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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

Much Progress Seen For 1950

The coming year, 1950, promises great accomplishments for the people of Baird, and for the entire area. All business predictions and reports show the county, state and nation to be in excellent financial condition and during the next year should be even better.

Heading the list in order of importance to Baird will be the completion of a municipal lake, which is well on the way to a good beginning. If the legal steps are taken according to Hoyle, construction should begin within a short time, and before the end of 1950 the lake should be completed. This accomplishment had been looked forward to for many, many years — as long as the water shortage has existed here. The water shortage has been Baird's number one problem as long as most people can remember. Looking back through the old files of the Baird Star, we see where the shortage was present fifty years ago. If 1950 brings about the reality of this project, it will be the greatest year in the history of the town.

Another accomplishment will be the completion of work on the new Highway 80 between Baird and Cisco. The new highway will eliminate numerous death traps in the form of sharp curves, steep hills and narrow bridges. The new road will make this country look like a new dollar, and be ornamental as well as useful.

A number of new places of business are due to spring up along the new highway and the dollars they take in will add up nicely when they are turned in to the channels of business here. These are only a few of the things that show up for progress on the horizon of the new year. They are many other good things in store. All in all it appears that 1950 will be a busy, prosperous season for everyone in this area.

CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H WIN NATIONAL AWARD

Word has been received by the County Agent that the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work has named the Callahan County 4-H Clubs in the blue award group of 4-H clubs participating in the National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts Program. The County 4-H Clubs will receive a \$25.00 award which will be used to purchase recreational equipment for use by 4-H club members. The Eula 4-H Club, which was the outstanding club in the county in this recreation program in 1949, will receive a handsome blue award certificate for having carried on a worthy recreation program during the year. Each member of the club will also be presented with pocket size recognition cards.

The awards in this program are furnished by the United States Rubber Company. The purpose of the program is to assist 4-H members in developing stimulating and cultural and recreational opportunities in their homes and communities. It also makes 4-H programs more attractive and teaches the individual club member to lead recreational activities and to make friends by participating as a member of a recreational group.

The outstanding 4-H recreational event during 1949 was the County 4-H club camp which was held at Cisco Lake. At this camp boys from all parts of the county banded together to take part in many recreational activities and make friends with each other as well as boys from five other counties who were also present at the camp. Other events of great interest during the year were the Picnic by the Eula 4-H clubbers, and the attendance of 4-H club members at the state fair and the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. 4-H club members also attended the District 4-H club encampment at Buchanan Dam and the State 4-H club round-up at College Station during the year.

The success of this program was due to the cooperation of each 4-H club member, the hard work of the individual club officers, and the help and aid given by adults and sponsors of the local 4-H clubs all over the county. Callahan County 4-H club members should feel honored since only two other counties of this area, Coleman and Runnels, received awards of this type.



HAPPY NEW YEAR Everyone

With an old year on its way out and a new one being ushered in its a good time to pause and reflect on the things that are past, and the things that may come to pass. To most Americans 1949 has been a year of prosperity. Tremendous strides have been made during the past year to provide the things Americans demand to uphold a standard of living enjoyed by no other country in the world. Production schedules have been increased on home appliances, automobiles, homes, and countless other necessities that are needed for our American way of life.

Led by American statesmen "peace machinery" has been set in motion to make the world safe from the horrors and devastations of war. In this gigantic campaign of moulding a forever peaceful world every American has had an important part. And as a result, peoples of most

every nation are beginning to realize that democracy is their only hope for happiness and freedom.

Yes, with God's help, America and her people have taken and will continue to take the lead in making every year a Happy New Year.

The future? No one, of course, knows just what is in store. However, it is safe to say that continued efforts will be made by millions of Americans to help young Master New Year go down in history as a defender of peace on earth, and good will to all men. We pray that he will make the year 1950 one of happiness and harmony among all families, nations, and peoples making the world and, yes, our own Callahan county an ever better place in which to live and work.

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CLYDE FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED WITH BANQUET

The Clyde School pep squad was host for the annual football banquet, December 22, honoring the football team and coach, V. R. Leverett. Approximately 100 guests attended.

The theme was the "Rose Bowl" with place cards as miniature football players. Programs were megaphones with C. H. S. written across the front. A miniature football field and goals were placed in the center of all tables which were arranged in a bowl shape.

P. L. Poole acted as toastmaster. Others on the program were: Wayman Pistole, invocation; Jimmy Taylor and Joe Webb, captains; Bailey Johnson, supt., Presentation of trophy; songs by Silas Tucker and Arlie Parker; and a square dance by grammar school pupils.

CRUSADERS CLASS IS ENTERTAINED IN CLYDE

The Crusaders Class of the Methodist Church at Clyde was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Forrester at a party December 22. Mrs. Forrester is class teacher.

Guests packed a box of gifts for the children in the Methodist Orphans Home, Waco. Later they played games of 42.

Attending were Mrs. John Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Woods, Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Tabor, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Brown, and Mrs. Harry Steen, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stevensons and the hosts.

M-Sgt. and Mrs. M. E. Cargal of Wichita Falls visited their parents, Mrs. La Vesta Cargal and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hughes during the Christmas holidays. They arrived in Baird Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakie Dunlap and daughter, Margaret, of South Texas visited relatives here during Christmas.

In "Always Leave Them Laughing" he sings, he dances, he does night club skits and vaudeville routines, he plays a romantic lover and a comic-opera buffoon, he is a mimic and a straight man, a borscht-circuit ham and a Broadway cab driver. He laughs, he weeps, he tears up the screen in tremendous bursts of activity that explains why he's known as "Public Energy No. 1."

Berle has been a showman since he first did a Charlie Chaplin imitation at the age of six. He has had tremendous successes in television, vaudeville and night clubs. He has also appeared in a number of motion pictures, including "Sun Valley Serenade," "Tall, Dark and Handsome" and "Margin For Error."

In his new film Berle plays a small-time comedian who tries to punch his way to the top through sheer aggressiveness. In the process he is afforded full scope for his remarkable range of talents.

Supporting Milton on the staff side are lovely Virginia Mayo, who sings a hilarious number which Berle wrote with Sammy Cahn, and Ruth Roman, whose beauty and dramatic ability have raised her to stardom in little over a year.

Jerry Wade, responsible for such successes as "Johnny Belinda," "Key Largo" and "Task Force" produced "Always Leave Them Laughing" for Warner Bros.

CARD OF THANKS

To all our friends, Dr. R. L. Griggs, and the staff of Callahan County Hospital, who aided us in the recent illness and death of our Sister and Aunt, Miss Sue Hornsby, we most sincerely extend to you our heartfelt thanks. The beautiful floral offerings will always be remembered. Our prayers are that God may bless and keep all of you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hornsby Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hornsby Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hornsby

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanders of Burkburnett were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown.

BTU MEMBERSHIP ARE GUESTS AT PARTY

Members of the Junior Baptist Training Union of Clyde were guests for a Christmas party at the home of their sponsor, Betty Sue Driggers, Dec. 22. She was assisted by the co-sponsor, Mrs. J. W. Rudd.

Games were played and carols sung, then the group went caroling. On their return they were served refreshments. Attending the party were: Robert Kykendall, Larry Sledge, Jerry Swoford, Ted Hays, Leo Dixon, Harold Dean Fleming, Joan Rogers, Mina Gail Bennett, Kenneth Broom, Virgie Nell Rogers, Sue McLaugh, Bobbie Collins.

Alice Ann Collins, Helen Walker, Martha Payne, Roy La Foye, Alton Payne, Janice Abernathy, Mary Grace Walker, Rosa Lee Welker, Lois Rudd, Elizabeth Abernathy, Bertie Lee Vickers, Cleo Dixon.

Jane Walker, Jeanne Judd, Joycelyn Burch, Dee McLaugh, Dianne Sledge, Aurilla Bennett, and Mrs. Cecil Collins, J. C. and Wynelle Driggers, Mrs. Albert Driggers.

DAUGHTER IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis, of Moran, are parent of a daughter, Sharon Lee Ellis, born in Callahan County Hospital at 2:20 p. m., December 23rd. The new arrival weighed seven pounds and one ounce. Both mother and babe are getting along fine.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellis of Moran, and Mr. and Mrs. Faye Edwards of Owensboro, Kentucky. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nordyke of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck White and daughter, Sally of Amarillo were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Farris Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey of the Hart Community, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Perrish of Moran visited Mrs. Sadie Heslep Thursday afternoon.

Betty Lou Smith, and Martha Ann Martin entertained the group with Christmas carols. Martha Ann Martin rendered two piano solos. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, cake and hot chocolate were served the following: Mmes. Hazel Johnson, Mary Kehrer, Ellen McGowen, Mary Holley, Helen Brown, Katherine Hinds, Eva Maudin, Mae Ault, Susie Smith, Ruby Berry, Miss Susie Walker, Miss Myrtle Gunn.

MRS. J. T. LAWRENCE, OF FT. WORTH, HONORED

Colors of red and gold were dominant in party details when Mrs. Fred A. Thompson of Gladewater, Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Mrs. Donald Melton and Mrs. Russell Warren were hostesses for a Christmas coffee Saturday morning, in the home of Mrs. Warren, honoring Mrs. Jim T. Lawrence, of Ft. Worth.

Red candles, holiday green and a lighted tree decorated the reception rooms. The coffee table was laid with a red chintz cloth, and centered with gold decorations around a large red candle.

Invited guests were: Mmes. Fabian Bell, Clark Edwards, Lonnie Ray, Erle Hall, G. H. Tankersley, Ellen G. Fairley, Tee Bauch, Tom Barton, Richard Windham, M. L. Stubblefield, O. B. Pool, Horace Elliott, M. D. McElroy, Bruce Jones, La Vesta Cargal, Farris Bennett, Harold Miller, J. L. Ashlock, Lee Loper, Oscar Stiffler, Harold Ray, C. B. Snyder, Frank Bearden, Haynie Gilliland, Marvin Hunter, Howard Farmer, W. B. Jones, Burl Varner, Jim Reed, H. A. Warren, W. B. Atchison, R. F. Arvin, E. C. Fulton, Ed Sunderman, A. N. Johnson, Bruce Bell, Bill Banks, Johnny Sparks, Fayne Hollingshead, Hugh Ross, L. B. Russell, S. L. McElroy, Ace Hickman, C. M. Peek, Jack Bishop of Denton, Woodfin Ray of Corpus Christi, C. D. Holmes of Austin, Vance Stevenson of Euila, Wendell Jones of Lubbock, Jimmy Settle of Henrietta, Fred Hollingshead of Abilene, Jack Dyer of Ft. Worth, Miss Ruth Dyer, Miss Helen Settle, Miss Betsy Hickman, Miss Burma Warren, Miss Maxine Williams.

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REBEKAH XMAS PARTY The Rebekahs held their annual Christmas party at the hall Monday evening, December 19th. Yvonne Melton, Mary Brown,

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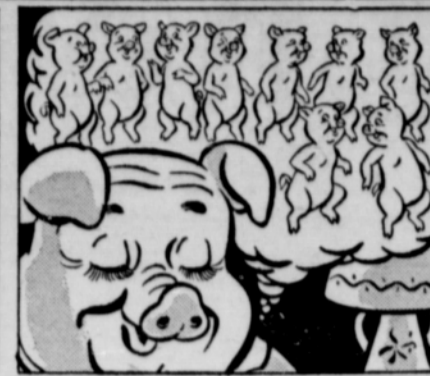
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EULA H. D. CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. A. G. BLACK

Mrs. A. G. Black was hostess for the annual Christmas luncheon of the Eula Home Demonstration Club. Decorations for the Black home were in Christmas motif: Mistletoe, red berries, leaves, and silvered gum drop trees were used. The luncheon was served buffet style from a table laid with lace and centered with a Christmas scene.

The luncheon was also honoring the Eula 4-H girls that achieved their goals for the year. Good pins were presented the girls who made 300 points, silver to the ones making 300 pts. or over. Girls receiving pins were Ann Burleson, Betty Louise Smith, Verna Joe, Clemmer, Roberta Edwards, Frances Jolly, and Wanda Huddleston.

Following the luncheon a Christmas program was presented. Mrs. L. T. Harris led the club in singing Christmas carols. Mrs. N. H. Stephenson gave a group of Christmas readings, Mrs. Dixon Favors brought the devotional. Members all received gifts from a beautiful Christmas tree.

Besides the 4-H girls that were present, the following members were there. Mrs. M. L. Logan, Mrs. M. M. Edwards, Mrs. Dixon Favors, Mrs. Katus Miller, Mrs. L. T. Harris, Mrs. Weidon Edwards, Mrs. P. B. Loving, Mrs. A. L. Barnes, Mrs. Clifford Tarrant, Mrs. Allen Taylor, Mrs. Grayson Miller, Mrs. Evelyn Scott, Mrs. Fred Farmer, Mrs. Reo Joly, Mrs. E. E. Harrison, Mrs. Hilton Tarrant, Mrs. G. M. Smith, Mrs. N. H. Stephenson, Gail Tarrant, Jane Miller, Joe Favors, Weidon Lynn Edwards, and Frake Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Hallmark and children of Dallas spent the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hallmark and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer at Eula.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hinds Friday were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Perdue, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Perdue, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Otto Chance, Cisco; S-Sgt. and Mrs. George Whiteman, Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. S. I. Smith left Friday morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Coppinger in Abilene before going to spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McIntosh.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON AT W. O. WYLLIE HOME

Mrs. W. O. Wyllie, Jr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen were hostesses to a Christmas bridge luncheon at the Wyllie home Monday, Dec. 19.

Party rooms were decorated in the Yuletide theme, highlighted by centerpieces of individual Christmas corsages. The door prize went to Mrs. Farris Bennett and high score prize to Mrs. Lonnie Ray.

Guests were Meses. Ed Sunderman, Bruce Bell, Ralph Snyder, C. B. Snyder, W. B. Jones, Everett Hughes, Fred Cutbirth, H. E. Farmer, Irvin Corn, Fred Heyser, C. H. Siadous, Lea Macdonald, Harold Ray, Clark Edwards, Fabian Bell, Bill Banks, A. N. Johnson, Buster Hatchett, Hugh Ross, Tom Barton, Haynie Gilliland, Marvin Hunter, Vida Hill, Anna Jackson, W. P. Brighwell, C. M. Peek, H. B. Terry, N. A. Waldrop, Lonnie Ray, J. A. Brashear, Farris Bennett, Frank Bearden.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim T. Lawrence of Ft. Worth spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Swinson of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Swinson and little daughter, Sueann, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. George Voigts and son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Swinson of Baird.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Vida Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Billy James and son, Billy Edward of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hill and daughter, Jane, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Barton Carl and daughters, Jane and Cathy of Goree.

Guests of Mrs. S. I. Smith Sunday, December 18, were Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Smith, Jr., and daughter, Sally Ann, of Waxahachie; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Coppinger and son, Don, of Abilene; and A. McIntosh of Putnam.

HEALTH FACTS

Take all deaths among children from 1 to 4 years old caused by the so-called child diseases, and they would total a little more than half the child deaths caused by accidents. Figures released by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas State Department of Health, show accidental deaths in 1948 killed 593 children under 4 years

of age, 218 of them under one year, while the combined deaths from diseases of childhood—scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria, measles, poliomyelitis, and epidemic meningitis—killed only 324 children in the same age group.

The report shows one of every three deaths in the 5-9 year group is accidental; four to ten deaths in the 10-19 age group is accidental and very little decline is noted in that rate through the other age groups under 30. State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "State and local health officials can prevent epidemic diseases, and safeguard food and water supplies, but it is up to the individual citizen to protect himself from untimely death by accident."

According to the report, of 100 accidental deaths, 30 involve motor vehicles, 12 are due to falling or crushing, 5 are due to drowning, and 4 are due to burns. And despite frequent reports of death resulting from "not knowing it was loaded," only 3 of every 100 accidental deaths involve firearms, the Health Department report revealed.

The state health officer pointed out that only diarrhea and enteritis, and pneumonia exceeded accidents as a cause of death in the first four years of life.

"We've made remarkable progress in prolonging life during the last decade," Cox asserted.

WARRENS ENTERTAIN BRIDGE CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Warren entertained their bridge club with a Christmas party at their home Wednesday evening, Dec. 21. Red candles in greenery, mistletoe and a beautifully decorated tree emphasized the Yule theme. Mrs. Bruce Bell won high score and David Webster won second.

A Christmas refreshment plate was served from tables covered with red chintz and centered with Santa Claus.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Gladewater, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Melton, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Settle of Henrietta, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed, Mr. and

Mrs. Bruce Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banks, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton, Miss Ruth Dyer, Miss Helen Settle, David Webster, Rupert Jackson and Randall Jackson.



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PAPER OUT EARLY THIS WEEK

The Baird Star was printed earlier than usual this week and the Star office will be closed until Monday, January 2nd. This is the vacation week for the Star force. In taking off this week we hope we have not inconvenienced anyone. If you have news copy for the paper, we would be glad for you to send it in for next week's Star.

We take this opportunity to wish for you and yours a Happy, Prosperous Year in 1950.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Terrell Williams and Miss Burma Warren were hostesses for The Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club in the home of Mrs. Williams, Wednesday evening, December 21.

Roll call was answered with Bible quotations and Mrs. Jack Ashlock told of "Christmas Customs Of Other Lands." Group singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. C. M. Peek.

Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree. During the social hour, delicious refreshments were served to the following members:

Mrs. Jack Ashlock, Mrs. J. L. Ault, Mrs. Bessie Mae Borden, Miss Edith Bowler, Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Mrs. N. L. Dickey, Mrs. Lee Loper, Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. Margie Ray, Mrs. J. L. Reed, Mrs. G. E. Rockey, Miss Jewel Sims, Mrs. J. V. Thompson, Mrs. Conley Pruitt, Miss Katie Walker, Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, and a guest, Mrs. Rosa Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Denton spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.



M-G-M MUSICAL TO BE NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW

The big news of M-G-M's exhilarating new Technicolor musical, "The Barkleys of Broadway," which will be on view at the Plaza Theatre, on New Year's Eve as a midnight show, is that it reunites the captivating team of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers whose work together in such pictures as "Flying Down to Rio," "The Gay Divorcee" and "Top Hat" give the screen some of its finest song-and-dance productions.

Their reunion picture presents them with a breezy, fast-paced, scintillating comedy romance which gives them plenty of opportunity to show off their undisputed talents as the outstanding dancing partners of this generation.

The story casts them as Josh and Dinah, the Barkleys of the title, and a couple whose married life is as successful as their teaming on the Broadway musical-comedy stage, despite the fact that it vacillates between stormy quarrels and impulsive kisses. It is only when Dinah meets a romantic foreign playwright who encourages her to believe that she is wasting her time in musicals and instead should be modeling her career on that of Sarah Bernhardt that a rift occurs in what had been a happy-go-lucky marital set-up. The undaunted Josh, however, it not without his own resources and before the picture's gala climax he has convinced

his erring wife that her place is not only beside her husband but in the realm of musical comedy rather than the so-called higher arts.

The noted songsmiths, Harry Warren and Ira Gershwin, happily were called in to supply the words and music which fall with ease on your ear as sung by the stars in various stage presentations, while Robert Alton contrived the sparkling dance routines—danced in that wonderful way for which the team of Astaire and Rogers have become famous throughout the world. Among the songs which you will be whistling are "Swing Trot," "Bouncin' the Blues," "My One and Only Highland Fling," "Manhattan Downbeat," "You'd Be So Hard to Replace" and "Week-End in the Country." Astaire has a brilliant solo routine in an ingenious number titled "Shoes With Wings On," and he and Miss Rogers revive the memorable George and Ira Gershwin tune, "They Can't Take That Away From Me," which they sang in an earlier film and which now forms the basis for one of the new musical's outstanding song-and-dance numbers.

An additional musical highlight is pianist Oscar Levant's playing of the popular Khachaturian "Sabre Dance" and Tschalkowsky's "B Flat Minor Concerto," the last with a 100-piece symphony orchestra. The double-talented Levant, incidentally, has one of his most felicitous comedy roles as the blonde-addicted friend of the Barkleys who tries desperately to patch up their differences. Others in a topnotch cast include Billie Burke, Gale Robbins and Jacques Francois, the personable French screen star making his American film debut in the role of the romantic playwright.

"The Barkleys of Broadway" was directed by Charles Walters and was produced by Arthur

Freed. This is the team that gave the screen the highly successful "Easter Parade," and again they have done themselves proud with this superb Astaire-Rogers "welcome back" hit.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1950, same being the second Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing two members of the Board of Directors of said District. Said election will be held at the City Hall, in the City of Baird, in said district, and the following have been appointed officers to hold said election, to-wit: D. J. Anderson, presiding judge; C. E. Andrews, judge; Mrs. S. I. Smith, clerk and Corinne Barringer, clerk. All qualified voters in said District shall have the right to vote in said election.

ROY GILBREATH,
President, Board of Directors,
LEE LOPER
Secretary, Board of Directors
Itc.

Holiday visitors of B. H. Bennett and other relatives were Dr. and Mrs. Morris Bennett and children, Ann and Ben, of Canadian; Mrs. Minto of Lipscomb; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bennett of Valera.

CITY DELIVERY PASSES FIRST HOLIDAY RUSH

With the present holiday season the first encountered since city mail delivery was started in Baird the mail service has been exceptionally good and local people appreciate this fine service even more than ever. Ralph Short has been added to

the number of carriers, taking the business district route. John Towler and J. S. T. Abernathy are the regular carriers. Towns folk had their packages and letters brought right to their doors, and during the Christmas rush, this has been a pleasant time saver for most people here.



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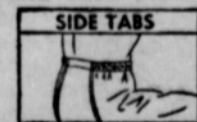
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