

The Weather

From records of Fred Byerly,	
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Wed. 12	39 15
Thurs. 13	54 24
Fri. 14	70 33
Sat. 15	70 40
Sun. 16	71 30
Mon. 17	78 40
Tues. 18	76 47
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Precipitation to date 1962	21.68

Farmers Vote To Keep Cotton Program

Texas cotton farmers joined growers throughout the nation last Tuesday in voting to keep the present marketing quota and price support program for the 1963 upland cotton crop.

Reports from the Agriculture Department showed the nation's farmers voting 201,169 in favor of keeping the program and 13,488 against, or a 93.7 percent favorable vote.

Texas won 93.2 percent for the referendum, voting 29,812 for and 6,028 against.

Officials said the results of the vote were no surprise since the cotton industry has been hit increasingly in recent years as cotton surpluses mounted. Exports have fallen off and domestic textile mills have also cut back on the use of the product.

The vote in favor of continuing the program for next year's cotton crop was far in excess of the two-thirds affirmative vote needed to keep it operating.

Sister of Mrs. Morton Dies In San Antonio

Mrs. Lucy J. Farmer, 82 died Friday in San Antonio. She was the sister of Mrs. Nealy Morton of Rotan. Mrs. Farmer had lived in San Antonio since leaving Haskell nine years ago.

Mrs. Farmer was born June 10, 1880, in Erath County. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Services were held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at Haskell First Methodist Church, with Rev. C. R. LeMond, pastor officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Survivors in addition to Mrs. Morton are one daughter, Mrs. Ruby Löffler of San Antonio; two sons, Cecil W. of McAllen and Alvin J. of Fort Worth; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton and daughters, Mrs. Ross Burness and Mrs. Curtis Acker attended the funeral.

Most Of Rotan To Take Two Days Christmas

A survey of business houses show that practically all of Rotan will be closed Christmas Day and the following day, Wednesday, in order for employees to have reasonable length holiday.

Hobbs Church To Present Pageant

Hobbs School Auditorium will be scene of the Christmas Pageant presented by the Young People of Hobbs Baptist Church, Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Junior College Plan Discussed At Lions Club

The proposed Nolan-Fisher Junior College plan was explained by a representative of the committee from Sweetwater at Lions Club Tuesday's meeting.

Petitions have been circulated in the affected school districts asking that election be held on the proposed plan.

Christmas Tree At Nursing Home Friday

The annual Christmas Tree for residents of the Nursing Home will be at 3 p. m. Friday.

Relatives and friends are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Clegg visited his mother Mrs. J. F. Clegg and grandmother Mrs. L. C. Poote and John Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Underhill of Mize, Mississippi arrived Sunday night to spend Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Yellowhammers In Championship Game Saturday At Temple

The Yellowhammers go in the Class A State Championship play Saturday against Ingleside at Temple stadium.

Ingleside won their semi-final against the favored New London team Friday night at Baytown.

Three chartered buses will leave Saturday morning for Temple. The squad will travel in one, band will occupy two and the last bus will leave at 7:00 a. m. with Yellowhammer fans. All will return Saturday night.

A large number of fans are making the trip by private cars and Rotan will be well represented at our first bid for state championship.

Station KCAD-AM, 1560, Abilene had representatives in Rotan the first of the week and made arrangements for 10 sponsoring merchants for the game to be broadcast, Saturday afternoon. Local information late Wednesday was that the deal was made, but no one had been able to receive the station signals, which leaves it uncertain if fans remaining at home can hear the game.

Yellowhammers Enjoy Steak Supper Tuesday

Members of Yellowhammer Football squad, Coach Tommy Watkins, Marshall Hill and Fred Schkade, their wives and Supt. McCasland and wife were treated to a steak supper at the Red Barn Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dale Burk were also guests.

The affair was hosted by J. D. Moore, who supplied the steaks and the Red Barn who prepared and served the supper. Mr. and Mrs. Moore also attended.

The boys enjoyed the event, which was given in appreciation for their fine performance on the gridiron this season and the sportsmanship displayed.

E. A. Nayfa Services Held At Sweetwater

Funeral services for Elias Atta Nayfa, 74, prominent Sweetwater merchant since 1939, who was connected with The Fair Store in Rotan for several years were held at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at First Methodist Church in Sweetwater.

Mr. Nayfa died at 12:30 p. m. Thursday at Simmons Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. Masonic rites were held at the graveside and burial in Garden of Memories cemetery.

Mr. Nayfa was born July 18, 1888 in Jeddah, Lebanon, and came to America when he was 11 years old. He first settled in Springfield, Ill., then lived in Oklahoma City and moved to Fort Worth in 1906. He was married to Alma Homsey in Fort Worth July 1, 1910 and they went to Greenville later moving to Caddo. They spent their honeymoon in Sweetwater and later in 1939 moved there where they resided since.

Mr. Nayfa held farming interests in Fisher County in addition to the retail business. He was a member of First Methodist Church, a Mason, Shriner and Elk.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Eddie Nayfa, Fred Nayfa, Mitchell Nayfa of Sweetwater; Jim and Frank Nayfa of Dallas; four daughters, Mrs. Alonkia Bird of Duncan Okla.; Mrs. Nell Rose Sahadi of Houston; Mrs. Amelia Smith and Mrs. Louise Nayfa of Columbia of Sweetwater; a brother, Fred A. Nayfa of Oklahoma City; 25 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Morton, Mrs. Ross Burness and Mrs. Curtis Acker attended the funeral of Mrs. Morton's sister, Mrs. Lucy Farmer at Haskell Sunday.

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YELLOWHAMMERS PLAY INGLESIDE FOR STATE

**Yellowhammers Take Albany In Semi-Final**

Rotan Yellowhammers won berth in state finals last Friday night at Abilene against the powerful Albany Lions, with a 28-20 score before a crowd of West Texas fans estimated at 9,000.

The Hammers who were rated as a two-touchdown winner, led through the entire performance, but had a rough time most of the way.

An Albany fumble in the first period on Rotan's 24 set the Yellowhammers offensive in motion. They used 12 plays to make the 76 yards for TD. Eddie Mac Lang made the touchdown on an 8 yard dash. Bill Ashton made the point with a perfect boot, giving the Hammers a 7-0 lead which was boosted when Herron intercepted an Albany pass and ran 55 yards. Ashton again made the point.

Albany's Lions unleashed a passing attack in the second quarter, scoring on the spurt, and made two points on conversion.

Yellowhammers came back in the second half ready for business and made 64 yards in 12 plays after receiving the kickoff to up their lead to 15 points.

Albany's fumble gave Herron a chance to perform, which he did beautifully for the fourth touchdown. Stewart recovered the fumble on Rotan 36 and Herron dashed 52 yards to Albany, 13, from where he passed to Lang who scored. Ashton's kick was again true.

Albany came back with a strong drive, spiced with brilliant passing and scored on a 47 yard pass, but failed on the try for point. Late in the fourth the Lions scored again, and failed to make extra point.

The game was hard fought from the start. Albany's Lions never weakening, leading in first downs 21-13. But the Yellowhammers did themselves proud going into State play this weekend for the first time in Rotan's history.

Rivers Have Family Christmas Gathering

The family of Mrs. Clint Rivers gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Saturday night for a Christmas tree. Slides of the family were shown and also pictures made in Japan by Joe Aaron while on duty there with the Air Force.

Some of the pictures were of Japanese customs, scenes and fireworks at Christmas time. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Snyder; S-Sgt. and Mrs. Joe Aaron and family, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hendrix and family and Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Warren, Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thompson and family, Rotan.

Cotton Harvest Going At Rapid Pace

Favorable weather has prevailed this week for cotton harvest and most farmers have been busy.

Rotan gins had a total of 10,653 bales late Wednesday which shows 2,325 bales have been ginned during the past week. The gins will be busy for some time as much cotton remains to be gathered. All three gins have an ad in this issue announcing their closing for Christmas, 24 hours, starting Christmas Eve and opening Wednesday morning.

Gins To Close For Christmas

The three gins of Rotan are announcing their Christmas closing hours in this issue of the Advance.

They plan to close Christmas Eve night and remain closed for 24 hours, opening Wednesday, Dec. 26. This will allow all employees to enjoy Christmas with their families.

Nephew of Local People Killed Near Portales

Mr. and Mrs. Al H. Sumerlin attended funeral of a nephew, Callan Weems in Portales N. M. Sunday. Mr. Weems who was fatally injured Wednesday of last week in a car accident was also nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Sumerlin and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Huckaby.

Cross Roads Church Christmas Program

Christmas program at Cross Roads Baptist Church will be held Sunday night. Theme is to be "Christmas In Other Lands" and there will be a film "Christmas Around the World." The Junior boys and girls will sing "Noche de Paz", "Silent Night" in Spanish. All friends and neighbors are invited to attend this program.

An early Christmas celebration was held in the H. T. Fillingim home last weekend when the families of their three children came, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McSpadden, Tina and Chip of Uvalde came Wednesday; Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Gilbert, Lisa, Jan, Stan and Susan came Friday night; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fillingim Jr., T, Ann and Alice of Crosbyton came Saturday. They all returned to their homes Sunday afternoon.

JR HI PTA HOBBY SHOW

Junior High PTA is having their Hobby Show January 9.

If you have a hobby to show please call Mrs. Forrest Hunsaker, 5851.

Red Barn Coffee Day Is Friday

Coffee Day at the Red Barn for benefit of Fireman's Christmas fund has been changed for this Friday instead of the originally set Saturday.

The change was made after the Ingleside-Yellowhammer game was set for Saturday and Clem realized not many folks would be in Rotan Saturday to drink his coffee.

Be sure to go out to the Red Barn Friday and help the Firemen's Fund.

Kings Sister Killed By Hit-And-Run Driver

Mrs. Reuben Faris, 61, Lubbock, killed when she was struck by a car at a Lubbock intersection early Sunday, as she walked to work. Officers arrested a 39-year-old man later after he apparently abandoned his automobile.

Mrs. Faris was sister of Tracy King of Roby and O. B. King, a former superintendent of Rotan Schools.

Funeral and burial was in Weatherford, Tuesday.

Christmas Edition In Mail Monday

Annual Christmas edition of the Advance will go in the mails Monday.

This edition carries several hundred letters to Old Santa and greetings from your favorite merchants and businessmen.

This issue will replace the regular issue of the 27th, and your next Advance will be January 3, 1963.

Carl Martin brought the Advance two large turkeys this week, one weighing 4-12 pounds. Mr. Martin has grown several bumper crops of vegetables this year - his okra, watermelons, turnips and other vegetables have been given away by the carloads. He has hauled several loads to town and he says he almost had to pay some people to take them as a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith attended the ball game in Abilene Friday night then drove to Dallas and met the daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Fry of Riverside, Calif., who came by plane. Mr. and Mrs. Fry went to Waco to spend a few days with his parents and came here Wednesday night and her brother Gary Smith, a student at Baylor University came home with them to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Adams visited Mrs. Adams sister, Mrs. Charles McFatter in Eastland Sunday.

Christmas Decorations Beautiful Over Town

Jaycee-Ettes Christmas lighting decoration contest is again proving very interesting in Rotan and greatly adding to the holiday spirit.

A drive over town after dark will show the results. Hardly a block of the residential district can be found not having beautiful Christmas season decorations.

Winners of the contest will be announced in the Christmas edition of the Advance Monday.

Catholic Church To Hold Christmas Mass

St. Joseph's Church in Rotan will have Special Services commemorating the glorious Feast of the Birth of Christ. Midnight Mass at 12:00 a. m. Christmas morning will be sung by the Choir; organist will be Rev. Mr. Cecil Lotief, theological student of Conception, Mo. Prior to the High Mass Christmas carols will be sung by the choir.

On Christmas morning another Mass will be offered at 8:00 a. m. Another Mass will be offered at the Mission in Aspermont on Christmas morning at 10:00 a. m.

The Pastor and congregation of St. Joseph's invite their friends to join in this celebration of the Birth of the Infant Saviour and in giving Thanks too for the blessings of the past year.

May the Infant Saviour shower the blessings of Peace and Happiness on you and your families in the wish of the Pastor and Congregation of St. Joseph's that every one may have a truly joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings from above.

Rotan Man Aboard USS Ranger

USS Ranger (FHTNC)—Robert L. Webster, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. M. E. Baskett of Garfield Ave., Rotan, Texas is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Ranger, operating in the Western Pacific with the Seventh Fleet.

The Ranger is part of American seapower abroad, an instrument of national policy and goodwill. The ship is scheduled to visit ports in Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines and the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

Ye editor and Mayme are now eligible to join the "Grandparents Club" as a little girl weighing 7 pounds, 10 oz. was born to their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shelton of Detroit, Mich., Friday night, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich. The little Miss has been named Bliss.

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Shurfine Mince Meat		9 oz. Pkg.	25c
Kraft Salad Marshmallow		6 1-4 oz.	17c
WHITE KARO SYRUP		pt.	27c
EGGS	Large Clean White	doz.	55c
Crisco	3 Lb. Can Limit One		59c

COFFEE Shurfine 1 Lb. **53c**

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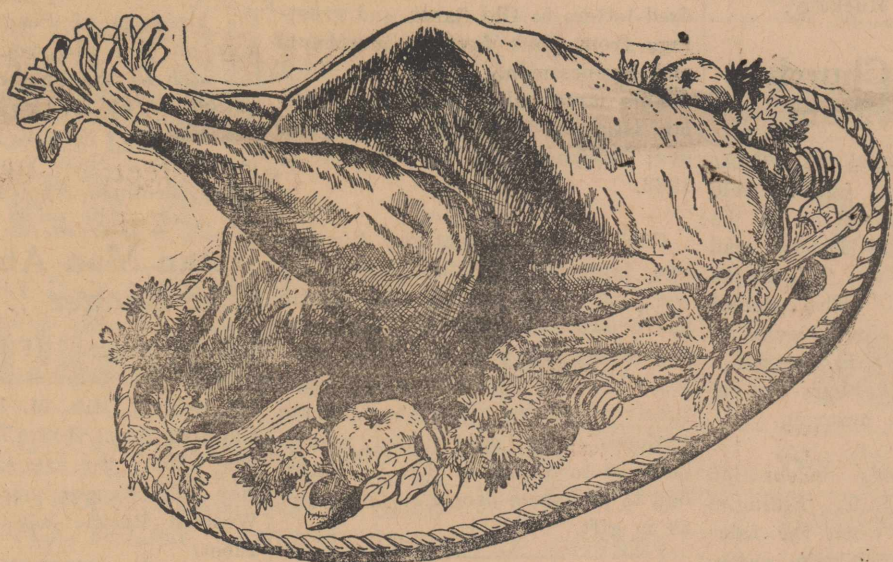
Poultry Stuffing 8 oz. Pkg. **29c**

CRANBERRY
Sauce Shurfine 300 **19c**

HUNTS CATSUP 14 oz. Bottle 2 For **39c**

Betty Crocker CAKE MIX 4 For **\$1.00**

SHURFINE
SWEET PICKLES 22 oz. Jar **39c**



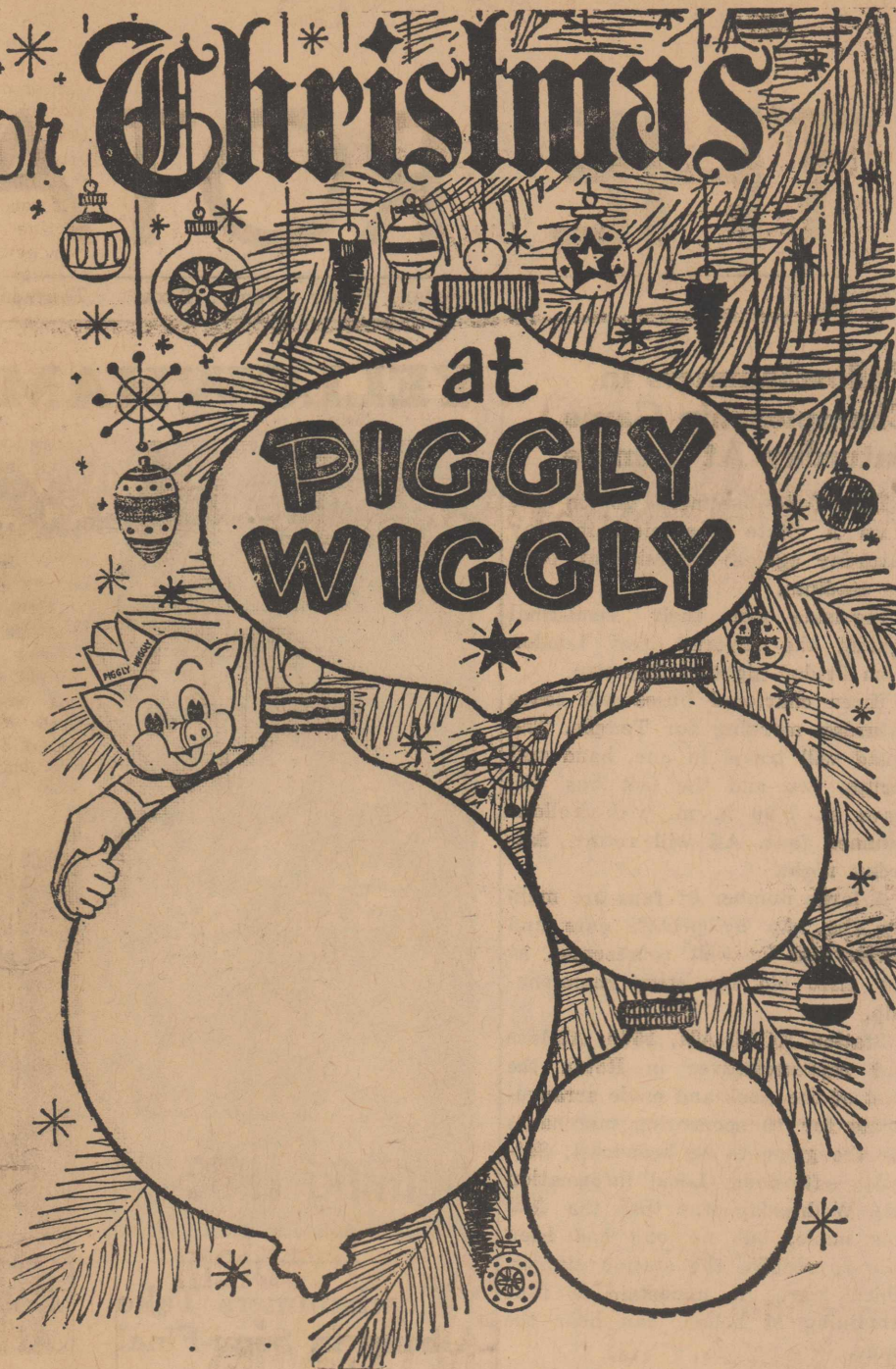
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HAMS Armour Star 5 lb. Can **\$3.89**

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OLEO Chiffon 100 percent Cornoil 2 Lbs. **49c**

GERBERS
BABY FOOD 6 Jars **65c**

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NEWS
County
Agricultural Agent
Texas A. & M. College
Extension Service

An ample supply of tree seedlings is available from the Texas Forest Service for planting this winter. Pine seedling shipments will begin about December 18 from the Indian Mound Nursery near Alto. Windbreaks will be shipped beginning about mid-February.

Bill Smith, extension forester at Texas A&M College, reports that orders for the trees are being taken now. However, he states that seedlings will not be sold for ornamental or landscaping purposes. Persons interested in setting out trees for forestation or windbreak purposes should place their order right away.

Forms for ordering windbreaks are available at our office and some soil conservation district offices. Either of the forms may be secured by writing to the Director, Texas Forest Service, College Station, or the Indian Mound Nursery, P. O. Box 337, Alto.

Some 15 tree species for windbreak purposes are available to Texans.

Trees planted during the winter months have the best survival and growth rates.

During the last session of Congress important legislation relating to income tax payments was passed. Among the changes were depreciation and tax credit on certain types of assets used in farm and ranch operations as well as other businesses, reports C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

The investment credit provision is a tax credit of 7 percent, computed on the purchase or investment in depreciable, personal property during 1962 and thereafter. Livestock, including race horses, are excluded from the list of eligible items, Bates points out. The credit is given only for the tax-year in which the business asset is acquired and includes such items as tractors, combines, trucks, cotton harvesters and new fences.

Here is an example of how the investment credit provision works. Assume a tractor is purchased in November 1962 for \$5,000 with no trade-in. The useful life of the asset determines the amount of tax credit allowed. If the tractor is set up on a life of 8 years, a full 7 percent of the purchase price or \$350 is credited on the tax due from the taxpayer for 1962 business operations. If the asset has a determined life of 5 years, only a third of this amount is allowed as a tax credit. Assets having a 6 or 7 year life entitle the purchaser to two-thirds of the \$350 tax credit, explains Bates.

Used equipment items get the tax credit, too, but are reported separate from new assets, says Bates. In case of 'trade-ins,' the portion of the purchase price eligible for tax credit is computed differently on new and used equipment.

Because this provision is new some taxpayers may overlook the requirement that the tax credit is compulsory on eligible assets. The basis or remaining cost for depreciation purposes must be reduced by the credit taken. If the taxpayer fails to take the credit for items purchased in 1962, he simply loses the amount involved and it cannot be recovered in future years. All farmers are urged to get a copy of the 1963 Farmer Tax Guide at your local extension office when it is available.

Improper litter management in the poultry house during the winter season can result, says Ben Wormeli, extension poultry husbandman, in poor flock performance. Litter, he adds, is constantly in the process of taking on and giving off moisture and good ventilation in the laying house is a must.

Miss Imogene Lane and Sibyl Howard of Lubbock visited Hattie Belle Howard last weekend.

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Cotton Classing Information Given

Recently a story about "Wasty Cotton" was released by the Abilene Classing Office. Mr. B. B. Manly, Jr., In Charge of the office, has written the following story in response to questions arising from the first story.

Wasty cotton is immature cotton. Immature cotton is weak and breaks more often when it is processed into thread causing a higher labor cost to make material. In spinning

this type cotton there is also a high percentage of loss due to waste. The resulting material is not as strong and durable as material made from mature fibers. It is practically impossible to make fine material from immature cotton.

To understand a wasty better lets go back to the forming of the fiber around the seed. In most reports read, the seed forms first in the small cotton boll and then the very fine fibers attached to the seed, grow. Within a few days after the boll is formed, under normal conditions, the length of the fiber is developed. For the remainder of the growing season the fibers grow in thickness, making them stronger, and very little in length, until they are mature and the boll opens. Consequently, it is possible to have a long staple, wasty bale. Short length staple and Wasty is not necessarily related. Any factor which prevents the fiber from developing to maturity may cause a wasty. Four factors which may interrupt maturity are: Insects, namely leaf worms, boll worms or weevil; Diseases, such as Root Rot which kills plants after bolls are formed; Defoliant applied too early; and weather conditions. Weather conditions are drought and an early frost or freeze. All these factors have been prevalent in the Abilene area this season.

To a classer the first indication that a sample may be wasty is that the fibers he pulls, break easily. The fibers are also more irregular than normal; that is, the fibers in a sample may range one-quarter inch and up in length. Low Micronaire Readings indicate immature cotton. The cotton trade usually considers a reading below 3.5 to be low. At the present time, practically every sample is "miked" before it is classed and the classer has this information before he assigns a staple. If a sample mikes below 2.7 the classer has no choice but to class the staple "wasty". The classer uses

his judgement when the reading is 2.7 and above to determine if the staple should be classed "wasty".

It is impossible to describe "wasty cotton" completely in an article. This can be shown better than described and personnel of this office will make an effort to hold meetings with interested groups. You may contact the classing office through your Gin Manager or County Agent.

According to Mr. Manly, due to favorable weather weather conditions, cotton samples receipts increased steadily last week. The Abilene Office classed 24,968 samples, approximately 20,310 of them being from District 2. This brings the season's total of bales for Smith Doxey class but this office to 215-322. District 2 is composed of the Counties surrounded by Dickens, Sterling, Brown and Jones counties.

Grades showed a decline over the preceding week. Four percent of the cotton was classed in the White Category, 67 percent was Light Spotted and 29 percent was Spotted. A further breakdown shows Strict Low Middling Light Spot was the predominant grade, making up 51 percent of the total. Middling Light Spot made up 10 percent; Middling Spot, 7 percent and Strict Low Middling Spot, 19 percent.

Staple length was shorter with only 2 percent being classed as one inch or longer. Five percent was classed as 31-32; 74 percent was 15-16; 18 percent was 29-32; and 1 percent was 7-8.

Micronaire readings showed a decline last week, with 2 percent in the wasty category, which is generally 2.7 and below. Seventy-three percent "miked" 3.5 or better.

The market remained active in District 2. The price being paid varied from 25 to 60 points above the OCC Loan support price. Some of the average prices were: Middling Light Spot, 15-16, 30.40; strict Low Middling Spot, 15-16, 29.41; Strict Low Middling Light Spot, 31-32, 28.86; Strict Low Middling Spot 29-32, 27.68; Strict Low Middling Spot, 15-16, 28.14.

Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Ray Kiker and Debby of Houston visited his

mother Mrs. O. S. Kiker and sister Mrs. Horace Carter and Mr. Carter and attended the game in Ab-

ilene Friday night. Mrs. Homer Ivey and son James Lloyd of Houston visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Huckaby

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Dist. 4-H Council Met In Benjamin

District III 4-H Council met in Benjamin Saturday December 15, 1962. Delegates from Fisher County attending were Sandra Herron of Rotan and Charlie Joe Numm of Roby.

A brief report on state Leadership Lab was given by the two 4-H delegates from Cottle County. Sharon Leverett of Stonewall County gave a report on her trip to National 4-H Club Congress.

New officers elected for the 1963 council were: Chairman Sonny Bentley, Wichita County; Boy Co-Vice Chairman, Tommy Quisenberry, Hardeman County; Girl Co-Vice Chairman, Glenna Kilhan, Wilbarger County; Secretary, Shirley Stafford, Motley County; Treasurer, Jean Burket, Hall County.

The delegates were accompanied by the County Agricultural Agent, James S. Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McCombs, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton visited Mr. and Mrs. Lehman Newton and children in Snyder Sunday afternoon.

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BACON 45c MILK 1-2 Gal. 39c

CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRIES, 13 oz. box 49c

303 LIBBYS 2 CANS FOREMOST 1-2 GAL.
FRUIT COCKTAIL 45c ICE CREAM 59c

ALMOND or PLAIN HERSHEY'S, box 98c

NO. 1 LIBBY'S CRUSHED OR SLICED
PINEAPPLE 2 Cans 49c

303 OCEAN SPRAY 2 CANS
CRANBERRY SAUCE 49c

2 Oz. SCHILLINGS BOTTLE
VANILLA EXTRACT 39c

12 OZ. STOCKTON
CATSUP 2 Bottles 29c

6 OZ. HERSHEY
DANTIES 2 For 39c

BEECH-NUT--WRIGLEYS EVERY DAY LOW PRICE
GUM 3 For 10c

SWEET YELLOW
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A FEW NICE SMALL EACH
CHRISTMAS TREES \$1.00

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For Sale, Used Refrigerators, Ranges and Washing Machines--Home Lumber Company.

To give away, cute part Cocker puppies, phone 4222-1002 Garfield.

For Sale building on north side main street, occupied by Flower Shop, 30x90 feet, H. L. Dycus. 14-3tc

5 room house in Sweetwater for sale or will trade for property in Rotan, J. E. Funderburg, phone 8194. 39-tfc

For Sale, Ford tractor, planter, cultivator, tool bar and knives. Sell all for \$750 or separately, call 5044, Rotan. 40-tfc

Sewing Machines--Singer 500 Slantomatic like new. 1962 Dressmaker, sews on buttons, makes buttonholes, fashion designs, assume last * payments of \$6.36. Write Credit Manager 1320 19th, Lubbock.

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Baptist Class Enjoys Christmas Party

The T. E. L. Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas Party Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. C. Denton.

A large silver tree with other Christmas decorations added to the spirit of this party. The dining table interest was a lovely center piece of white velvet Poinsettias with silver balls built around a beautiful candelabra holding nine candles.

Mrs. C. C. Roach, class president, read Christmas story from Luke. Mrs. J. W. House lead in prayer and "Silent Night" was sung by Mrs. J. C. Parks and Mrs. Denton.

There was an exchange of gifts after which refreshments of fruit cake with whip cake topped with cherries, green Christmas tree cookies and hot chocolate was served.

Plate favors were tiny candy canes tied with red ribbon.

Attendance was 100 percent of members with the following enjoying the occasion: Mmes. J. W. House, A. A. Illotson, Sliver, Walter Cave, L. C. J. Cross, Charles Branch, John McCombs, Jim Williamson, J. T. Smith, C. C. Roach, J. C. Parks, Ed Acker, Denton and visitors, Mrs. Vernon Frazier and Mrs. Joe Little.

Mrs. Hal Burrow visited her mother, Mrs. Jack Blevins in Abilene Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill House spent the weekend in Sherman visiting Mrs. House' brother and family, the Dee Bradfords.

Mrs. R. R. Terry visited two days this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox and family in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. James Aaron, Johnny and Joel of Socorro, N. M. came Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Aaron.

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What species of evergreen is best for use as a Christmas tree? Forestry experts and U.S. Department of Agriculture experts say that there is no "all-round" best species.

Here are some facts about the most common species which may be helpful in selecting the right tree for your home:

Balsam fir—once the most commonly used, is now relatively scarce. It has short, flat, dark green needles attached to opposite sides of the limbs in a feather-like arrangement.

Top Tree
Douglas fir—the top commercial tree. It has blue-green or dark yellow-green needles, soft and pliable, attached all the way around the limbs, giving it a bushy, full appearance.

Scotch pine—long needled variety. It has needles which are arranged in clusters on the branches. It holds its needles exceptionally well.

Black spruce—a hardy tree, but has a dark, un-Christmasy color. It is widely used for dyed and treated trees.

White spruce—another hardy, attractive tree, but unfortunately it gives off an unpleasant odor.

Some things to look for in selecting a tree: retention of needles; full symmetrical shape; limbs without sagging; fragrant odor, springy branches.

Tree Customs

The Christmas tree custom was started in the United States by Hessian soldiers fighting with the British Army in 1776. German immigrants who later came to this country continued the custom as they had done in the "old country." Christmas trees were in general use in America by the mid-eighteenth century. The first White House Lawn Christmas tree appeared in 1823, placed there by President Calvin Coolidge.

Mighty Mistletoe

Perhaps the reason that most young ladies do not object, too strongly to paying the penalty for standing beneath the mistletoe stems from an ancient superstition—that the maiden who was not kissed at least one time beneath the mistletoe at Christmas would not be married in the following year. In olden times, a berry was plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss.

Christmas Question

For some reason, most of us have come to look upon the first day of the year as the ideal time for examination of conscience and for the setting up of a new set of ideals. Would not Christmas be a much better time? What better time than Christmas for all of us to ask this question of ourselves: "What am I contributing to my fellow man; to Christianity; and to the world in which I live?"

Payola Scandals Will Have Effect On Business Gifts

Businessmen will give Christmas gifts in greater numbers this year, but the value and suitability of each gift is being examined with greater care, according to the Business Goodwill Advisory Council.

"Extravagant business gifts of the type associated with the 'payola' are on their way out, replaced with modest gifts selected with an eye toward value and good taste." That's the finding of this non-profit research organization supported by gift-conscious sales managers, the business gift industry's two national trade associations and the industry's trade information service.

The average cost of a 1959 business gift was about \$7.50, BGAC reports, down from \$14.00 only five years ago. But, the number of individual gifts is estimated to be running 22% above last year; 110% more than five years ago.

Because of the considerable increase in number of gifts, the sales volume of the business gift industry will be close to \$800,000,000 this year; up from \$253,000,000 last year and \$276,000,000 the year before. And these figures do not include liquor and other gifts purchased through retail stores.

"The 'payola' scandals have alerted businessmen to choose their business gifts with greater care," a spokesman said. "Businessmen are now striving earnestly for tasteful gifts that can be presented in a truly thoughtful manner as honest tokens of appreciation."

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Times Square Hails New Year Arrival

The question of "who's first"—the United States or Russia—gets no argument insofar as the arrival of a New Year is concerned. When the first roar goes up in Times Square, the New Year is eight hours old in Moscow. But, don't fret, Father Time has already served up the New Year to a number of world citizens before he reached Russia.

Actually, New Zealanders, residents of the Chatham Islands, are first to see each New Year. Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and South America follow before the New Year reaches the coast of Maine and makes its leisurely three-hour trip across to California, and two hours more to get to Alaska.

The New Year originates at the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line, near the Chatham Islands. From this point, the line curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

But for us, of course, the New Year begins with the roar in Times Square. Sitting comfortably by TV sets, gathered with our friends, wherever we may be, it is the New Year—and who's to care if it is eight hours old in Moscow, six hours old in Paris, or two hours old in Buenos Aires?

The people who contribute the least to public enterprise are usually the most critical.

Counting Time Man's Problem For Centuries

Time is, as no one can deny, very valuable, so it is not surprising man learned how to count it accurately, down to the minute, even to the second. But, man is not yet, the complete master of time.

The Gregorian Calendar, presented to the world in 1582, brought about the first achievement of any unity on the world time front. But, it took a long time to catch on. England didn't adopt the Gregorian system until 1752, after most other European countries had done so.

Egyptians

The ancient Egyptians devised a fairly accurate calendar, similar to the Gregorian in that it was divided into 12 periods and consisted of 365 days. The difference between the Egyptian method and our present time counting system, however, was that the 12 periods used in Egypt consisted of 30 days each, with the remaining 5 days of the year "tacked on" to the last period, or month, without any provision for leap years.

The purpose of our Leap Years, then, is not to give every girl the chance to catch herself a man. Instead, Leap Years help us keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent. An adjustment is necessary because of the fact that the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. Without Leap Years, we would have to do something with the extra hours.

Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

Even Christmas has caught up with the atomic age. A sign of the times is the increasing demand for Geiger counters as Christmas gifts. Manufacturers say people from all over the country are giving as presents the miracle instrument that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a prospective uranium prospector you can get him one of these radioactivity detection devices at prices ranging from \$24.95 to \$2000. Most popular model, manufacturers say, is about the size of a miniature camera and retails for about \$35.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied as the instruments they buy. They range from housewives with infants in their arms to geologists and hirsute prospectors—as well as business tycoons, clerks, laborers and society women. An amateur uranium prospectors' club in the East, composed entirely of women, is known as the "Geiger Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were mailed all over the United States. One woman telephoned the New York office of a leading manufacturing firm from Florida to order a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas surprise for her husband.



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CHRISTMAS TREE... The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.

Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, cards, ribbons, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum. By using a little imagination, these costs can be kept at a minimum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or shelf paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who fingerprints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings.

White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on the package. Or you can paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card.

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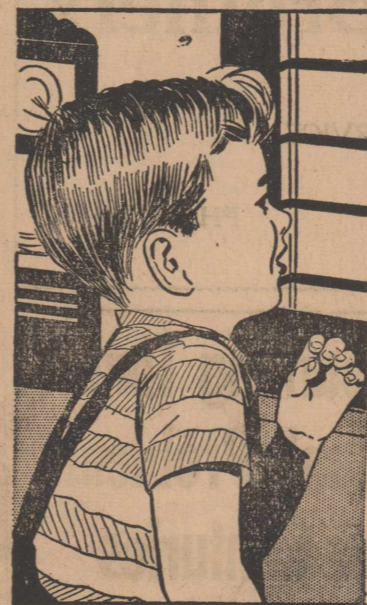


By Shirley Sargent

WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday. Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brothers and I were doing our darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the carolers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me.

But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A little boy gave it back to me along with a grubby kiss and a hug. It



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

It is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas, and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.

So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now, Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion, Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"

"I want a dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wracked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders. "Because we live in an apartment."

Butch choked. "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean, mommy."

Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed."

"If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol. "If I explained . . ."

"No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

Anger Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy.

"Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.

"When are we gonna move?" Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish."

"It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember . . ."

"Yes," for I did. I remembered the disappointments that weren't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we lived. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

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By Joyce Madison

EARL STEPPED OFF the mine lift and took a deep breath of chill December air. Guess a fellow raised on a farm never gets over hankering for fresh air, he thought. He lighted a cigarette and looked out over the city below. It sprawled like a huge Christmas tree, a thing of beauty by night, but drab and colorless by daylight. Butte, Montana—the richest hill on earth—and that hill honey-combed by men carrying away her riches.

Earl started down Excelsior Street and then took a short cut toward his rooming house. Tonight was New Year's Eve and he had a date with Min. His pay envelope was in his pocket. He would pay his room and board and with Min's help would throw the remainder. They would start with a steak dinner and end up somewhere when the dough was gone. That was the way they had spent Christmas Eve, and Christmas day in bed with a headache.

Mom wouldn't approve of throwing the wad the first night. Mom would say Min was not a lady. But Min was a pleasant relief from the mine and the rooming house.

He shared one large room with some dozen other miners, whose silicosis coughs racked the night. The mine, the bar, the bunk—that was his life. Better than the ranch though. The ranch furnished endless drudgery from sun up to sun down. The mine was only for forty hours.

It was a dry winter and he was making good time on the short cut. The gravel path was lost in darkness. His miner's helmet sat cockily on the back of his head as he hurried along, sliding sometimes on the down grade.

Suddenly the path gave way under him and he was falling through space. An old mine shaft! There were plenty of them in Butte. He spread-eagled his arms and they caught solid ground in front, leaving him suspended over the pit. His toes fought for a hold, but the ground was frozen and he could make no impression. He flailed against the wall, his shoes slipping like a spinning tire.

His whole life flashed before him. Happy carefree days of childhood. They seemed carefree now. Perhaps chores were a necessary evil.

Eternal milking, swilling, pitching manure. Chopping holes in the ice for the stock, hauling feed. Never start for town but some of the stock were out and had to be caught. Always something.

SO HE RAN AWAY and came to Butte. Never been back. Three years now. He was a hard rock miner. Friendly Butte? Not to a boy away from home. Forty hours in the mine. Forty in the bars. Forty in the rooming house. What'd he do with the rest of his



Suddenly the path gave way under him and he was falling through space.

time? Always had plenty 'til now. It was running out pretty fast. His arms were getting numb. He would have to let go and then . . .

St. John's bells chimed out the hour. One! Two! Three! Great booming tones. Four! Five! Six!

Six o'clock was winter supper time on the ranch. He could picture his parents sitting at the table. Evening devotions.

A calm settled over his strained nerves and he could think clearly. Since he fell forward into the pit and his arms were resting on the far side, it must be narrow. He kicked behind with one foot and struck earth. He braced himself with both feet, and with a mighty push scrambled over the edge.

Sick from the ordeal, he lay quietly for a long time. Finally he sat up, lighted his miner's lamp and threw the beam into the hole. Then whistled softly and looked about, recognizing the site of a burned gas station. He had been dangling over the grease pit, his feet only a few inches from the bottom.

Suddenly a longing for the ranch and family possessed him. He jumped to his feet and ran down the hill. If he hurried he could catch the bus and be home for New Year.

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The evergreen bough, mistletoe and holly used as Christmas decorations have been associated with ceremony and curious custom for thousands of years.

Ancient Romans raised an evergreen branch at the December festival of Saturnalia, honoring the god of sowing.

Long before the Christian era, Tuetons and Scandinavians held the mistletoe sacred and hung it over their doorways as charms. They also worshipped the oak and their priestly Druids brought in a great Yule log at the feast of the winter solstice and lighted it from a brand of the log of the year before.

In parts of Europe the first trees used for Christmas decorations were dormant branches of fruit trees. They were brought indoors several weeks before Christmas and forced into bloom by Christmas time. Holly, the subject of many superstitions, was also used because its prickly leaves were thought to represent the Saviour's crown and its red berries drops of blood.

In parts of Sicily an olive tree is decorated today with oranges. In some countries flowers are used instead of evergreens, in keeping with a story told all over medieval Europe that on the night of the Nativity the trees of the forest, though cloaked in ice and snow, burst into bloom and bore fruit.

All over the world this Christmas each country will celebrate the occasion in its traditional way.

Children Expect Realistic Toys

Santa's helpers, the toymakers of America, made something like \$900 million worth of toys last year, using up a fabulous supply of plastics, paints and lacquers, adhesives and other new materials developed by industrial chemistry.

Toy consumers—America's precocious children—have come to demand a realism in toys that was unheard of a few years ago. If a youngster gets a toy automobile, it must look like one of the latest styles he sees on the highways, a jet airplane must look like the pictures he sees in magazines. Most little girls won't look a second time at any doll that doesn't cry, walk, have washable hair and a wardrobe that ranges from evening clothes to a bikini bathing suit.

Expected to be big hits among toys this Christmas season are all various types of "do-it-yourself" kits for youngsters of all ages—kits they can use to make practically everything from atomic submarines to 1955 model sports cars. In addition to do-it-yourself packages for advanced children, most manufacturers this year also are furnishing the completely assembled toy for the younger set.

About New Years, Past and Present

The Egyptians were first to develop an "exact" system for measuring time. They developed a calendar about 4,000 B.C. The "beginning," which they estimated according to the Mundane era of Alexander, was set at 5502 B.C.

The Jewish calendar reads 5722, in relation to 1961 A.D. The Jews adopted their calendar in the 15th century.

Use of the notation A.D. was inaugurated by Germany's Charles III, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign beginning in 879.

The month of January takes its name from Janus, a two-faced Roman god supposedly possessed of the power to look back over the past and tell what the future held. He was depicted with key in hand, denoting the ability to open all doors and gateways.

Christopher Columbus is generally considered to have been the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere. Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous meal with two monarchs on the island of Haiti, January 1, 1493, when his ships pulled in for repairs.

In earlier times, the "dipping" custom was believed to offer a glimpse into the future. The head of the family, eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted, was supposed to indicate the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

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The Black Deuce

By W. L. Roper

IT was nearing midnight, New Year's eve and the Macambo in Hollywood was alive with gay, stylishly dressed celebrants.

Suddenly the smile faded from Myra Walton's face. She held out a card toward Bob Bancroft, her publicity man, who was seated at the table with her. "Is this another of your fool publicity stunts?" she demanded.

Bob smiled. "Why, it looks like the deuce of spades. Where'd you get it?"

"A little dark man in a black suit laid it beside my plate when your back was turned. I thought for a minute he was a waiter. But if this is one of your—"

"Cut it, Myra," Bob's voice was a bit edgy. "I didn't have a thing to do with it. Here let me see it."

Inspection

She handed him the card and he studied it closely. "Hey, look," he exclaimed. "There's something scribbled on the face of the card."

Slowly he read: "Chopper Joe, a jungle buzzard, is after your junk. Be careful, Benny."

Bob continued to study the card thoughtfully. "It sounds like some underworld lingo," he said. "I've a notion to step into the office and show it to Detective O'Riley."

Myra's eyes flashed fire. "No,



Bob studied the card. "It looks like some kind of underworld lingo."

you don't. I've had enough embarrassment from publicity. I don't want anything to do with the police."

Mistaken Idea

Bob sighed. "Yeah, I guess you're right. Since I was sitting here at the table with you when a mysterious little dark man handed you this cryptic message, both the cops and the press boys would jump at the conclusion that it was some kind of a screw stunt to get your name in the papers."

Myra smiled, but her hand trembled slightly as she lifted her glass. "Here's to a happy, prosperous New Year," she said.

Bob's roadster was purring along Sunset toward downtown Hollywood, when the big black sedan swung alongside and crowded him to the curb. From the rear window of the sedan protruded the nose of a submachine gun.

"Where's the junk, Sadie?" a deep voice growled. "Talk up. We're in a hurry."

"My name's not Sadie and I don't know what you're talking about," Myra said.

Rescue

On the road behind them sounded a siren. A police car with red lights flashing was approaching. Quickly letting go of her wrist, the man sprang back in the black sedan. It roared away as the police car stopped behind Bob's roadster.

Bob pointed excitedly at the fleeing sedan. "Get that car," he shouted. "They're gangsters. Got a Tommy gun and—"

"Sure, we know," Captain O'Riley replied. "We've just radioed ahead. Did they hurt you? That deuce of spades we found on your table with a warning message scribbled on it sent us out looking for you."

Later at Central police headquarters downtown, O'Riley and the officers on the narcotic detail explained the rest of the mystery.

"Those gorillas in the sedan were after Sadie McCabe Gomez, the gope queen who's been running the stuff between Tia Juana and Hollywood," O'Riley explained. "She tried to make-up to look like you, Miss Walton, and that caused the confusion. Government agents captured Sadie early this evening. She won't be masquerading as you any more for awhile. Why, even that dark guy, Benny, one of her pigeons, who left the warning card at your table, was fooled by the resemblance."

As Myra's dark eyes flashed angrily, O'Riley added: "Neither he nor the gorillas who were after Sadie's stuff had noticed that her eyes are a pale green, not a beautiful brown like yours." He smiled at Myra. She smiled back at him.

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By Shirley Sargent

I'M ELEVEN, it's New Year's Eve and mom has got Gertie Wycoff for our sitter. Imagine! Gertie who's in my very own school, so dumb she's only a grade ahead of me even if she is thirteen. I guess mom's told me a hundred times that we have to have a sitter to take care of Billy, he's only seven, and Marie, who's three and a half, and, most especially, the baby. It's a sure fire cinch I can handle Billy and Marie, but that baby with his diapers and crying all of a sudden—well, Mom's right, he's too much responsibility.

"Course all our regular sitters had dates for tonight so mom was lucky to get anybody. But Gertie! And her telling me to go to bed at 9:30 on New Year's Eve!

I'm not staying in bed, that's for sure; I'm going to see the New Year in! Listen to all the noise I've heard about. All these years, I've been going to sleep and next morning, waking up, like magic, in a new year with a new number.

When Billy wakes up I just whisper in his ear and he pulls that "I want my mommy" scene. Boy, is he ever loud. I burst outta my room like a Boy Scout, when I hear Gertie coming, shouting, "I'll take care of him."

"I'll handle this," she gives me one of her movie magazine stares. "Get back in bed before you catch cold."

So while she's trying to shush Billy, I go downstairs and queer the TV set. Pull out the plug and change the aerial. Time I'm back upstairs, Billy's quiet. I can't figure out how she did it. When she goes downstairs I watch, from the top of the landing, and it takes her 'til almost eleven to get the TV going again.

I'm sorta upset. First Billy fails me and now she's got the TV working. About the time I'm feeling sleepy the baby lets out a wailing cry and Gertie's up the stairs so fast I barely have time to get back in my room. She has a time with him and then can't find the diapers 'cause I hid 'em. And when everything's under control, Marie needs to go to the bathroom. Quick.

BY THAT TIME, it's nearly midnight. Almost time for the New Year to come. I sneak downstairs. And there's Gertie curled up in the wing chair, crying. Finally I ask, "What's the matter?"

She just sobs louder. I ask anxiously, "What's wrong?"

"Just everything." She blows her nose hard and looks at me and what do you know? Most of her lipsticks gone and she looks young and scared. "This is the first time I've ever had a real job and I need the money and I've done everything wrong."

"What do you mean wrong?" All of a sudden I'm worrying about how she made Billy stop crying.

"I had to put Billy in your folks' bed so he'd be still and I couldn't



There's Gertie, curled up in the wing chair, crying.

find a diaper so I put a dish towel on the baby and the television works funny."

"Course I feel sorta shamed, like a heel. "Look," I say as I adjust the knobs on our set until the picture's clear. Time we get back downstairs—from changing the baby into his diapers and putting Billy where he belonged—it was 12:03.

1952! I'd missed the magic moment when 1951 turned into 1952 . . . Don't get me wrong, I never fell for that "little New Year" business anymore'n I believe in Santa Claus. That stuff's for Billy and Marie, but there had to be a magic minute. All I remembered hearing while we were upstairs were some noises like backfire. The TV screen showed a bunch of dopes throwing paper at each other and blowing Halloween horns. That was all. Nothing exciting.

I found a blanket and pillow and put them on the couch for Gertie. And she was smiling, thanking me for helping her. I'm sorry for her. Catch me staying up all hours to take care of three characters just to earn money—no sir.

So I say, "Happy New Year," meaning it, and head for bed. The heck with magic, I'm sleepy. Only I'll never understand about missing that magic minute anymore'n I can figure why Gertie wants to earn money baby sitting when she could mow lawns.

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Miss Whiddon was graduated from public schools of Nebraska and Wesleyan University. She is employed as secretary by Carpenter Paper Co., of Omaha.

Mr. Ray is a graduate of Roby High School. He attended San Angelo Jr. College and exas Tech.

He is stationed at Officer Air Force Base in Omaha.

The couple will exchange wedding vows December 28 at 8 p. m. in St. Paul Methodist Church in Omaha.

Father of the bride will officiate.

New Ways Of Growing Cotton

Dallas-Grampa and his long-earned mule probably would shake their heads in disbelief if they could hear some of the new-fangled ways of growing cotton which will be discussed at a conference here, January 10-11.

The occasion will be the 1963 Beltwide Cotton Production-Mechanization Conference sponsored by the National Cotton Council and other groups. Some 800 persons are expected from across the Belt and the nation.

From leading authorities Grampa could hear such things as:

How a Mississippi farmer has farmed his land for better moisture control, timing of operations, plant growth and weed and insect control

New approaches to fighting the boll weevil, including poisoning the pest just before he goes into hibernation for the winter and sterilizing males to reduce the number of offspring

Importance of row and bed shaped in mechanized cotton production Latest methods and equipment for controlling weeds with chemicals and flame

Ways to get the best possible yields with the least amount of water

New fertilizers which are being investigated by various groups

An evaluation of the use of moistening agents on the spindles of mechanical pickers

How research is investigating the possibility of putting an electrical charge on insecticide particles so more of them will stick to the leaves of cotton plants.

Christian Science Service Sunday

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The great significance of the birth and life of the Master, Christ Jesus, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

Scriptural readings will include the account in Matthew of wise men who followed a star to Bethlehem: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy the following will be read (p. 315): "Jesus' spiritual origin and understanding enabled him to demonstrate the facts of being, -- to prove irrefutably how spiritual Truth destroys material error, heals sickness, and overcomes death. The divine conception of Jesus pointed to this truth and presented an illustration of creation."

The Lesson-Sermon is entitled "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

Visiting with Mrs. Bernice Stockton Sunday was her nephew May- or Jack Strong of Lubbock and son.

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Mrs. Hubert Chance of San Angelo spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

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Alathean Class Has Nice Christmas Party

The Alathean Class of First Baptist Church held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. C. E. Leon. Mrs. C. J. Dalton, president, welcomed all to the social. Christmas carols sung by the group were Joy to the World; O' Little Town of Bethlehem and Silent Night. Prayer was by Rev. Polnac who also read the 2nd chapter of Luke and gave an impressive message. The Christmas story was told by Miss Josie Baird, teacher of the class. Slides of Bible pictures were also shown by Miss Baird.

After the program gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to, Mmes. Ed Darden, C. E. Whitfield, Joe Taggart, J. A. Brown, Hub Taggart, Ruth Denton, J. M. Jackson, W. L. Terrell, Bernice Stockton, J. C. Parks, Gus Simmons, Fletcher Williams, Emmett Cave, Lee Helfner, Florida, P. V. Hale, J. H. Thompson, C. J. Dalton, Ruth McCall, H. F. Grindstaff, Albert, H. W. Goolsby, Rev. and Mrs. Huron Polnac, Miss Josie Baird, Miss Jewel Price, Miss Myrtle Kersh and hostess Mrs. C. E. Leon.

Mrs. H. F. Grindstaff went to Poolville Saturday in response to a message that her double cousin, Mrs. Laura Sharp had died. Mrs. Grindstaff returned home Sunday afternoon after the funeral.

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Mrs. Alvin Nitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Clark had major surgery at Brownfield Monday. Mrs. Clark is with her.

Mrs. Henry Donaldson of ACC visited Mr. and Mrs. Ross Burnes Tuesday.

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Sermon, "The Spirits in Prison."
Wednesday
Ladies' and Children's Classes, 9:00 a. m.
Worship, 7:30 p. m.
The Men's Training Class will not meet on December 25.
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Sue Curry and her roommate of TSU visited Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Curry last weekend.

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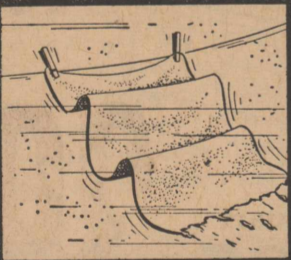
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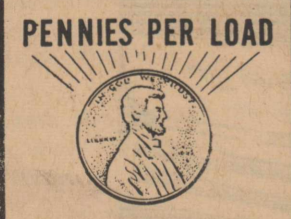
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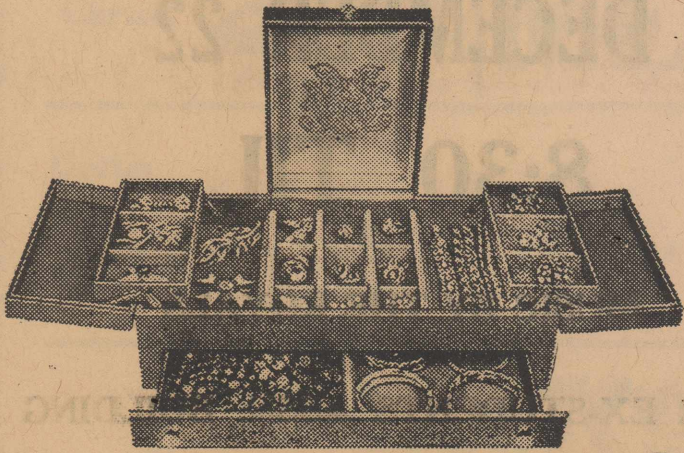


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This is the case that turns itself out to put all your jewelry on view. The lids flip up, the trays glide out, the drawer opens wide. There's lots and lots of room. So if you want to add more jewelry go ahead! Things can't hide or tangle; they have their own compartments. They can't scratch either; the compartments are lined with velvet. Choose from colors that show off your jewels. **LADY BUXTON**

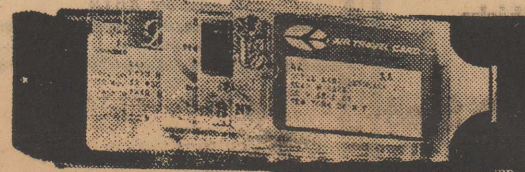
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BLENDERS

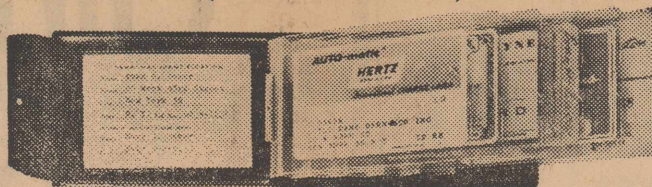


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PULL THE TAB (for an indexed view)



AND FLIP! (to show 6 more cards)



THE ORGANIZER BY LORD BUXTON

Are you an organized organization man? Here's a new kind of billfold for you: it keeps 12 credit and membership cards displayed in orderly, fumble-free view. Great? (It's a great gift, too!) In several leathers and colors, \$0.00 to \$0.00. Prices plus tax.

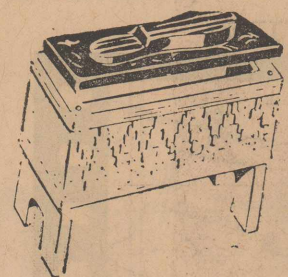
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Scent-i-mental Gifts of Cosmetics

★ FRAGRANT COLOGNES

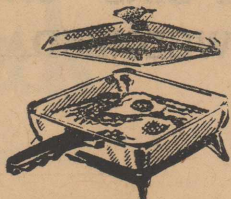


SHOE SHINE KIT



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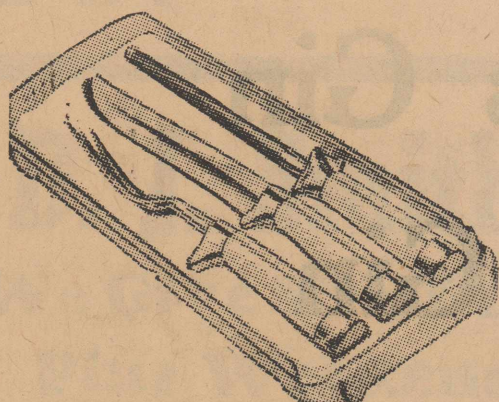
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Sunbeam, Presto, G.E.
APPLIANCE

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LADY SHAVERS

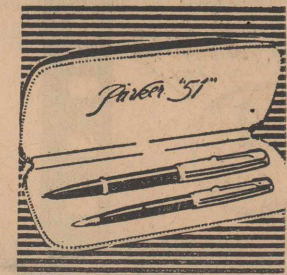
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