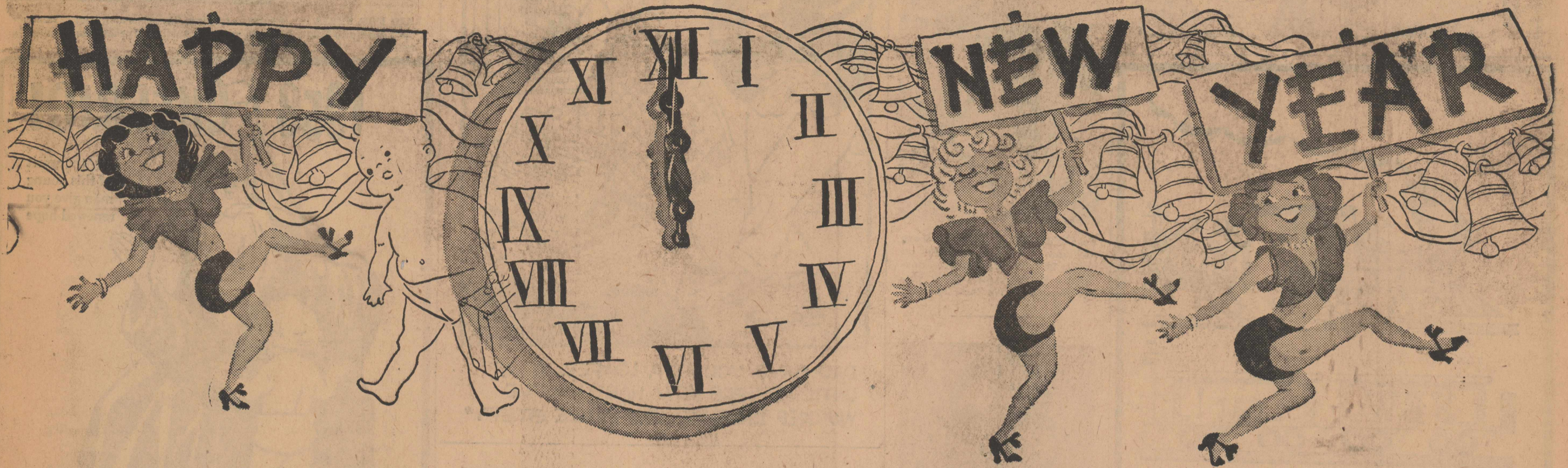


THE STRATFORD STAR

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Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, Thursday, January 2, 1958.

Number 1.



Annual Cage Meet January 2-3-4

Stratford High School's annual invitation basketball tournament will open at 10:00 a. m. Thursday. Twenty-two games are scheduled to be played in the tournament. Twelve trophies will be awarded to winning boys and girls teams and two plaques will be awarded to coaches of the winning boys and girls teams.

Games Thursday
10:00 to 11:15 a. m. Stratford B girls and Gruver girls.
11:15 to 12:30 p. m. Stratford and Channing boys.
1:15 to 2:30 p. m. Texline and Channing girls.
2:30 to 3:45 p. m. Sunray and Hartley boys.
3:45 to 5:00 p. m. Sunray and Adrian girls.
6:30 to 7:45 p. m. Texline and Adrian boys.
7:45 to 9:00 p. m. Stratford and Dalhart girls.
9:00 to 10:15 p. m. Gruver and Dalhart boys.

Games Friday
10:00 to 11:15 a. m. girls losing games 5 and 1.
11:15 to 12:30 p. m. boys losing games 6 and 4.
1:15 to 2:30 p. m. girls losing games 7 and 3.
2:30 to 3:45 p. m. boys losing games 8 and 2.
3:45 to 5:00 p. m. girls winning games 5 and 1.
6:30 to 7:45 p. m. boys winning games 6 and 4.
7:45 to 9:00 p. m. girls winning games 7 and 3.
9:00 to 10:15 p. m. boys winning games 8 and 2.

Games Saturday
1:15 to 2:30 p. m. girls losing games 15 and 13 for third place.
2:30 to 3:45 p. m. boys losing games 16 and 14 for third place.
3:45 to 5:00 p. m. girls consolation finals.

6:30 to 7:45 p. m. boys consolation finals.
7:45 to 9:00 p. m. girls finals for first place.
9:00 to 10:15 p. m. boys finals for first place.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place winners of boys and girls divisions, boys and girls winning the consolation tournament, boys and girls sportsmanship awards, 10 all-tournament team boys awards and 12 all-tournament girls awards, and two plaques for coaches of the tournament winning teams.

Trophies have been awarded by The First State Bank, Stratford Grain Co., Consumers Co., Stratford Insurance Agency, Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co., Lola's Cafe, Gulf Super Service, Davis Motor Co., Southwestern Public Service Co., Sherman County Abstract Co., Garrison Motor Co., Handy Drive Inn, Foscoe Dyess, Yates Drug, Word Hardware and Stratford Department Store.

Veteran's Land Sale January 21

AUSTIN — Fifty-eight tracts of forfeited land in a general northeast-southwest belt across Texas will be offered for sale by the Veterans' Land Board on January 21.

The property was forfeited earlier by the Board because purchasers refused to make payments. The land offerings are located in 21 counties. They total 3,289 acres.

Largest tract to be offered is 196.2 acres in Maverick County. Most number of forfeitures to be offered in one county are 15 in Zavala.

Tracts to be offered for sale are located in these counties: Northeast — Fannin, Van Zandt, Upshur, and Harrison.

Northwest Central — Callahan, Eastland, Coleman, Brown, Comanche, McCulloch and Coryell.

South Central — Bastrop, Lavaca, Guadalupe, Bexar, and Medina.

Upper Valley — Zavala, Maverick and Dimmitt.
Valley — Hidalgo.
West — Pecos.

Land Commissioner Earl Ruder has invited veterans interested in the sale to contact him at the Veteran's Land Board in Austin for information.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley John Murdock, Stillwater, Oklahoma, have chosen the name Paul Edward Murdock for their new son, born at Wesley Hospital in Oklahoma City, December 16.

The infant's grandparents are Mrs. Cora Burruss, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Murdock of Stratford. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. David Steel, Dumas, are parents of a new son, David Elliott, who was born December 23, in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hart are parents of their third son, Joel Raylee, who was born Sunday in Neblett Hospital in Canyon. The young man who weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces, and his mother were brought home Saturday by Mr. Hart.

From four to five gallons of water pass through an oyster each day.

Governor and Friend



AUSTIN — After signing a proclamation designating the month of January, 1958, as "March of Dimes Month" in Texas, Gov. Price Daniel has some words of encouragement for tiny polio victim George Craig DeVilleneuve, Jr., 22-months-old, of Austin. Stricken at the age of 10 months, Craig will eventually make a 100 per cent recovery, his doctors say. Cost of his treatment is paid by March of Dimes funds supplied by the Travis County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Gov. Price Daniel has proclaimed January as "March of Dimes Month" in tribute to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its 20 years of service to Texas and the nation.

Praising the Foundation's continuing effort to restore to useful living the thousands of polio handicapped, Gov. Daniel urged the support of all Texans for the annual March of Dimes, January 2 through January 31. Gov. Daniel's proclamation text follows:

"The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has reached its twentieth anniversary of service to Texas and the nation.

"In January this organization will again sponsor the March of Dimes to provide the means by which polio patients may avail themselves of the newest medical treatment and rehabilitation techniques, and also provide for continuation of scientific research and the training of urgently needed medical workers.

"Survival is Not Enough" is the slogan for the 1958 March of Dimes campaign, meaning that the many thousands of cruelly handicapped polio victims alive today must be restored to a useful and pro-

ductive life.

"Therefore, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate the month of January, 1958, as March of Dimes Month in Texas, and urge every Texan to share in this worthy campaign."

Billie Pleyer Is Member Of Buffalo Gals

CANYON — Billie Pleyer, a Stratford sophomore, was among the ten girls recently made members of the Buffalo Gals at a formal initiation service held in the lounge of Randall Hall.

Miss Pleyer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer of Stratford. She is an elementary education major.

A mahout is an elephant driver.

A numismatist is a coin collector.

Mrs. Mollie Davis Laid To Rest Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Davis, Stratford's oldest resident, were conducted in the First Baptist Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. M. E. Upchurch, pastor. Mrs. Davis died at 3:50 a. m. Saturday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Boston. She was 90 years old and had been a resident of Stratford since 1906.

Mrs. Davis had been bedfast for the last three years, following a stroke of paralysis. She has two living children, Mrs. Van B. Boston and W. W. Davis of Stratford.

Mrs. Davis was born in Resaca, Georgia on August 23, 1867.

The distance by air from Moscow to Washington, D. C., is 4,833 miles.

Edison's first patented invention was the electrical vote recorder.

Views Conditions From Washington

(By Walter Rogers)
Missiles

There is little doubt but that the subject of guided missiles will be number one on the important matters for action in the early days of the next session of Congress. Efforts will be made to force the coordination of the activities of the several services and to effectuate a concentration on early accomplishments that will put this country ahead of Russia. This can and should be done.

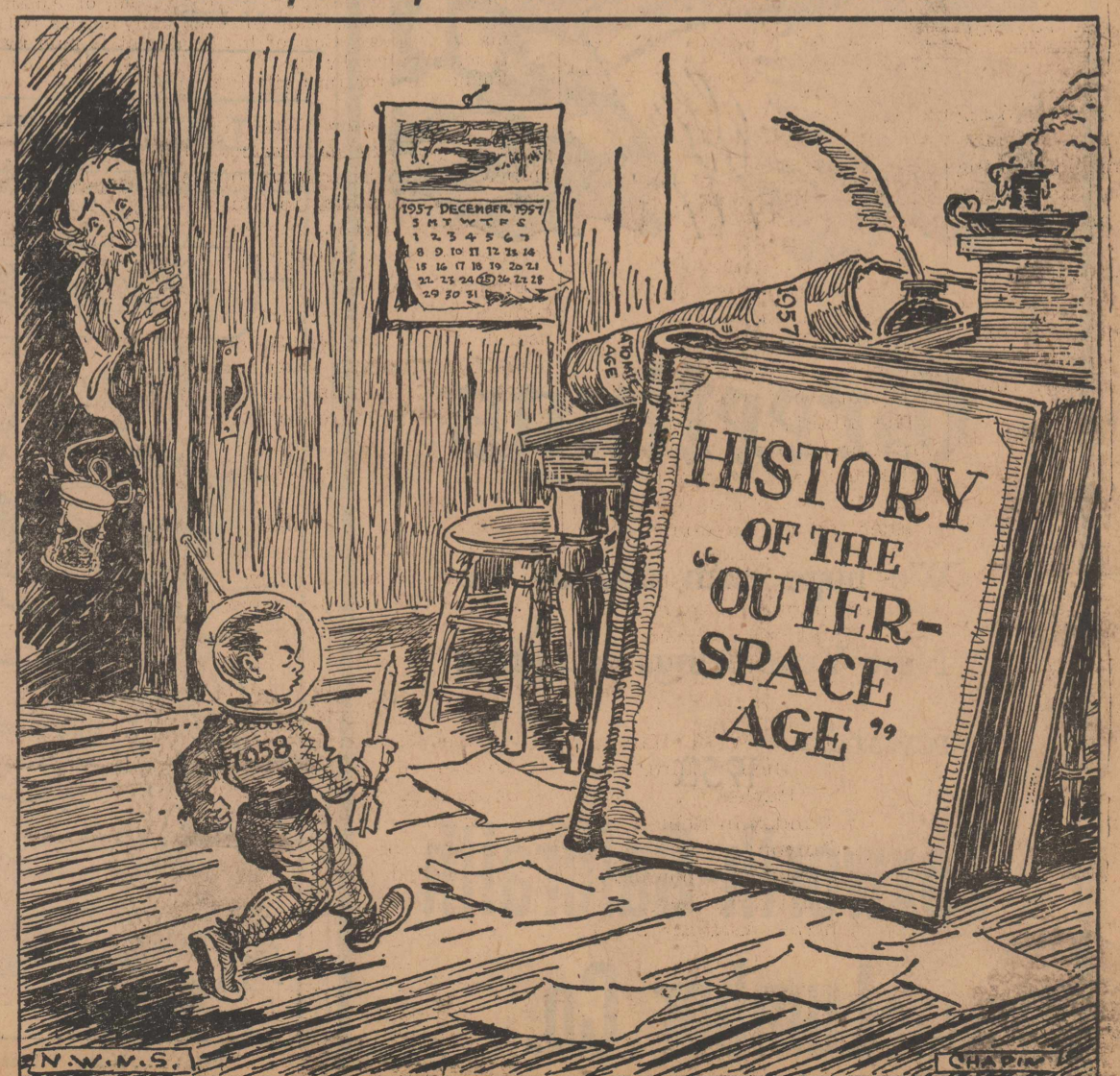
Foreign Aid

The highly controversial foreign aid program will receive much attention during the entire session. Great stress will be laid to the argument that it is the only way we can keep our friends in Europe and other sections of the world. As concerning Asia, the pitch was anticipated in a New York Herald Tribune (European Edition) edi-

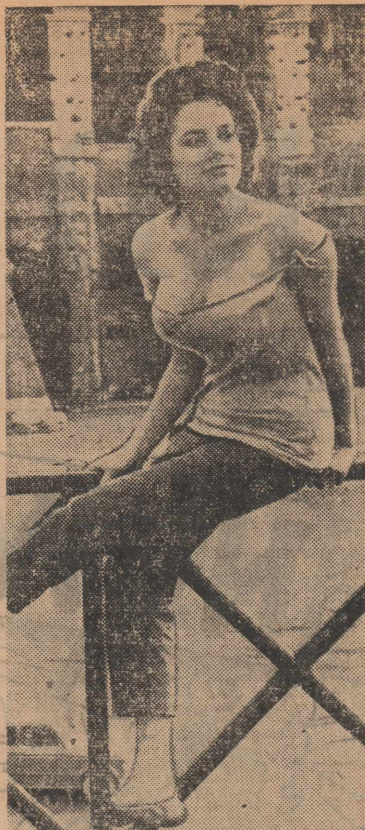
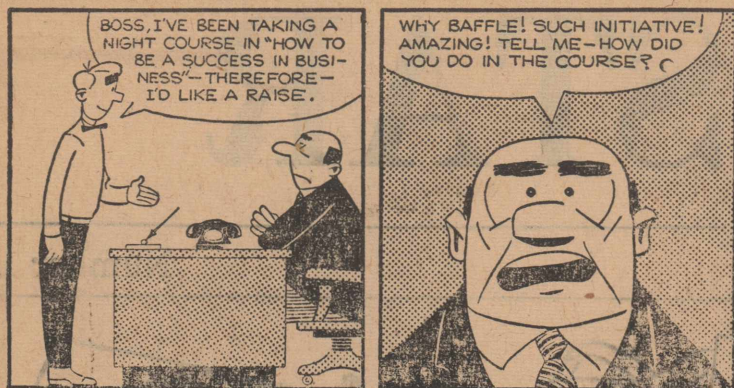
torial that appeared on October 12 and 13, 1957. This editorial was entitled, "The Stake in India Is Asia." This editorial warned Congressmen that the \$600 million loan needed by India to carry out its second five-year plan should be granted. The editorial indicated very strongly that if the \$600 million loan was not made, it would mean the loss of Asia to the allies. That failure to make the loan could result in India falling into the Communist orbit, thereby creating almost a solid Communist front in Asia. The editorial said, and I quote, "The Soviet Union, which has turned itself into a modern country in one generation, provides a beautiful daydream for many Indians, a daydream which soothingly blurs over the totalitarian horror on which Soviet industrialization

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"OKAY, SON, NOW YOU TAKE OVER"



THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



LATIN LADY . . . Italian actress Luciana Paoluzzi perches on fence in front of Rome's Colosseum. She'll co-star with Victor Mature in "No Time to Die."

HALF-PAST TEEN



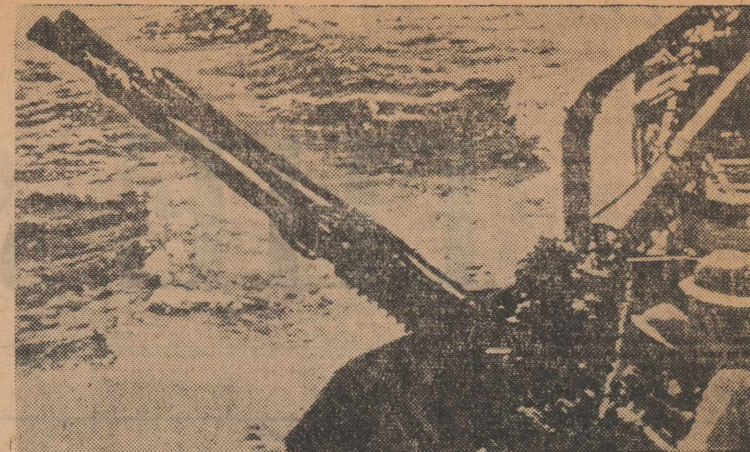
"DAD SAYS YOU'RE A LOAFER. WAIT UNTIL HE SEES HOW HARD YOU'VE WORKED ON THIS NEW DANCE STEP."



BABY MOON . . . Roger Easton of U. S. satellite tracking branch holds 3-pound small satellite scheduled for launching Dec. 8.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY . . . Folkje and Tjitske De Vries, born Siamese twins and separated in 1934, celebrate 4th birthday in Friestad, Netherlands.



AID FOR SYRIA . . . Convoy carrying Egyptian army units heads for Latakia to help Syrians in case of "hostile" Turkish troop movements.



Sherman Implement Co.

E. R. BELL — GENE STINSON

1958 CHEERIO!



Paul Allison Grain Co.

STRATFORD, TEXAS
FRED MERCER, Local Mgr.
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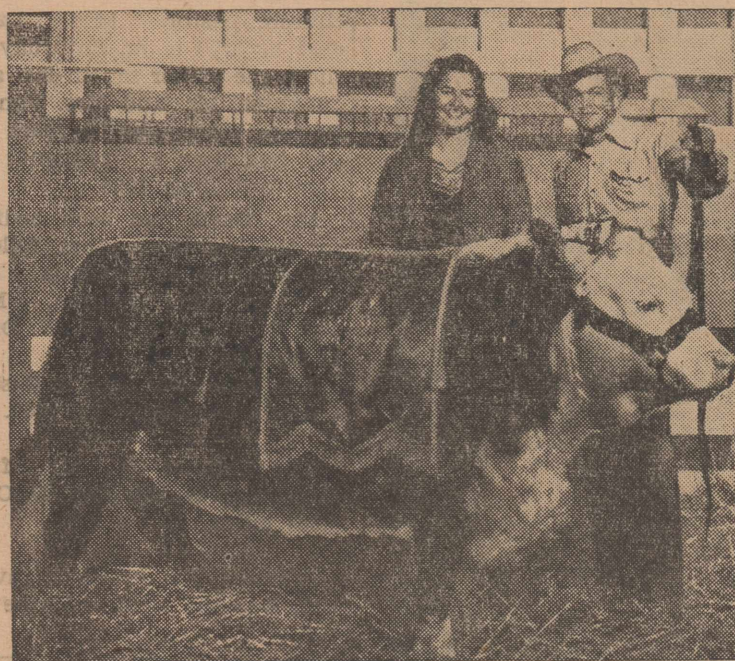


Greetings

We hope each day of the New Year brings you great rewards.

1958

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



PRIZE WINNER . . . Grand champion steer of San Francisco's livestock show was M. M. Royal Larry, 1,050 pound Hereford. Co-owner Pat Hoopes of Adams, Ore., and herdsman Bill McDonald look proud.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Ha! . . . None of that stuff for me—one drop behind each ear and ZOWIE—no ears!"

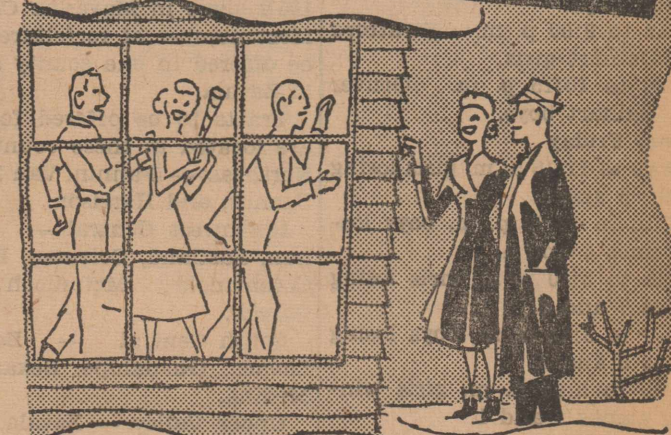
Ring in the New!



May each ringing bell of the new year bring joy and contentment to a troubled, unhappy world.

1958

It's a NEW YEAR!

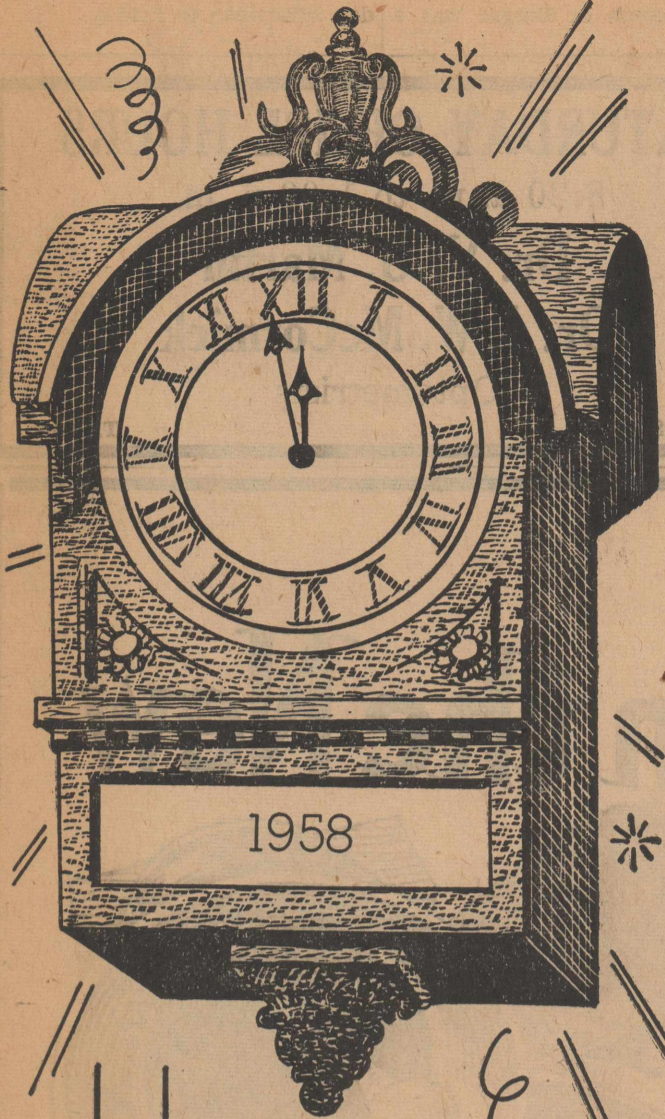


As you join your friends to celebrate the new year, we wish to add our Happy New Year!

1958



Consumers Co.



Happy New Year

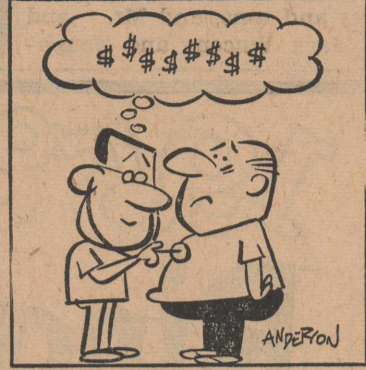
We hope the new year treats you well.

Stratford Motor Co.

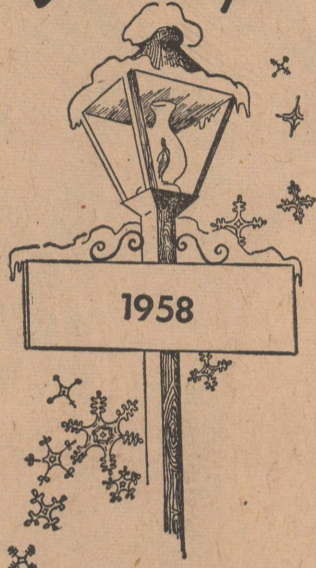
O. L. McMINN - CHARLES WISDOM



BUT LET'S FACE IT...



Season's Greetings



We hope every day of the new year will be gay and happy for you.

"OLD SY"

Butcher at G & G

"Who Appreciates Your Patronage"



TOP SCOUT . . . Member of Girl Scouts since 1922, Mrs. Charles Culmer, attorney of Libertyville, Ill., was installed president of National Girl Scout Council.



LET the house be merry and gay for the holidays with decorations you've made yourself. A couple of evenings spent at home by the family can net enough decor to give you real cheer. On a wide strip of cardboard or wood (1 x 12 inches) place three red ribbon rosettes, decorate with tinsel and baubles. Fasten against an evergreen branch and place on the door for cheery welcome.

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

Raisin Peanut Clusters

- 1/2 cup dark molasses
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups shelled peanuts
- 1 cup raisins

Cook molasses, corn syrup, vinegar to a hard boil stage (250°F.). Remove from heat; add butter. Stir until combined with syrup, then add nuts and raisins. Drop by spoonfuls on greased pan. If candy hardens while you work, stir vigorously over warm water to soften it.

Make a metal cornucopia, paint it red and white. In it place greens and Christmas balls to use as wall or door decoration.

A three panel door looks pretty with greens attached to each section. On top of these place glittering stars, angels or Santa Claus. The same kind of star which is used for the top of the tree can be placed against a wreath of evergreen and used as a mantle or door decoration.

A plain wall in the hall or living room? Hang wide strips of red or green felt down from the ceiling and pin the Christmas cards on these.

Let the youngsters make rings of different colored paper and overlap them into a long string. These will fill in spaces on the Christmas tree nicely.



by LYN CONNELLY

Guy Mitchell's the "singing-est" person you ever met . . . sings in the saddle . . . sings as he walks along Broadway . . . sings when his pockets are empty . . . sings when they're full . . . Guy inherits it from his Croatia parents who were winemakers accustomed to singing as they worked, singing when they felt good, and singing when they didn't feel good to make themselves feel better . . . Guy was born in Detroit on February 22, 1927 . . . When he was 11, he and his parents were on a bus bound for Los Angeles where they were to settle . . . As usual, they were all singing.

The boy's singing attracted a stranger who presented a calling card and the promise of a movie audition . . . However, the family moved to San Francisco a year later which put an end to the star's seedling movie career but started the singer on his cowboy career in S.F.'s cattle suburbs . . . Guy eventually combined the two talents . . . became known as the singing cowboy and won a spot on the Bud Martin radio show . . . During the war, the singer did a hitch on a Navy sub-tender, then resumed his lyrical career on a cross-country tour with Carmen Cavallaro . . . Then came a period around New York in which he recalls, "I didn't miss many meals, but I sure postponed a few."

Guy accidentally met Eddie Joy, who became his manager, and set him on his present career . . . Less than a year after singing with a major recording company in 1950, his sixth recording, "My Heart Cried For You" backed by "The Roving Kind," sold two million copies . . . In 1952 he made the first of six appearances at London's Palladium and the first of seven popular tours in the British Isles and in 1953 he reactivated his movie career . . . He's now a top man in personal appearances, his own TV show and hit recordings.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, the wife of a British ambassador, introduced the idea of inoculation against smallpox into England from Turkey in the 17th century.

The principal use of nickel in the television and radio receivers and high fidelity sound systems is in the vital working part of tubes and in permanent magnets for speakers.

By frequently moving the areas in which cattle can procure salt, modern ranchers persuade their herds to graze where the grass is lushest, thus assuring proper feeding.

Happy New Year 1958

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS . . . CORDIAL GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Davis Motor Co.

Let us give thanks for the blessings of 1957 and ask for His guidance in 1958



Greetings To All

King Equipment Co.

Arthur Archie Kathleen Lloyd Ben Gail

Jimmy Don Ray



We hope the new year surrounds you with everlasting joy and success crowns your every effort.

Van B. Boston

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. Meritt Green and Waylon spent Christmas in Boise City, Oklahoma in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Plunk had as dinner guests Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans of Perryton and Rev. and Mrs. M. E.

Upchurch and children. Miss Betty Lou O'Brien, Inglewood, California, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Brien and other relatives the past two weeks, returned Saturday to California, where she is a kindergarten

Dr. Guy D. Clayton OPTOMETRIST

HOURS: 9:00 to 12:00 — 1:30 to 6:00
SATURDAYS 9:00 to 12:00
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Happy New Year

May the New Year bells ring in an era of peace and goodwill among all men.

T.O.C. Motor Co.



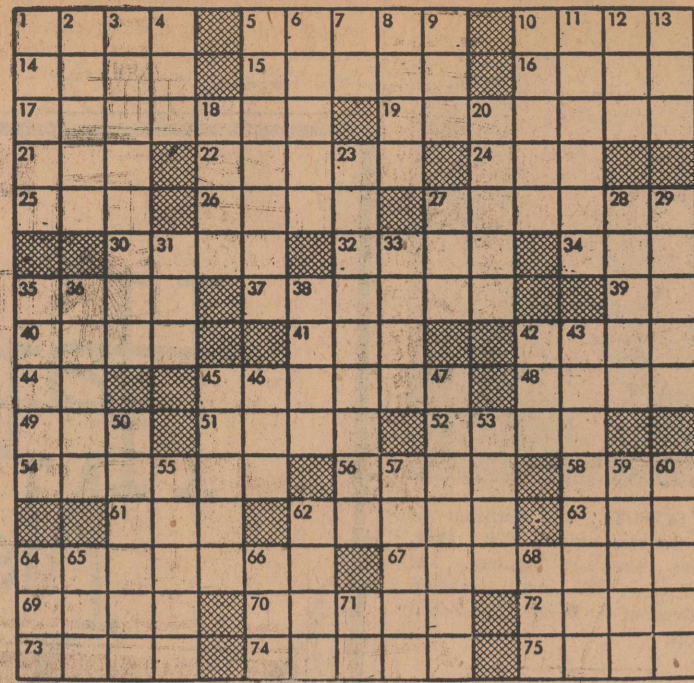
Happy New Year

The greeting is old, but none more sincere: Happy New Year! 1958

Woolsey Appliances

Dick and Wanda Woolsey

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Snare
5 Staff of life
10 Small
14 Get up
18 Kind of duck
19 Persian elf
21 Oriental
23 Kind of sword (pl.)
24 Nahoar
25 sheep
26 Lariat
28 Cloth measure
29 Pigeon
30 Short news article
31 Hardens
32 Irish Gaelic
33 S. African fox
34 Noise
35 Rabbit
36 Fresh-water fish
38 Cooled lava
40 Formerly
41 City in Paraguay
42 Warbled
44 Symbol for silver
45 Notch
49 Word of sorrow
49 Cutoff
51 Kind of horse
52 Shore bird
53 Placed in a warehouse
56 Period of time (pl.)
58 Abstract

DOWN

1 Long lock of hair
2 Laughing
3 One who analyzes
4 One (pl.)
4 Fondle
5 Scolded
6 Wash in clear water
7 Man's nickname
8 An airplane
9 Measure of Morocco
10 A pile
11 Pared
12 Make mistake
13 It is (contr.)
18 Name in Greece
20 Man's name
23 Spread
27 Compass point
28 Climbing plant
29 Obstacles
31 To soak
33 Musial's nickname
35 Cures
36 Cant
38 Opera by Verdi
42 Capuchin monkey
43 Asserting
45 Girl's name
46 Incline the head
47 Inquiries sent out for missing articles
50 Vegetable
53 Measure of

Melacca
55 Old Teutonic alphabet
57 To mellow
59 Present occasion
60 Icelandic tales
62 Abstract being
64 Prefix: before
65 Malay gibbon
66 Spinning toy
68 Fail Irish crowning stone
71 Pacific island screw pine

PEACH CITE SPAR
RARE ARIA HALE
OSTE VESES ISIA
STEP RHO ISUAC
ORAL ALL ASH
SPATES RRYANT
EOS PETIT TATAR
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PES BERS PAPA
IN TWO SEC ROAD
MEAT NOUISSEMAPE
YAME INTO HORSE
OSAR CASS ESSED

Answer to Puzzle No. 477

teacher in the Los Angeles school system.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tommy were guests Wednesday and Thursday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chisum and other relatives in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNeal and grandson, Jeff Hart, were Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. McNeal's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford in Amarillo. Mr. McNeal's sister from Pampa and another sister from Houston were also guests in the Crawford home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pendleton, Miss Minnie Laura Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson had as guests Friday afternoon and night, their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Terry Jackson and Tara, of Walnut Creek, California. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson and daughter, left Friday for Lubbock, where they will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson.

Miss Geraldine Printy, Nauvoo, Illinois, and Don Keller of Keokuk, Iowa were visitors in Stratford Saturday. They were enroute to Los Angeles, California.

Dr. and Mrs. Huston Pearson and Huston Jr. of Dallas, looked

"I REMEMBER" BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Mrs. David Lindsay, Clarksburg, West Virginia: I remember so well, when I was a child some 50 years ago. At Christmas time we children looked forward to getting from Santa Claus: about 1/2 pounds of candy and nuts, two oranges, and one pound box of raisins each.

We were especially happy over the raisins and nuts, as we knew that we wouldn't get any more until the next Christmas. Believe me, it was a happy time for us.

From Miss Charlotte Ashworth, Lavalette, West Virginia: I remember when I was a little girl and in the first grade. I walked about a quarter of a mile from my home to school. In cold weather, I wore a sweater, coat, scarf—and I ran all the way—before I got too cold and before it snowed too much.

From Bozo Taxino, San Antonio, Texas: I remember 50 years ago, when a big department store put on a bargain sale it was a free-for-all, knock-down drag-out affair. I remember going to one of these sales to buy a wheelbarrow. I came home with a cider mill and there wasn't an apple in the whole country where I lived.

Some always hollered he got "gypped," and the customer was always right. The only good thing about those sales was that you didn't have to pay a sales tax.

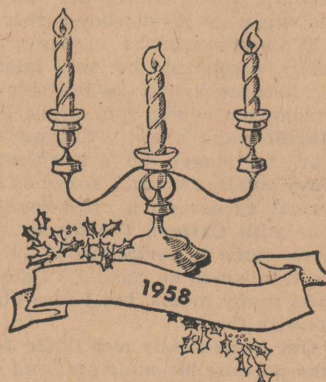


CHINA DOLL . . . Posing in western style, Chinese actress Lin Dai is making world tour, starting from home in Hong Kong.

after business interests and visited friends here during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler, who had their Christmas dinner Thursday, had as guests, their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Butler Jr., and children, of Lamar, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNeal and grandson, Jeff Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Cone Donelson and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Donelson, of Lubbock and Mar-

HAPPY HOLIDAY



May the candles burn bright for you during the year just starting.

HARRISON
Poultry & Feed

vin Cotton.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Skillin and Jimmy, were Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cearley and children of Cactus and Mrs. L. E. Bonar.

Those enjoying Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flores were Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon and daughters, and Max Johnson, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. John Boney and children, Gruber, Mrs. Tim Flores, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Flores and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vincent and daughter.

ters.

Jerry Moore of Borger was a

guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Plunk and family from Wednesday afternoon to Friday.

SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS

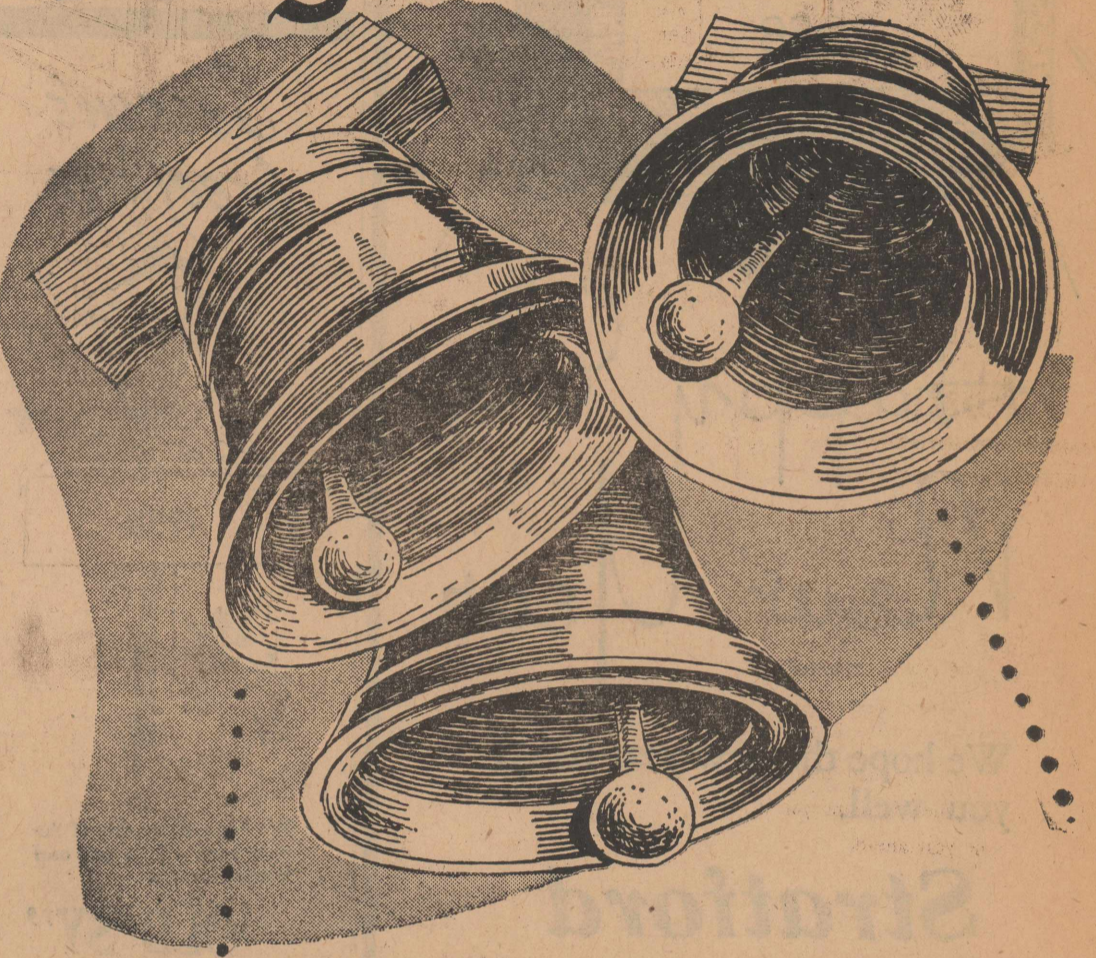
8:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

Dr. V. G. Martin
Dr. J. W. McCormick
Optometrists

DUMAS,

TEXAS

1958 Ring in the New



Our wish is for your happiest New Year and a future of undimmed success.

Garrison Motor Co.

Joyous New Year



Best wishes for your happiness in the New Year. May it be a year of prosperity and peace.

Stratford Dept. Store

Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Powell and children, who spent Christmas with Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson, left Thursday for Abilene where they will visit Mr. Powell's parents before returning to their home in El Paso.

Mrs. V. L. Henville and son, David, of Fort Madison, Iowa, arrived Christmas evening for a visit in the home of Mrs. Hen-



ROSE QUEEN . . . Trudy Wood, 16, of Pasadena, Cal., will reign over 1958 Tournament of Roses parade and New Years Day football classic.

ville's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McMahan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hankey spent Christmas in Wichita, Kansas visiting relatives.

Mrs. L. E. Bonar and Jimmy Skillin went to Woodward, Oklahoma Christmas afternoon, for a visit with Mrs. Bonar's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Highley, and on to Wichita, Kansas Thursday for a visit with Mrs. Bonar's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Skillman and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Salesman and three children of Flat Rock, Illinois, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Salesman's mother, Mrs. Ruby Palmer, and other relatives.

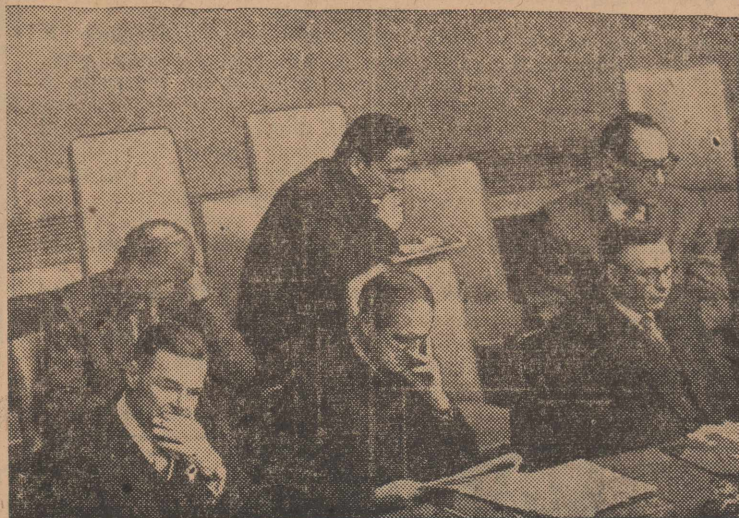
Members of the T. P. Oquin family who enjoyed a covered dish Christmas dinner in the American Legion Hall Wednesday, were Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Oquin, and Mr. Oquin's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dib Oquin and two sons of Claremore, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Oquin's sons and daughters and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Oquin and son, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kauffman and son of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Devo Oquin and five children of near Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Oquin and three children of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oquin and four children of Dumas, Mr. and Mrs. Gibb Wells and two children of Cactus, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Oquin and two children, Mrs. Myrtle Sanders and four children and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson and baby daughter of Lubbock.

Carl Oquin and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Oquin and family, all of Denver, Colorado, were the only

HALF-PAST TEEN



"WHO IS IT? YOU MEAN WHAT IS IT!"



UN PROBLEM . . . All delegates look serious as UN political committee debates Algerian question. Front, l to r: Henry Cabot Lodge (U. S.), Gilbert Longden (United Kingdom) and Arkady Sobolev (Russia).

members of the immediate family who were unable to be present.

Gales sometimes blow for as long as nine days on the Sahara Desert.



Greetings



May your dreams come true in the year ahead. 1958

Palace Cafe

YOUR brain budget

1. The word epencephalon is associated with (a) history; (b) the brain; (c) time.
2. Henequen refers to (a) a Yucatan plant; (b) bird; (c) boat.
3. Pelagic refers to (a) volcanoes; (b) mountains; (c) oceans.

ANSWERS
1. Brain
2. Plant
3. Oceans

New Years Again!

Come, share our joy for the New Year. 1958

Stratford Butane Co.

NEW YEAR CHEER

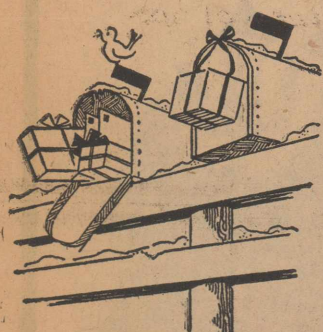


Stratford Abstract Co.

Happy New Year

Good luck, good cheer and happiness surround you in the year ahead.

1958



J. W. SMITH

Dub's Service Station
TEXACO PRODUCTS
Water Well Service

RING IN THE NEW 1958

May the days ahead bring harmony to the world and you.

Yates Drug

and

Robbie's Gift Shoppe

Season's Greetings

HAPPY New Year

1958

May your every effort bring you success and great happiness this year.

Happy New Year

Accept our sincere and warm holiday greetings.

1958

The First State Bank of Stratford

Drilling Two New Gas Wells In County

Two new gas wells are being drilled in Sherman County.

Petroleum Exploration Inc. McCloy No. 1 is located 1,250 feet from the north and west lines of section 14 of Block 3, in the southeast corner of the county. Potential depth of the well is 3,500 feet.

Phillips Petroleum Co. Earl "B" No. 1 is located 1,320 feet

from the north and east lines of section 69 in Block 1-T, about 10 miles northeast of Stratford. The potential depth of the wells is 2,900 feet.

3 Dallam Wells Completed

Three gas wells have been completed across the Sherman County line northwest of Stratford in the edge of Dallam County. Two of the wells are in the 7 million cubic feet class and one was completed for 27.5 million cubic feet of gas.

Rip C. Underwood Belo No. 1 in section 18 of Block 1, produced pay from 3,491 to 3,571 feet, for potential production of 7 million cubic feet of gas with

a rock pressure of 467 pounds.

Rip C. Underwood Moon No. 1 in section 87 of Block 1-T, produced pay from 3,457 to 3,540 feet. It has a potential production of 6.8 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 468 pounds.

Rip C. Underwood Peeler No. 1 in section 49 of Block 1-T produced pay from 3,404 to 3,446 feet. The well has a potential production of 27 million cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 464 pounds.

Among the Sick

Mrs. Belle Cummings and Mrs. Elizabeth Cummings are in Amarillo with their brother, Edgar Spurlock, whose condition remains about the same in Northwest Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Peach Smith is reported to be improving in a hospital in Butler, Missouri following the accident December 21, in which she received two fractures in her left ankle, a sprained right ankle, and broken ribs on the left side.

D. M. Womble Is District Farm Bureau Director

D. M. Womble, Hansford County livestock farmer, has been elected to the Texas Farm Bureau board of directors from this district. His election came at a District 1 caucus November 19 at the annual state Farm Bureau convention in Dallas. He succeeds Stanley Garnett of Spearman who resigned.

Womble, who lives at Morse, will represent 19 counties on the Texas Farm Bureau Board which is comprised of one director from each of the 13 districts in the state. District 1 embraces Sherman, Armstrong, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Pottler, Randall and Wheeler counties.

The new director has been engaged in farming and ranching practically all of his life and has been active in local Farm Bureau work for many years, twice serving as membership chairman of the Hansford County Farm Bureau.

He is married to the former Robbie Dale Gay, and they have four children. A daughter, Joann Womble, was District 1 Farm Bureau queen two years ago.

A Baptist lay leader, Womble is serving his second term on the Board of the Texas Baptist Convention and is also a member of the Board of Trustees of Wayland College at Plainview.

Assembly Of God Church

(Bob Goodwin, Pastor, Phone 4351)

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 service 8:00 p. m. The public is invited to all services.

Church of Christ

(L. L. Thornton, Minister)

Sunday Services Bible Study 10:00 a. m. Worship 10:55 a. m. Evening Worship 6:00 p. m.

Tuesday Ladies class 9:30 a. m.

Wednesday Bible study 7:30 p. m. A friendly welcome awaits you at all services.

Methodist Church

(Rev. Charles R. Gates, Pastor)

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. M. Y. F. 6:00 p. m. Intermediate Fellowship 6:00 p. m.

Junior additional session 6:00 p. m. Evening Worship 7:00 p. m. Wesleyan Guild meets fourth, Monday night of each month at 8:00 p. m.

W. S. C. S. Circles meet Wed-

NEW YEAR'S GIRL

By Kathryn Brummond

MARCIA ANDERS had been born on New Years Day, which always made that day something extra special. Better even than Christmas, her widowed mother often said.

Every year, along with the general jubilation, there had been a birthday party for Marcia; first her kindergarten friends, then a bevy of young girls and finally dancing parties for both girls and boys.

Now Marcia was going on nineteen and when Mrs. Anders began to talk about the birthday she said, "This year I don't believe I'll have a party, mother. John wants us to go to the Winter Carnival at Annandale."

New Years day dawned bright and crisp and early in the morning John and Marcia set gaily out on their trip. Mrs. Anders wondered how she would get through the lonesome day.

Presently it occurred to her that they might still have a birthday party after the pair returned. Just the three of them. She and Marcia and John. She'd make a gorgeous birthday cake and some kind of festive casserole—chicken maybe.

The day passed quickly after all. At length everything was ready. The table was covered with the best white cloth; laid with the company silver; the cake was decorated; the gifts were wrapped. There was nothing to do now but wait.

The telephone suddenly rang loudly in the stillness of the room. "Hello!" Mrs. Anders cried. She could tell by the sounds that this was a long distance call and uneasiness nipped her heart.

Then she heard Mrs. LeMaitre's voice. "Hello, Mrs. Anders? Ann, this is Matilda."
"What's wrong?" Marcia's mother asked quickly.
"Why, nothing's wrong at all," Mrs. LeMaitre returned cheerfully. "I just wanted to tell you the children won't be back tonight. They're going to stay here with

me. John called to say they were invited to a shindig; they'll come here afterward and drive back home in the morning."

"What on earth!" Mrs. Anders exclaimed resentfully.

"They had a contest for next year's carnival queen," Mrs. LeMaitre explained animatedly, "and your Marcia won it! So the committee is entertaining her and John and the princesses at a downtown cafe. But that's not the big news, Ann! They're engaged! We're on the way to becoming mothers-in-law! Ann, Ann! Are you there? Why don't you say something? Aren't you glad? I am!"

Mrs. Anders struggled for words and they came out tearfully, "Matilda, today is Marcia's birthday. We've spent it together every single year since she was born. I baked her a birthday cake and—"

She broke down completely. Never had she felt so utterly forgotten.

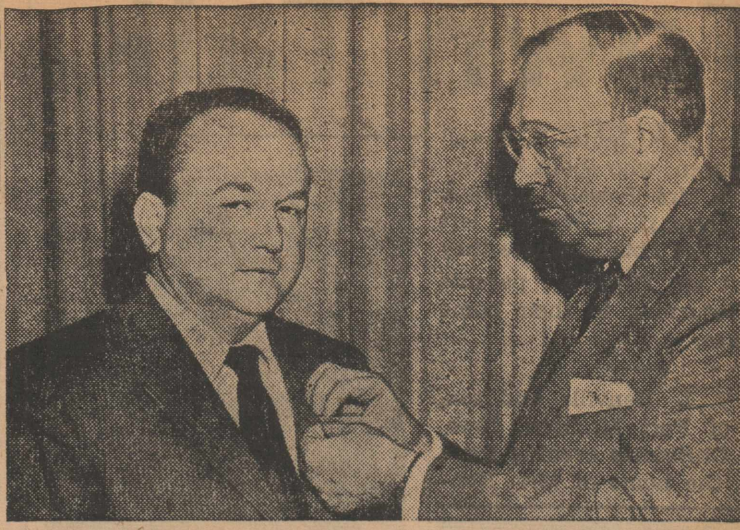
There was silence at the other end of the line. Then Matilda said, "All right. It's her birthday. So what? We all have birthdays. They come every year. But remember, this is her betrothal day too. You didn't arrange that, Ann. And when the kids come in tonight I'm going to tell them that you were simply delighted!"

As Ann hung up her door bell rang. "Special delivery letter," the boy said.

She tore open the envelope. It was a beautiful birthday card, covered with flowers and satin. It must be meant for Marcia, Ann thought. But no, the address said "Mrs. Ann Anders, 13 Maple Street." Then she saw it was Marcia's own handwriting.

Swiftly she opened the dainty folder and gladness flooded her whole being.

On the blank page Marcia had scrawled excitedly, "Birthday greetings to my mother who brought me into the best of all possible worlds."



FAMILY DOCTOR . . . Dr. Edward Hamilton (right) gives "outstanding family doctor of 1957" award to Dr. Cecil Clark of Cameron, La., who aided scores during Hurricane Audrey in which he lost 3 of his own children.

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BY JOHN and JANE STRICKLAND

TODAY'S PROBLEM: Remarks

THERESA BARNES told me this story while she was in the Army, serving as a WAC. She had lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, as a child where she attended school. Her father had gone to Canada on a short term job and Theresa was thrilled over the thought of going to another country. But her thrill was short lived.

Theresa had "buck teeth" and while her parents meant to have a correction made, their dentist advised that the time for doing so had not yet come. So, children being what they are—cruel without knowledge that they are cruel—Theresa suffered from the jibes of her schoolmates. There was hardly a day that poor little Theresa wasn't made to suffer for something over which she had never had any control.

One Sunday in Sunday School she heard the teacher say, "There are many things we should not heed; many things which we should not really hear. Among them are the things that hurt, sometimes said by careless, thoughtless people or by those who are envious or just have an ugly disposition."

On the way home, Theresa thought this over. Could it be possible that the children could make remarks about her teeth when she was near them, and yet she wouldn't hear what was said? She would try it.

The next time a glance came her way which she knew was to precede an unkind remark, she put her thoughts on something else, she didn't listen to what was being said. "And," she told me, "I really didn't hear what the girl said, although I knew it was about me."

This plan worked one time so Theresa tried it again. It worked again! And again! And again! Then the children tired of making remarks that were not noticed, and Theresa no longer suffered from this childish cruelty.

Not only did the plan of not hearing what is said work for her as a child, it continued to work for her in the years that followed. It works for her today, and she is teaching her children to practice this method. It has meant for her, and she is sure it will mean for them, a happier life.

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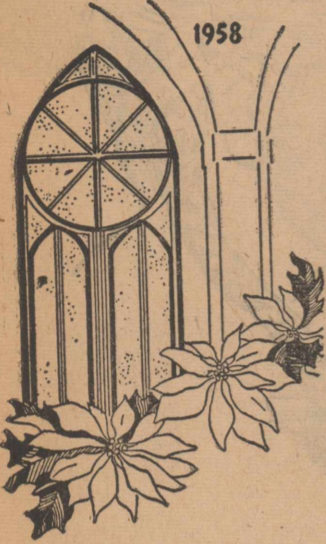


Holiday Greetings

To one and all: best wishes for a happy new year.



MISSILE SPEEDUP . . . Defense Secretary Neil McElroy (right) and Pentagon missiles chief Wm. Holaday announce guided missile program will be pushed vigorously.



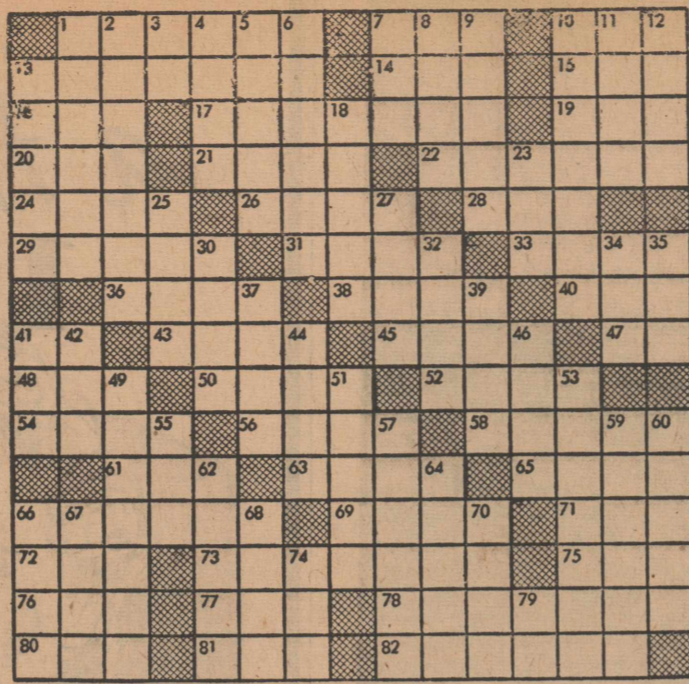
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PEGGY AND LAMB . . . Selected for her charm, beauty and poise, Peggy Seay, senior at Trinity U. in San Antonio, was named Miss Wool of 1955.

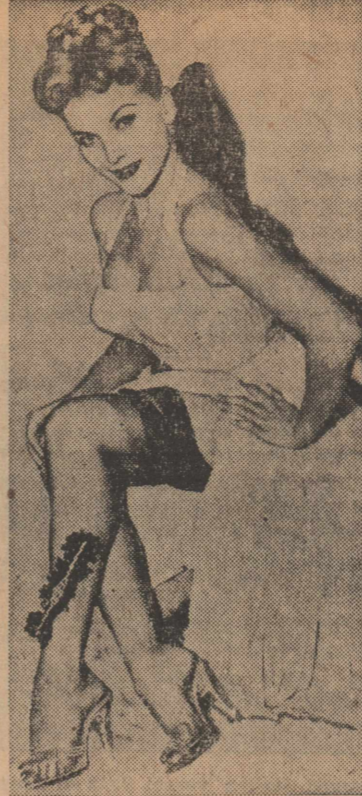
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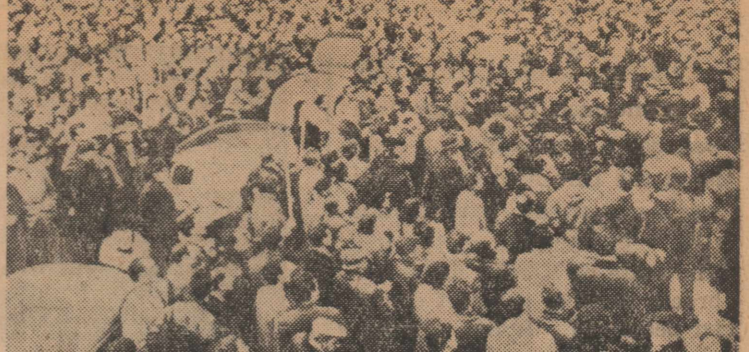
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 - 21 To weary
 - 22 Kind of car (pl.)
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 - 26 Coin
 - 28 Thing in law
 - 29 Woody plants
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 - 47 Hebrew letter
 - 48 Steal from
 - 50 Support
 - 52 Saire
 - 54 Part of fishhook
 - 56 Danish weight (pl.)
 - 58 Group of pupils
 - 61 Atmosphere
 - 63 English boy's school
 - 65 Allowance for waste
 - 66 Sea bird
 - 69 Mine entrance
 - 71 Collection of facts
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 - 15 Spanish title
 - 23 Private
 - 25 retreat
 - 27 Go at certain gait
 - 30 Strike with open hand
 - 32 Sharp taste
 - 34 To eat
 - 35 Golf mound
 - 37 Italian coin (pl.)
 - 39 Grapes refuse
 - 41 Sphere
 - 42 Tibetan gazelle
 - 44 Flower material
 - 46 Germinated grain
 - 49 Stigmatized
 - 51 Part of flower
 - 53 A type of excellence
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GETS DIAMOND HOSE . . . Chosen "owner of most beautiful legs in world," actress Debra Paget wears pair of sheer nylons studded with \$10,000 worth of diamonds.



NECK TROUBLE . . . Doctors build 7-foot platform to treat circus giraffe for injured spinal disk in Koblenz, Germany.

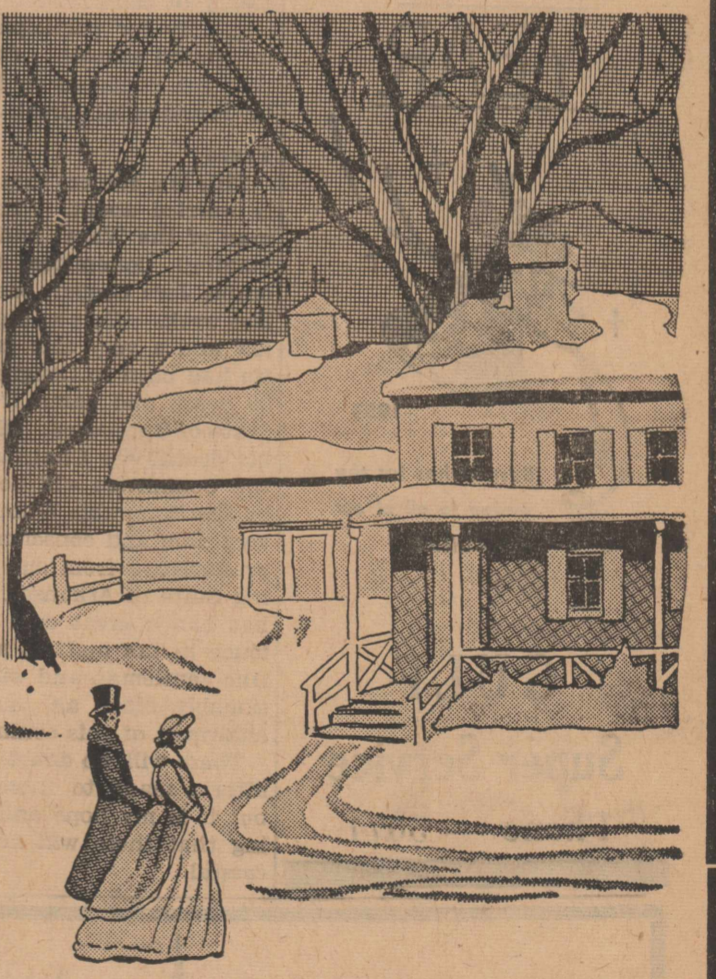


WORKERS STRIKE . . . Several thousand French civil servants storm Paris treasury office shouting demands for increased pay.



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ACROSS the DESK

ideas from other editors

From the South Pasadena Review, South Pasadena, Calif.: In the view of Vice President Nixon, military preparedness "must always take priority over the understandable desire to reduce our taxes."

Practically everyone in the country will agree with that—especially in the light of Soviet rocket achievements.

However, this certainly does not mean that there is no longer any point in talking about government economy. It should, instead, mean that every possible frill and non-essential in government, is now to be cropped down to the root. And an excellent place to start would be in government activities in the field of commercial business. Most of these run at big losses. If they were returned to private enterprise, where they belong, all the financing would come out of private capital and private savings—and, to frost the cake, government would get big new tax revenues that could prevent tax increases or be the basis of tax reductions.

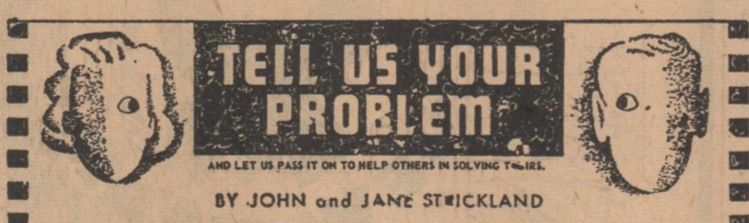
From the Catskill Mountain Star, Saugerties, New York: In every far-flung reach of the country, millions of people look toward each week to the appearance of their local small-town papers.

These papers are the running histories of the communities and regions they serve and there is nothing that can take their place.

Now and then some old-time reader troubles to tell the editor just how he feels about the local paper. That pleasant experience happened the other day to the editor of the News, of Hamet, California. The correspondent was a woman who had lived in the Hamet area for more than a half century. She wrote: "I have many fond memories of your newspaper and the people who have been connected with it.

"Your paper recorded by birth, my childhood parties, my graduation from high school and later from college, my marriage, the arrival of each of my four children and the death of one of them—and now, in more recent years your columns have been recording the arrival, one by one, of my grandchildren. . . Is it any wonder that your paper means so much in our home and that we look forward to receiving it each week?"

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TODAY'S PROBLEM:
Deciding Your Child's Future.

JUST how far should parents go to determine the life-work of their children is cause for controversy between parents in America—a new country—and those from older European countries. Unfortunately, many parents from a foreign land cannot adapt themselves readily to new ideas. In the Old Country jobs were hard to procure and a great deal more effort required to retain them than in this land of opportunity. Having been brought up on this theory, Yvette and Hans Weisner made plans for their son, Emile. But Emile had received all his formal schooling in a Massachusetts town among other young Americans, who, rightly or wrongly were brought up to do their own thinking, whether they agreed with their parents and teachers or not.

"Tut, tut," said Hans to his wife, as he went right along nurturing the ideas that had matured in the Fatherland, and when their son was ready for college, they made the choice. He must take a course that would fit him to carry on with his father's business, a business which one day the son would inherit, except, of course, that share which would be his

mother's as he continued to support her.

Not interested in the subjects he pursued, Emile found he had to repeat several of them the next year. The third year he had to do the same; the fourth year found him out on a limb. He did not graduate. So his disappointed parents sent him back for a fifth year, and a sixth year.

Hans discussed his son's failings with a neighbor, and the neighbor was suspicious that the fault did not lie wholly with the student, and certainly not with the college. Talking with Emile during his Christmas vacation, a friend asked him what he was going to do when he got out of college. He said he didn't know.

"Don't you think you'd better make up your mind beforehand?" asked the friend.

"Oh, I know what I'd like to do," said the frustrated lad, "I'd like to be a veterinarian but my parents won't hear of it. You see, my father is set on my going into his clothing business."

So he entered his father's business, but was such a failure at merchandising that his father sold the business and retired. Today Emile is a general manager in the office of a lumber company with little prospect of ever making much money.

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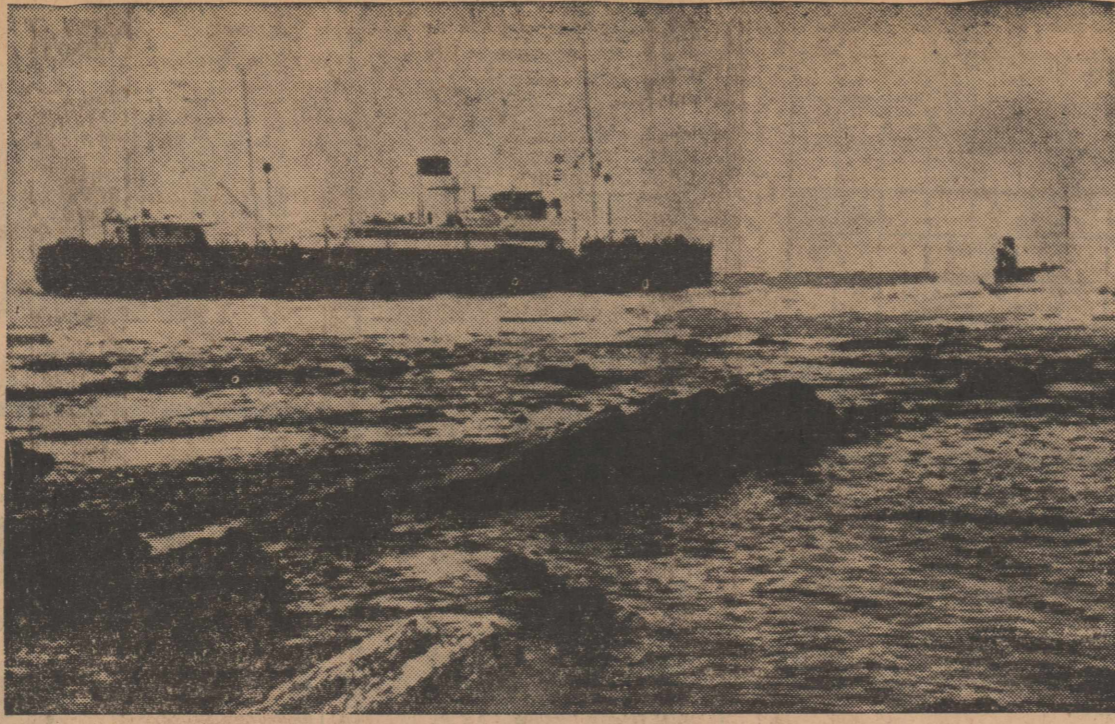
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Views Conditions-

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 was based. Communist China is on the threshold of a similar blood-and-sweat transformation. The temptation is strong. The state of Kerala, which embraces some of the best educated people in India, recently elected a Communist government. Economic disaster would open the door to Communist control of all India." You can see from this that it will be necessary for the Congress to weigh very carefully all argu-

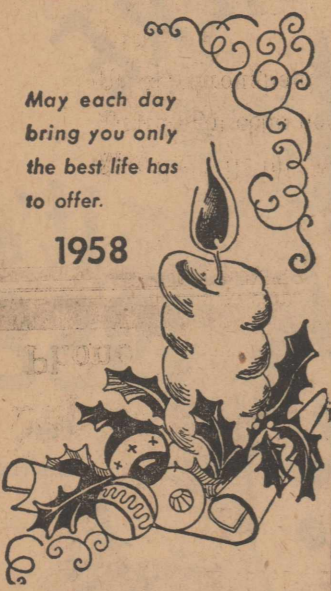


SHIPWRECK . . . Storm-battered Italian vessel Citta di Trapani (left) and tug which went to her rescue are both caught on reefs on Sicilian coast. The captain and 4 crewmen were lost, but 42 passengers and 40 of the crew were saved.

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ments both pro and con on the foreign aid program whether it be in direct grants or in loan authorization.

Civil Rights

It is anticipated that the proponents of the so-called civil rights legislation will act in the early days of the session to enact into law those sections that were deleted from the original bill which was passed during the first session of this term of Congress. This will mean a bitter fight. Although it was generally thought that the Administration would not want to precipitate another fight on this issue, the proponents served advance notice some time back that they would immediately move for legislation giving much stronger powers to the federal government.

Education

There will definitely be a strong movement to expand the activities of the federal government in the field of education. Efforts will be made to prevent legislation limiting eligibility to integrated schools. The proponents of the federal aid program feel that they have a much better chance to pass the bill if the question of segregation or integration is left out of it. Some feel that if they can get this bill passed, there will be plenty of time later on to limit eligibility for participation to integrated schools. Others feel that the President could do this by Presidential directive.

Taxes

This is a subject that everyone is worried about. The Chairman of the Ways and Means (taxing) Committee, the Honorable Jere Cooper, passed away last week. He was a grand fellow and a very able tax expert. He had been in Congress almost 30 years and came from the State of Tennessee. Because of his death, the Chairmanship of the Committee will be assumed by the Honorable Wilbur Mills, a very able and conscientious Representative from our neighboring State of Arkansas. Mr. Mills has had a great deal of experience in tax matters and is a fine gentleman and will unquestionably make an outstanding chairman of this committee.

There will, no doubt, be strong efforts made to increase taxes but it is my hope and my feeling that these will not be successful.

THE BAFFLES

By Mahoney



Rev. Robert H. Harper
 CHRISTMAS

WE have often been told, and we know, that Christmas comes but once a year. That is true so far as the calendar is concerned, and it may be true to some who have little of the Christmas spirit. Let us have so much of the Christmas spirit that we shall be conscious of Christ's presence every day in the year.

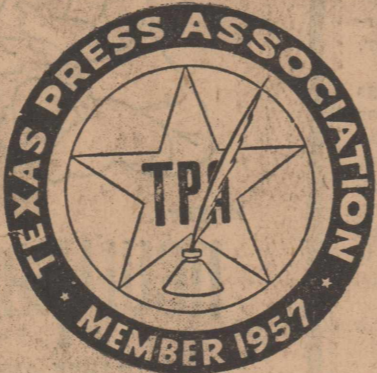
And if we could somehow rescue Christmas from commercialism, we would minister much to the bleeding that the season should bring to every heart. To see a Santa Claus at every street corner and in nearly every store, clad sometimes in an ill-fitting and soiled suit, does not add to the solemnity and dignity of the grandest event in history.

It is also significant of the little that may come of the day by the abbreviation, XMAS. The Lord is not to be represented by an X. He is not an unknown Person, and we should not dare to abbreviate the greatest name in history.

Let us not look forward to Christmas as a time of huge feasting and merry-making. But may all the joys of the season be secondary to the blessings of the coming of Jesus to men.

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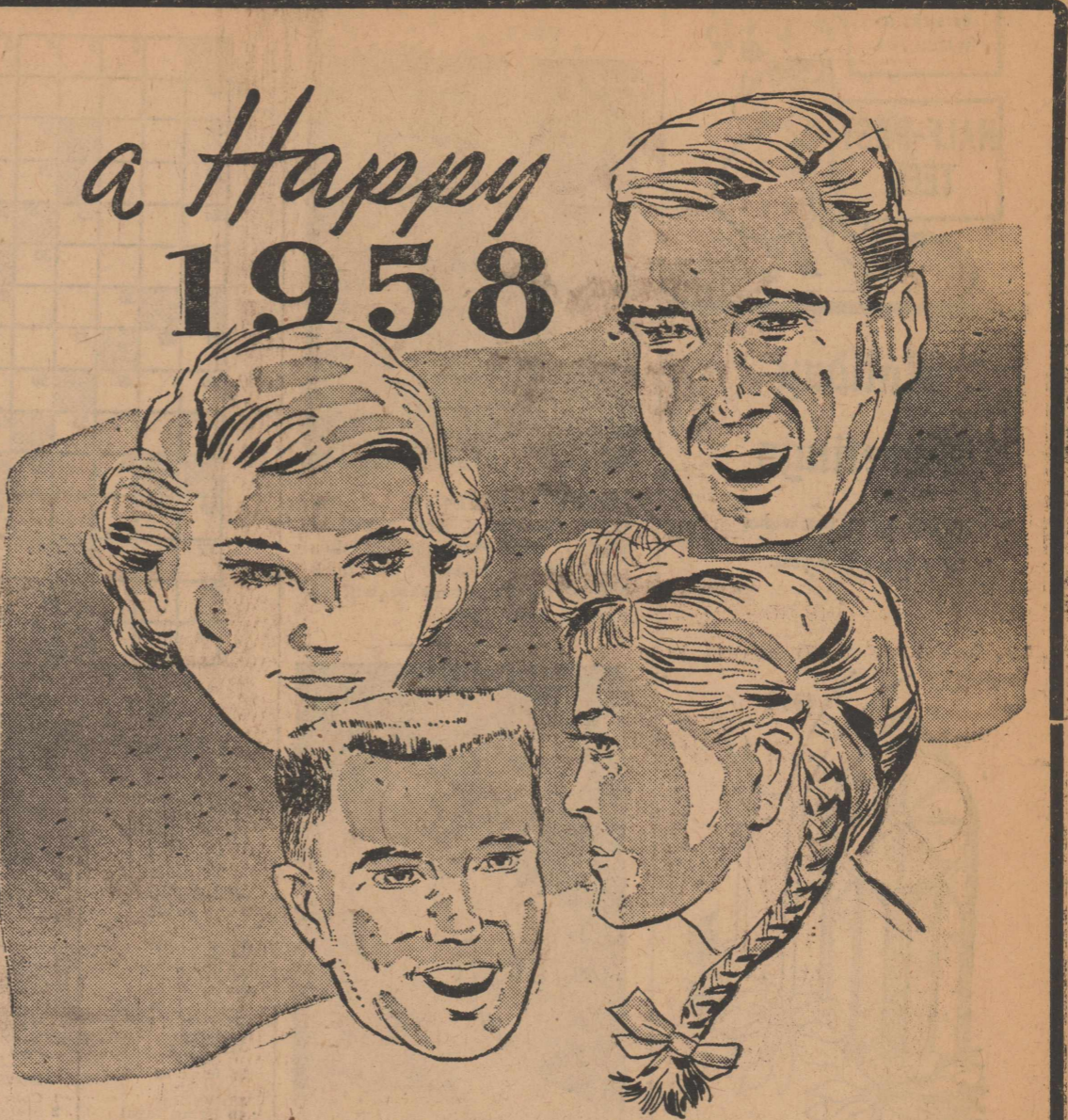
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