

Our Christmas Edition

Children's letters to Santa to be published in the Christmas edition of the Advance have been coming in for the past week.

This edition will contain greetings from the business houses and if you doubt this edition being read, we cite you to the fact that several hundred letters have been received to date, and there is no doubt that the children make Christmas.

The Advance has a beautiful array of Christmas Greetings this year to be used in this issue.

The Christmas issue will go in the mail Christmas Eve morning. Watch for the personal greeting from your merchant, they each convey a special message of appreciation to you.

Celia Reese Makes Dist. Band 4 Years



CELIA REESE

Celia Reese, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Reese of 911 N. Lakeview, Rotan, has made all district band for four consecutive years. The fourth time was last week at Hamlin.

While in the eighth grade she was drum major and made the all-district band for the first time in 1957. She again gained this honor in 1958 and 1959. Among her other honors she was judged 1st chair Flute in all-district band in 1959 and all-regional band in June, 1960.

She is a junior in Rotan High School, Majorette in Yellowhammer Band and Sweetheart of Rotan Lions Club.

Calvary Baptist Pageant Next Wed.

A Christmas Pageant, "Unto Us" will be presented at Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday night, Dec. 21 at 7:00 o'clock. Program will be followed by a social hour and Christmas Tree. Each person is to bring a gift to be exchanged.

Members of the church are urged to attend.

Odin Sparks is reported to be in critical condition, following major surgery at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Hospital News

Local patients admitted to Callan Hospital from Dec. 8 to 13 were, Mrs. Mike Rodriguez, Rhonda Kelley, Mrs. Caldeorn Lopez, Tommy Salaz, C. N. Denniston, Clint Overby, Mrs. Jessie Harrison, Mrs. Mary Grindstaff, Mrs. R. L. Tidmore, Gertrude Mason, Mrs. H. C. Byrd, Turner Forrest, Harvey Stickland, Veto Flores, Mrs. Abelardo Mendoza, Mrs. Shed Ragsdale, Mrs. Clay Coggins, Linda Munoz, Celea Chambers, Mrs. Roman Yzaguirre, Mrs. Barney Horton, L. E. Wright.

Out of town patients were Luther Johnson, Girard; Mrs. Bob Smith, Jayton; Mrs. Salvador Figueroa, Roby; Mrs. Jack Montgomery Girard; H. L. Hickey, Merkel; Martin Collum, Aspermont; Mrs. Grady Jones, Jayton; Tina D'Ann Horton, Roby; Tommy Beene, Roby; Mrs. J. R. George, Spur; Mrs. Gaudalpe Yzaguirre; Mrs. John Johnson, Jayton; Mrs. C. P. Yates, Hamlin; Kenneth Huckelbridge, Sweetwater; Mrs. Manuel Goana, Sweetwater.

A boy born to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Jayton, Dec. 9.

A boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Goana of Sweetwater, Dec. 12.

A boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Pascuala Munoz, Dec. 11.

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Figueroa of Roby.

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Abelardo Mendoza.

A girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Caldeorn Lopez.

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Two 'Coffee Days' For Christmas Fund

Two Coffee Days are scheduled in Rotan for benefit of the Fireman Christmas Fund. Ragsdale Drug will give all coffee proceeds Saturday, Dec. 17 to the fund and Ganns Cafe will give their coffee take on Monday.

The annual show will be at high school auditorium Friday. Admission will be fruit, candy or canned goods for Fireman to use in Christmas baskets.

The Jars in business houses are beginning to gather funds and everyone is urged to drop their change in these jars to help with this worthy cause.

Firemen urge everyone having toys to donate that may be repaired to call any member or bring by City Hall. They need these by Sunday.

The Firemen have a long list to visit this Christmas, but ask the cooperation of everyone in reporting any elderly or needy family that might be missed, they are making every effort to visit all of these.

FU Christmas Party To Be Monday Night

Members of Fisher County Farmers Union and their guests will be entertained with a game party Monday night, December 19th in the Roby School Cafeteria. The party is scheduled to begin at 7 p. m. with games of canasta and "42" for the adults and other games for the youngsters. No gift exchange is planned, instead members will bring gift to be given to the Rotan Rest Home.

Gamma Tau Chapter Hold Christmas Party

Gamma Tau Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society had its annual Christmas party at the Baker Hotel in Sweetwater, December 13.

In an impressive candlelight service two new members, Mrs. M. T. Hill of Rotan and Mrs. Estel Neblett of Sweetwater were initiated into the organization. Mrs. K. C. McCasland, a recent transfer into the local chapter, was presented to the group by Mrs. James B. Day, president.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Roberta Richardson, who gave a very interesting and informative discussion on "Parallelism in Religion." She prefaced her comparison of the religions of the world by pointing out the fact that men are characteristically "God-seekers" and that all civilized religions are the answers, real or invented, to questions of man's origin and his relationship with his Creator, and his fellowman. She presented the founders of the great religions-Jesus, the prophets of Israel, Confucius, Mohammed, Buddha and Socrates, as the most influential thinkers of all history.

Mrs. Richardson discussed five parallel elements that are found in all civilized religions: (1) the idea of moral responsibility toward all men; (2) a basic conviction of unity in the universe with a central being, usually God; (3) the concept of that being as unexplainable and nameless, but unchanging; (4) the compassionate humanity of the leader; (5) the wide gap between the teaching and example of the leader and the practice of those who profess to follow him.

The speaker expressed her belief that a serious study of these similarities in religions can lead us to a wider perspective and a better understanding of the peoples of the world.

Following the program, a traditional Christmas dinner was served in the beautifully decorated sky-room of the hotel. Members who attended were Mmes. James B. Day, C. J. Dalton, C. G. Campbell, C. E. Leon, Robert Witherspoon, Wendell Morrow, M. T. Hill, Charles McCall, K. C. McCasland, Wilma Roberson and Misses Lelita Baird and Joe Heathington.

Mrs. W. I. Branch spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mrs. Joe Aaron, Belynda and Doyce of San Antonio arrived Sunday and will visit here several days.

Jaycee-Ettes Holding Decoration Contest

The Christmas Decoration Contest sponsored by local Jaycee-Ettes is getting underway with several homes and yards decorating for the holidays.

The committee in charge of this project has decided to dispense with rules for entering the contest, to encourage as many entries as possible, due to the bad weather of the past two weeks.

All type decoration of homes, yards and windows will be eligible and no entry fee is charged. Judging will be on originality and effort shown.

Entry deadline is Monday, Dec. 19. Entry blank will be found in this issue or may be phoned to Mrs. W. D. Hariman, 7811; or Mrs. Archie Neeley, 7931.

Everyone entering the contest is asked to be certain their decoration is lighted from 6 to 8 p. m. after Monday, for benefit of Judges.

Winners of the contest will be announced in the Christmas issue of the Advance.

Local FU Delegates Attend State Convention

A large delegation from Fisher County Farmers Union attended the State Convention in Abilene on the 9th and 10th of December.

Attending as delegates were Mr. and Mrs. Foy Mitchell, McCaully; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Neves, Jr., Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kemp, Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Norris Green, Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Nash Miers, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martinez, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martinez, Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miers, McCaully; Mr. and Mrs. Jeck Smith, Roby; Dono and Kermit Terry, Roby; and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Bunn, Sweetwater.

Others attending all or a portion of the convention were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitchell, Roby; Sue Smith, Roby; Mr. and Mrs. Max Carriker, Steve and Diane; Johnnie Ammons, Jerry Robertson, and Parker Wetsel, Roby.

Among those speaking at the sessions were Mr. J. R. Cobb, Austin with Texas Electric Co-Ops, Congressman Jim Wright, Fort Worth, John White of Austin, Texas' Commissioner of Agriculture and James Patton of Denver, president of National Farmers Union.

The Convention pledged enthusiastic support for President-elect John Kennedy in his effort to build a more prosperous and stable agriculture.

Fisher County Farmers Union president Foy Mitchell was re-elected as a member of the five man Texas armers Union Executive Board.

SS Class Enjoys Christmas Party

The home of Mr. H. E. Aldridge was scene Thursday night of the Christmas party for members of the Winsome Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church.

Decorations were in the Yuletide theme. Assisting Mrs. Aldridge with the serving was Mrs. Richard Floyd. Fruit cake and coffee was served to Mmes. M. D. Ivey, Lloyd Hurst, Jim McCright, T. W. Stinson, Ruple Morrow and Joe Patterson of Munday.

Mrs. Lloyd Hurst was in charge of the program, which was most interesting.

Each member attending brought food which is to be given to a needy family.

Calendar Club Christmas Party will be held Friday night, December 16 at 8:00 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Mac Weathersbee.

Jaycee-Ette Christmas Home Decoration Contest Entry Blank

Form with fields for Name, Address, Category (check 1, 2 or 3), Window, Yard, Door

Eight Band Members Make District Band

Eight Rotan Yellowhammer Band members were chosen for participation in the Northwestern District Band held at Hamlin, Dec. 3. Chosen were Pat Riley, clarinet; Barbara Eades, clarinet; Celia Reese, flute; Jimmy Hughes, cornet; Mike Bennett, cornet; Sue Mercer, alto saxophone; Norma Sparks, tenor saxophone and Mac Eades, baritone saxophone.

The ninety piece band was chosen from students representing a number of area bands. Russell Griey, Lincoln Jr. High School band director of Abilene was guest clinician for the band. A rehearsal was conducted during the afternoon and a concert presented that evening.

Students participating in the event were from Hamlin, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Rochester, Roby, Rocco, Colorado City, Haskell, Stamford, Merkel, Trent, Lorraine, Jayton, Anson, Munday, Wylie, Jim Ned and Rotan.

Abilene Speaker Next Tuesday At Lions

Rev. Byron Bryant of Abilene will be guest speaker at Lions Club next Tuesday, according to George McDonald, program chairman for the meeting.

Rev. Bryant, former pastor of First Baptist Churches at Stamford and Breckenridge is now vice-president of Hardin Simmons University, in charge of public relations and leading the large expansion program at H-SU.

All members are urged to attend and hear this outstanding speaker.

WWI Vets Met Sunday at Roby

Fisher County Barracks, Veterans of WWI and the Auxiliary enjoyed the Christmas party at the Agriculture building on Fair Grounds in Roby.

Music was furnished by the "Hungry Five", a teen-age group of musicians of Roby. The group exchanged gifts, refreshments and good fellowship.

Girl Scout Party At Scout Hut

The 5th and 6th grade Girl Scout troop entertained their mothers Tuesday evening with a Christmas Party in the Scout Hut. The girls sang carols and presented gifts which they had made to Mrs. Buddy Edwards, Mrs. E. A. Petty, Mrs. Don Dollins, Mrs. Bill Sumner, Mrs. Lester Whitley, Mrs. Arvin White, Mrs. Bill Day, Mrs. Steve Kelley, Mrs. Earl Cooper, Mrs. Tomie Paske, Mrs. Tye Harrison, Mrs. Oscar Head and Mrs. Carole Murphree.

The girls and their leaders, Mrs. Ed Aldridge and Mrs. Alfred Simmons served punch and cookies.

Youth Rally At Crossroads Sunday

The Fisher Baptist Associational Youth Rally will meet on Sunday, December 18 at Crossroads Baptist Church. Rev. Bill Irwin will be the host pastor. Dr. Ray Ellis, professor of Greek and Bible at Hardin-Simmons, will speak at 3:00 p. m.

Refreshments will be served. All young people are invited to attend.

Mrs. Walter Collins went to Ft. Worth Monday to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey.

Real Winter Weather Halts Cotton Gathering

No cotton has been gathered in the area during the past week, due to bad weather. The gins caught up during the week with cotton on the yard and in cottonhouses at the gins and have had time to clean up and repair after the hard run of a record harvest.

Considerable cotton remains in the fields and weather permitting, farmers will soon complete the harvest as they are anxious to get their land ready for next year, with present moisture.

Small amount of rain, snow and sleet fell during the past week. The sun broke through heavy overcast late Saturday for the first time of the week, promising clearing weather, but changed to more winter Saturday night. Skies cleared Wednesday, apparently ending the current cold wave.

No damage to trees, electric and telephone lines was reported here, but damage was heavy in adjoining towns in all directions.

Boys Ranch Fund Drive Getting Response

H. L. Davis, Fisher County Director for West Texas Boys Ranch, which is located near San Angelo, reports that he is receiving nice support on the fund drive for the Ranch.

"Hard-Luck" boys from this county are eligible to go to the Ranch and get a sound foundation for life. The Ranch has saved many boys, who were deserving, but had little or no chance in present surroundings, through no fault of their own.

Mr. Davis with other directors and officials of the Ranch are doing a good work, and he will be glad to forward any contribution to the Ranch. Each donor will be recognized from the Ranch by mail.

Shoppers Active During Past Week

Christmas shoppers braved the weather the past week and have taken advantage of the large stocks of beautiful Christmas merchandise offered by local merchants.

Stocks are still complete for your selection and you will find their sales force courteous, efficient and anxious to help you with any gift problem.

Chi Kappa Chapter Holds Regular Meeting

The Texas Chi Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held their regular meeting in the home of Mrs. W. F. Edwards, Jr., Thursday at 7:00 p. m. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Ed Ahbrook and L. D. McGrew. The director, Mrs. Bob Williams was present.

Committee chairmen gave their reports. Mrs. Louis Loving, service committee chairman, gave a report on the Club's projects. Each member was to donate toys to the Firemen for needy children. The Club members were, (1) to make centerpieces for the Rest Home for Christmas and (2) to bring magazines to the next club meeting for the Home and Big Spring Veteran Hospital.

A pledge training meeting of the newly organized chapter was held in regular order. President, Mrs. Bill Gaham, introduced Mrs. Billy Frank Hardy who led the program discussion on "Your Day Socially." Tables were laid, both formally and informally. The decorations were furnished by Ragsdale Drug.

Refreshments were served to fifteen members and the honorary member, Mrs. Williams. Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Bob Williams, Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p. m. This will be a Christmas dinner for the members and their husbands.

Christmas Parties For Brownies

A Christmas party was held in the home of Mr. H. E. Aldridge Tuesday afternoon for Brownies and another was given Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Young and Debbie in Andrews last weekend.

1959 Farm Census Report Given

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, conducted in Fisher County last fall counted 864 farms, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. Total land in farms was 472,379 acres. The average size of farm was 546.7 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$52,755.

Of the county's farm operators, 342 owned their farms, 266 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 250 were tenant farmers.

The average age of farm operators in the county was 51.7 years. There were 189 farm operators 65 or more years of age.

Of the 864 farms in the county, 711 were commercial farms.

Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

County Oil News

Fisher County has eight new wells in the regular fields and three wildcat tests going.

In Bonner Penn field near Palava, No. 1 L. G. Kearney test of James G. Brown & Associates is waiting on orders.

This 6,000 foot test in section 11-21-T&P swabbed 275 barrels of oil in 19 hours and then the swab stuck. Total depth is 5,879 feet.

Drillstem test between 5,812-29 feet had tool open two hours with gas to the surface in 30 minutes. Recovery was 270 feet of slightly oil and gas cut mud. Flowing pressure was 105-45 pounds; shutin pressure was 815 pound in 30 minutes.

The test was cored from 5,829-74 feet with recovery of 44 feet of slight show of oil 7 feet of gray sand, tight, no show and 30 feet of shaly sand. Perforations were from 5,815-17. It was treated with 500 gallons of acid, swabbed and fractured with 20,000 gallons of 40,500 pounds of sand.

No. 1 Raymond Cochran test of G. E. Kadane & Sons in section 29-3-H&T west of Claytonville has been abandoned after drilling to 5,995-6,019 feet.

Between 4,246-48 feet a drill-stem test recovered 85 feet of oil and gas cut mud with flowing pressure of 45 pounds and 30 minutes shut-in pressure of 310 pounds in 30 minutes.

In Sylvester Goeh' filed, Humble Oil No. 1 Elmer Hawkins was drilling at 5,676 feet. This 5,600 foot test well in subdivision 43, Bastrop County School Lands survey 323, is a mile and a half south of Sylvester.

No. 1 H. E. McCall test of Jack C. Staley, et al, in Claytonville field is down to 5,690 feet preparing to perforate.

It is located 660 feet from the north line and 1,980 feet from the west line of 187-3-H&T six and a half miles of Longworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ashton and Mary Lou went to Midland Saturday to take Cherlyn Brinegar who had been visiting last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brinegar, formerly of Unice, N. M., moved to Midland while their daughter was here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Senn of Brownwood are visiting with relatives here this week and plan to visit in Swenson and Aspermont before returning home. They visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jones and boys.

Approaching Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wasson are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Lewis to Charles Masters, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Master of the Hobbs community.

The couple will be married December 31 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wasson at Snyder.

Make Your Own Candles For Christmas

By Alice L. Kemp, County Home Demonstration Agent

Making candles can be a profitable as well as an entertaining project. You can use your imagination and skill to create many different effects. There still is time to make them for your own home or for special gifts.

To make candles all you need is paraffin, time and a few simple kitchen tools, according to Charlotte Tompkins, extension home management specialist. You can utilize bits of old candles, melt odds and ends of used candles, adding wax crayon, if color is desired. If you need to start with fresh paraffin, you will find it sold in one-pound packages of four bars each.

The forms may be milk cartons, ice cream cartons, tin cans, etc. Anchor the wick (medium weight string) by punching a hole in the bottom of the form. Put the wick through the hole and tie a knot. Then tie the other end to a pencil or stick that is placed across the top of the form. Pour melted wax into container and let harden. Snip the knot off bottom of the candle, and fill in around wick with additional melted wax if it has pulled away during cooling. If layer candles are desired, pour one color at a time and let harden.

If you are using a pound package of paraffin, you can make an interesting square candle without remelting the paraffin. Problem here is to stick the bars together and place a wick inside. To do this, cut a small groove in one middle edge for the wick. Use a hot iron to make all bars stick together and to smooth the outside surface. The wick should be several inches longer than the candle in order to hold the candle while frosting or decorating.

You will need extra paraffin for the frosting; one bar should be enough for a small candle. Melt in a saucepan, add crayon for color, if desired. After the mixture has cooled slightly, beat with a rotary egg beater until frothy then spread or dab lightly over candle with a spatula.

FROZEN GIFTS

Home freezers have given a new slant to the old tradition of giving home-made food gifts for Christmas. Gifts of frozen food can be stored now and enjoyed later, when other Christmas "goodies" are gone.

Here are some suggestions offered by extension foods and nutrition specialists: a package of frozen cookie dough, made by your favorite recipe, frozen jellies or preserves or seasonal fruit which you have prepared and frozen.

Package these frozen gifts carefully and deliver by hand in insulated containers. Lucky recipients will need to put them into their own freezer immediately to prevent thawing.

Another way in which freezers can help with the gift problem is to serve as a storage place for pre-cooked food gifts, such as cakes, home-made breads, cookies, etc. They can be delivered fresh on Christmas Day.

SHRUBS MAKE LASTING CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Shrubs make long-lasting gifts for a young couple just starting out or for anyone on your list who enjoys adding plants to the landscape.

You will find a wide variety of ornamental shrubs to select from now at your local nursery. Also, native shrubs of ornamental value are found in all parts of Texas, according to Sadie Hatfield, former extension homestead improvement specialist.

Native plants found near your home will be especially well adapted to the soil and climate of the area. They may take less care than introduced plants.

Examples of ornamental native shrubs include the ceniza and agrieta or algerita, which grow in the southwestern area; native hollies, bayberry cherry laurel and Indian cherry in East Texas. Evergreen sumac or kiniknik, mountain laurel, Texas are listed in "Roses for Texas" are found growing wild in Central and West Texas.

Rose plants make fine gifts, too. There are many different types to choose from. Best varieties for Texas are listed in "Roses for Texas", by A. F. DeWerth, head, Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Texas A&M College. Reprints of this article are available from your county extension office.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly visited their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byerly Jr. in Lubbock Sunday.



Quick'n Easy Meals? Sure!

Just shop Piggly Wiggly!

With Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, company dropping by and all the other things to do during this busy holiday season, chances are you are hard put for time!

Here's a suggestion: Shop Piggly Wiggly's fine selection of quick-to-fix foods. Piggly Wiggly's wide variety of frozen foods and dinners, and dozens of easy to prepare meats and groceries will save you time in the kitchen--and your family'll LOVE 'em! You'll save MONEY, too, shopping PIGGLY WIGGLY!

WHITE SWAN

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These Prices Effective Fri. & Sat. Dec. 16-17

CAMPFIRE BLACK EYE PEAS, 3 300 cans	27c
LIBBY CHOPPED HAM, 12 oz. can	53c
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CAMPFIRE BEEF STEW, 300 can	27c

BAMA RED PLUM JAM, 18 oz. jar	25c
LIBBY GARDEN SWEET PEAS, 2 303 cans	37c
CAMPBELL'S TOMATO SOUP, can	10c
SUPREME CRACKERS, 1 pound box	27c
JOLLY GIANT PIES, 60c value box	45c
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SHURFINE

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lb. 59c

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CALIFORNIA
TOMATOES, lb. 27c

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WHITE ONIONS, lb. 7c

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PORK CHOPS lb. 59c

PORK STEAK lb. 39c

PORK ROAST lb. 39c

BACK BONE Meaty lb. 59c

MATCHLESS BACON 1 lb. 39c

FREE 1 Can Biscuits with
WRIGHTS SAUSAGE 2 lb. 98c

VAN CAMP

TUNA 2 for 39c

MEADOWLAKE

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FROZEN FOODS

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SHRIMP
2 Pkgs. 89c

SIMPLE SIMON

Peach, Apple, Cherry
PIES
3 for \$1.00

UNDERWOOD'S BEEF
BAR-B-QUE

79c

BANQUET

POT PIES
Each 19c

FOOD KING

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5 10 oz. Pkgs. \$1.00

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PECAN GROVE HOME FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE

The restful Pecan Grove Home is located at 207 Musgrove in Sweetwater. Phone BE 4-9776.

This Home for elderly people is especially equipped to handle all types of patients except mental cases. The best of care is maintained here, and the nurses and management conscientiously guard the safety and well being of every

patient entrusted to them. Nurses are on duty 24 hours.

In the comfort of this pleasant home, the patients are served appetizing food that is pure and wholesome. It is good-tastefully delicious. Served in a most attractive manner, and conceived by specially trained dietitians.

You will find the rates at the

Pecan Grove Home are quite reasonable.

On your next shopping tour of Sweetwater stop by the Pecan Grove Home and inspect their facilities. We know that you will be more than favorably impressed.

The Pecan Grove Home extends wishes of good cheer and fellowship for the holiday season.

SEARS ROEBUCK & COMPANY

Save time, save money, shop at Sears Roebuck & Company located at 604 East Broadway in Sweetwater. Phone BE 4-4371. Save time because Sears Roebuck & Company features a wide selection of furniture, appliances, television, suitable gifts for all occasions, hardware, sporting goods and many more items that can be found in this one store saving you additional trips and additional hours. Save

money because Sears Roebuck & Company purchases these products in large quantities and passes their saving down to you. Sears Roebuck & Company can be your family store also. For dad and the boys there is a line of sporting equipment, for mom there is a selection of ready to wear and useful practical household utensils from the kitchen to the basement. The children will enjoy the wide assortment of durable low-priced toys

and games. If you are shopping for wedding, graduation or Christmas gifts, let Sears Roebuck & Company assist you. Their well trained personnel will be more than happy to give you suggestions from the wide assortment of gifts available at their store or through their catalogues.

Sears Roebuck & Company extends warm wishes for Christmas and the new year.

NOLAN FURNITURE

"Your Home Begins at Nolans"

The Nolan Furniture is located in Sweetwater at 119 West 3rd. Here they feature a complete line of household furnishings. Their store is modern and up-to-date, and their furniture ranges from a small end table to complete suits for any room. They also carry carpets and rugs, Sandran Plastic Floor Covering, Philco Television & Radios, Dearborn Air Conditioners, Norge Appliances and Hoover Vacuum

Cleaners. When we buy furniture we are buying something that is more or less a permanent fixture for your home. Furniture is not an item that we expect to replace every year or so. Therefore great care should be given to its selection.

The Nolan Furniture has on display new suites of furniture for every room and you will find it a pleasure to look over their stock. Regardless of whether your needs

are small or large, you'll receive the same courteous attention when you are here. You are invited to drop in whenever you are in Sweetwater and look over their merchandise. If you are not in town and are in need of an item just phone BE 4-2170 and they will gladly tell you what they have in that line.

Nolan Furniture sends everyone greetings and good wishes for happiness during Christmas and all through the New Year.

SWEETWATER FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Sweetwater Federal Savings & Loan Association is located at 115 East 3rd in Sweetwater. Phone BE 4-2233. This firm is one of the cornerstones of the financial structure of this city. Many have found their desired method of saving through their facilities. If you have money to invest, you should investigate the advantages this association offers you.

A penny pinched turns into dollars saved when they are wisely invested in a community institution with the reputation that the Sweetwater Federal Savings & Loan Association has.

With a savings account at Sweetwater Federal Savings & Loan Association you can be prepared for those unexpected emergencies. You'll be able to enjoy your college education, the new car you will be

able to buy, or the vacation you can take next summer knowing that it is already paid for because of your saving at Sweetwater Federal Savings & Loan Association.

Through their savings at this widely known institution many people of this area have been enabled to own their own homes.

This concern has probably contributed as much toward the development of this section as any other institution. Its services are indispensable to the comfort, success and progress of this area.

Remember their location is 115 East 3rd in Sweetwater.

The Sweetwater Federal Savings & Loan Association extends greetings and best wishes to everyone during the Christmas Holiday and the New Year.

LINCOLN FURNITURE

"Complete Home Furnishings"

Complete home furnishings for every home for every taste and for every budget. That's furniture from Lincoln Furniture located in 122 West Broadway in Sweetwater.

Lincoln Furniture carries a wide assortment of all types of furniture. You will find chairs, tables, divans and bedroom suites that will blend perfectly with your home. Lincoln Furniture also carries Magic Chef gas ranges, Dearborn gas heaters, a complete line of Frigidaire appliances, a full line of nationally advertised A. Brant upholstered furniture and mattresses including foam rubber mattresses. Also a full line of Covey upholstered furniture, sleepers, divans etc., both Modern and Early American. All these wonderful buys are priced within the range of every pocketbook. Lincoln Furniture will arrange the terms that will best suit you in terms of payments, and length of payments. You will be assured

of quality in every purchase from Lincoln Furniture. Lincoln Furniture is well known in this area and has been rendering honest, dependable service for several years. This quality of service is reflected in every transaction, in every piece of furniture.

Every piece of furniture is covered with highest quality fabric obtainable.

Your home can be lovelier, more adaptable to you through the comfort furnished you by Lincoln Furniture.

It'd say you, if you're buying in quantity, to check the prices at Lincoln Furniture in Sweetwater. They operate under a low overhead and pass that saving on to you. You can save on one piece or a houseful. Phone BE 4-3654.

Lincoln Furniture hopes that holiday season and the new year brings everyone health, happiness and good fortune.

Gee Transfer & Storage

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When you are contemplating a move be sure to call the Gee Transfer & Storage in Sweetwater. Phone BE 4-3612. They feature local and long distance moving, crating, packing and storage. They are located at 609 Pecan. Moving is a problem for most of us, but not so for the Gee Transfer & Storage. Moving is their business for the feature expert workman who will give you a personalized move. They handle your household goods and personal effects in a manner as if they were their own, so you need not be afraid to commit even your most valuable articles to them for they will be handled in a manner much safer and less abusive than if you tried to move them.

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The 1960 Amendments to the Social Security Act liberalized the earnings restrictions on beneficiaries, and hundreds of persons in this district who were unable to collect retirement checks before 1961 because they had not "retired", can be paid some checks in 1961. Many of them are also due some checks for 1960, but have not realized it.

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Cathey Poultry & Egg

The Cathey Poultry & Egg is located at 414 Oak in Sweetwater. Phone BE 4-4512. This concern is a wholesale distributor in this area for "Freddy Fryer" brand poultry and graded eggs.

No poultry and egg firm in this area has met with more success than the Cathey Poultry & Egg in Sweetwater. They have serviced this section well and the retailers in this area have learned to depend on them for prompt delivery and the best in poultry and eggs. This Sweetwater Christmas Greeting and Shoppers Guide wishes to point out the value of having a wholesale poultry and egg firm in this area. They service your retailer and through their efforts your retailer is supplied with your needs in the best of quality.

You will assure yourself of quality fryers and graded eggs when you purchase from grocers handling "Freddy Fryer" brand poultry and graded eggs.

The Cathey Poultry & Egg extends sincerest wishes for a warm and cordial Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

I expect to earn \$_____ in 1961. My wife is _____ years old. I have _____ children either unmarried and under age 18 or severely disabled since before age 18. How much could I collect from Social Security in 1961 and keep on working?"

Name _____
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Terry spent the weekend in Sweetwater with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Martin and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Shelton visited her uncle, George S. Anderson in Abilene Sunday.

Jimmy Swan In HS-U Recital

Approximately 20 Hardin-Simmons University students took part in one of the largest music recitals of the year at Caldwell Hall on the HS-U campus, according to Andy Patterson, instructor in moodwinds and chairman of the recitals.

Among students participating were James Swann of Rotan. Recitals are held each Tuesday evening in Caldwell Hall under the direction of the HS-U School of Music.

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We want to thank all our friends for the flowers and the food and all kindness and sympathy shown us at the time of the passing of our father and grandfather. May God richly bless all of you.
Frank Dyson and family.
C. B. Dyson and family.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our father, also for the beautiful flowers and the food the ladies brought in.
May the Lord bless each of you in our sincere wish.
The family of W. H. Howard.

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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means of thanking each and everyone for your kind words of sympathy, for the beautiful floral offering and the many friends who brought and served the lovely dishes of food. We would also like to thank Bro. Polnac, Bro. Redden and Bro. Blake for the beautiful service, also the doctors, nurses and Weathersbee Funeral Home for the kindness shown during the loss of our beloved husband, father and granddad. May God bless all of you.
The family of W. S. Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kiker spent the weekend in Springtown with their children Mr. and Mrs. Berard Weems and Bernie.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Price is F. H. Byrne of Atwater, Calif. Mr. Byrne is a brother of Mrs. Price and they had not seen each other for a number of years. Mr. Byrne also plans to visit other relatives in San Angelo and Robert Lee before returning home.

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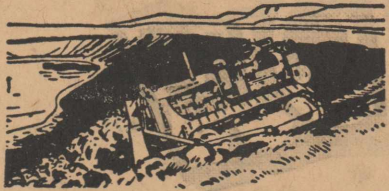
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About Your HEALTH



A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health. HENRY A. HOLLE, M. D., Commissioner of Health

Don't get alarmed if the kids eat a few icicles off the Christmas tree this year. It is true that they contain 50 percent lead, but in their metallic form they are practically insoluble and therefore poorly absorbed.

But if little Johnny inhales or swallows the fluid from a bubbling Christmas tree light it could be disastrous. The fluid is made of methylene chloride and is lethal in

certain dosages.

This word comes from the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, the final authority on matters of this sort. Clearinghouse officials say, and Texas health authorities agree, that there are more than the usual hazards to life and health around the American home at Christmas.

Many items designed for gaiety, can put a damper on the festivities of the season by killing or sickening the unwary. Holly, for example, is widely used in Christmas decorations. Its berries are toxic when eaten, the clearinghouse reports. Mistletoe berries are also said to be dangerous.

Fireplace colors are made of metallic salts. When thrown into a fire they create multi-colored flames. Children have been made seriously ill after eating the salts.

It isn't the snow but the gas propellant which makes snow sprays dangerous. The snow is made of harmless plastic and fatty acids, but pressurizing gases can be toxic if inhaled in sufficient quantity. Fortunately the gas evaporates after the snow is sprayed, so there is no residual effect.

Those smoke pellets for toy trains, while not recommended for a steady diet, are probably not dangerous either, since it is unlikely a youngster could eat enough to poison him.

Nor is there cause for great concern when a lad eats the citric acid and soda fuel from the toy missile launcher he gets from Santa. It is relatively harmless.

Other Christmas items billed as "hazardous" by the clearinghouse are the so-called "dancing moth balls" and the cleaning fluid for toy train tracks.

To deal with this dangerous holiday environment, 18 poison control center today operate in Texas. One is within an economical telephone call of any point in the state. All are equipped to provide family physicians with fast and accurate information on potentially poisonous substances, antidotes and treatment procedures. If an emergency arises in your home, call your doctor first.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker of Rotan and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collier and children of Dallas recently attended a reunion of the Johnson family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zankovick in Sweetwater. Mrs. Zankovick is the former Mary Jo Johnson and lived here with her parents. Fifty one attended the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bub Perry and son, Billy and Henry Perry of Lampesses visited her mother, Mrs. W. W. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barron and Mrs. Fay Gray last weekend.

Mrs. W. H. Orley and Randy Cox of Clifton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Clark last weekend. Mrs. Orley is an aunt of Mrs. Clark.

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During the Christmas season a lot of people use mistletoe for ornamental purposes. Do we ever stop to think what type of plant mistletoe is and how it grows?

Mistletoe is a parasitic plant with small flowers and white berries. It frequently grows on the limbs of hackberry, osage orange, oak, elm, mesquite and other trees, and obtains water and plant food nutrients from its host tree. Mistletoe, if present in excessive amounts, may weaken or slowly kill shade trees.

No chemical is available for mistletoe control. If a tree has only a little mistletoe, the parasite and branches may be pruned away. Young branches should be cut one foot or more below the point of infection. In older branches, the bark and a small amount of wood must be cut one foot or more away from each infection. Tree point disinfectant should be applied from time to time to the cut surface. The disinfectant will prevent wood rot while the wound is healing.

It is useless for one individual to try and eliminate mistletoe if it is plentiful nearby. One of the main ways mistletoe is spread is by birds. They feed on the sticky pulp of the berries. Within the tough outer coat of the berry is a single seed, which is embedded in viscin, a sticky substance. Some of the discarded seeds stick to the birds' bills, feet and other parts of their body. Thus the seeds are carried to other trees or other part of the same tree, where they may be brushed off on a branch or twig, germinate and perhaps develop into a new mistletoe plant.

On valuable shade trees, that are infested, an attempt should be made to remove the parasite. The mistletoe can be pruned out or it can be broken off with a hook fastened to a long pole. New sprouts may grow from the original infestation and these should be removed.

January and February is tree planting time. There are lots of things that we should keep in mind if we get our trees started in tip-top shape.

If the trees cannot be planted at once, they should be "heeled in" by digging a trench wide and deep enough to receive the roots. In covering the roots with soil, care should be taken to work the soil into the spaces where the roots are mass together, otherwise there is a danger of drying out. Avoid "heeling in" in poor drainage areas. The soil where the trees are to be planted must thoroughly be prepared. Broken or torn roots should be removed before the tree is set in the hole. Plant the tree at the same depth that it was in the nursery and pack the soil firmly around the roots.

The number of fire hazards in homes increases materially during the holidays and the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council urges all families to be extra careful with Christmas tree lighting and decorations and the many other hazards brought into the home. A single spark in flammable material, they warn, could be the beginning of a disaster.

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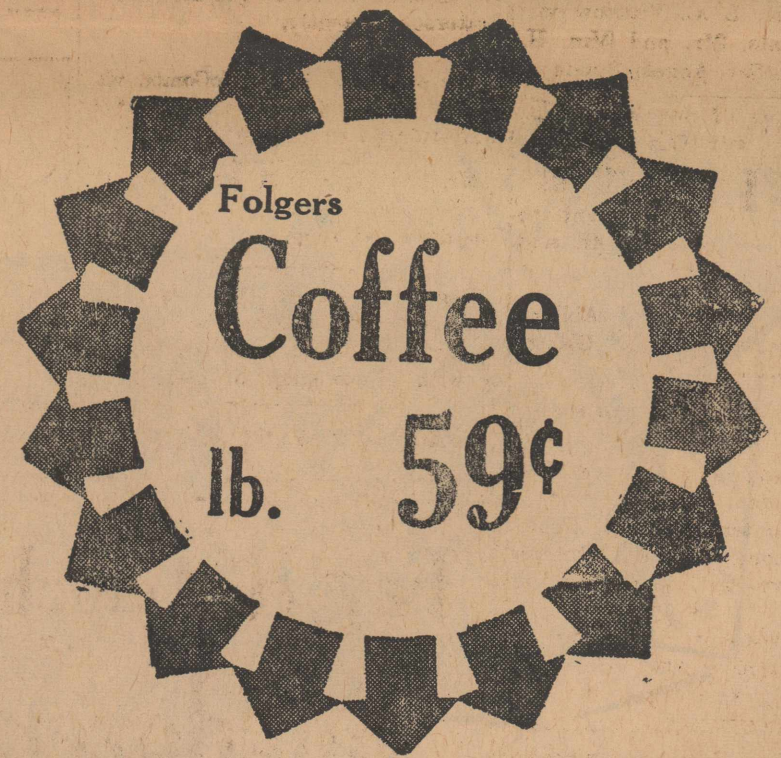
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WSCS Holds Last Meeting of Year

The Christmas meeting of WSCS was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the R. T. Williams home which was beautiful with traditional decorations for the occasion. Mrs. W. A. Shope gave the opening prayer and Mrs. James B. Day, in her gracious way talked on and showed slides of interesting places she visited on her recent trip around the world. Gifts were not exchanged at this meeting, but a donation was made to be used for the building program of the Church.

President, Mrs. Clarence Huckaby announced the next meeting would be January 9. After this the guests were invited to the dining room where Mrs. Joe Kiker and Mrs. Earl Martin assisted Mrs. Williams in serving a salad plate with punch, from a beautifully decorated table to Mes. J. W. Porter, Wayne Porter, A. S. Lawlis, W. A. Shope, Nancy White, Clarence Huckaby, Guy Patterson, W. A. McCright, J. M. Montgomery, Edna Colwell, James B. Day, H. F. Grindstaff, D. J. Smith, Roger Smith, Earl Martin, J. T. Smart nad Phil J. Malouf.

Mrs. Grindstaff gave the closing prayer.

Former Resident Marries in Lovington

In a double ring ceremony read at seven o'clock in the evening, Nov. 26 in First Methodist Church, Lovington, N. M., Frances Jean Williams became the bride of Tommie Shelby Frink.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams, formerly of Rotan, and a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foy.

The bride attended Rotan schools and was graduated from Lovington High School. She attended New Mexico State University.

The bridegroom was graduated from Artesia High School. He is employed by Parker Drilling Co.

The couple will reside in Bahia, Brazil.

Lewis Foy and his sister Mrs. Mary Grindstaff attended the wedding. The bride is their niece.

Herman Hughes returned home Friday from Lubbock where he had major surgery the week previous.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Vittitow visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Vittitow in San Angelo Sunday.

Clifton Carnes of Sweetwater visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hartsfield and Cathy.

John Thomas of Abilene spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Thomas.

Mrs. Mark Phillips of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. George Young, last weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Kiker of Lubbock visited her mother and sister, Mrs. L. C. Miller and Mrs. Lena Petterson, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McCombs visited Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Newton and children in Snyder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson attended the funeral of his sister in Floydada Saturday.

Regular meet of OES was held Tuesday night. After the meeting the group enjoyed a Christmas party with an exchange of gifts.

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Terrells Honored On Wedding Anniversary

A few friends met in the home of Mrs. O. S. Kiker and the Horace Carters' to surprise the C. C. Terrells on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, Dec. 11. Mr. and Mrs. Terrell met the preacher in the road and were married in a buggy about one half mile east of the Cross Roads Baptist Church on Dec. 11, 1910. They have lived near Rotan since that time, and have lived in their present home, 3 miles south of Rotan, since 1922. For the past several years they have been employed as nightwatchman for the Fisher County Bonded Warehouses.

A gold charm bracelet was presented to Mrs. Terrell and a gold watch chain was presented Mr. Terrell to use on a watch he has carried since 1920. Other gifts were presented them.

Cake and coffee was served to Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Odell McQueen and Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gruben, Donna and Jimmy, Robert and Reba Carter and the Terrells.

Robert Nash Tells Of Interesting Trip

The following items were taken out of a letter Tom Nash received from his son, Robert W. Nash whose address is Party 98, Apartado 551, Western Geophysical Co., Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, in regard to a recent trip from Abilene to Las Palmas:

"It took us five hours from Abilene to New York and had to lay over for about 6 hours there, and came on to Madrid, Spain, from there back to Las Palmas. The time schedule changed so many times I couldn't keep up with it, but, we're six hours ahead of Texas time.

The ocean is about 30 or 40 yards from our front door, so I hope we don't get a big rain. This is a pretty nice place, except it is hard to understand these Spaniards, but I guess eventually I will learn to talk and understand them.

The jets coming over here travel at about 650 miles an hour. They are nice, but quite a sensation moving that fast through the air. It sure is good sleeping weather here."

Visiting Mrs. Viola Hendon this week is a sister of Eden. Her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hendon of Corpus Christi also visited while on their way home from a vacation in Kansas.

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