguished a grass fire about 8 miles northeast of Stratford Tuesday afternoon. Firemen, riding on the rear of the fire truck, who had not taken time to put on coats, climbed into the cab of the truck with the driver and other occupants as the truck sped to the scene of the blaze.

Archie Arnold brought some of the firemen back to town in his car.

Drive Safely — Cultivate a respect for safety rather than a fear of accidents.

E. E. HAMILTONS CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING WEDNESDAY

THE INCOME TAX SERVICE MEN SAY:

(By Tax Man Sam)

When paying your income tax you want to remember that Texas is a community property state. It may come as a shock to your wife but she only gets half of what you and her together made. For tax purposes, in Texas the wife can only have half, not all.

If your wife worked and she files a separate tax return, she must show one-half of the community income of both husband and wife. She also takes credit for paying one-half the withholding tax. You can expect a tax audit if the wife files a separate tax return claiming a refund for the withholding tax she paid and then the husband files a joint return and does not include the wife's income and uses the wife's exemption. You can't do that.

A lot of ordinary citizens will become conscious of being taxpayers right after Christmas. Having the Christmas bill probably makes us feel worse over filling an income tax return at this time. The Internal Revenue folks mail a set of instructions and tax returns to every taxpayer on record the day after Christmas. If you've moved from the address they have, you won't get your instructions and tax returns.

A lot of taxpayers would like more information about paying income taxes and Uncle Sam has a booklet called "Your Federal Income Tax - 1956" which you can get from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for 30c. It is my horseback opinion that if every reader of this paper paid 30c for this booklet and carefully studied it, and followed the advice contained in the booklet, it would be worth a hundred times (on the average) the cost.

Most folks don't like to think about their income tax during Christmas week or any other time for that matter. It does pay, however, to be educated in tax matters. The Internal Revenue folks like for everybody to start work on their tax returns after Christmas. What sort of Christmas gift do you get for that? None! It is interesting to note though that come January 1st, Uncle Sam owes 55% to 60% of the taxpayers money. So it would appear that most of us get some of our money back from the Government instead of the Government getting more from us at income tax filing time.

Think twice, once for yourself and once for the other fellow.

A decibel is a unit for measuring sound.

Stratford's annual invitation basketball tournament for boys and girls teams will open Thursday, January 3, and games will continue Friday and Saturday.

Trophies will be given to winners of first, second and third place in both boys and girls games. Trophies will also be awarded to winners of the consolation tournament. Sportsmanship trophies to both boys and girls. Awards will be presented to coaches of first place winning teams. Twelve individual figures will be presented to girl players and 10 individual figures will be presented to boys playing in the tournament.

Eight games have been scheduled for the first day of the tournament. Sunray and Dalhart girls will play at 9:30 a. m. Sunray and Boys Ranch are scheduled to play at 11:00 a. m. Claude and Channing girls will play at 12:30 p. m. Claude and Channing boys will play at 2:00 p. m. Adrian and Texline girls play at 3:30 p. m. Adrian and Texline boys play at 6:00 p. m. Stratford and Morse girls play at 7:30 p. m. Stratford and Morse boys play at 9:00 p. m. The boys basketball finals will be played at 9:00 p. m. Saturday and the winners of the girls division will play their final game at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

WANT NEW EXPERIMENT STATION

A group of farmers from five counties, north of the Canadian River, met at the Sneed Hotel in Dumas on December 11 to discuss the possibilities of establishing, north of the Canadian River, a sub station to the Bushland Experiment Station. Much interest was shown at this meeting and a committee was appointed consisting of C. C. Burnett of Dumas, chairman, Don Anthony of Dumas, Secretary-Treasurer, Duard Lamb of Stratford, R. V. Converse and Joe Smith of Hansford County; D. M. Womble and Lee Richardson of Hutchinson County and W. H. Lance and Harlan Hawk of Ochiltree County.

This committee met on December 17 at the Sneed Hotel in Dumas and made preparations to meet with Experimental Station officials at a later date and discussed possible locations for the sub station.

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District Well Spacing Rule Remains Valid

NAVY FAMILY THINKS HIGHLY OF STRATFORD CITIZENS

CHATTER OF THE Plainsman

(By Brown Ross)

It has been my policy to maintain editorial silence in Christmas editions as a silent salute of deep respect at the time of the celebration of the birthday of the greatest molder of public opinion of all time. It has been 40 years since I first opened the pages of the Holy Bible to diligently study its pages and commit to memory their contents. I seem to remember that when the greatest molder of public opinion of all time hung on the rugged cross, writing in the minds of men a ray of hope that will endure throughout eternity in his greatest masterpiece, there were some of his dearest friends who disclaimed his acquaintance. I seem to remember that when this great authority ruled on the status of church and state he said "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's." When he ruled on the status of the need of man and the law of the Sabbath, he said "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath." The Master Molder of Public Opinion, if I remember correctly, was quite plain spoken when he said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." In roaming this world it has never been my pleasure to make the acquaintance of many people who possessed such open intelligent minds as those of little children. Happy New Year.

Dear Sirs: We would like to thank the town of Stratford for the hospitality and thoughtfulness it accorded us on August 19th. Our family, my husband, and I, and four children ranging in age from 1 year to 9 years were on our way from Atlantic City, N. J. to San Francisco to get a ship to Japan. Just outside your town our car developed engine trouble and it proved to be very serious. Any place else in the country I am sure that it would have taken us two days to get back on the road, but the man at the J & B Implement Co. worked from about 9 in the morning until 4 a. m. the following morning to help us out. We just couldn't get over finding such an accommodating person. We also want to thank everyone else that we came in contact with; all were most kind, most especially the man who drove us to the motel and the lady at the restaurant who drove us back to the motel after dinner. We made the rest of the trip to San Francisco and across the ocean to Japan with no serious mishaps. We like Japan and it's people very much and look forward to our two years over here. But we have become unofficial members of the Stratford, Texas, Chamber of Commerce. We wish that there could be some way to repay such wonderful hospitality. It meant a lot to us, stranded in a strange place with four small children. Sincerely, CWO & Mrs. R. M. Scott, USN and Family.

The State Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by F. J. Bryson of Hockley County, appealing a decision of the 72 District Court which enjoined the producing of a well in excess of 100,000 gallons of water per day (69.4 gallons per minute) drilled in violation of the spacing rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

The District refused to approve a permit at 74 yards from an existing well; however, Bryson drilled the well without a permit.

After the trial court issued a permanent injunction against Bryson, he made a direct appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas. The high court said that it lacked jurisdiction to take the case on direct appeal; thereby ruling against the appeal and dismissing the case.

Death Claims 80 Year Old Sister Of W. P. Mullican

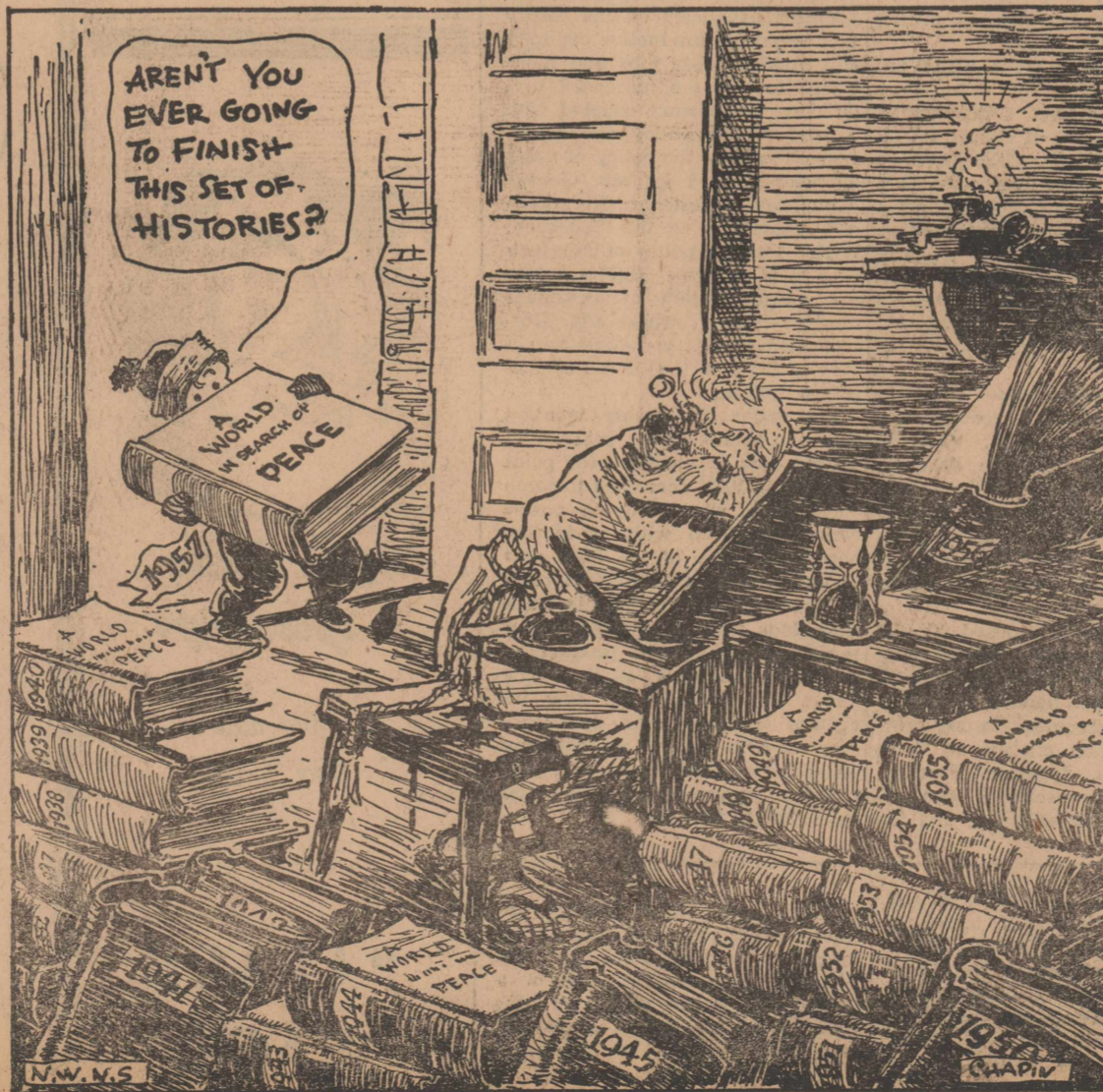
Mrs. Minnie Vera Whitman, a sister of W. P. Mullican who was 80 years of age on September 16, passed away Friday in the home of her brother, E. E. Mullican, in Teague, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at Teague and burial was made at Big Sandy, Texas.

Mrs. Whitman made her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican in Stratford most of the time during the past 25 years.

New Drilling Test Started Near Stratford

The San Juan Drilling Company has started drilling operations at the No. 1 Lisa in section 143, Block 1-T, three miles northeast of Stratford. The proposed depth of the well is 6,550 feet.

'HEY, POP--'



John Haney Takes Over Conlen Store

John Haney took over the management of the D. M. Knight Store at Conlen Wednesday which was recently purchased by J. E. Crabtree. Mr. Haney will operate the business under lease.

Wayne Lavake Scheduled For Surgery Today

Wayne Lavake was scheduled to undergo surgery in St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo today for correction of hernia. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lavake took their son to Amarillo Wednesday.

If the needles near the Christmas tree lights turn brown, move the lights.

Drive Safely — Accidents don't just happen. They are caused.



PEARLY PULCHRITUDE . . . Susan Turner's jeweled costume crowned by massive headdress won her second prize at New York's Artists and Models ball.



Stratford Abstract Co.



ROSE QUEEN . . . Ann Mossberg, 19, of Alhambra, Cal., was named queen of Pasadena's 68th Tournament of Roses on Jan. 1st.

Among persons 65 and over most of the women and one-third of the men are widowed, divorced or single.



C & E Paint & Body Shop



Our wish of the New Year is for peace ... everywhere.

Yates Drug AND Robbie's Gift Shoppe

"DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

STORY NO. 1

Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By--FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.--We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2340, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were ahead of him?

What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked?

Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled that El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the braggart, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

Here in Nuevo Laredo Cervantes had a couple of quick tequilas at the International Gardens, Ricky Callione's place, to steady his nerves. Then he paid his three pesos—twenty five cents—and vanished.

And to this day El Turco, now serving 99 years in Huntsville Prison, hasn't talked. He wouldn't live long, even in Huntsville, if he did. And The Turk knows it.

What's all this got to do with Boss George Berham Parr, the tottering Duke of Duval?

The answer, mister, is plenty, but plenty!

Dictatorships, whether they're red as in Russia, black as in Mussolini's Italy, brown as in Hitler's Germany, or red, white and blue as in Parr's Duval, follow the same pattern—ballots, beatings, bullets and booty. The ballots are phony but the others are real. All four figure in the story of Duval County, Texas.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening. That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of political circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, it's now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a clean-up of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other counties, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States?

That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

Like myself, Rosenwald didn't believe that such a place as Duval County could possibly exist in the Western world, until he came to Texas and saw for himself. Until he talked to little people who had been beaten and ruined, the little people whose names do not appear in the papers. Until he talked to the families of men who had been killed.

Until he talked face to face with one of the killers, a professional murderer, a hired pistolero.

Rosenwald, who has lived under the red shirts and under the brown shirts, and who doesn't like either of them, has written sev-

eral pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened there but to prevent a recurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance, just how grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile from Avis and covered more than 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texas have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.

But, by and large, the full story of Duval hasn't been really and fully told, has never been pulled together all in one place and in complete focus so that the whole picture, clear and sharp, can be seen at one time.

That's what Franz Rosenwald and this writer propose to do.

And we'll tell the story in terms of real, live people, the people who, like the men of the Alamo, of San Jacinto, of Goliad, are fighting—and dying—for the right to be free.



THE American people are paying at the rate of approximately \$10.8 billion annually in excise taxes. Excise taxes are supposed to be taxes that don't hurt, since they are hidden in the final price the consumer pays for a product—such products as cigarettes, cosmetics, beer, jewelry, freight shipments, electric light bulbs, telephone bills, rail, bus and air travel, household appliances and many others. So these taxes are, in effect, nothing more than a sales tax imposed during war time emergency.

Lower income groups, which are hardest hit by excise taxes, may be interested that Congressman Aime J. Forand, of Rhode Island is already holding public hearings prior to the convening of the Congress, before his subcommittee on excise taxes of the House Ways and Means Committee, to carefully examine the administration excise tax policy, rates, technical and administrative procedures, with an eye to slashing these taxes.

For instance, excise taxes in this fiscal year will exceed estate and gift tax receipts, paid by folks in higher income brackets by some \$9 billion dollars. For every dollar of tax paid by corporations during this fiscal year, the Treasury will collect another 50 cents from wage and salary earners on excise taxes.

Excise taxes, imposed at the manufacturers level, grow because they add to the mark-up or profit margin by each handler until they reach the consumer. No one quarrels with such excises as those on narcotics, firearms, whiskey, etc., but on essentials they increase the cost of living and the

tax load. The Forand Committee may recommend reduction in these taxes which were boosted some \$165 million by the last congress. At least a start may be made.

A clashing point in the incoming congress as between the Republican and Democratic leadership may arise over the whole question of taxing policy. The Republican Tax policy is based on cuts to business and the upper income brackets as incentives to business expansion on the theory that increased productive capacity will provide more jobs and more wages to buy the increased production. This theory coupled with a hard money policy and higher interest rates is the policy of fiscal agencies headed by Mr. George Humphrey, President Eisenhower's Secretary of the Treasury. It also was the policy of Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon under the administration of President Herbert Hoover, whose son, Herbert Hoover Jr., is acting Secretary of State in the illness of Secretary Dulles.

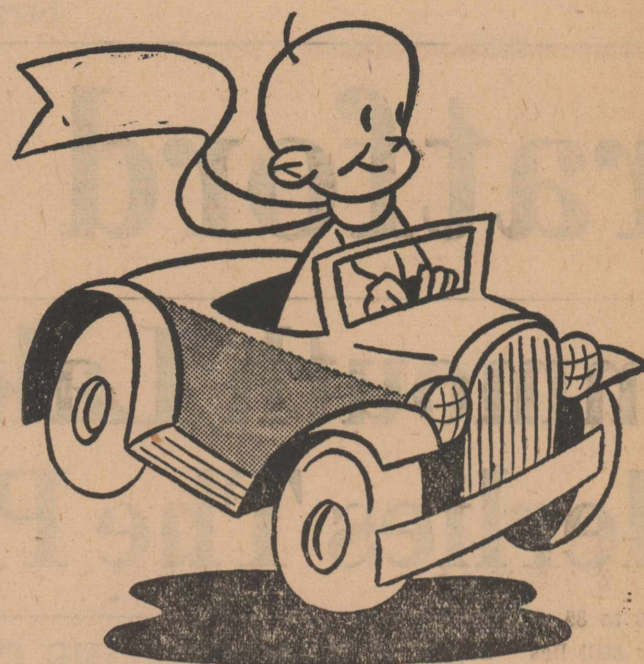
But under this theory inflation soars, consumer debt soars, and we are now approaching the point reached in 1929, according to some economists, where buying power cannot keep up with productive power, because of the high cost of living, now at its highest point in history. And the minute business finds that purchasing power is not keeping up with production, production slackens, as it is now doing. For actually the only incentive investors and producers respond to is that of a continuing demand for their products—if purchasing power drops production immediately follows.

Alaska has more than 7,000,000 acres of national parks, including Mount McKinley National Park with the highest peak on the North American continent. Other large parks are Tongass National Forest and Katmai National Monument, site of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, one of the world's largest groups of active volcanoes.

Many new truck trailers are being fabricated of nickel-containing stainless steel for economical reasons. The use of a corrugated light gauge of this steel permits savings in weight with no sacrifice in structural strength, thus giving the trailer a greater carrying volume and payload.

The maximum number of load an electric circuit. Christmas tree lighting units which should be connected to Keep the Christmas trees a-way from all sources of heat. miniature base, series connected Heat dries them out, making units. More than this will over- them easier to ignite.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Smith Chevron Station

NOTICE!

The Shamrock Oil and Gas Corporation will here after blow all drips and gather all drip gasoline along its gas lines in the Panhandle of Texas through its own employees or direct contractors. All other persons are prohibited from blowing drips or removing drip gasoline from our lines.

Unauthorized tampering with gas lines, blowing drips or removal of gasoline from gas lines constitute violations of the law, and any violations detected along our lines will be reported to the law enforcement officers.

The cooperation of the public in this matter will be appreciated.

THE SHAMROCK OIL & GAS CORPORATION



SEEKS SIGHT . . . Nick Petakas greets blind niece Mary Kaloyrou, 17, when she arrived in New York for eye surgery.



New Year Greetings

We add Our 'Chirp' to the Chorus . . .

PALACE CAFE

Season's Cheer



We lift a Holiday Hat to the brand New Year—and to you.

J & B Implement Co.

The Elk

Letters To Santa

(By Carolyn Folsom)
(Too late for last week)

Dear Santa:
I would like a new Cadillac

and a trip to Hawaii instead of grading test papers.

Thanks,
Mrs. Musick

New Year Cheer

A New Hope
Is Born
With the
New Year . . .

We're Spreading
the Good Word
All Over Town

**STRATFORD
MAYTAG
LAUNDRY**

Hello



And Good Luck
all through the fresh,
New Year.

T.O.C. Motor Co.

...AND ENTER
THE
NEW



Make that good
resolution now!

**KING
Equipment Co.**

Wisdom, Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Folsom served delicious refreshments. We hope the guests there enjoyed the party.

Band News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The bands both Junior and High School will give their Christmas Concerts the 21st of December at 9:45. The high school band has been working on sight reading quite a bit. We are very proud of our "Tramp Band" that has appeared before public twice now. We hope you enjoy them at the ball games. George Harding, their conductor, has been doing a great job. Several of the band members will be trying out for student conductor of the high school band in the near future, this conductor will be selected by Mr. Dick.

Girls Basketball News

(By Darla Galloway)

Our last ball game was played here December 18th at 7:00. We played the Spearman team. The game was a very good game. We seemed to show a little more hustle than we have been showing. The first quarter, the score was 11-18 in favor of Spearman. The second quarter was very close, and ended in a tie, 24-24. The third quarter we began to lose a little ground, and at the end the score was 20-39. The Spearman team seemed to gradually pull away from us. The score at the end of the game was 43-53 in favor of Spearman. Mary Janice Boren scored fifteen points and Carolyn Folsom scored sixteen points. Pearson from Spearman was the high point scorer with thirty-three points.

Safety While Traveling

(By Darla Galloway)

I am wondering how many of you readers will be traveling on some of the highways during the Christmas holidays. If so, you must remember that this season of the year is the most dangerous time of the year. The accident and death rate is expected to climb above all records placed in previous years. I am going to state some facts about safety that you should be conscious of while traveling. (1) Stay alert to extra dangers. Don't allow preoccupation with holiday concerns to divert your attention. (2) Slow down in bad weather and adjust your driving to conditions at all times. (3) If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive! (4) Remember darkness doubles danger. Slow down at sun-down. (5) Dim your lights on the highway even though an on coming driver fails to dim his. Maintain control of your car by looking at the right shoulder of the highway. (6) Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Do not pass a car that has stopped to permit a pedestrian to cross. (7) Come to a complete stop at stop signs and observe stop-and-go signals. (8) Stay on your own side of the road at intersections, grade crossing, no passing zones, and on hills and curves where the view ahead is not clear. (9) Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. Allow at least one car length for every 10 miles of speed. If you follow these nine things you should have a safe and happy trip. Remember these two jingles: Darkness, Drinking and Driving, Speed too fast for conditions, Pedestrian errors, these are the December traffic killers! "Drink to me only with thine eyes," Is good advice while cruising. The hands on the wheel need orbs that reveal, Not blinkers obscured by boozing.

Merry Christmas

(By Betty Bradley)

The Spirit of Christmas — Did Santa Claus bring you what you wanted for Christmas? If he did, that is wonderful. If you would rather have something else, you can exchange it at the store, but be sure Santa does not know about it. Whats that? You ate too much Christmas dinner? Well, I am sure you are not the only one. Remember, that many people had very

Dear Santa:

Could you please bring me a million dollars and a Ford Thunderbird? I would appreciate it very much.

Mike Neal

Dear Santa:

For Christmas this year, we aren't asking for much, only a car load of ulcer pills for Mr. Bateman. We have tried? to be good girls.

Cynthia Reed and Ann Roberts

Dear Santa:

Please bring me Kim Novak.

Raymond Kirkwood

Dear Santa:

Please let us win some basketball games. This is all we ask for.

Mr. Bilbrey and
Mr. Bateman.

Dear Santa:

I am a very little girl, but a Junior in school. I have been very good, and would like Aldo Ray for Christmas with a big pink bow tied around him.

Shorty Wells

Dear Santa:

I want a walking doll, in the form of Buzz Summerour under my Christmas tree.

Ann Oberwetter

Dear Santa:

I would like a fool proof social problem solver. This is a desperate plea, please send quickly.

Linda Riffe

Dear Santa:

Bring me Mel Mitts, (That's enough for me.)

Martha Stone

Dear Santa:

I want a girl friend!

Paul Aduddell

Dear Santa:

Please bring me my two front teet that are missing.

Mr. Dick

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a "Rock Hudson" with an orchid Cadillac and no strings attached. Please pretty please, help me pass English.

Darla Galloway

Dear Santa:

Please help me fulfill Darla's wish. Thanks.

Mrs. Siebold

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a girl 5 feet 9 feet, that has black hair, and big brown eyes. Also, a passing grade in English, is my wish.

Wayne Cummings

Dear Santa:

Please bring me an "A" in English, and a date with Kim Novak.

Jimmie Huggins

Dear Santa:

Please give me an "A" in English and a Cadillac. Pat Emerson would look very pretty sitting in it.

Teddy Oakley

Dear Santa:

Help me pass English and typing, and fulfill Martha's wish.

Melvin Mitts

Dear Santa:

Please give me a passing grade in English, also I would like to have a four door hard top convertible, that is black in color.

Carroll Wisdom

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to send me some ability for basketball and lots and lots of knowledge for English.

Carolyn Folsom

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring me Rudolf and a big Cadillac.

Delores Moore

Senior News

(By Carolyn Folsom)

The Senior Class had a party the 20th. A caroling party, with a dance following, at the home of Wayne Cummings. Our room mothers, Mrs. Reed, Mrs.

little for Christmas dinner. I think that Christmas is not only a time to celebrate the birthday of Christ, but a time of Thanksgiving. We should give thanks for the right to celebrate this day, for the presents we receive, for the time we have spent with friends and relatives for the chance to give to others, and for the dinner on Christmas Day. Through the goodness of many American people, the Hungarian refugees have

been able to spend their Christmas in warm homes in a newly gained atmosphere of freedom. If the spirit of Christmas lasted throughout the year all over the world, there would be "peace on earth good will toward men, forever."

Stratford Tournament

(By H. T. Galloway)

On January 3rd the annual

Stratford Invitational Tourney will get underway. The success of the tourney will depend on you the fans. Lets come out and watch the games. The following teams will participate: Stratford, Claude, Texline, Sunray, Morse, Channing, Adrian, and another school as yet not determined.

Admission prices will be as follows: School children 25c; adults 50c per 3 game session with the

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a
joyous
new year

May the New Year
be "busting" with good luck
for you and yours.

Consumers Co.



Happy
New Year

We ring our private bell
of greetings as the New Year dawns.

**STRATFORD
MOTOR CO.**

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haffey had as guests from Sunday morning to Christmas afternoon, Mr. Haffey's cousins, Mrs. Méda Brown and son, James Brown of Rogers, Arkansas, and Wallace Miller, of Maze, Oklahoma. Other dinner guests in the Haffey home on Christmas Day were Mrs. Haffey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Blake and Mrs. Haffey's sister, Mrs. R. L. Smith and Mr. Smith.

Christmas dinner guests in the W. R. Taylor home were Mrs. Bessie Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. James, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis and children, Spence, Joy, Willie Mae and Sherri, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bradley of Dalhart and George Bradley of Stratford.

Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton

Crabtree included Mr. and Mrs. Charley Durr of Kerrick and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cross of Cactus. Sunday evening the group visited in the homes of Virgil Crabtree and Mrs. B. R. Crabtree in Dalhart. Jerry Sartin returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Woodall spent Christmas in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Causey and family. She also had a very pleasant visit with her brother, C. A. Dawson, of McAlister, Oklahoma. They had not seen each other for 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. James Powell and children, Jamie and Butch, (and their pets) of El Paso, Texas, arrived Wednesday for a weeks visit in the home of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cannon, Jr., and daughters, Timmie Lu and Anne Rochelle, of Amarillo visited her mother, Mrs. Tim Flores and other relatives from Sunday to Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Boney, and children of Gruver, also visited Mrs. Flores on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cameron spent Christmas with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. C. R. Foster spent Christmas with her brother in Clarendon, Texas. John Foster and family, of El Paso, Texas planned to meet Mrs. Foster and return home with her today (Thursday).

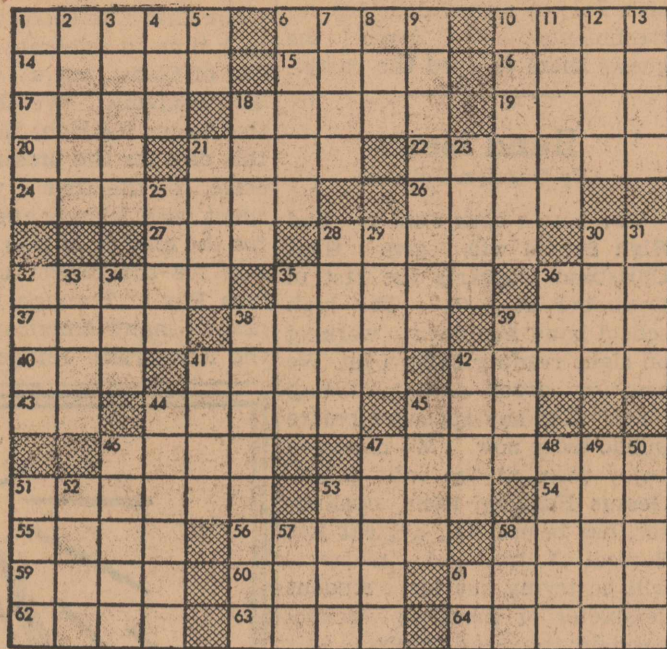
Mrs. Lelah Boney has been visiting with her daughter and son and their families in Corpus Christi, Texas the past week.

Ernest Hubbard went to Greeley, Colorado Saturday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Lewandowski.

Mrs. N. D. Smith visited her daughter, Mrs. Lavern Garoutte, Buddy and Sue in Amarillo Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Montgom-

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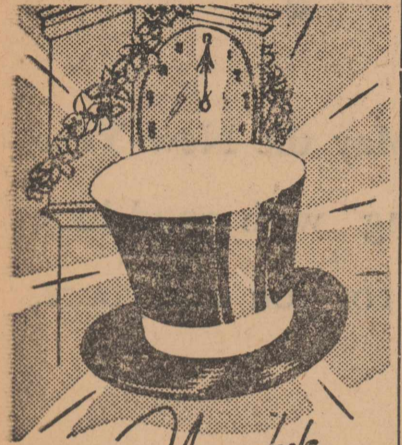
- ACROSS**
- 1 To gather
 - 6 American Indian
 - 10 To be it
 - 14 To lift
 - 15 Meadows
 - 16 French for father
 - 17 Finishes
 - 18 Chairs
 - 19 Sheet of window glass
 - 20 Card
 - 21 To box
 - 22 Levelled
 - 24 Dog
 - 26 They
 - 27 Emmet
 - 28 East car
 - 30 Earth goddess
 - 32 Golf shot
 - 35 Stream
 - 38 Pitch
 - 37 City of Italy
 - 38 Chevs
 - 39 Goddess of discord
 - 40 High mountain
 - 41 Month
 - 42 Child's backboard
 - 43 Pronoun
 - 44 Roman goddess of vegetation
 - 45 Capuchin monkey
 - 46 Haul
 - 47 To be composed of
 - 51 High pitched
 - 53 Wan
 - 54 River of England
 - 55 Group pulling together
 - 56 Animate
 - 58 Writes
 - 59 Great Lake
 - 60 Mature
 - 61 Animal
 - 62 Number (pl.)
 - 63 Observes
 - 64 Alleviates
 - 48 Rant
 - 49 Ceremonies
 - 50 State
 - 52 Manner of running
 - 53 Irish Gaelic
 - 54 Small weight
 - 55 Part in play
 - 56 Mischievous spirit
 - 58 To annoy
 - 59 Malay pewter coin
 - 58 Thieves
 - 59 Noms in Greece
 - 61 Genuine
 - 62 Rational
 - 44 Offense against law (pl.)
 - 45 Fish
 - 46 Flow off gradually
 - 47 Natural openings in earth
 - 48 Notions
 - 49 Intelligence
 - 50 Tries out
 - 51 Let it stand
 - 52 At this place
 - 53 Cinch
 - 57 Prevaricate
 - 58 Edible seed
 - 61 Exit

DOWN

- 1 Extensive
- 2 Fabled weapon
- 3 Kind of duck
- 4 Beast of burden
- 5 A direction
- 6 Cloudless
- 7 Raise
- 8 Consume
- 9 Fundamental nature (pl.)
- 10 Seem
- 11 Intended
- 12 Sea eagle
- 13 Require
- 14 Roman goddess of vegetation
- 15 Mathematical term
- 23 Swerve

ANSWER TO PUZZLE No. 425

PLATEAU STILLS
EVEN CLAND GNAW
PERT RENTS FELS



A PROSPEROUS New Year
We hope the good things of life will abound with you

Sherman County Abstract Co.

ery, Boise City, Oklahoma, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett had as guests for several days, their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hacker and Ty of Canyon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Salisbury and Ken of Vici, Oklahoma. The guests returned to their respective homes Wednesday.

Miss Feliz Ramon, Amarillo, spent the week end with her father, Z. G. Ramon and brother, Gordy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tommy visited friends in San Jon, New Mexico Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Smith, Joan, Carol and Margaret and Buddy and Sue Garoutte left Wednesday for a visit with relatives in Sayre, Oklahoma.

Miss Martha Plunk returned to Amarillo Tuesday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Plunk.

T. J. O'Neil left Monday for Guthrie, Oklahoma to spend the Christmas holidays with his 93 year old mother, Mrs. Mary O'Neil.

Mrs. Lee Ellen Bonar has as guests this week, her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Skillman and daughters, Sherry Gail and Stephanie, of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Skillman spent Christmas in the Bonar home with his family, returning home Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mullican spent Christmas Eve in Amarillo with their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mullican, and enjoyed Christmas Day visiting in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Henning, and children.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the T. D. Chisum home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker, Mrs. Violet Harper and Ben Snowden, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson of Dumas, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tommy.

Delton Engle returned today to Fort Hood, Texas, after spending Christmas holidays with his wife and little son, Mike, and the V. A. Plunk family.

Willie Price, a student in NMMI, Roswell, New Mexico, is spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson, and relatives in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Farris and daughter, Nancy, are visiting relatives in Paris, Texas.

Jim Bowling's daughter, returned to her home in Los Angeles, California Wednesday after spending the past week with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman spent Christmas with relatives in Clarendon.

Mrs. Alvin Bachman left Saturday morning for Sacramento, California, to spend Christmas with her husband, who is in military service.

Mrs. J. D. McDaniel visited her mother in Amarillo Friday.

Mrs. Dorothy Slay left Friday for a visit with her son and

family in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haffey and sons, Gale and Dale, attended the Groendyke Company annual dinner for their employees, in the Herring Hotel in Amarillo, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts and family spent Christmas in Littlefield, Texas.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crabtree and children, Nancy, Jon, Kathy and Teema, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crabtree and son, Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank James and children, Kay, Gwynn, and Ben Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Wainscott and daughters, Ellen Jean, and Joy Zanne, all of Boise City; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells and Paul of Kerrick, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leonard, West Fork, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Potter, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mrs. B. R. Crabtree of Dalhart, Joe Crabtree of Amistad, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Olsen and Lu Anna of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellison, Glenanna and Verlie Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Crabtree and children, Bob, Jeanne, Patsy, and Roy of Lamar, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Hacker of Canyon. Charlie Crabtree went to Boise City Tuesday with Ben Tom James for a visit. Kay James of Boise City remained in Stratford for a visit with Minnie Crabtree.

Patricia Taylor, student in Texas Tech is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Bobby and grandmother, Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson and daughter, Nellie and Darla Galloway are visiting relatives in California during the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Tidwell of Waco, Texas, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Guy Carlander in Amarillo, planned to be a dinner guest in the home of Mrs. G. L. Taylor and Mrs. V. O. Gilbert today.

Carol Ann Parvin, Amarillo, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parvin from Saturday to Tuesday night. David Johnson, Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs.

Bill Parvin and four children of Dumas were guests in the Parvin home on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mullican and daughters had as guests Christmas Day, Mrs. Mullican's father, T. M. Bradley and sister, Mrs. Lenna Vickers, both of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall, Amarillo, Henry Yates of Texhoma, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mrs. H. J. Cooper and Miss Evelyn Cooper. In the afternoon, the group went to Hardesty, Oklahoma, where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jones.

Manuel Garcia spent Christmas in Dalhart with Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Garcia.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Albert had as Christmas dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. (Johnny) Johnson of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Albert and son, Raymond, Mrs. H. M. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross.

Mrs. Ruby Palmer has as guests this week her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Salesman and children of Flat Rock, Illinois.

Drive Safely — Public enemy number one is the stop-sign passer.

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Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelley spent several days of last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gladish in Oklahoma City.

Travis Durr of White Sands, New Mexico was a guest in the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree Monday afternoon.

SINCERE THANKS

We wish to take this means of thanking our friends for all the kindness shown us since Mr. Williams injured his back, and we wish to give the Eastern Star a special "Thank You" for making it possible for us to have such a wonderful Christmas. We like Stratford and it's good people, and hope to continue to make our home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams And Children.

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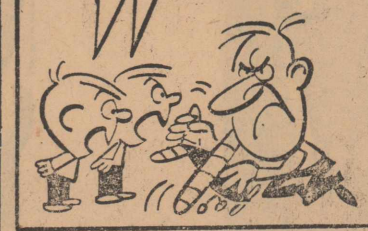
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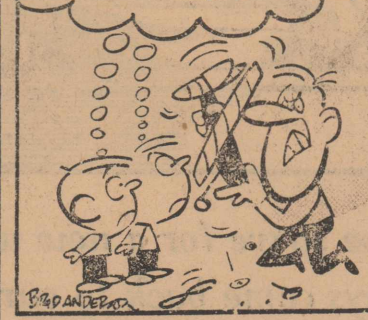
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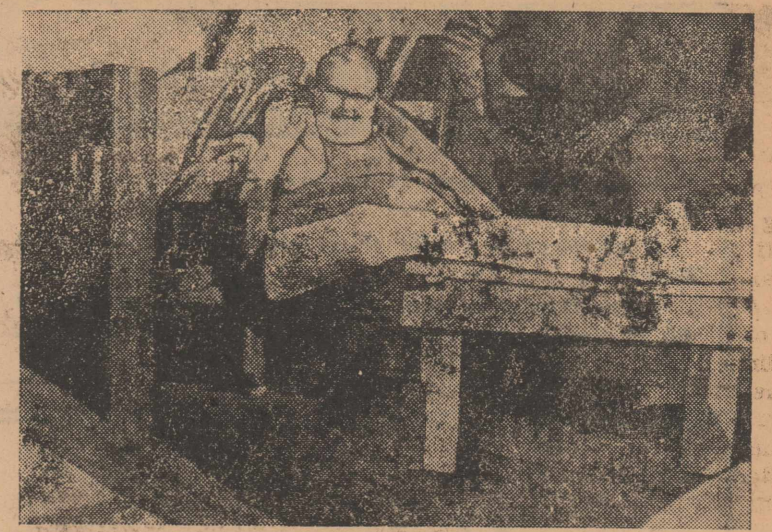
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FOR SAFE SAILING . . . Officers on USS Compass Island operate navigational evaluation system designed for missile ships but usable on all ships from ocean liners to small motorboats.



FLIES AS FREIGHT . . . Giant lift hoists 1041-pound Robert Hughes, 30, of Fishock, Ill., into cargo plane for flight to New York.

Assembly Of God Church

(Bob Goodwin, Pastor, Phone 4351)

Sunday Services:
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Young People 6:00 p. m.
Children's Church 6:00 p. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday night 7:30 p. m.
The public is invited to all services.



REV. ROBERT H. HARPER CHRISTMAS

THE commercializing of Christmas does much to take away the solemn significance of the holy season and anything that will retrieve the sacredness of the time will be good.

We are familiar with birthday celebrations and the bringing of gifts to relatives and friends on a natal day. Certainly the man whose birthday is observed is the man of honor. Jesus is the Person to be honored at Christmas. For it is his birthday that is, or should be, celebrated. Jesus Christ should be in the chief place in our thought of and observance of Christmas.

Once, when a city found there was an artist in the city, who had gained fame in an art exhibit in a larger city, elaborate arrangements were made to honor the artist, with all the city and state's great gathered to do him honor. And when the great night came and a brilliant assemblage was ready to do the artist honor, he was not present. And upon hurried investigation it was realized that in preparation for the grand affair and the sending out of invitations those in charge had forgotten to invite the artist to be present. Let us make sure that Jesus is invited to be present in our Christmas celebration. It is his birthday that we celebrate. May we observe it in such way that we may come to know him better.



BY LYN CONNELLY

TITLE tunes from motion pictures continue to provide the recording companies with hit discs and the motion picture producers with a box-office boost—a happy wedding. The most notable ones in recent months have been "The Man With the Golden Arm," "Picnic," and "The Proud Ones," the latter breaking currently with a Nelson Riddle slicing. Most recent climb on the bandwagon are "Somebody Up There Likes Me," recorded by Perry Como, "Bus Stop," by the Four Lads and "Friendly Persuasion" by Pat Boone.

Incidentally, some credit should be given young Pat Boone. He has succumbed to movie offers but intends to finish his college training at Columbia University.

Only 22, he is happily married with three daughters. Pat is handsome, clean cut and versatile. . . . Not only does he belt out a whale of a rock 'n roll number, but he does equally well with a dreamy ballad. . . . Elvis Presley's first acting in "Love Me Tender" emerges as pretty fair but the picture is definitely cornball.

Explosion of a hydrogen bomb is as mild as the falling of a feather compared to energy released by an exploding star. One such supernova provided 10 septillion (one followed by 25 zeros) times more energy than the bomb.

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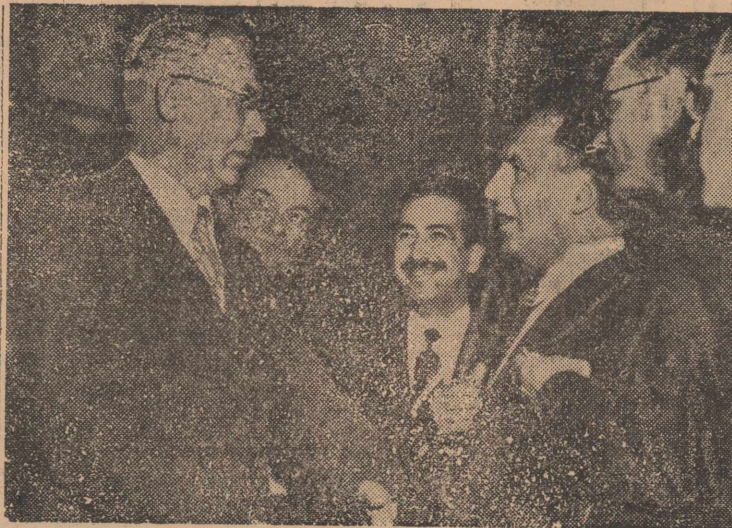
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RED CURTAIN . . . Hungarian foreign minister Imre Horvath (left) talks with newsmen at UN about his government's refusal to admit Sec. Gen. Hammarskjold.

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FOR RENT: Two bedroom unfurnished house. — Mrs. Pruet Adkins, Phone 4391. 48-tfc

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

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FOR HELP with your book work and income tax see Ethel Skillin. 51-2tc

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

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

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YOUR brain budget

1. Entente means (a) an intention; (b) an agreement; (c) statement of fact.
2. Ethnology is a study of (a) snakes; (b) mankind; (c) flowers.
3. The Feast of Lanterns is part of the Chinese celebration of (a) Christmas; (b) the New Year; (c) the arrival of spring.

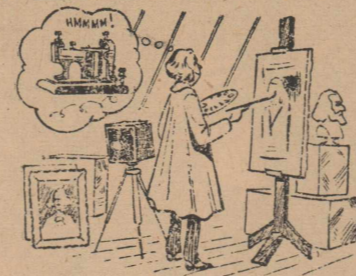
ANSWERS

A 1,572-foot television tower at Oklahoma City has taken the title of the world's tallest structure away from New York City's Empire State Building. Five years ago the Empire State Building added 222 feet to its height by constructing a television tower. It now rises 1,472 feet.

WIDE, WONDERFUL WORLD

BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
Editor, The American Peoples Encyclopedia

SAMUEL F. B. MORSE, inventor of the electric telegraph, has been termed "America's Leonardo da Vinci" with good reason. Like his Florentine predecessor, he was a man of many accomplishments. The "Wigard of the Wires" was a painter, sculptor, teacher, author, photographer and engineer. He became nationally famous as a portrait painter.



the most noted examples of his work being portraits of Lafayette and Monroe and the likenesses of 58 congressmen shown in "The Old House of Representatives."

The common hog-nosed snake, or puff adder, is something of a faker. It measures not more than three and one-half feet in length and its turned-up snout resembles that of a pig. When annoyed, hog-nosed snakes flatten the head and neck in cobra fashion, hissing loudly. Their appearance at this time is so formidable that many erroneously believe them to be poisonous.

Spices, vegetable products of definite and pronounced taste, are used to add flavor to less flavorful foods, and less frequently to disguise unpleasant tastes and odors and to preserve foods by checking the growth of bacteria. Spices come from roots and rhizomes, flowers and flower buds, fruits and seeds.



CHICKEN broth, milk and some whole canned onions cooked for a few moments in butter will give you an elegant cream of onion soup for a cold day.

Brussel sprouts will do wonderfully for a company vegetable when they are prepared with sauteed mushrooms and slivered roasted almonds.

Crumbled pieces of bacon added to muffin batter or blended lightly into baking powder biscuit

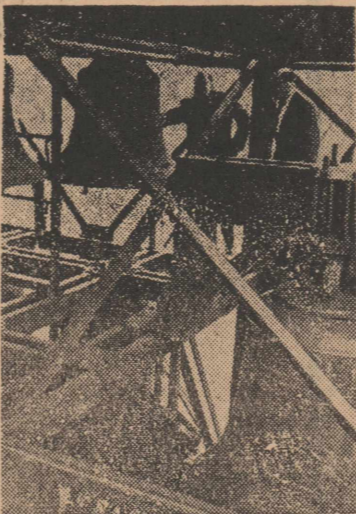
THIS WEEK'S RECIPE
Pickled Peach Salad
1 No. 2 1/2 can cling peach halves
1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)
1/2 cup vinegar
1 tablespoon mixed pickling spices
1 1 pound can jellied cranberry sauce
Drain syrup from peaches. Combine with sugar, vinegar and spices tied in cheesecloth square. Boil 5 minutes. Add peach halves and simmer gently for 5 minutes or longer. Let fruit stand in syrup for several hours or overnight. Place slice of cranberry sauce on top of each peach and serve with salad greens or as a relish.

dough will give you a fragrant and savory hot bread.

Having a fruit cup for a first or dessert course? Sprinkle the fruit with crushed peppermint candy and add a dash of concentrated lime juice for refreshing flavor.

Pitted and canned Bing cherries with crushed pineapple added to black raspberry or cherry gelatin make a delicious fruit dessert.

Creamed asparagus placed in a buttered casserole and topped with potato chips can be heated in the oven until just warm throughout. It makes a good vegetable dish when you're entertaining guests because you don't need to be concerned about cooking a vegetable after company arrives.



INAUGURAL BELLS . . . Potomac Park carillon, gift to U.S. from Netherlands, will herald inauguration of Pres. Eisenhower on Jan. 21st.

THE ELK

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exception of the finals. The price of admission to the final session will be: children 40c, adults 75c.

Career Opportunity

Any graduate of an accredited

college or university is eligible to enroll in the statewide Teacher Education by Television series which begins in February 1957.

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Happy New Year!

Another milestone prompts us to wish "good luck" to our many friends.

Van B. Boston

New Year Cheer

Before he melts away, our private snowman wants to say: "Happy New Year"

GARRISON MOTOR CO.

Happy New Year

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Legal Notice

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in and for GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUMBER 2, NORTH OF THE CANADIAN RIVER, on the day of January, 1957, at the places hereinafter set out in said District, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified resident taxpayers of said District 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 Num-

ber 2, North of the Canadian River, as follows:

HANSFORD COUNTY

Joe Smith
Joe Dan Eryan
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 Haile
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 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: Community Building in Hartley, Texas.
Presiding Judge Johnny Bookout
Assistant Judge J. E. Craighead
Clerk Howard Baker

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 Shoulders

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
Clerk H. R. Slaughter

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.)

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.

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.

THE ELK

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Here's How

1. Write to the Texas Education Agency, Drawer BB, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, or see your local F.T.A. teacher.

Discuss with a superintendent near you the possibility of your being employed now or at some future time.

Enroll in a cooperating college or university for home TV course and:

Watch the weekly television "Let's Teach."

Read selected materials

Learn through observation or experience in a school, and

Report informally on these activities

Complete an examination to be given by the college at conclusion of program series. College graduates who receive em-

ployment in a public school on the basis of their enrollment in the Teacher Education by Television course will be entitled to receive at least the minimum salary guaranteed to beginning bachelor degree teachers by the State of Texas. You do not have to be teaching now, however to enroll for this course.

Please send for additional information today, even if there is only a slight possibility that you might enroll.

If you are already a qualified teacher and would like to be considered for a teaching position please write for the booklet "I would like to teach."

Hot Stuff

(By Otto Paganini)

I have recently seen the after-effects of a radiation burn. The result of direct exposure to radioactive material on the tissue of a human hand is not a pretty sight.

About a year ago, some radioactive cobalt 60 and cesium 137 capsules were accidentally spilled from an improperly opened shipping pig. A worker in a "hot lab" picked up the material. I do not know the curie strength involved, nor do I know the method the worker employed to recover the spilled substances. He said he used forceps.

So severely were his fingers and thumb blistered, and so real was the probability of even more extensive damage, that the attending physician wanted to amputate the hand. The company medical director, flown in immediately from a distant city, objected.

The hand healed, but a few weeks ago the skin began to

slough off the face and off of the hands to the first joints of thumb and forefinger. Doctors immediately removed

dead tissue and grafted new. Apparently the finger graft is taking hold, but the thumb will (Continued on Page 8)

Happy New Year



Our thoughts turn to our friends as a new lamp is lit.

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We appreciate the patronage we have enjoyed in the past and hope to serve you in 1957.

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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"If you've seen enough of the cellar, shall we get along with the rest of the house?"

Xmas Is A Proper Way To Spell Christmas

(By Walter Rogers)

On several occasions during my lifetime, I have heard criticism directed at people who, in referring to Christmas, used the term "Xmas." Some said that the word "Christmas" should never be abbreviated. Others said that to use the term "Xmas" was to leave "Christ" out of Christmas. Others took the position that the use of the term "Xmas" indicated either laziness or inability to spell. In fact, the question came up at the Rogers household last year as to whether or not it was pro-

per or improper to use the term "Xmas." I took the position that it was correct, and was immediately challenged to prove it. The truth is that I really didn't know whether it was right or wrong at the time. However, the challenge caused me to seek information on the problem, which I pass on to you.

The use of the term "Xmas" is not improper, is not a sign of laziness and is not leaving "Christ" out of Christmas. The fact is that the letter "X" signifies or represents "Christ." In Greek, Christ is written Xpistos and pronounced "Christos." The initial letter of the Greek word closely resembles our English letter "X." It is translated into English as "Ch" and is pronounced "KI."

According to legend the Roman Emperor Constantine had a dream in which appeared a symbol very similar to the English letter "P" overlaid with an "X." As the sign appeared, Constantine is also supposed to have heard a voice saying, "In hic signo vinces," which translated means, "In this sign thou shalt conquer." Constantine had this sign placed upon his flag considering it to be the first two letters of the Greek word "Xpistos," and called it "Sign of God."

The symbol or monogram is still in use and has been taken to mean "Peace" and "Christ." Glory to God in the Highest, And on Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men. — St. Luke 2:14.

Our humble acknowledgment that we are truly a nation under God and are dedicated to the Christian principles expressed in the above verse is clearly exemplified by the programs and pageants held in every community of this nation large and small. The Capital City has its "Pageant of Peace." This pageant is located on the "Ellipse," which is a park site with beautiful trees and grass, that lies between the White House and Constitution Avenue. Its area would cover several city blocks. The pageant is open night and day from December 20 through January 1.

This year there is a Christmas tree-lined "Pathway of Peace." The trees will be set up by 50 foreign embassies and legations. It is interesting and encouraging to note that this represents the largest participation to date in this annual pageant.

Daily religious services and caroling are a feature of the program. Santa Claus is also present with his live reindeer. Needless to say, this draws a large attendance of the youngsters.

The "Pathway of Peace" will be the walk leading to the giant, national community Christmas tree. This Christmas tree will be illuminated by President Eisenhower during the ceremonies which begin at 4:30 p. m. on the afternoon of December 20. The Christmas trees lining this pathway have been provided by the following embassies and legations: Argentina, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala,

Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Rumania, Tunisia, Thailand, Turkey, Union of South Africa, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yemen.

You will note that a number of these countries are not Christian Countries. However, they wanted to participate in this pageant, and although there was some opposition voiced on the ground that some of these countries did not subscribe to Christianity, it was the general feeling that, "in keeping with true Christian principles," they should be not only permitted to participate, but invited and urged to participate. It is only through understanding between peoples that "peace on earth, good will toward men" can be attained.

In those countries that are today dominated by the Godless philosophies of government, the pathways are not lined with Christmas trees symbolizing peace and understanding, but with tanks and guns symbolizing the physical and mental enslavement of man by force and arms.

Let us all here be thankful during this Christmas Season, and for the years to come, for our many blessings and know that Christ must never be taken out of Christmas or any other day of our lives.

Electrification of the American home, in terms of appliances, has progressed to the point where nearly three out of four homes have electric toasters, more than 90 per cent have electric irons, about 60 per cent use vacuum cleaners and about 80 per cent have electric washers.



Jumpers and Blouse Pattern No. 1544—A DARLING button-back jumper for a young miss, with high rounded waistline. And for a companion, a dainty puffed sleeve Blouse, No. 1544 with Photo Guide is in sizes 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 years. Size 4, jumper, 1 1/2 yards of 35-inch blouse, 7/8 yard. Needlework Pattern No. 106—Blending colors and simple cross-stitch makes for fast work on this lovely Basket Design. No. 106 has hot-iron transfer, color chart.

Send 35c for each Jumper and Blouse Pattern (combined), 25c for each Needlework Pattern to AUDREY LANE BUREAU, "NWNS," 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill.

NO. 817 GUARDIANSHIP OF SUSAN GAYLE MURBURG, A MINOR.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS IN PROBATE

NOTICE ON APPLICATION TO MAKE OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF SUSAN GAYLE MURBURG, A MINOR.

You are notified that I have on the 20th day of December, 1956, filed with the County Clerk of Sherman County, Texas, an application for authority to make, enter into and execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on the undivided 1/4 interest owned by said ward in Section 10, Block 3-T, T&NO Ry Co., Sherman County, Texas, or all interest owned by the estate in said property, if it exceed such undivided 1/4 interest, and said Section 10 containing a total of 603 acres, more or less; that Clyde M. Hudson, Judge of the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, on the 20 day of De-

ember, 1956, entered his order designating the 7th day of January, 1957, at 10:00 A. M., in the County Courtroom of the Court-house of Sherman County, Texas as the time and place when and where such application will be heard, and such application will be heard at such time and place.

Norman Michael Murburg Guardian of the Estate of Susan Gayle Murburg, a minor.

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require further work.

There is a moral to all this: A telephone call to Division of Occupational Health at the State Department of Health for tips on safe handling of radioactive materials or x-ray producing equipment is infinitely more sensible than risking the loss of a hand — or a life.

Famous Words Of Freedom

The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves. — William Hazlitt.

Those who wish or expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it. — Thomas Paine.

After all there is but one race—humanity. — George Moore.

Liberty will not descend to a people, a people must raise themselves to liberty; it is a blessing that must be earned before it can be enjoyed. — Charles Calif Cotton.

I do not agree with a word you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it. — M. Voltaire.

What Is It?
(By Alma Casey)

The word this week is zloty. Gradene Parvin said it was Bateman's history, Ann Oberwetter — fruit, Joedale Reesing — goats, Johnny Seaman — something to eat, Glenda Green — poison, Sharon Davis — Mr. Wade's biology book, Judy Brady — soap made on mars, Marlene Self — perfume, Cynthia Reed — an excused absence, Ann Brad-

ley, a food, Ann Roberts, a new kind of reindeer, Gracie Brooks — what Mr. Mercer does when he gets mad, Doris Dortch — a bug or an insect. Joyce Horn — vegetable, Sue Flores — what Santa Claus is going to bring me, Patsy Herald — Mr. Wade's remedy for talking, Dixie Knight — a bird, Ruthie Kendrick — a kind of cracker, Nellie Johnson — pills for Mr. Bateman, and Fred Sanders — a part of a ship. A zloty is the monetary unit of Poland, worth about nineteen cents.

Freshman Class News
(By Jean Spurlock)

The freshman class is looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

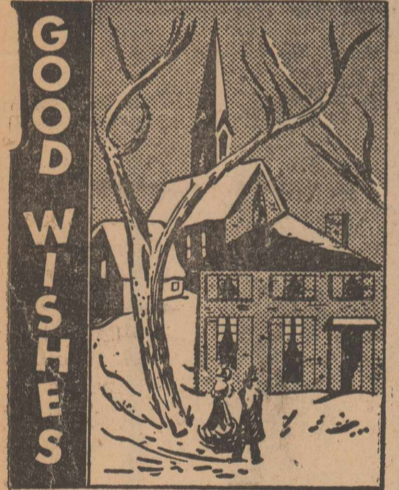
We are losing one of our freshman girls, Dixie Knight. She is moving to Fort Worth. We all hate to lose her, but we want to wish her good luck in her new school.

The freshman basketball teams have a tournament the third, fourth, and fifth of January at Dalhart. We wish our teams good luck.

Will Go On CASH BASIS January 1st

All of the feed companies who supply my stocks of merchandise require cash payments, and it will be necessary to make the same request of my customers, whose patronage I appreciate.

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