

## To Judge Christmas Lighting Monday Night

The most beautiful outdoor Christmas lighting decorations of the homes in Stratford will be decided Monday night. Judges are scheduled to start a tour of the city at 7:00 p. m. to determine the winners of the home lighting contest.

Prizes of \$15.00 for first place, \$10.00 for second place, and \$5.00 for third place, will be presented by ladies of the Xi Epsilon Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Southwestern Public Service Co. has contributed \$25.00 of the prize money and the sorority has added an additional \$5.00.

The outdoor lighting contest has been sponsored by the sorority ladies to stimulate a more colorful atmosphere in Stratford during the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett won first place in the home lighting contest last year. Decorations at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wohlford placed second. Miniature decorations at the trailer home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip C. Johnson placed third.

Bill and Richard McMinn might have won a prize with Spanish style lighting decorations at the home of their parents had they left the candles burning an hour longer. The peculiar lighting effect was obtained by outlining walks and driveways with large paper sacks partially filled with dirt and centered with lighted candles.

When the judges returned to the McMinn home for a comparison of the beauty of the lighting with other homes being given consideration for lighting decoration honors, the candles had been extinguished.

## Storm Delays Visit Of OES Grand Matron

Last week on Tuesday, December 6, despite the bad weather which prevented the honor guest, Mrs. Allie Taylor, Deputy Grand Matron, District 2, Section 2, Order of the Eastern Star, from driving to Stratford from Amarillo, 28 members of the organization enjoyed a delicious ham dinner prepared by the Variety Club.

The banquet table was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme with a large arrangement of white chrysanthemums, flanked by six white candles. Candles in large golden goblets and holly, favors of golden pine cones, and programs made as white Christmas trees, completed the decorations.

A. L. King gave the invocation. Following the banquet the regular meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in the chapter room with 31 attending. Mrs. Marylou McDaniel is Worthy Matron and J. D. McDaniel is Worthy Patron.

## Mrs. Holland Fractures Hip

Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, 86 year old mother of Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and grandmother of Mrs. Charles Wisdom, fractured a hip bone in a fall at her home in Amarillo Sunday. She has been hospitalized in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

## B. B. Carter's 14-Year War \$21,000 Of Million Spent Battling IRS Coming Back

(By James Lehrer in The Dallas Morning News)

The final battle in the strange 14-year war of B. B. Carter was decided Thursday with a court ruling that he will get back \$21,000 of the \$1,000,000 he spent fighting the U. S. government over his income tax.

The U. S. Court of Appeals in New Orleans ordered the refund made to the Amarillo farmer, thus ending a case that began when Carter filed his income tax return in 1946.

It has been in and out of federal courts here six times, court of appeals four and the U. S. Supreme Court once since then. "After having studied and considered the entire evidence, we are left with the definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed," said the New Orleans court in its Thursday opinion.

It blamed the Internal Revenue Service, U. S. District Judge T. Whitfield Davidson and one of Carter's own attorneys for collectively causing the costly to Carter mistake.

The court history of the case began in 1951, when IRS brought tax evasion charges against Carter. The once-wealthy farmer pleaded guilty then before Judge Davidson and was fined \$10,000.

Carter said at the time, as the court record shows, that he did not willfully evade the tax and was only pleading guilty because his Amarillo attorney told him to.

Judge Davidson accepted the guilty plea anyhow, and in 1954 it was judged by the U. S. Supreme Court as a "gross" error. The high court ordered the \$10,000 fine returned, but said nothing about an assessed \$11,000 fraud penalty.

This action came when Carter's new attorneys, Wentworth T. Durant and Earle B. Mayfield of Dallas, entered the case in 1953. They went before Judge Davidson with a motion to withdraw the guilty plea, but the judge refused it.

It was subsequently appealed to the Supreme Court. The next move was the motion to recover the \$11,000 fraud penalty in 1958. Judge Davidson also rejected this request, but the court of appeals ruling Thursday reversed the judge.

The \$21,000 refund is the \$11,000 plus accrued interest.

According to Carter, this criminal action and the civil wing of the IRS action cost him in excess of \$1,000,000. To pay the taxes and supplementary costs he was forced to sell two ranches and lost outright \$400,000 in insurance by borrowing on it. Also down the drain went two drilling rigs and \$67,000 in first lien mortgages.

Before his tax troubles Carter, who admittedly is completely unversed in accounting and tax problems, owned property, mainly in the Texas Panhandle, in excess of \$1,000,000.

In 1941, he turned over his accounting to Walter Russell, an Amarillo lawyer-accountant who handled his accounts for six years. It was Russell who later turned in his own client to the IRS for tax fraud, court records show.

The lawyer then represented

## Miss Pleyer Invites Friends To Her Wedding



Miss Billie Pleyer

Miss Billie Pleyer, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Pleyer and the late Mr. Pleyer, will be married to Doyle Terrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Terrell of Cactus, in the First Baptist Church at 4:00 p. m. Friday, December 23. Rev. M. E. Upchurch, pastor, will officiate.

All friends of the families are invited to attend the wedding and the reception which will be held in Fellowship Hall of the church immediately following the wedding.

## District 1-A Recognizes Five Stratford Elks

Jerry Dyess, Stratford sophomore guard, was named to the second team of the District 1-A football team for 1960. Four other Elks receiving honorable mention were: Bill Kirkwood, Doug McBryde, sophomore end; Bill Steinberger, senior back; and Gary Dettle, senior back.

The selection of the all district team was made by coaches of the district. Stinnett, White Deer, Sunray and Gruver men composed the first team. The second team was composed of one Stratford boy, Jerry Dyess, and members of the Stinnett, Gruver, Sunray, Stinnett, White Deer and Panhandle team.

## Santa To Give Treats To Kiddies Saturday

## Two Spearman Burglary Suspects Were Apprehended In Stratford

## B. I. Crutchfield Celebrates 80th Birthday

B. I. Crutchfield who celebrated his 80th birthday recently, was honored with a dinner in the Crutchfield home on Sunday, December 4.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Crutchfield and daughter, Kay, and Kay's friend, Carol Sheffield, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield Jr. of Cactus; and V. L. Strawn, brother of Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield Sr.

## Andrews Family Claimed Lost Purse Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrews of Junction City, Kansas were in Stratford Friday enroute home from a visit with relatives in California and were given the purse belonging to Mrs. Andrews which contained \$107.00 and valuable papers. Mrs. Andrews lost the purse while the couple was in Stratford on November 20 enroute to California.

Two local boys returned the purse and all its contents to Deputy Sheriff A. L. Wilson. The boys told him they found the purse laying in a bar-ditch along U. S. highway 54 west of Stratford.

Elated over the recovery of their lost possessions, the Andrews said they would never forget Stratford, Wilson related.

John F. Van Zant of Paden, Oklahoma and Marvin Frank Kappel of Enid, Oklahoma were taken into custody at 4:15 p. m. Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Wilson for questioning as suspects in three burglaries which occurred in Spearman Monday night.

In the customary shake-down before being placed in jail, Wilson recovered \$127.10 in silver and \$141.00 in currency, and a transistor radio taken from a Spearman firm, from VanZant and Kappel.

When faced with the evidence, both men made statements, admitting the burglaries, Wilson said. Sheriff J. E. Cooke of Hansford County and one of his deputies drove to Stratford for the two suspects Tuesday night. They were taken to Spearman to await action of the grand jury.

Given a report of the robberies Tuesday morning, Deputy Sheriff Wilson learned that VanZant and Kappel had checked into the Ranger Motel at 7:00 a. m. They left their room at 4:00 p. m. and were picked up at 4:15 p. m. as they stood along U. S. Highway 54 in front of the Lamoine Palmer Service Station.

Wilson had been given a tip to look for two men, one tall and slender wearing a black coat and blue jeans. One of the suspects wore slippers and the other wore boots.

## 1-A Officials Approve Athletics

The District 1-A Executive Committee met at Stinnett Wednesday night of last week to organize football programs for 1961. The committee also went over final arrangements of the basketball program for the season.

District 1-A is composed of the Gruver, Panhandle, Stinnett, Stratford, Sunray and White Deer schools.

R. W. Standefer was re-elected chairman of the committee for the 1961 season.

R. W. Standefer Jr., H. T. Galoway and W. N. (Doc) Bates attended the meeting.

## .73 Inch Of Moisture Recorded In Week Of Rain, Sleet And Snow

Stratford received .73 of an inch of moisture during the passing week of rain and snow, according to the official reading of Horace Sneed.

December 3, .26 of an inch of rain fell. Moisture in the snow was recorded as .09 on December 6, .18 on December 9, and .20 on December 10. Official snowfall was estimated as between 7 and 8 inches.

Federal highways were kept open in this territory by the Stratford Highway Department boys who have a reputation of starting to work when the first snowflake strikes the pavement.

Santa Claus will arrive in Stratford at the intersection of Main and Third Streets Saturday at 2:30 p. m. with a city fire truck filled with sacks of candy, nuts and fruits to be given away to every boy and girl in this territory who is present to receive the gifts.

Santa makes his annual appearance in Stratford with gifts for the children in cooperation with the Stratford Lions Club, the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department, Howard Norvell Green Posts 262 of the American Legion, the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and the Sherman County Wheat Growers Association.

Babies too small to claim their treats by walking up to old Santa and his helpers, will be given their gifts if carried in the arms of their mother or father.

There are no strings attached to this good-will gesture sponsored annually for the thrilling entertainment of the younger generation. The only necessary requirement is that the child be present to claim his or her gift from Santa.

## School-Going Murdocks To Move East

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Murdock, and their children will soon move back to the east where Stanley will start work on his doctorate in agronomy the first of the year.

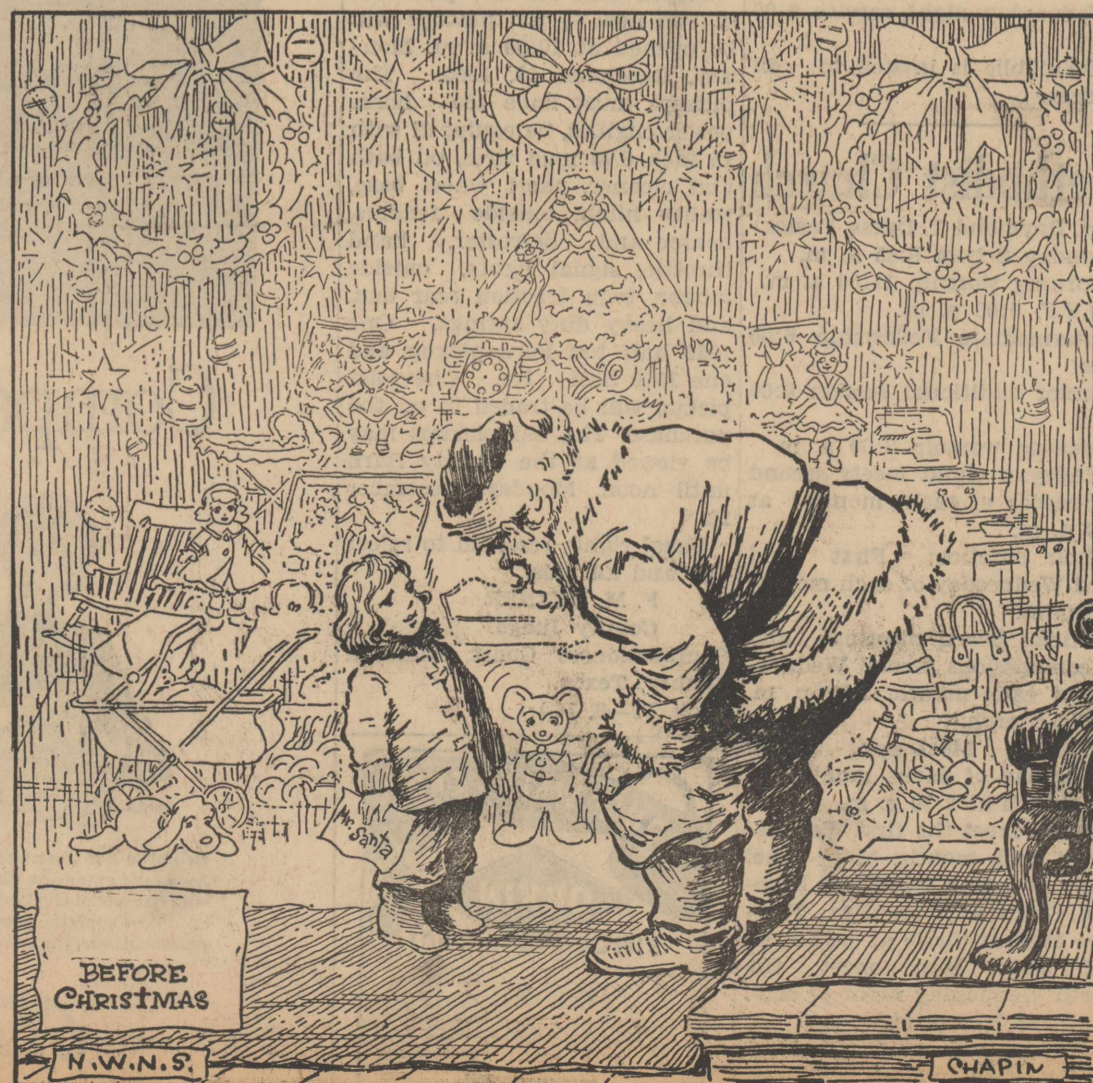
Mr. and Mrs. Murdock left their home at Kerrick in 1957 to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwell, Oklahoma. Last semester Stanley Murdock received his Master's degree in Soils Science and Mrs. Murdock received her Bachelor's degree in Distributive Education. Their two daughters are in the first and second grades of Highland Park elementary school and their son, Mark, is enrolled at the University Speech Therapy Institute.

Mark Murdock is unable to hear anything without the use of an auditory training machine. He has been attending the speech lab since October. Through use of the machine he is able to hear records and even his own voice when he is given the microphone.

Stanley Murdock attended the convention of the National Association of Agronomists in Chicago from December 5 to 9.

Stanley Murdock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Murdock of Stratford.

## O GENTLE, PURE-EY'D FAITH



BEFORE CHRISTMAS

N.W.N.S.

CHAPIN

Packed snow turning into ice on the city streets caused some inconvenience although Main Street was cleaned by the city maintainer almost daily. Cars parked parallel had little trouble in moving from their parking places but many cars parked at an angle had to be pushed from the curbs.

Feeding of cattle on wheat fields covered with snow caused considerable inconvenience for cattlemen. High winds Saturday night caused dry surface snow to drift across many of (Continued on Page 8)

# Want Ads

## Trailer Houses

FOR SALE: \$3,400 equity for \$900.00 in 1959 model 47x10 Victor Mobil Home. Colored appliances and washer. Inquire by calling Mrs. V. M. King, phone 396-3131. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: New 1960 three bedroom, 57x10 ft. trailer; new 1960 two bedroom 52x10 ft. trailer; 1959 two bedroom trailer, used 10 months. All are equipped with washing machines, refrigerators and central heating. Used trailer has air conditioner. Might consider some trade. Contact J. D. Atmip, Box 5147, Amarillo, Phone EVERgreen 3-5032; or Box 77, Boise City, Oklahoma, Phone 6741. 48-tfc

## Special Services

ROOMS and Board. See Mrs. Maude Norbye, Third and Chestnut. 50-tfc

WANTED: Baby sitting, day or evenings. No phone, come to 4th house South of Ranger Motel. — Mrs. W. O. Cook. 47-tfc

THE SEWING SHOP — Plain or fancy sewing, alterations, belts, button holes.—Mrs. Gladys Kirkwood, in the Slay building. Call 5136 after six. 36-tfc

FOR THE BEST in house moving, call Chestnut 9-2084. — E. O. Matthews, Dalhart. 50-tfc

HAND Made "Barbie" Doll wedding dresses and clothes. Put your order in early. — Mrs. Ida Gaylord, Phone 396-3396. 49-3tc

FREE Removal of dead stock. Call 396-3736 Stratford, or DI 9-2211 Amarillo Collect. — Amarillo Rendering Co. 49-tfc

A. H. MOORE Drilling Co., any kind of wells, good equipment. Box 254, Clarendon, Texas, Phone TR 4-3596. 44-12tp

HOTEL Texhoma. We have clean rooms with good beds at weekly and monthly rates. Try the Hotel in down town Texhoma. Phone 2301. 49-4tc

## For Sale

FOR SALE: American Flyer Electric Train, in excellent condition, \$30.00. — Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, Phone 396-3041. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: Two Wheel Trailer, equipped with tall light reflectors, 1960 registration. Peder J. Norbye, 3rd and Chestnut. 49-tfc

FOR SALE: "Farmhand" ensilage feed box with manure spreader. — Bill Allen, Phone Coldwater 384-2132. 51-4tc

BUY PAX for treating your lawns now to prevent crabgrass from growing in your yard next year. We also have Turf-Magic fertilizer. — Van B. Boston. 46-tfc

FOR SALE: Beautiful feather hats. You furnish feathers if you like. — Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield Sr. 51-2tp

Stone-Field custom tailored suits, sport coats and slacks. Measured to fit. See Edward Brannan, Phone 3521. 46-tfc

FOR SALE: Used Westinghouse Clothes Dryer. — Mrs. Phillip Bain, Phone 396-4156. 50-tfc

You can't get better Carpet Deals any where than you can at McMahan Furniture Co. 5-tfc

FOR SALE: Frame House with four rooms and a bath, well house, 2500 gallon steel upright water tank, to be moved off property. House located directly across highway 54 from Stevens elevator. Contact Jack Hell. 51-2tp

CHOICE Christmas Trees may be purchased at the Floyd Brannan home by December 5. — R. M. Trainham. 49-3tc

FOR SALE: Maytag Laundry equipment. — John Haney, Phone 396-4456. 49-tfc

FOR SALE: Two good used Bedroom Suites; One used good two-piece sectional. — McMahan Furniture Co. 47-tfc

For the best buys in Furniture and carpet, see Woody Furniture Co., Dumas, Texas, call WE 5-4811 collect for free estimate. 38-tfc

CHRISTMAS Trees, choice selection at Harbour Motel. 49-tfc

FOR SALE: Good used cross ties, priced cheap.—A. L. Baker, Phone 396-4906. 48-4tc

HAY, Alfalfa and Prairie, See J. I. Mooney. 36-tfc

## For Rent

FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment, paved street, television connection, nicely furnished for permanent couple. — Mrs. S. Jacobs, Phone 396-5441. 51-3tp

## Announcements



**STRATFORD LODGE 874**  
W. S. Frizzell Jr., W. M.  
Edward Brannan, Sec.  
**STATED COMMUNICATION**  
Third Thursday Every Month  
7:00 P. M.

## Houses For Sale

FOR SALE or Trade: Income property, 2 buildings on one lot, \$3,500, terms to responsible person. — Ethel Skillin, Phone 396-4396. 47-tfc

FOR SALE: Two bedroom home on South Main Street, in good condition. — Minnie Laura Jackson. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: Three Bedroom duxox veneer house, located on three lots on proposed street to be paved in the spring. — Paul E. Smith, M. D., Phone 396-2351. 50-tfc

FOR SALE: Four room house with bath, located on pavement. — F. M. Keener, Phone 396-2631. 48-tfc

FOR SALE: House, acreage and barn. — W. H. Gaylord, Phone 396-3361. 45-tfc

FOR SALE: Modern two bedroom home with den, in good condition, located on proposed paved street, also a three bedroom home. — Minnie Laura Jackson. 45-tfc

FOR SALE: Three bedroom house, 2 baths, den and attached garage, 7th and Pearl, 1 block from school, \$10,500. — A. B. Benson, phone 3771. 37-tfc

FOR SALE: Large Apartment House, on pavement, priced to sell. — Minnie Laura Jackson. 43-tfc

FOR SALE: Two Story 7-room house on four lots. House is insulated and has new roof. — C. C. Plunk. 15-tfc

FOR SALE: Income Property, one bedroom furnished house and two bedroom unfurnished house. Both modern. See F. L. Yates. 11-tfc

## Wanted

WILL BUY your Hogs, all sizes. Arthur Judd. 40-tfc

WANTED: Ironing to do in my home. — Mrs. Ruby Huggins. 30-tfc

WANTED: Sewing to do in my home. Will also cover buckles, make button holes and belts. — Mrs. W. J. Lowe, Phone 4381. 13-tfc

WANT To Buy 1 to 2 sections of unimproved land in irrigation belt. Write B. N. Williams, 2821 N. Fairmount, Wichita 20, Kansas. 49-4tc

WANTED employment daytime, doing housework. — Mrs. B. R. Polson, General Delivery, Kerrick, Texas. 51-tfc

WANTED: Quarter horse or cattle ranch job by single man 25 years old. Have own horse trailer and riding equipment. Prefer job with room and board. — Chuck Hinchey, Phone 396-5871, Stratford. 51-1tp

WANTED! Someone with good credit to make small payments on Fine Spinnet Piano or Electric Organ. Nothing now. First payment in January. Write at once. — McFarland Music Co., 722 W. 3rd., Elk City, Okla. 51-1tp

## Lost

LOST or Strayed: One 550 pound whiteface heifer yearling with an open "A" over a bar on left shoulder. — Bill Allen, Phone Coldwater 384-2132. 51-4tc

## VETERANS

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Dalhart, Texas

## Five Tigers Play Like Kittens In Stratford

Five tigers played like kittens in Stratford Monday morning as their trainer fed and exercised them near Jack's 66 Tire & Service Station. Golladay admitted he did not get close enough to obtain the name of the trainer who was taking the animals to a zoo in California. During their meal the tigers ran and played and climbed all over their trainer, Golladay said.

### FIRST

## Christian Church

(B. R. Clark, Minister)  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:45 a. m.  
Junior youth fellowship 5:00 p. m.  
Chi Rho youth fellowship 5:00 p. m.  
C. Y. F. (high school) 5:00 p. m.  
Adult study group 5:00 p. m.  
Evening worship 6:00 p. m.  
Wednesday  
Youth choir practice 4:00 p. m.  
Adult choir practice 8:00 p. m.  
Mid-week prayer study and prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.  
A friendly welcome awaits you at any service of the First Christian Church.

## Baptist Church

(M. E. Upchurch, Pastor)  
Sunday School 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.  
Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

## Catholic Church

(Rev. James W. Sonderman, Mission Pastor, Phone Dalhart, CH9-4128)  
Sundays  
Children's Catechism 2:30 to 3:30 p. m.  
Confessions 3:30 to 4:00 p. m.  
Mass 4:00 p. m.

## Church of Christ

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 7:00 p. m.  
A friendly welcome awaits you at all services.

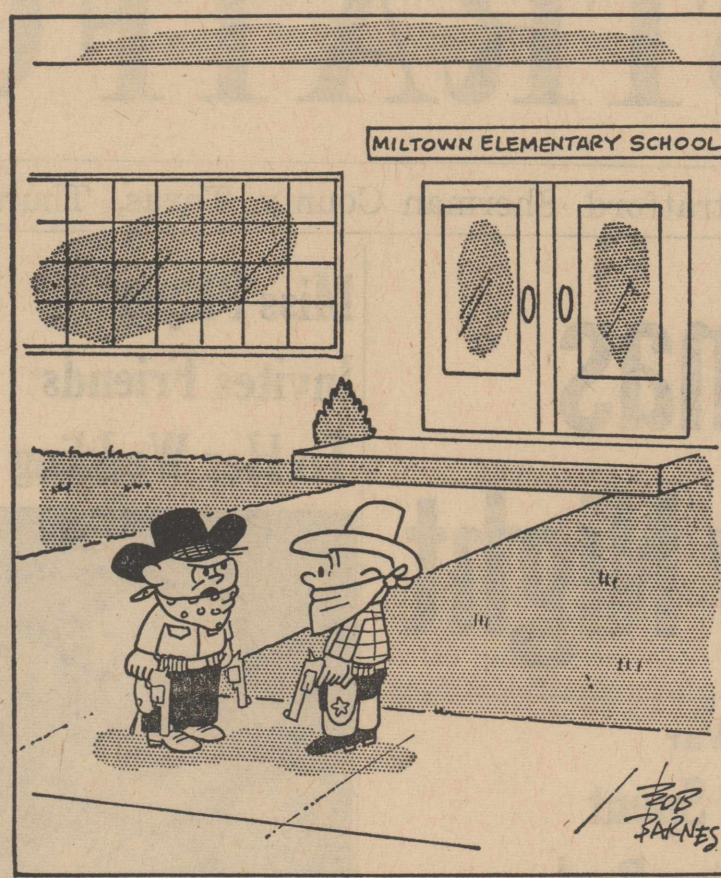
## Assembly Of God Church

(Rev. J. O. Brown, Pastor)  
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.

## Methodist Church

(Rev. Raymond T. Dyess, 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 second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.  
Choir practice: First and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m.  
Official board meetings and all commissions second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the church.  
W.S.C.S. Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month at the church at 2:30 p. m.  
Circles meet the first Wednesday of each month; Mary Ethel Circle at 9:30 a. m., Flora Foreman Circle at 2:30 p. m., Florence Mullins Circle at 9:30 a. m.  
Methodist Men meet the fourth Wednesday night of each month at 7:00 p. m.  
MYF council meetings: First Sunday of every third month at 5:00 p. m.

## Laff Of The Week



## Commissioners' Court Honored At Luncheon

Members of the Commissioners' Court were honored by the Sherman County Home Demonstration Club Council with an appreciation luncheon in the County Exhibit Building Monday.

Mrs. Junior Harkins gave the reading, "Sorting the Rummage," and Mrs. Homer Coffman gave the reading, "The Night Before Christmas in Texas."

Mrs. Homer Coffman led the singing of familiar Christmas Carols accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. W. Moon.

Place cards were fashioned of green Christmas trees decorated with red glitter.

Special guests attending the luncheon were: F. M. Keener, W. T. Crabtree, E. W. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wakefield, Mrs. Ruby Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. E. Goule.

Mrs. Arthur Cartrite, home demonstration club woman of the year, was presented with a silver plate.

About 30 home demonstration club women from the various clubs attended the annual appreciation luncheon with the special guests.

The meal was served by ladies of the Tri-Corner Art Association.

## Notice For Bids On Two Pickups

Sealed bids for the purchase of two new 1/2 ton pickups will be opened at 10:00 a. m. Monday, December 19, 1960. The pickups must have 160 horse power engines, be equipped with 15 inch 6.70 mud tires, oil bath and cleaner, short wheel base, trailer hitch, outside fenders, heater and defroster, hand throttle, signal lights, outside mirror, twin traction rear end, and heavy duty springs. One 1956 half ton Ford pickup and one 1949 half ton Chevrolet pickup will be traded in on the purchase. The old pickups may be viewed at the County Barn until noon, Monday, December 12.

Usual rights reserved to reject any and all bids.  
F. M. KEENER  
County Judge.  
Commissioners' Court, Sherman County, Texas.  
(Pub. 12-8, 15.)

Advertisement for ORKIN pest control. Text: "DON'T WAIT - CALL ORKIN SINCE 1901". Includes phone number: Call Collect, Berger BR 4-2611, FREE INSPECTION.

and Hutchinson Counties. meeting.  
H. T. Galloway and R. W. Standefer Jr. attended the It Pays — To Read Star Ads

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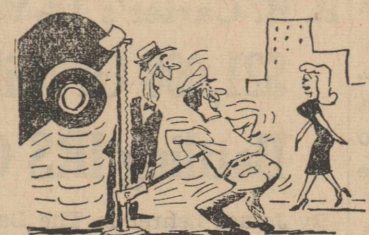
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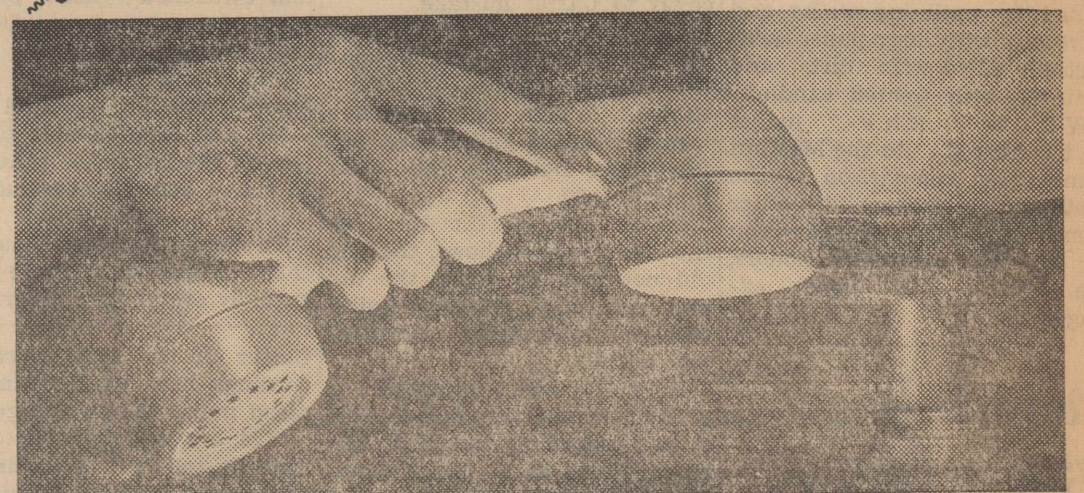
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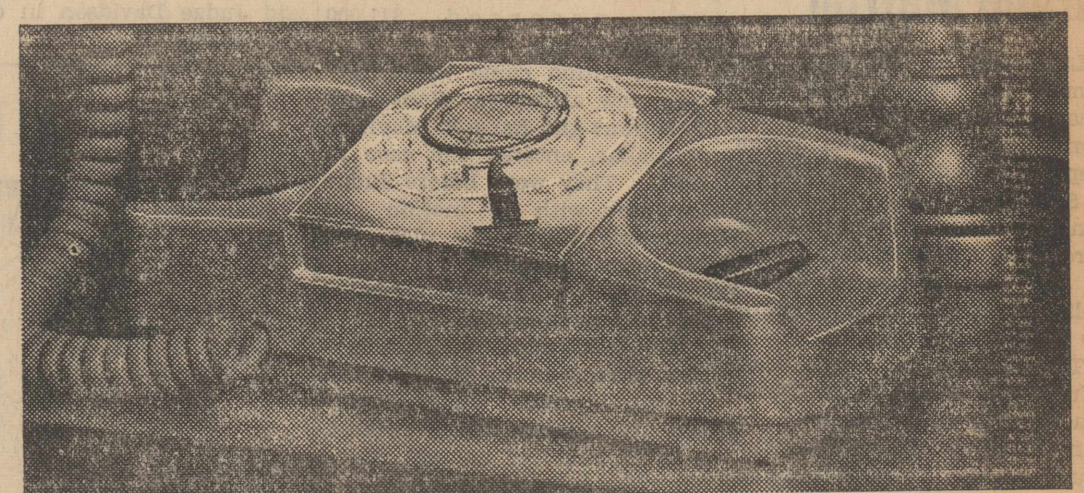
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# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa:

I am five years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a "Purty" doll. And please don't forget Michael my little brother.

Love,  
Andrea Pilch

Dear Santa Claus:

My name is Dickie Hamilton and I have a baby sister named

Tracy. We have been good so please bring us a baby doll, iron, ironing board and some new clothes.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Love,  
Dickie and Tracy

Dear Santa:

I would like for you to bring

me a machine gun and a famous battle set. If you don't have them, please put a letter in my stocking.

Thank you.  
To Mrs. Santa and all the elves,  
Have a Merry Christmas.  
From Mike Wells

Dear Santa Claus:

I am 3 years old and I would like for you to bring me a guitar, grader and a Mattel rifle and farm set.

I saw you in Amarillo last week, but thought I would write you so you would really know what I wanted. Since you have so many children to visit, I sure wouldn't want you to forget.

Love,  
David Keener

Dear Santa Claus:

I like the stocking you sent me. We have a fireplace now and you can come down the chimney.

I would like a pop gun for Christmas.

Please remember my little friends.

Love,  
Bryant Riffe

Dear Santa:

I am 2 1/2 years old and I would like to have a bride doll and Freddie the Fox and some apples, oranges, candy and nuts. My mommie is writing for me, 'Cause I don't know how to write yet.'

Love,  
Kim Jackson

Dear Santa:

I am a fine big old boy who will be 3 months old two days after Christmas.

My sisters say I want a set of guns and holster, play steering wheel that honks like a real car and some play rattles.

I have tried to be a good boy, but just haven't had a chance with two big sisters.

Rodney "Mister Magoo" Oquin

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl nearly four years old and I have been a good little girl most of the time. I hope you will come to see me and all of my friends.

Could you bring me the doll called Chatty Cathy, a record player, and a viewmaster.

Thank you and Merry Christmas,

Connie Sue Malone  
Box 801  
Stratford, Texas

Dear Santa:

I hope I have been good. I would like to have a blonde Barbie doll, or if you don't have a blonde, I'll take any kind. (But I would rather have a blonde).

Thank you,  
Dear Mrs. Santa Claus:  
If Santa gives me the Barbie, would you please make some clothes?

Love,  
Leslie Gayle Wells

Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. I am three years old. I would like to have a service station to service all my cars. Please remember my sister, too.

Love,  
Michael Pilch

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good girl this year and help mother with the baby.

Please bring me a Chatty Cathy, set of plastic dishes and some sparkle presto paints. Also if you have enough, leave me a baking set.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls here in Stratford.

I love you,  
Micky Sue Oquin  
(age 7 years)

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 8 years old. I want a Presto Sparkle Paint set, a rifle by Mattel, a watch and a sled.

I have a sister, Barbara; she is 5 years old and she wants play food, bride doll, a big baby doll, a doll baby bottle and a new set of dishes.

I love you and thank you very much.  
Bill and Barbara Baber

Dear Santa Claus:

I am five years old (nearly 6). I would like for you to bring me a truck that loads cars, and a pick up and a tractor with attachments and a farm set. My brother told you I was trying to be good and I still am. Don't forget Toby and Raymond. Don't forget to bring Baron a bone.

## Rogers Tells Of The Dollar Crisis

Congressman Walter Rogers says the present dollar crisis, or gold crisis, is not too complex for the average individual to understand.

The fact is that the dollar

We love you Santa, very much. I hope to see you Saturday.  
Li'l Bill Keener

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a very good girl this year. I am seven years old. I would like some Barbie doll clothes, a Cinderella watch, and a baby bed and buggy.

With love,  
Michelle Lovett

Dear Santa:

I am 5 years old. My mommie is writing this letter for me. Please bring me a bride doll and some clothes for Christmas, and anything else you have for little girls to play with. And I would like some candy and nuts in my stocking.

Love,  
Patti Jackson

Dear Santa:

My name is Phyllis Raye Oquin and I am 5 years old.

Would you please bring me a go-cart, cowboy boots and a Chatty Cathy. Would also like to have some sparkle presto paints.

I love you and will leave you some cookies and milk on the coffee table.

Phyllis

problem now facing this country is not unlike the dollar problem which has faced us average Americans for a long time, a problem with which a vast majority of the people in this country are well-acquainted: more is going out than is coming in. Of course, this seems to be all of the time, and it will be as soon as you get children in college. In other words, you are importing more than you are exporting, or buying more than you are selling. In international finance, this is referred to as balance payments. Until recent years, the balance of payments was in favor of the United States. That is, this country was exporting more than it was importing. However, in recent years, due to three major forces, this situation has reversed itself and the U. S. is now putting out \$4 billion more than it is taking in, creating the disturbing gap in the balance of payments. The three forces referred to are excessive imports, American investments in foreign countries, and foreign aid.

Excessive imports have been caused in a large degree by the ability of foreign nations to produce and sell many commodities cheaper than they can be produced in the United States. Many of these nations have been built up by American foreign aid, from a war torn economy to their present competitive status.

American investments in foreign countries total approximately \$32 billion. These investments of American capital have been enticed into foreign countries by cheap labor, less taxation, favorable credit, near-

ness of potential markets, etc. Only recently the Ford Motor Company engineered a transaction to purchase foreign-held stock in the British Ford company at a price highly profitable to the foreign stockholders. This transaction would

move upwards of \$300 million into foreign hands. The Secretary of the Treasury advised the Ford company this would not be to the best interests of the United States, but that the government could not forbid the

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# Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Everett Jr. and daughter plan to leave Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Turlock, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. V. W. Foreman is working as a bookkeeper at the Western Gas Service office while Mrs. Ed Hill is on her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield had as guests Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Homer Martin and Mrs. Billy Weston of Spearman and Mrs. Ruby Reis of Joplin,

Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake were Amarillo visitors Tuesday.

Joe Crabtree of Amistad, New Mexico visited relatives in this area from Monday to Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Everett are expected to arrive home Friday from a visit in Indiana and Illinois.

Frankie Aduddell, who has been attending college in Gunnison, Colorado, returned home

## FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS

### 'Dear John' Letter Isn't End Of World

By C. D. Smith



**THE WEEK'S LETTER:** I am 19 years old in the United States Army (overseas). My problem is that I was going with this girl for three years and early this year I got a "Dear John" letter. A few months later, she married. Even though she is married, I still love her and can't get her off my mind. I tried going out with other girls, but I still think about her. My life is very miserable going on this way, so I write to you for advice. **OUR ANSWER:** If all of the "Dear John" letters received by

servicemen during and since World War II were burned on Bedloe's Island, you could probably see the glow in the sky as far away as Berlin. What advice can we give? Except to forget about this girl. Thousands upon thousands of G.I.'s have had the same experience. With probably only a few rare exceptions, they made the "adjustment" in the due course of time. The thing to do is develop new interests and forget the girl. It can be done. Make up your mind,

once and for all, that it is all over, and probably "for the best." In future years, you will probably look back and be glad that it happened.

Find yourself a "pen pal" back home, if you don't already have one. Keep busy, at your army assignments and during off-duty hours. Every time you think about that "Dear John" letter, say to yourself, "So what, it's not going to get the best of me!" ... and then forget about it.

Getting a "bad break" or a "raw deal," if you wish, happens to everyone once in a while. Such is life. We all make mistakes, too, from time to time. So what? It is no disgrace to make a mistake, or to be wrong about something. We make the mistake when we refuse to profit by it; when we worry about it and think about it, and wish it never happened. But, we can't bring it back and we only magnify its importance when we refuse to throw it out of our thoughts.

If you have a teenage problem you want to discuss, or an observation to make, address your letter to FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS, NATIONAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SERVICE, FRANKFORD, KY.

## New Arrival

The Great Wall of China is more than 1,500 miles long.

Mrs. L. L. Lyon announces the arrival of a six pound seven ounce great grandson. He is Daniel Keith Lowry, who was born December 3 in a Des Moines, Iowa hospital. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowry. He has a two year old sister, Dannette. Their mother is the former La June Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Miller of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Miller who had been to Des Moines to see their grandson and other family members were guests of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Lyon, Friday night.

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Secret Pals

Ladies of the Kerrick Community who enjoy being "secret pals" met at the home of Mrs. Fred McDaniel Tuesday night for their annual Christmas party. The evening was spent playing Tripoli, opening pal gifts, and revealing the names of

Tuesday night. She states that she plans to stay out of school for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross visited relatives in Amarillo Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Summerour are vacationing in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree and Charley and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hampton, Nora and James visited Mrs. B. R. Crabtree in Dalhart.

## Mrs. Blanck

Entertains

Embroidery Club

Mrs. Philip Blanck entertained the Embroidery Club in her home with a Christmas party at 2:30 p. m. December 8.

The decorations carried out the holiday theme throughout the home. A white Christmas tree was mounted on a table draped with a jeweled red and green cloth, around which were placed the exchange gifts.

A musical contest was won by Mrs. M. Dortch, and a History-Biblical contest was won by Mrs. A. E. Pronger.

Lovely refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Claude Williams, to Mesdames Sam Wohlford, R. C. Buckles, Zelda Dunlap, Horace Sneed, Roy Allen, A. E. Pronger, D. D. Woodall, J. C. O'Brien, E. W. Butler, Tim Flores, Frank Patterson, J. P. Cameron, Earl Shirk, Bessie Mitchell, H. M.

secret pals for the year. New names for 1961 were drawn. Each pal remembers her pal with a gift on her birthday, anniversary and at Christmas, and usually sends cards or other small gifts on other holidays during the year.

Refreshments of date pudding with whipped cream and coffee were served from the table covered with a red lace cloth, centered with a bouffant evergreen and Christmas balls arrangement, flanked by golden candles.

Those attending the party were Mesdames Allen Boren, Bill Boren, Wilfred Britton, R. C. Chisum, Charles Durr, R. E. Florida, Emery Hamilton, Ralph Hampton, Clyde Harbour, Ted Irlbeck, Frank Korte, Donald Moon, J. P. Taylor, Ray Taylor, A. W. Taylor, Kenneth Wells, Tunney Decker, Pete Eden and the hostess, Mrs. McDaniel. Mrs. Cone Donelson and Mrs. Charles Bell were unable to be present.

Assisting the hostess for the evening were Mrs. Allen Boren, Mrs. Donald Moon and Mrs. Clyde Harbour.

## Art Association

Gives 3 Pictures

Three hand painted pictures were given away by the Tri-Corner Art Association Saturday. Mrs. J. W. Hodges received a painting by Mrs. Melvin Phillips. Mrs. Jim Taylor received a painting by Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick and Mrs. Granvil Preston was presented one of Mrs. Martha Harrison's paintings.

## Mrs. Demus Eller

Entertains Sorority

Xi Epsilon Iota chapter members met in the home of Mrs. Corrine Eller Tuesday of last week at 8:00 p. m. Those present were: Dorless Wells, Charlene Oquin, Flo Hudson, Bettye Lasley, Alice Jeffcoat, Glennell Dettie, Gerre Heil and the hostess.

It was voted to give \$30.00 to the Christmas charity, the Amarillo Council for retarded children. Dorless Wells gave the program on transportation.

## Frank Korte Family

Moving To El Paso

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Korte are moving from the Kerrick Community this week end to make their home in El Paso where he will be employed. Their son, Ben, has been attending the Stratford School and is in the fourth grade. Their two daughters are of pre-school age. Their friends at Kerrick say they have been a credit to the community and regret seeing them leave.

Mrs. Korte came to this country from Germany with her husband a few years ago as a bride. She enjoys the reputation of being a wonderful cook.

Williams, Grover Keown, G. L. Taylor, S. J. Calvird and M. Dortch.

This was the last meeting of the year. The next meeting will be in January in the home of Mrs. E. W. Butler.

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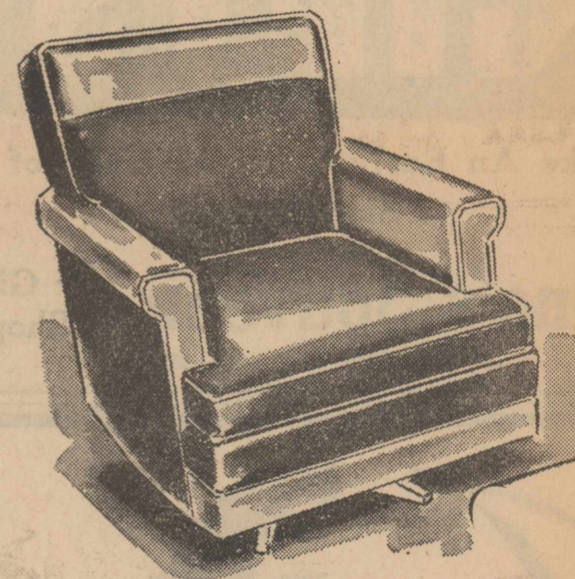
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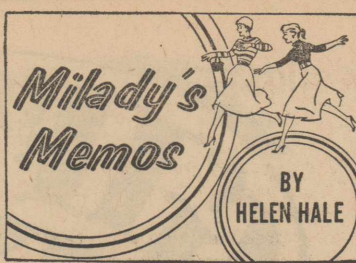
Frank Judd underwent surgery in the Dumas Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Leslie Parker, who underwent surgery in the Moore County Hospital Wednesday of last week returned home Sunday, and reported Wednesday that he was doing fine and was able to be out and around.

Mrs. Gail McDaniel has been brought home from an Amarillo hospital where she recently underwent surgery.

Bob Jacobs was brought home Sunday from St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo where he underwent an operation on his left knee.

Mrs. Dick Diehl was brought home Tuesday afternoon from Northwest Texas Hospital, where she had been a patient since breaking her leg Monday of last



**Holiday Food Adventures**

If you have lots of cookies to bake, try the icebox variety and sprinkle them after slicing with colored sugars.

Refrigerator cookies can also be shaped in rectangles to be sliced to look like cards. These can then be fluted with confectioners' sugar icing and decorated with red and green cherries.

Have you heard the latest in fruit cake? It's very smart to bake it in cupcake size and serve with a pudding sauce. They look very elegant on a tiered tray, too.

Hot and tasty appetizers bid a warm welcome to guests: heat

**Helen's Favorite:**  
Nutmeg Apples and Sausages (Serves 4)

1 pound pork sausage links  
2 1/2 cups canned apple slices  
Flour  
Nutmeg

Place sausage links in skillet with a small amount of water. Cover and cook slowly for 5 minutes. Turn to cook both sides. Remove sausages and all but 4 tablespoons of fat. Drain apple slices, roll in flour and sprinkle with nutmeg. Fry in sausage fat until brown and thoroughly heated. Serve with warm sausages.

large, pitted ripe olives in olive oil or butter, then roll in grated Parmesan cheese. Keep warm in chafing dish for serving.

Holiday turkey and ham leftovers can still be used for company if they're creamed and served in a rice ring to which chopped pimiento or green pepper is added.

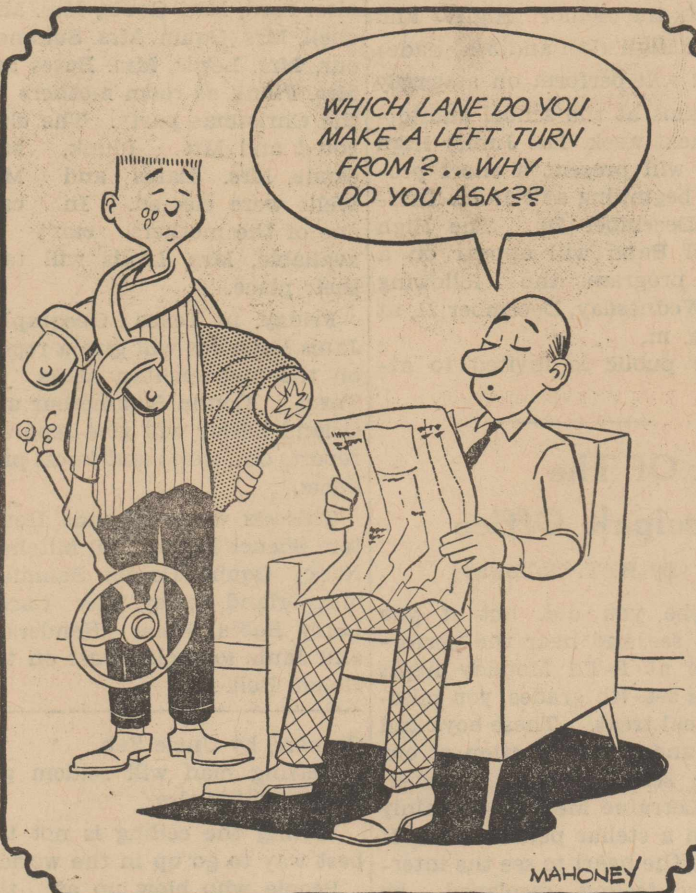
Hot beverage for carol singers: heated apricot whole fruit nectar with pineapple juice and cinnamon stick for stirring in mugs.

The New York Stock Exchange buys over a million pencils a year.

week.

M. S. Horton was brought home Monday night from a Houston hospital where he recently underwent surgery.

**HALF-PAST TEEN**



**Christmas Carol Pageant Draws Record Crowd**

Fourth and Fifth grade students under the direction of Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, presented a beautiful Christmas Carol Pageant that was superbly cast, directed and performed Monday night in the school auditorium at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association. The children beautifully and reverently portrayed the lovely carols of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

Faith Judd as Mary, was a lovely vision in white. Joseph was portrayed by John Upchurch. The events of the birth were read by Stevie Baskin. Candle bearers were Mark Lamb and Allan Ross. Jeff Hart was the shepherd. Angels in heavenly pastel gowns were: Neta Brannan, Claudia Heil, Andrea Zimmer, Cindy Laird, Kathy Allen, Carla Hester, Suelen Roberts, Joy Lewis and Beckie Guthrie. Kings, royally robed, were Jeff Davis, Doug Taylor, Harry Clements and Kevin Cummings. Pages were Steve Gunzelman and Dale Schriber. Randy Gurley was the young shepherd. Fourth grade pupils appeared as the colorfully dressed villagers. The chorus, composed of fifth graders appeared in bright colored costumes. Eddie Williams was the capable stage manager.

The chorus opened the pageant by singing "Angels Chanting All Around Us." Soloists were Faith Judd, Pat Hudson and Barbara Clark. Patti McDaniel and Mark Hudson sang a duet, "Born is He, the Child Divine." "The Holly and the Ivy" was sung by Colleen Coffman, Rene Pulliam, Phil Plunk and Mark Hudson. These special numbers were interwoven with many beloved and familiar carols sung beautifully by the chorus.

Mrs. H. H. Caraway, president, presided over the December meeting of the P-TA. For the opening, the parents present read the "Ten Commandments for Parents," led by Mrs. Caraway, followed by reports of committee chairmen. A budget for the year was presented and approved. In explaining material to be found in the National P-TA magazine, Mrs. Joe Flores, publications chairman, told one of the stories from the Christmas issue, in a very entertaining way. The moral of the story pointed out that working to-

gether congenially, with every one doing his share, is the best way to get a job done well. She noted an interesting item from the Texas P-TA publication, on how to be sure of making a child a delinquent. Mrs. Flores will take subscriptions to these magazines which have many helpful and interesting items in them including a rating guide for movies, to help in deciding which are good, and which are undesirable, before the children attend them. The National publication is \$1.25 a year, and the State publication is 75¢ a year for 10 issues.

Mrs. Hardy Gaylord announced that the next P-TA meeting will be February 13, 1961, with

a very interesting program. of the program.

The program for the evening was announced by Mrs. Gaylord, who presented Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, the director, with a corsage and gift in behalf of the grade school teachers and principal.

Refreshments were served by the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade mothers at the close

**Altar Society Bake Sale Saturday**

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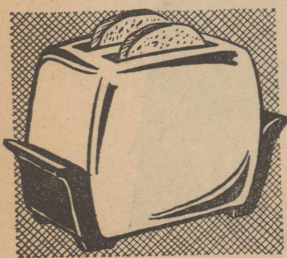
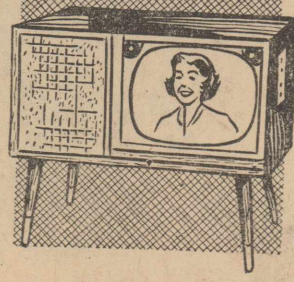
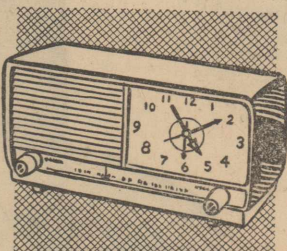
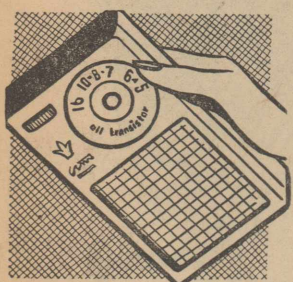
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**Rogers Tells**

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 company from proceeding with the transaction. In September, foreigners held \$19.1 billion in dollars; the American gold stock was \$18.7. If all the holders of foreign dollars demanded redemption in gold, which they have a right to do, we would be \$400 million short in meeting these demands.  
 Everyone is familiar with the foreign aid program of this country. There is no doubt that many of the war-torn nations had to have substantial assistance after the war in order to offset the Communist menace. The Marshall Plan offered this assistance and, in my opinion, could have been sufficient. However, it blossomed into an overall foreign aid program which finds the taxpayers of this country contributing to every conceivable kind of program in countries all over the world. There are many reasons why I have opposed this expanded foreign aid program, but the major one is the result which is now apparent, damage to the U. S. dollar.  
 Our foreign aid program has in many instances built the industrial economy of foreign countries to the point they could produce items in competition to items produced in this country. The cheap labor and long hours make it possible to produce those foreign items at a cost much less than they can be produced in this country.

This has caused the difficulty referred to above from the import standpoint. The countries which have profited by this situation do not seem to be too sympathetic with the troubles which have arisen, i. e., Germany. These foreign countries have also taken advantage of the attitude of many Americans that an item is better if it is marked "imported." In fact, a number of countries have different grades of goods for export to this country and for domestic use by their own nationals. That for domestic use is a much cheaper item than the goods for export. In some instances, the goods for domestic use have been imported from some other country because they can be obtained at a cheaper price. By doing this a country can sell their own products to this country at a high price, buy much of their needs from another country at a much cheaper price, and make money in the entire transaction. This whole procedure can be halted if people in this country would realize that the quality of goods produced in this country is surpassed nowhere in the world, and stop being misled by the magic word "imported."  
 We know what the problem is, we know what is causing it. The question is, whether or not this country will act effectively to cure the ailment. A family faced with an adverse balance of payments must make adjustments to correct that balance if it is to protect its credit. The same rule applies to this coun-

**School Bands To Play At Programs**

Both the Senior High and Junior High (7th and 8th grade) bands will perform on assembly programs at the school auditorium next week. The Junior High Band will present a short program beginning at 3:15 on Tuesday, December 20. The High School Band will appear on a short program the following day, Wednesday, December 21, at 9:00 a. m.

The public is invited to attend.

**Out Of The Principals Office**

(By H. T. Galloway)  
 Maybe you did, but if you didn't see and hear the performance at P-TA Monday night by the 5-6-7th grades, you missed a real treat. These boys and girls, under the direction of our public school music teacher, Mrs. Lorraine Mehner, certainly put on a stellar performance. It warms the heart to see the interest and feeling displayed by these children. Attention, behavior, and cooperation in every phase was really outstanding. The singing of the entire group was punctual and very good. The soloist were extra good.

Ordinarily you think of seeing this quality of entertainment only in places like Amarillo, but it happened in Stratford — Sorry you missed it, if you did.

My salute goes to all who had a part in this fine program and especially to Mrs. Mehner, the director. I might add, too, that the costumes were very well selected.

Thoughts worth repeating — Taken from "Plowing out the try, if it is to protect its credit, to-wit: the value of the dollar.

**Mr. Hanes Room**

(By Janis Reynolds)

Monday the class held a meeting and nominated Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Goule, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Oquin, Mrs. Summerour, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Plunk as room mothers for the Christmas party. The class voted and Mrs. Plunk, Mrs. Goule, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Wells were elected. In case one of the mothers can't be available, Mrs. Lewis will take their place.

Friday, in Texas Geography, Janis Reynolds will give a report on the metropolitan areas of Texas. Donna Summerour and Orland Lasley will give separate reports on forests and forest products.

This six weeks Rhonda Houston, Spence Lewis, Gail Mitchell, Nancy Oquin, Donna Summerour, Orland Lasley, Kay Carey, Larry Bates, Julia Henderson and Janis Reynolds were on the Honor Roll.

Corners, by Uncle Zeb. Getting mad will seldom get you anything else.

Hitting the ceiling is not the best way to go up in the world. People who blow up at the first opportunity, seldom get a second.

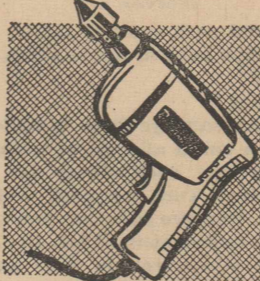
It is generally conceded that swearing is only the effort of a feeble mind to express an idea forcibly.

We don't get rid of our temper by using it often.

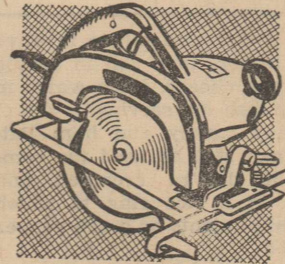
A man will do better when he has the right amount of temper. If the temper can't be held then hold the tongue.

It should be the desire of all to put Christ back in Christmas. This can be accomplished only through individuals. Let us not celebrate but rather observe the true spirit of Christmas in every way possible.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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## Health Citation Is Awarded To L. M. Worley

An official State Health Department citation was awarded this week to L. M. Worley, maintenance specialist with the Western Gas Service Company of Stratford, for proficiency in water plant management. The impressively designed certificates of competency, signed by the state commissioner of health and authorities of the Texas Water and Sewage Work Association, credit recipients with having demonstrated "skill and knowledge" of water treat-

ment plant management and an understanding of the public health importance of the work. Under the State Health Department's operator certification program, operators are carefully examined on their technical ability and on their knowledge of their work's influence on community health. Each must pass a stiff written test to qualify for certification. The Texas general sanitation law requires that at least one plant operator per shift be certified by the state health agency, but other plant personnel and persons in related fields frequently seek certification on their own time and at their own expense to advance themselves professionally and to increase their efficiency as vital public

servants. "The recipients of these certificates are a credit to their profession and to their communities," sponsors of the certification program said. Points toward certification are earned through actual work experience and by attendance at annual district and state short schools sponsored and conducted by the Texas State Department of Health, the engineering extension service of Texas A and M College, and the Texas Water and Sewage Works Association. Maybe man really does love his wife as much as he does his dog, but you never heard of his whistling around the neighborhood half the night trying to get her to come home.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Thank you friends for the visits, cards, flowers and gifts while I was in the hospital and since I came home. Your thoughtfulness and concern was surely appreciated. Leslie Parker

**APPRECIATION**  
Members of the Tri-Corner Art Association wish to take this means of thanking each and every one in this area, for their cooperation in making a success of the Bazaar and bake sale held Saturday. American students wait until they graduate before taking over the world. Students in other countries are demanding it in their freshman year.

## HALF-PAST TEEN

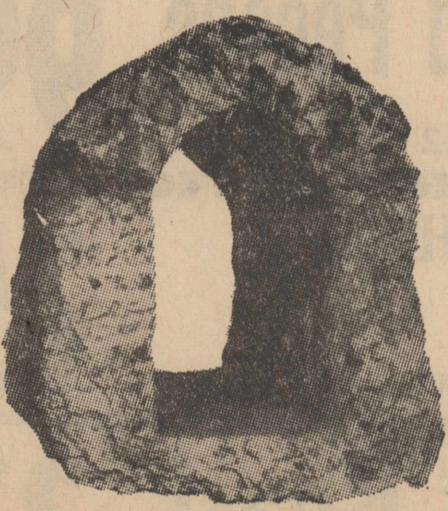
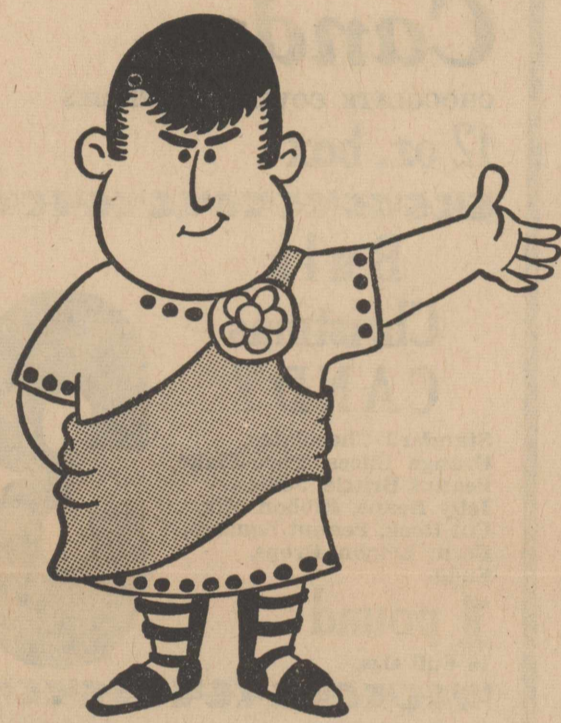


## Students Study English Literature

Freshman and sophomore classes of Stratford high school are concluding the literature phase of English this year with the study of classical novels. Both classes have had intellectual preparation in a wide variety of reading material this semester. Each student has organized an up-to-date English notebook, which contains a summary of each day's assignment, as well as information regarding author's he has studied and a list of vocabulary words he has learned. Each student has reported orally in class three book reports and memorized 75 lines of famous quotations from poetry. The first six weeks was limited to the reading of Short Stories and the author's lives, the reading of poetry and the poets lives, and special assignments in vocabulary and theme writing. The second six weeks was devoted to the study of nonfiction. Different styles of writing were introduced and examples in biographies, autobiographies, essays and articles were studied. Vocabulary was again stressed. Currently, the third six weeks, the students have studied drama with the reading of different types of plays such as one-act, three-act and musical. They also studied the literary Epic. (Freshmen studied Homer's Odyssey, and sophomores studied Tennyson's Idylls of the King.) The remaining portion of the six weeks will be used for finishing the novel. The Freshmen are reading the three stages of Great Expectations by Charles Dickens and the sophomores are reading Silas Marner by George Eliot. The second semester of the year will be devoted entirely to grammar and the use of rules in applying same.

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## Schools Close For Study Program

School was dismissed at 2:47 p. m. Wednesday to enable members of the faculty to participate in the school evaluation study which is in progress. School will also be dismissed on January 18 and 25 so that the evaluation program may be completed by February 1.

**Room Seven**  
(By Jean Anne Ross)  
This week we have been making Christmas poinsettias. We made them out of red construction paper and hung them on the bulletin board. We have had lots of students out of school with the measles this week. We got out of school Tuesday at 2:00 because of the snow. Again we got out Wednesday at 2:45 because the teachers had an evaluation meeting. We got out early again Friday at 1:47 because of the snow. We will put our Christmas tree up Wednesday the 14th.

## Mrs. Placey's Brother Dies At Higgins

Mrs. Mae Placey of Panhandle, who is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Harbour at Kerrick, was called to Higgins Saturday by the death of a brother. Funeral services were held Sunday. Mrs. Harbour and Donna accompanied Mrs. Placey to Higgins.

**December 31 Is Deadline For LCC Fund**  
Lubbock Christian College is in the midst of a \$2,000,000 fund-raising campaign to improve and enlarge its campus and \$300,000 is needed December 31 when the land option expires. The money is needed to acquire 229 additional acres for future expansion and school officials feel the land is worth more than double the option price which it can be purchased. Included in the campaign is the payment of campus indebtedness, building a men's dormitory and completing a giant fieldhouse which will be one of the largest in the nation. The campaign will continue until all these goals are reached. Approximately 114 men have been selected to serve as county chairmen for the school covering a wide area of West Texas and New Mexico with each county given a goal. Horace Sneed of Stratford has been named county chairman for Sherman County which has a goal of \$7,000.

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### 2-Way Radio Placed In City Fire Truck

A new two-way radio has been installed in the new city fire truck, it was announced this week by Fire Chief Claude Fedric. Local firemen under the direction of Frank Baber, made the installation in the new truck.

The new 2-way communication system operates on the same wave length as the Stratford Sheriff's office radio, and place the Stratford Volunteer Department in direct contact with the Dumas and Dalhart Fire Departments in the event that either department needs additional help.

#### Firemen Give New Hat To Ted Reynolds

Ted Reynolds, who has a service record of two years without missing a meeting of the

### Lions Club Christmas Party Monday

Stratford Lions and Lionesses will enjoy their annual Christmas party in the County Exhibit Building Monday night at 7:30. Each couple has been asked to take a covered dish for the supper and each person has been asked to take an exchange gift not to exceed \$1.00 in cost which is to be marked Lion or Lioness, according to an announcement made this week by Chester Guthrie.

More tomatoes are canned than any other vegetable.

Stratford Volunteer Fire Department, was given a gift certificate for the purchase of a new hat of his own selection at the meeting of the department Tuesday night.

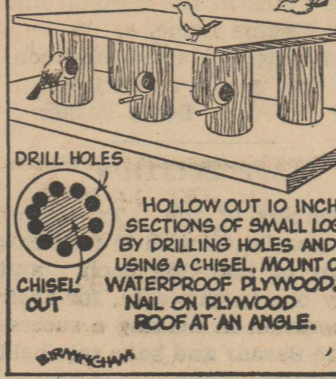
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the east-west county roads, making travel difficult.

Pipeline construction crews were forced to abandon work during the time the snow was falling but resumed operations the day following the storm.

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Neither hay nor hay fever is connected with hay fever, but there are about five million sufferers from hay fever in the U. S.

### Colorado Land Sale Has Been Cancelled

The public land sale scheduled to be held in Denver on December 19 and 20, has been cancelled, it was announced today by the Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management. 288 tracts totaling about 40,000 acres of land in Las Animas and Pueblo County, were to have been offered at public auction on those dates.

The public land tracts are mostly scattered and isolated. Although the sale of these isolated government tracts in this area would not be detrimental

to the public interest, the size of the sale, including the large number of tracts offered was decided to have a possible adverse effect on the success of the auction and the total receipts to the United States.

Further consideration will be given to disposition of these

tracts in a manner not inconsistent with market condition, BLM Officials said. Notices of the cancellation of the sale have been mailed out to all interested parties of record, according to Lowell M. Puckett, State Supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management.

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