

## Rivercrest Wins Basketball



**ALL DISTRICT**—Rivercrest placed seven players on the 15AA All District Football team for the 1973-74 school year. They are J. T. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan of Talco; Terry Giddens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giddens of Talco; Danny Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Black of Talco; Joe Hervey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hervey of Jolntown, and Rickey Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norman of Talco. Not pictured, but selected for All-District honors are John Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Blair; and Scott Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright all of Talco.

The Rivercrest Varsity beat Redwater in a game played at Rivercrest Friday, Dec. 7, 84 to 66. It was a strong team effort by Rivercrest, with five players scoring in the double figures.

High were Terry Giddens with seven field goals and two free throws for 16 points, followed by Rickey Joe Norman and J. T. Morgan, both with 15 points, Ron Graham with 12 and Jerry Curties with 10.

High for Redwater was Joe McMahl, who hit for 27 of their 66 points.

In action at Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday, Dec. 4, the Tigers defeated Rivercrest 77 to 65, and the Rebels still had four players in the double figures. Tied for high were Terry Giddens with six field goals and two free throws for 14 points and Jerry Curties with five field goals and four free throws.

J. T. Morgan scored 12 points and Ron Graham hit for 10. High for Mt. Pleasant

was Logan with 23 points.

**Rivercrest 69, Mt. Pleasant 53**

The same night the Rebel's B-team beat Mt. Pleasant 69 to 53, with Clyde Brown hitting for a whopping 24 points with six field goals and three free throws. Also in the double figures for Rivercrest were Bill Montgomery with 15 points and Larry Taylor with 10. High for Mt. Pleasant was Arthur Traylor with 14 points.

**Rebelettes 48, Redwater 31**

The Rivercrest Rebelettes defeated the Redwater girls basketball team Friday, Dec. 7, 48 to 31 with 18 of the Rivercrest squad seeing action during the game. High scorer for the Rebelettes was Sherrie Taylor with 13 points, followed by Juanita Fulbright with 11 and Emma Hines with 10. High for Redwater was Sherry Sanders, who hit 11 of their 31 points.

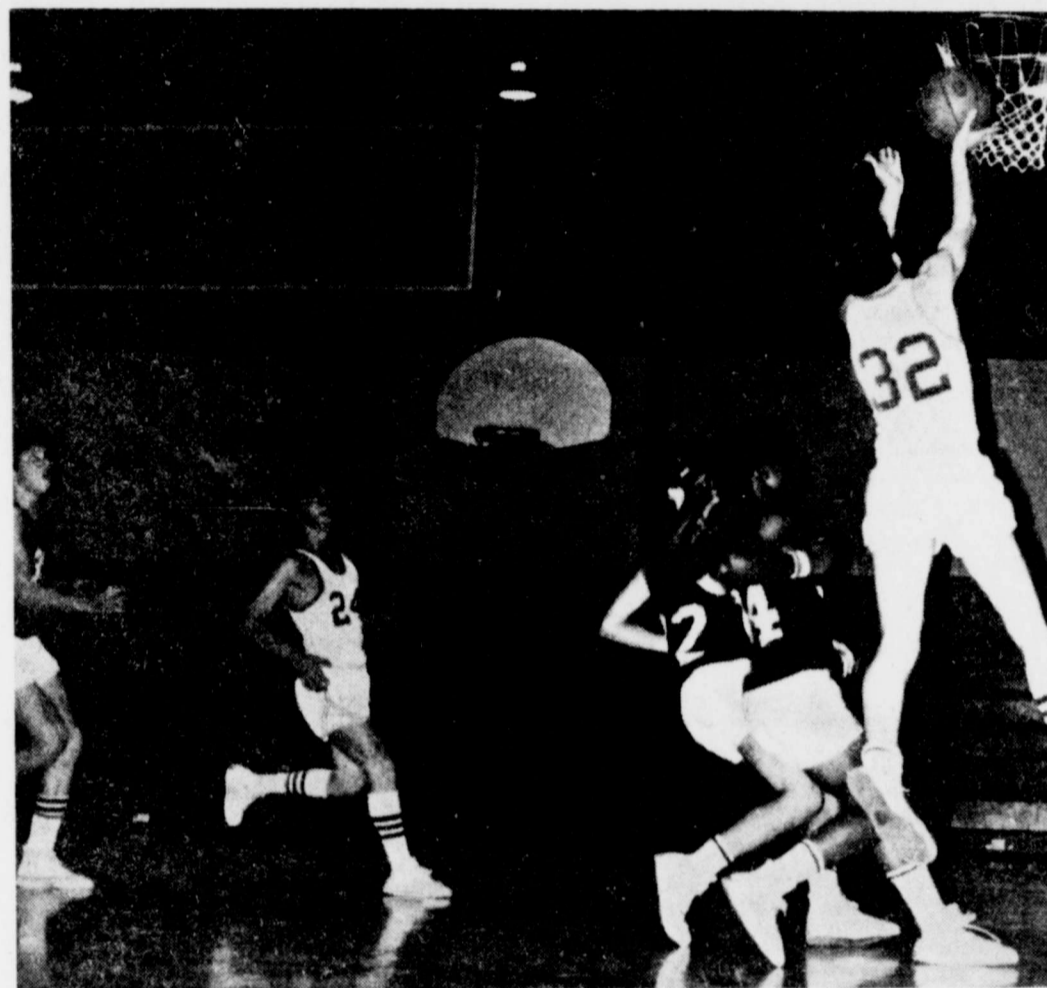
In action at Grant, Monday, Dec. 3, the Rebelettes trounced the opposition 67 to 35. Hitting for an unusually

high score was Emma Hines, who sunk 13 field goals and one free throw for 27 points. She was followed by Charlotte Montgomery with 10 field goals for 20 points and Sherrie Taylor with three field goals and eight free throws for 14 points. The Rebelettes hit 60

percent of the field goals attempted in this game. High for Grant was Janice Jeffers with 27 points.

The Rebelette B-team also defeated Grant the same night, but the scoring was not so spectacular—30 to 20. Terri Savage was the only Rebel-

ette in the double figures, hitting four field goals and two free throws for 10 points. Velma Savage hit four field goals and one free throw for nine points. High for Grant was Mary Jones who hit three field goals and three free throws for nine points.



**RIVERCREST FRESHMEN**—The Rebels freshmen squad lost to Mt. Pleasant in basketball action Tuesday, Dec. 4, 54 to 42. Rebounding above is Mike Medlin, with Mike Mankins approaching the goal on the left. (Staff Photo by James Hearron.)

## School District Faces Tax Increase

Jerry Russell, tax assessor-collector of Red River County, and the Board of Trustees of the Talco-Bogata school district determined in the regular meeting at Rivercrest High School Tuesday night that school taxes will have to be raised next year and in future years in order to finance future budgets.

Superintendent Talmadge Morgan stated that present values on land were set in 1965 and that land values had increased considerably since that time.

It was emphasized in the meeting again that since the school district had reached the maximum local maintenance tax rate that changes will have to be made in the values placed on property for school tax purposes.

The board approved the annual audit of the school's fiscal accounts as made by the firm of McClanahan and Holmes of Paris. Approval was also given to the purchase of a new school bus for use during the 1974-75 school year, or for the purchase of two new bus chassis to have present school

bus bodies mounted on, whichever appears to be the most feasible.

In final action, the board gave approval to the various financial reports and agreed to delay the next meeting of the board one week, until January 8, 1974.



**ALL DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION**—Rivercrest football player given honorable mention in the All District ratings were Glenn Fulbright, grandson of Mrs. Opal Fulbright of Rt. 1, Depart; W. M. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Simpson of Rt. 1, Depart; Rickey Nolen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nolen of Bogata; Danny Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams of Bogata; Robert Forsyth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Forsyth of Talco; and Rusty Belcher, son of Elton Belcher and Sally Belcher of Talco. (Staff Photo)

## Schools To Cooperate In Energy Program

Texas public schools were requested to cooperate in Governor Dolph Briscoe's energy saving program in a letter from Dr. J. W. Edgar, commissioner of education, Thursday (December 6).

### C. R. Colliers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Collier of Palestine, formerly of Talco, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 16 at Evangelistic Temple in Palestine from 1:30 to 3:30. The Colliers lived in Talco from 1950 to 1954. Their daughters, Mrs. Charlene Hearron of Tyler and Mrs. Nancy Kirk of Plano, attended Talco schools.

He would like to extend an invitation to all of their friends in the Talco area.

### Cantata Dec. 16 At Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church will present a Christmas cantata, "The Carol of Christmas", at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The choir director, Jerry Russell, will direct the program and the Rev. Don Williams will serve as narrator.

Singers from other churches are invited to come and take part.

Governor Briscoe has declared an emergency period for the State's school districts beginning January 1 and ending March 31, 1974, and has asked schools to set a goal of a 15 percent energy curtailment.

In response to the Governor's request, the Texas Education Agency will coordinate an energy saving program in the public schools designed not only to save

### Donations Needed For Children

The Titus County Child Welfare office is collecting gifts for needy children in the Talco area, and needs additional families to donate gifts to those less fortunate.

The office has a card file with the names of 112 children, along with the age and the size of clothing needed for the child, and the cards will be matched with the donor.

Those wishing to help can contact the Titus County Child Welfare office in Mt. Pleasant, or call Mrs. Frank Sloan at 379-2051 in Talco. Mrs. Sloan will be happy to collect the items donated for those who do not have transportation to Mt. Pleasant.

The need for help for these children is great, according to Mrs. Sloan, who noted that one 3-year-old girl had asked only for underclothing without holes.

energy this year but to produce the data necessary to plan an effective program for next winter.

Specific action measures requested by the Governor and by the Texas Education Agency include:

—Set all thermostats at 68 degrees for cold weather and 78 degrees for warm weather.

—Reduce thermostat settings to 65 degrees just before the end of the class day and reset them to 68 degrees an hour before the opening of school in the morning.

—Schedule classes to end at 2:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m., Daylight Savings Time) for the months of January, February, and March.

—Schedule all student activities to the extent possible, including athletic events, in the afternoons during January, February, and March.

—Turn off all unnecessary lighting.

—Close off and reduce heat to the minimum in all portions of buildings not necessary to the instructional program.

—Where possible, plan maintenance and custodial work during the day rather than at night.

In compliance with Governor Briscoe's requests, Edgar authorized an abbreviated school day, and extremely cold weather emergency schedules for the three month emergency period.

Each local board of school trustees may change one or more of the present 55-minute class periods to a minimum of 45 minutes in order to meet

the requested 2:30 p.m. closing time. Schools with instructional programs based on a longer class period may reduce those periods proportionately.

Local boards may also develop an emergency policy governing the scheduling of the school day during periods of extremely cold weather. Schools may operate on a four-hour midday schedule or close for the entire day when, in the judgment of the local board, weather conditions require such an adjustment.

Each school district has been requested to file with the Texas Education Agency a copy of an energy saving plan approved by the local board. Acknowledgement of receipt of the plan by the Texas Education Agency will constitute the district's authorization to change its schedule.

District superintendents have also been requested to furnish the Agency, at the end of the emergency period, with an evaluation of the effectiveness of the energy conservation measures.

### Homemakers Set Christmas Party

The Rivercrest Chapter of Young Homemakers will have their annual Christmas Party and supper Tuesday evening December 18 at Rivercrest. Each one is asked to bring a gift for man or woman. There will be a drawing for two door prizes. Games will be played following the Mexican supper.

## USDA Approves Texas Conservation

Congressman Wright Patman, democrat of Texas announced today that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has approved the Northeast Texas Resource Conservation and Developmental Area, which covers more than two and half million acres in Bowie, Delta, Fannin, Lamar and Red River Counties. "This is the culmination of many years of effort by far sighted and energetic officials in all the participating

counties," Congressman Patman said. "It will make possible a strong and coordinated effort to stop erosion, sedimentation and flooding throughout this vast area. Other major objectives of the Resource Conservation Developmental Area 'RC & D' projects include development of natural resources in the area; development of recreational facilities; improvement of

irrigation, drainage, and waste treatment systems; and expanded rural water supplies. A cross section of leaders in the affected communities have agreed to provide direction for the program and the new RC & D Area will also be eligible for special U. S. Department of Agriculture program."

"I expect great things from this new RC & D Area," Mr. Patman said, "because we have so many local people committed to the project — city and county officials, soil and water conservation districts, ASC county commit-

tees, FHA Committees, bankers, utility companies, businessmen, and many others. These people know how to get things done and now that we have a frame work within which they can work together for the good of the entire area, I feel sure that we will soon begin to see many positive benefits which will continue to flow for years to come." The congressman offered to provide interested individuals with further information about the Northeast Texas Resource Conservation and Developmental Area and about RC & D projects generally.

## Continuing Education Programs End

Approximately 1,530 persons attended Continuing Education and Community Services programs at Paris Junior College during the fall semester, Mrs. Bill Jones, program coordinator, announced today. The semester report was given by Mrs. Jones at a meeting of the Continuing Education Advisory Committee Tuesday, Dec. 4.

At the meeting, Mrs. Jones reported on the fall programs and presented plans for the spring semester. She also reported on the recent conference of the Texas

Association for Community Service and Continuing Education in Austin.

The association urged colleges to place priorities on programs concerning local and state government, consumer affairs, drug abuse, and environmental pollution, Mrs. Jones said.

A primary objective of the PJC Continuing Education Division is to work with organizations in co-sponsoring programs of community interest. Mrs. Jones asks those interested in co-sponsoring programs to call her at the college.

### Baptist Training Service At Talco

The District Baptist Training Service of the Fellowship Association met at the First Baptist Church Thursday evening for their regular quarterly meeting, and to bring their annual Christmas gifts and moneys for the Texas Baptist Home For Children at Waxahachie.

Carroll Burnes, president, called the meeting to order with Morris White voicing the opening prayer.

Business of the evening was the election of officers. Those elected were President-Tilmon Clark, Vice-president-

Carroll Burnes, Secretary-Regina Umphries, Treasurer-Mrs. Harold Williams, Song Leader-Bob Fitch, Pianist-Linda Marsh.

The Rev. Johnney Umphries, pastor of the First Baptist Church introduced Ted Stanley, president of the Texas Baptist Childrens Home at Waxahachie who made a slide presentation of the home, its children and their activities.

After the program Mr. Stanley's car was loaded with gifts and goodies for the children.



**CHRISTMAS QUEENS**—Elected by their classmates to serve as Queens of Christmas are Donna Tippit, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tippit of Bogata; Kathy Pirtle, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pirtle

of Bogata; Debbie Strickland, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Beakley of Bogata; and Marta Wright, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright of Talco. (Staff Photo)



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The Cow-Calf Clinics, held in Clarksville and Huntsville, were sponsored by the Forage-Beef Task Force of Build East Texas and were coordinated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Forty counties in the BET area have more than 1,300,000 head of mother cows. Butler said that beef is the most demanded agricultural product for food in the world. World wide demand has increased substantially as developing nations have increased per capita beef consumption with increased disposable income. He emphasized that the industry also faces serious problems. "The expected fertilizer shortage and increased price



**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH—**Selected for November student of the month honors at Rivercrest High School were Suzette Pierce, granddaughter of Mrs. W. S. Cody of Bogata, and Ron Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Graham of Bogata. Students of the month are selected by the Rivercrest Student Council from the nominations of the faculty, and are nominated on the basis of leadership ability. (Staff Photo)

### American Viewpoints



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### your week ahead BY DR. A.W. DAMIS

Forecast Period: December 16 to December 22

- ARIES** Mar. 21 - Apr. 19  
It seems as though you will accept adverse conditions, that now exist. A series of events will find you forgetting reality and the difference between right and wrong.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20 - May 20  
Don't get into the position of sharing a secret. Someone will attempt to entrap you in their confidence. You can't afford the burden of another's problems.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20  
According to your chart, you might commit yourself beyond your ability to fulfill. The point? As your spirits soar upward, so will your urge to spend.
- MOONCHILD** June 21 - July 22  
A close friend or associate will be the victim of malicious gossip; your loyalty will be put to test. The point? Don't abandon an ally.
- LEO** July 23 - Aug. 22  
A member of the opposite sex's attitude toward you will reverse. As a matter of fact, you are in for several surprises, concerning affairs of the heart.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22  
Fuzzy aspects indicate, you will enjoy outside pressures that would be most disturbing, ordinarily. So, look for hectic, but enjoyable activities.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22  
Stand by to meet pressure that will come from the opposite sex. Fortunately, the holiday spirit will carry you through an emotional situation. One thing more, stay in bounds!
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
For those under your sign, unattached, there's a blossoming romance due. Other Scorpios, must not neglect their mate or similar alliance.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22 - Dec. 21  
Don't plan on a tight schedule. It's highly probable that things "hanging fire" will demand your time and attention. Stand by for what might be called an emergency.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22 - Jan. 19  
Stellar patterns indicate a lack of communication with the opposite sex. It seems as though you will need the moral and emotional support of your mate or similar alliance.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20 - Feb. 18  
For no apparent reason, other than peculiar stellar influences, you might feel emotionally or physically low. The point? Cheer up, enjoy the holiday atmosphere.
- PISCES** Feb. 19 - Mar. 20  
Things should go well, during this week's cosmic cycle. There's a glaring problem in your chart, however; You might hurt someone's feelings, unknowingly.

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# Wilkerson News

By Mrs. Morris Blalock  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock visited Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Ada Duron of Pine Hill community.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Elton Crabtree of Mesquite spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Morris Blalock.  
 Mrs. Mable Hall returned home to Linden Wednesday evening after a week's visit with Mrs. Winnie Bragg. Mrs. Morris Deaton of Winfield also visited Mrs. Bragg Saturday.  
 Bro. Garnett Walker of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Phillips.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Randy Allen and Doni Mae of Dallas spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Luenona Blalock.  
 Mr. T. C. Phillips returned home Saturday after a few days in the V. A. Hospital at Shreveport.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blalock of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blalock.  
 Mr. C. D. Blalock of Austin is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock.  
 J. R. Blalock is very ill in the V. A. Hospital in Shreveport.  
 Mrs. Virgie Parr of Maple Springs was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Ruby Harris. Sunday Mrs. Dean Brownlee of Mt.

Pleasant visited her mother, Mrs. Harris.  
 Mr. Bruce Petty of Austin was a recent visitor in the E. W. Dyke home.  
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Andrews and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cabell and children of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Smith and children also of Talco.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson visited Mrs. Thompson's brother, Raymond Smith, in the Titus County Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon.  
 Sunday visitors of Mrs. Virgie Parr were Mrs. Jackie Robertson and children of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. George Grant of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. Virgie Rector of Nacogdoches, Lori Stephenson of Kilgore and Jhon Cara Robertson of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anschutz were Ell Clark of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Calvin McGee and daughter of Maple Springs, C. D. Blalock of Austin, Bunk Owens of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shields of Maple Springs.  
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dyke were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thompson, and Mrs. Marshall Loyd Logan and boys of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Mrs. L. D. Randles and boys visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shields of Maple Springs Sunday evening.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyke were Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan and children of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Goates and children.  
 There will be a Christmas Sock Dance and a buffet supper Saturday night, Dec. 15th, at the Wilkinson gym and cafeteria. Serving of the meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the gym featuring Patty Anderson and The Bit of Country Band. This event sponsored by the Wilkinson Youth Club. For information call Charlene Vanhoose, club secretary or Opal Dyke, club supervisor.  
**Delayed From Last Week**  
 Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riddle and children of Hurst, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barry of Marshall. Monday night visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Blalock and boys of Mt. Pleasant.  
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week in the Memorial Hospital.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blalock of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blalock. Sunday dinner guest was Bro. Garnett Walker of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Mrs. Morris Deaton of Winfield visited her mother, Mrs. Winnie Bragg, Saturday. Saturday evening visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ansheetz were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blalock of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nixon and son of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ansheetz and children of Talco and Mrs. Calvin McGee and children of Maple Springs.  
 Mrs. Morris Blalock and Mrs. Winnie Bragg and Mrs. Mable Hall shopped in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.  
 Mr. Jess Blalock of Mt. Pleasant visited in the home of Mrs. Cardie Phillips Sunday evening.  
 Mike Logan of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan, Sr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blalock

and son of Mt. Pleasant visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock, Thursday. Saturday visitors were Mrs. Harold Holcomb and son, Roger, and Mrs. Charles Peacock and son.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burlson Taylor of New Hope community in Red River County.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brownlee, Deanna, Denise and Jason of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Ruby Harris Thursday afternoon.  
 Mrs. Dean Brownlee of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Ruby Harris visited Mrs. Virgie Parr in the Maple Springs community Sunday morning.  
 Monday visitors of Mrs. Ruby Harris were Mrs. Virgie Graf and Mrs. Virgie Parr of Maple Springs.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson and son, Terry, of Dallas spent the week end here visiting Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and other relatives.  
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and

Mrs. E. W. Dyke was their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Robertson and children of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Porter and children of Blodgett visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson, Friday night.  
 Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson and Terry of Dallas, Mrs. Bruce Andrews and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cabell and children and Mrs. Jerry Brown all of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Kelton Smith and children of Omaha.  
 Sunday evening visitors of Mrs. Virgie Parr were Mrs. Jackie Robertson and children of Mt. Pleasant.



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DEN 1—A Webeles group in the Talco Pack is composed of Billy Barganski and Mickey Wise on the front row, and Roger Edge, Stan Wood and Johnny Deaton on the second row. Mrs. Hoyt Taylor is the leader. (Staff Photo)

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# Talco Personals

**By Joyce Alexander**  
Mrs. E. O. Frye visited in Willsboro Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reed and children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Finch are the parents of a son, born at Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic on December 5th at 3:45 a.m. The baby, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs., has been named Brendon Marshall Finch.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Carter on December 11th at 11:04 p.m. in Titus County Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 2 1/2 oz. and has been named Jennifer Kay Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Foster have returned from spending a few days with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Brack McDonald and children in Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster and children in Garland. While in Arlington Mrs. Foster attended the Christmas party of Kappa Kappa Iota, teachers' sorority, with her daughter, Becky.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kuhl on Dec. 11 at 7:45 p.m. in Titus County Memorial Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. The baby weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. and was named Jeremy Chad Kuhl. He has several grand- and great-grandparents, four on his father's side of the family and five on his mother's side.

Mrs. R. R. Kelley announces the birth of a new

great-grandson, born Dec. 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peace of Brownsville. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and was named James David Peace. Mrs. Peace is the former Connelle Kelley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Kelley of Paris.

Meshele Micheal Worthy of Mt. Pleasant spent the week end with their grandparents while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Worthy, visited relatives in Sunray and Dumas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stuart of Grannis, Ark. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Northam, Sunday and Monday.

Steve Cecil took third place in Karate at ETSU at Commerce this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Moss from Oklahoma visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carroll Monday.

Mrs. John H. Dickerson returned home Saturday after visiting her two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Busby and Mrs. J. G. Wilson, in Mineola. She accompanied her sisters to Dallas where they visited another sister, Mrs. Pauline Moore, and a nephew, Jay D. Moore, and her grandson, Stanley Ray Dickerson, Mrs. Dickerson and baby daughter, Kendyl Raye, of Hurst.

Miss Berenda Alexander and her friend, Don Mewborn, of Forney spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander.

R. H. Whitney spent a few days in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic last week.

Mrs. O. F. Stevenson was taken by ambulance to the Titus County Memorial Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Parson is a patient in the McCuiston Hospital in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Teffeller and son of Texarkana visited his sister, Mrs. Jess Waldrum, and Mr.



**BOY SCOUTS**—The largest group of scouts in Talco is led by Bobby Ross, and is composed of Ronny Clubb, Todd Slaughter, Tim Taylor and Donnie Kirkpatrick in the first row, and Kevin Handley, David Taylor, Jimmy Via, Bradley Smith and Jimmy Smith on the second row. (Staff Photo)



**SCOUT WEBELOES**—Den number two of the Talco scouts is led by James Dunn, Scout Master. The den is composed of Craig Clemmons, Billy Morgan and Dale Grissom on the first row, and Bill Dixon, Scott Ward and John Gaddis on the second row. Not pictured is Dudley Horton.

Waldrum on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Thompson and children of Arlington visited over the week end with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Smith, in Wilkerson with his parents, also with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rhoads of Bogata.

Mrs. Eunice Harris attended the 50th wedding anniversary of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Burkham, in Marshall Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Williams of Daingerfield spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Eunice Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Blachburn were in Longview last week to be with their

granddaughter, Debbie Russell, when she had tonsilectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Belcher recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lee Croley and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Croley and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Croley of Mt. Pleasant visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Belcher, of Talco Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Smith received word that her son, Edgar Boone, of Amarillo was to have open heart surgery Friday, Dec. 7. At last hearing he was doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Waldrum visited Mrs. Waldrum's mother, Mrs. Renner Teffeller, of Siloan Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Seay and children of Ft. Worth visited his mother, Mrs. Dan Seay and Mike and sister, Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Mr. Roberts, Mona and Jay during the weekend.

Mrs. Ivy Smith visited Mrs. T. G. Landrum in Mt. Pleasant Thursday afternoon and they attended a Christmas party in Union Hall that evening for the World War I Veterans and their Ladies Auxiliary. Following a bountiful Christmas dinner, program chairman, Mrs. John Willis introduced a former Talco Church of Christ minister, Bob Parker, who spoke on "The Meaning of Christmas and Peace on Earth". Mrs. Mary Bell Leonberger led the group in the singing of Christmas Carols.

Barracks president, Hugh Pierce, welcomed the group and Auxiliary president, Mrs. John Morris, expressed her thanks to every one taking part. Around 75 members were present to enjoy the special occasion. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Umphries, Regina and Lisa and Regina's friend, Martha Martin, of Bogata spent Friday and Saturday visiting Mrs. Umphries' mother, Mrs. Clara Souter, near Taylor,

# GARDENING Made Easy

By Barrie L. Kridler

As cold weather drives us inside don't forget the wild birds that have to weather the winter storms—they may be more prepared to face the cold but still they suffer as their food supplies run low. When all of the area was field and forest the migrating birds that flock here by the thousands had plenty to eat except during snow and ice storms. Now so much of the area has become weedless pastures, streets and roads, homes and businesses and well manicured yards. This type of situation doesn't lend itself to providing the wildlife with much cover of food. Please put out feeders for the birds and increase the enjoyment of your gardens and yards. Birds eat fantastic amounts of weed seeds and insects to help us make gardening easier and are a joy to watch. Use the cheaper "hen scratch" as feed with a little wild bird seed and sunflower seed for the smaller birds and cardinals. To help the birds find the feeders put some of the grain on the ground under the feeder and be sure to keep it filled. Birds come to depend on the feeding stations and like pets will starve if the food supply is cut off. Bird feeders and houses make excellent Christmas gifts for children and older folks who have time to enjoy nature—a thing far too few of us take time to do!

If you are enjoying the yards all over town full of evergreen trees, shrubs and vines—also the reds, oranges, blues and blacks of berryed plants, plan on adding the same to yours for not only your enjoyment but all who pass by. As leaves fall the yards turn brown the green plants and berryed plants really make a show. These are also the plants that provide food and cover on cold nights for the birds. This is an excellent time to plant these in the landscape too. Think "real" this Christmas—enjoy and teach your children or grandchildren the bounty and beauty of nature with real trees and greens. What could be better than a

"live" that could be planted out in the front yard and used for years as a living symbol of Christmas past, present and future! A live tree costs only a little more than a cut tree and much less than a good quality artificial one. There used to be a very "smell" to Christmas with the house filled with the scent of fresh pine and cedar, good food cooking and the cold freshness of winter air brought in on winter coats and wrappings. Most of us remember well—how many of our children will? A fresh

cedar wreath on the door, fresh cut pine on the mantle, a real tree — these are the traditions of Christmas that can't be replaced with plastic and you can't buy the scent in a can! Have a "real" Christmas and remember Christmas is for children. HAPPY GARDENING!

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# Talco-Bogata School News

By Robert Forsyth & Debbie Pirtle

Mrs. Holland Bell attended a preview of "Schools Without Failure," a program presented by the Education Service Center in Mt. Pleasant, last Friday, December 7.

A panel was held for the Homemaking II class Tuesday, December 11. The panel consisted of three local women and it was a discussion over the subject of management and consumer education of the home.

The FFA-FHA Christmas party will be held next Monday, December 17. The party will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 10:30 p.m. Only FFA and FHA members are allowed to attend.

Superintendent Talmadge Morgan attended a meeting of Area VIII—A Texas Association of School Administrators meeting at Region VIII Education Center in Clarksville on Thursday, December 13.

The Rivercrest Basketball Tournament will take place December 13-15. Both the boys' and girls' teams will participate.

Rivercrest Rebel A & B boys played Sulphur Springs at Rivercrest Tuesday night. Coach Wood had a few comments about this team's progress so far this season: "Our basketball players are

making great progress. We have had a very tough schedule and our win-loss record may not indicate the strength of our team. We are still experimenting with a lot of players. We probably will not go with a set starting five until after the Christmas holidays. Our players are really enthusiastic. We are trying to improve just a little each game and reach our peak for the district play-offs.

## Talco Personals

Mrs. Mattie Brown visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Belcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hood, John Wesley and Flecia visited Mr. Hood's aunt Mrs. Howard Wesson and Mr. Wesson in Mesquite Sunday. John Wesley and Flecia remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones attended the wedding of Miss Charm Kitchens and James A. Barrett at the First Baptist Church in Mineola Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dixon, Randy and Denna of Hurst and Mrs. Delmas Tunnell of Dallas spent Saturday with their grandmother and mother, Mrs. Edith Stamps. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Olen Williams.

Mrs. Ruby Elliott is a patient in the Titus County Memorial Hospital after surgery. Mrs. Elliott is a former Talco resident.

# Johntown News Beautification Efforts In Texas Pay Off

By Mrs. E. V. Pirtle  
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sells were in Bonham Thursday for a medical check up for Mr. Sells. He entered Clarksville Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Height of McKean, Ark. was a Monday night guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jean and family.

Mrs. Douglas Hawkins visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hickham of Monticello, Ark. from Wednesday to Friday, her brother, Wilson Hickham of Waterville, Maine was also a guest there attending a church convention.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lofton of Houston have been visiting his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sells and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chism, of Bogata.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pirtle spent Thursday night with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dru Pirtle, of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hawkins left Friday for Corpus Christi to make the acquaintance of their grandson born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Hawkins recently and to visit

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Sells of Channelview have been attending his brother, J. T. Sells, a patient in Red River County Hospital and visiting his mother, Mrs. Maud Sells.

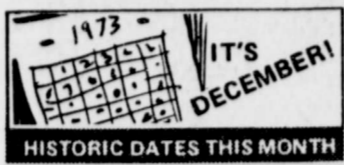
Mrs. Harvey Jean, Donald, Dana Dale and Darla visited Vance Pirtle of Mt. Pleasant Thursday night.

Mrs. W. N. Dodd has returned home after being a patient in the Clarksville hospital and was carried to the home of her son to recuperate.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Morris were in Marshall Monday for medical attention for Mr. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Parker spent the week end in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs.

Paul Fincher. Mr. Fincher has been a patient in a Dallas hospital.



Someone's birthday or anniversary this month? How about flowers from the florists with the "extra touch?" FTD florists have a special Forget-Me-Not Bouquet for those special days. And this month has been special for many reasons over the years—

DEC. 1. Boys Town founded for good boys gone bad in 1917, by the Reverend Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan in Omaha, Nebraska.

DEC. 3. The first human heart transplant was accomplished in Capetown, South Africa, by Dr. Christian Barnard in 1967.

DEC. 5. Prohibition repealed by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1933, just in time for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

DEC. 15. Police and Firemen Appreciation Day.



DEC. 16. American patriots disguised as Indians threw three ships' cargo of tea into the Boston harbor at the Boston Tea Party in 1773.

DEC. 17. Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk in 1903.

DEC. 21. The pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in 1620 and established their colony in the New World.

Beautification efforts in Texas have paid off in a big way today as the Texas Highway Department was awarded a 1973 Keep America Beautiful Special Merit Award for its outstanding environmental program.

Over 1,000 representatives of government, industry, labor, citizens organizations and foreign countries were on hand to watch as Mrs. Tommie Pinkard, representing the Department's Travel and Information Division, accepted the national award. The presentation was part of the program for the 20th annual meeting of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (KAB) held in New York City at the Biltmore Hotel.

The Highway Department received the award for its outstanding efforts in litter control coupled with its

unique program in public education on litter. The popular Litter Critter posters, films such as "Beautify Texas" premiered in 1973 and a folder entitled "Texas...a sight for sore eyes...or a sight for eyesores?" were commended.

The Department was also chosen for the award because of its active support of the Beautify Texas Council and the annual Lady Bird Johnson Award, designed to inspire Departmental maintenance men to beautify their area to the best of their ability. Television slides and "Pitch In" bumper stickers also were factors in Texas taking the award.

The Highway Department has been protecting the environment in a positive way since the early 1930's when engineers were told to "save

the trees" when planning new highways. It was the first department to hire a full time landscape architect and first to build roadside parks and plant wild flowers.

The Department is now heralded as the nation's largest landscape gardener, maintaining more than 967 thousand acres of right of way. Because they are protected on the right of way, many species of wild flowers are flourishing in Texas that might otherwise have disappeared.

Shirley Temple Black, a member of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, joined Ralph P. Davidson, publisher of Time Magazine, in presenting the awards to individuals and

programs which have made outstanding contributions to environmental improvement.

Roger W. Powers, KAB's executive vice president, congratulated State Highway Engineer Luther DeBerry on winning the award, saying: "It is our hope that your outstanding program will serve as an example of what cooperative effort can achieve in preserving the environment and improving the quality of life all over the world."

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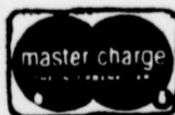
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## Pine Seedlings May Be Planted Until April

"Pine trees can be planted from now until April," says B. L. Folmar of the Soil Conservation Service. There are many acres of idle land in the Sulphur-Cypress Soil and Water Conservation District that should be put to work growing pine timber. Wood products are being used much faster than they are being produced today. This means that there is likely to be a critical timber shortage in this nation in the near future. These trees will help to control erosion, provide food and cover for wildlife, improve the environment and provide a cash income for the owner.

"Trees have played an important part in man's life since he has been in this country. The growing dependency of man upon the forest for raw materials, watershed protection, wildlife, and recreation makes planting and managing woodland more

important than ever before," Folmar said.

It takes 900 pine seedlings per acre to plant an open field spaced 6 ft. by 8 ft. The seedlings cost \$8.00 per thousand. It costs approximately \$10.00 per acre to machine plant these seedlings.

Many acres in the district have had all pine seed trees removed. These areas are growing cull and worthless hardwood. This land should be planted to pine seedling. These hardwoods can be underplanted with 600 pine seedlings per acre. Custom contractors are available for planting pine seedlings in this area. The orders for the seedling should be made as soon as possible for this season's plantings.

More information can be obtained on tree planting from the Soil Conservation Service office in Winnsboro, Texas.

## OBITUARIES

### Joe D. Steed

Dr. Joe D. Steed, 53, of Wichita Falls died there Dec. 6 after a sudden illness. Burial was there Saturday, Dec. 8. Dr. Steed, a half brother of Mrs. Amy Craddock, was a radiologist on the staff of Wichita Clinic, and also he was president of the school board.

Other survivors are his wife, two daughters, one son, one sister and another half sister.

### Harold O. Williams

Harold O. Williams died December 7, 1973 in Titus County Memorial Hospital. Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at Smith Bates Chapel with Bro. Alvin Blalock officiating. Burial was in Talco cemetery.

Mr. Williams was born Sept. 5, 1911 in Electra, Texas and had spent most of his life as a worker in the Talco Oil field. At the time of his death he was employed by Maxwell Well Service.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ila Blalock Williams of Talco and one daughter, Janie Wilson of Dallas.

Pallbearers were L. B. Maxwell, John D. Wright, J. W. Via, James Via, Leo Roberts, Omie Hanks and M. L. Black.

### Jewel F. Alsobrook

Funeral services were held Dec. 4 for Jewel F. Alsobrook of Mesquite, Texas in Laurel Oaks Cemetery in Mesquite. In charge was Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home. Rev. Orbin Harper and Bill Furrh were in charge of the services. He died Dec. 2 at his home at 9576 Riley Crest in Mesquite. He was a retired night watchman and lived in Dallas since 1946. He was born in Fannin County 65 years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church. He leaves a wife, Luciele, and four children: one son in Oklahoma and three daughters, Mrs. O. E. Eason, of Mesquite, Mrs. Bonnie Wilson and Mrs. Evelyn Slone of Dallas. His survivors are one brother, John of Greenville, and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Brown of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Pearl Brown of Tyler.

### Earl T. Currin

Earl Thayne Currin, 18, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of 925 E. Polk in Paris and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Currin of Deport died at 7 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral services were held Monday in Mesquite at Anderson Clayton Bros. Funeral Home.

Survivors include his father, George Currin of Mesquite; his mother, Mrs. Davis Dewesse of Dallas; two brothers, Billy and Harold Currin; and two stepbrothers, Kenneth and Kelvin Currin of Mesquite.

### Johnny Wright

Johnny Wright, 60, a farmer of the Rugby community died Sunday night at 8:30 in Red River County Hospital after a sudden illness.

Services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. C. G. Renfro officiating. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery by Bogata Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Gordon Alsobrook, Wayne Alsobrook, Lawrence Wood, Steve Grant, Kenneth Thomas and Fred Swint, Jr.

Mr. Wright was born March 6, 1913 in Red River County, the son of Thomas and Willie Slaton Wright. He was married Nov. 17, 1931 to Mildred McKikel.

Survivors include his widow, one son, Donnie Wright of Deport; four brothers, Morris and Clarence Wright of Irving, Raymond Wright of Houston and Jimmy Wright of Pecos; two sisters, Mrs. Homer Patterson of Midland and Mrs. Ruth Morris of Bogata; and one grandchild, Stacy Wright of Deport.

### Jack Simmons

Jack Simmons, 73, of Denison, brother of Gordon Simmons died Thursday, December 6 in a Denison hospital.

Funeral services and burial were Saturday in Denison.

Other than his brother here, survivors include his wife, Hallie; his mother, Mrs. Jessie Simmons of Bogata; five sons, Jack Simmons, Jr. of Galveston, Bobby Simmons and Billy Simmons, both of Dallas, Ralph Simmons who lives in Ohio, Rodney Simmons of Houston; three other brothers, J. E. Simmons of Bogata, Ralph Simmons of Corpus Christi and Hubert Simmons of Temple. Also surviving are several grandchildren.

## Fewer Traffic Deaths Possible For Holidays

Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced today that changing travel patterns brought on by the national energy shortage make it impossible for the DPS to validly estimate the number of traffic deaths which might occur in Texas over the upcoming holidays.

He said, however, it was hoped the traffic death count would fall below the 14.5 daily average observed during last year's Christmas period, and below the 18.5 daily average recorded for the last New Year holidays.

Speir said it is impossible to compare total deaths between this year and last because the current holiday periods are both 162 hours as compared to 78 hour periods twelve months before.

The DPS director said factors expected to affect auto travel include driving curtailments which might

result from lower speeds, weekend service station closings, higher gasoline prices and the possibility of spot fuel shortages.

Reduced travel might normally result in some reduction in traffic deaths. But Speir warned that if a substantial number of drivers have reduced their speeds while a high percentage of others are still driving at high speeds, the number of deaths could be considerably higher because of accidents possibly resulting from more pronounced speed differences.

He reminded motorists that Texas law requires drivers going less than the prevailing traffic speed to keep right on multi-lane highways.

Speir urged drivers to avoid drinking if driving, noting that alcohol traditionally has been a major factor in the holiday accident problem.

And he pointed out that the apparently growing trend toward motorists carrying

spare containers of gasoline in their vehicles might boost the toll—particularly if one of the containers should catch fire as the result of leaking fumes or spilled contents.

The Christmas period begins this year at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21, and ends at midnight Tuesday, December 25. New Year will start at 6 p.m. Friday, December 28, and terminate at midnight Tuesday, January 1, 1974.

During both periods, Speir said the DPS would place all available uniformed personnel on duty in a concerted effort to reduce accidents and save lives. He noted that patrolmen would be especially watchful for drinking and reckless drivers.

In addition to its enforcement activities, the DPS will be cooperating with local law enforcement agencies and the news media of Texas in a program called "Operation Motorcade." Information on

fatal traffic collisions will be tabulated in Austin and released three times daily throughout the holidays in an effort to focus public attention on traffic safety.

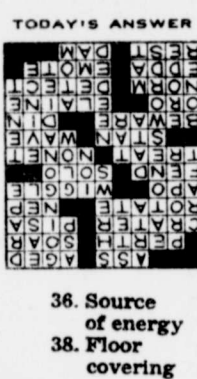
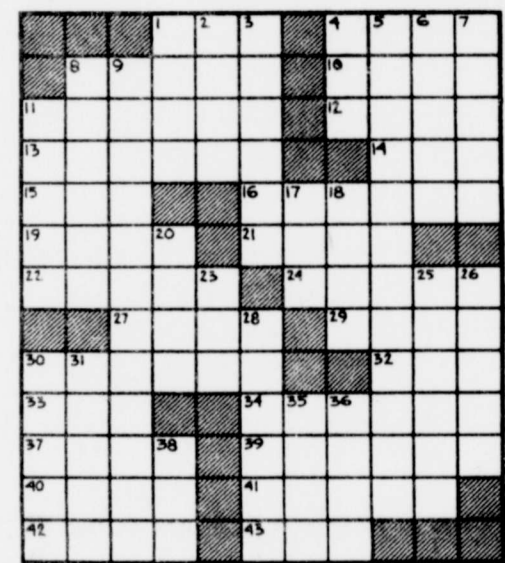


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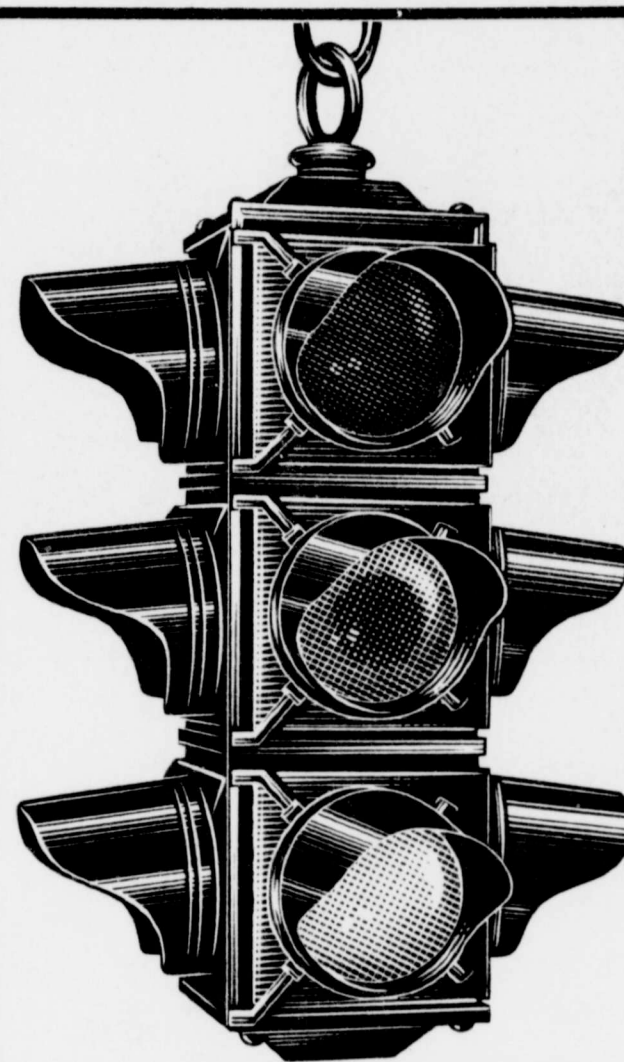


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