

Bears To Play In So. Taylor Turney In Season's Basketball Opener

The Baird Bear basketball team journeys to South Taylor this weekend to engage in a tournament, which started on Thursday and ends on Saturday. It promises to provide some exciting basketball. Baird

plays Wylie Friday at 8:45 p.m. The entrees are: Blackwell, Winters, South Taylor, Lawn, Eula "B", South Taylor "B", Baird, Wylie, Norton and Albany.

Baird has a full roster this year. The team is in good condition and ready for an exciting season. The roster is:

Robert Corn, John Bullock, Alex Shockley, Bill Gorman, David Cummins, Howard Dickson, Tommy Roots, George Jones, Paul Jones, Bobby Poe, Jim Higgins, J. E. Bullock, Floyd Woods, Donny West, Johnny West, Charles Lawrence, Ray Lawrence, Lonnie Lawrence, Curtis Alphin, Fain McWilliams, Bobby Joy, Alton Payne, and Bo Ault.

Baird journeys to Cross Plains on Tuesday of next week and to Scranton on Thursday. Be sure and come.

Coaches Choose All-District Teams

The coaches of District 8-B met on Monday night in Baird to select the All-District teams of 1952. The teams are as follows:

First Team

Pringle, Clyde End; McCoy, Moran, End; Snodgrass, South Taylor, Tackle; Johnson, Clyde, Tackle; Tedford, Clyde, Guard; Harbor, Moran, Guard; Bailey, Clyde, Center; Bennett, Moran, Back; McMillan, South Taylor, Back; Hines, Clyde, Back; Bullock, Baird, Back.

Second Team

Turner, Strawn, End; J. West, Baird, End; Blackstock, Moran, Tackle; Meadows, Baird, Tackle; Haile, Baird, Guard; Swafford, Clyde, Guard; Tucker, Carbon, Center; Rachel, South Taylor, Back; Hawk, Clyde, Back; Higgins, Baird, Rankin, South Taylor, and Goron, tied for Backs.

SWEET 'N SOUR

By A. DILL

This is the nicest time of year of all—Christmas time, we mean. The weather doesn't matter at all, wet or dry, warm or cold—Christmas makes its own weather, and you hardly notice it at all, you're so full of the magic that's taking place all around you—windows and doorways blooming with colored lights, strings of them across the street, and everywhere people busy just being happy. There is no other time in the year exactly like Christmas. And while we're at it, let's remind ourselves to keep Christ in Christmas. After all, it's His Birthday we celebrate, so renew the old tradition of a manger scene under your tree or on your mantel.

Nell Gilbreath Gobles has a beautiful Christmas window in her home—the visit of the three Kings done superbly in color. Mrs. Gobles, who is a very talented young lady, did the painting herself.

The Ray Black's have a wonderful Christmas yard and window—there's a jolly old Santa Claus and a fat little snowman. Also a lighted tree and garlands of lights around the window. It's well worth your time to drive by and see it.

Young Byron Snyder has a very artistic doorway at his home—the entire door is covered and a huge Santa Claus is attached.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash have an attractive doorway which uses a candy cane, holly, and bells as a motif, with a background of red.

And you should see Johnny Bowlin's house—a picture window frames a lovely tree while twinkling multi-colored lights outline the porch. We think John was the artist in this case, but he was probably supervised by little John.

Tiny Debby Hass has a Christmas tree in her window—it has lots of lights and Debby likes the red ones best.

Dusty David Young has a tree at his house, too, and it's a very pretty one.

And, oh yes, our Linda has a tree. In fact, it's been up since Thanksgiving, and I think the house decorations got underway somewhere around Hallowe'en, but after all, there's nothing like a good early start, is there?

Shop windows in town are very pretty this year, too—have you seen the lovely windows at Mayfield's? They are beautifully done and in excellent taste.

McElroy's Dry Goods have attractive windows—as they always do.

Boydston's Hardware has exceptionally nice windows and doubly so because they appeal to the small fry.

And before we take leave of you this week, let us remind you that there will be a familiar car in town in a few days—the Bloodmobile. If you have some fighting blood, here's where you can put it to work, for every drop of blood you give goes to save the lives of servicemen in Korea. Remember the old fellow who was a bit too old to carry a gun, but who donated a pint of blood to fighting men because "darned if his country was going into a scrap without him." Our quota is one hundred and fifty pints of blood—can we meet that call? Or rather, can we afford to fail it? Someone's life depends on you.

(By the way, birthday greetings to Robert Martin and Carlton Jones, who were eight years old last week and gave a party for the entire second grade. Greetings, too, to Jonny Lane Spaulding, who had one candle on his cake Monday.

Football District Officers Named

The executive committee of football district 8-B met in the Baird High School Monday afternoon, December 8 and re-elected Superintendent K. N. Rowland, Baird, as chairman for a third term. Superintendent Charles Gibbs of Gorman was elected secretary of the group.

Notable among business items transacted was the decision to charge the same prices for admissions to next year's games as has been charged in the past—50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students.

Another decision made by the executive committee was that in case of a tie at season's end, the two schools involved would play off the tie, but should there be a three-way tie the winner will be declared by ballot vote.

NURSERY SCHOOL TO PRESENT XMAS PROGRAM

Mrs. Sidney Foy will present her nursery school pupils in their annual Christmas program, Thursday evening, December 18, 7:15 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Baird Quarterback Club will sponsor the showing of the Baird-Melvin Bi-District game Monday, December 15, at 8 p.m. at the grammar school. Everyone in Callahan County is invited.

The Caperton brothers feel at home in Baird since both are married to Baird girls. Mrs. Bill Caperton is the former Lucille Hale while Mrs. Wallace Caperton is the former Maona Bullard.

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New Styling Seen On 1953 Ford Models Showing at Rockey Motor

The 1953 Ford—marking the 50th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company—will go on display in 6400 Ford dealerships across the country Friday, December 12. They can be seen today at Rockey Motor Co. showrooms. The new models will be introduced without any increase in present prices.

A massive new grille with a center spinner characteristic of recent Ford design and a low, road-hugging look, advance the modern Ford styling. And an outstanding improvement in suspension, termed the "miracle ride," heads a list of mechanical improvements.

L. D. Crusoe, vice president of Ford Motor Company and general manager of Ford Division, said: "The 1953 Ford is a worthy successor to all the millions of cars this company has built since the late Henry Ford organized it in June, 1903."

"The swing to Ford this past year is the result of only one thing—the great public appeal of our product. And the 1953 Ford has all the features of the current model plus new beauty, comfort, performance and quality throughout."

To designate the 1953 Ford as the 50th Anniversary car, a medallion has been placed on the top of the steering column in combination with a new half-circle horn ring. Around the Ford crest in the center of the

YOUR GIFT TO HUMANITY

Ten thousand miles away there are ten million persons for whom Christmas Day will dawn bleak and cold. They are the orphans, the homeless refugees, the sick and destitute of South Korea—the tragic total of those in urgent need of relief assistance this third winter of war, according to latest reports from CARE's representative in that devastated land.

Distant though they be in miles, the fate of those ten million war victims is of real and close concern to each of us. As close as our prayers for the safety of loved ones on that far-off battlefield. As real as our persistent faith in a future that will bring "peace on earth, good-will to all men."

No gift that glitters under the Christmas tree of a comfortable American home can match the heart-felt gratitude, the dazzling reassurance that a CARE of food . . . of blankets . . . of fabrics for warm clothes . . . will bring to a hungry Korean child, to shivering men and women. Your contribution to the Korean Program, CARE, 20 Broad St., New York 5, N. Y., or any local CARE office, means that a special \$10 or \$7 Korean food or textile package can be delivered to those who need help most. You can send a gift to the needy in any of the many countries CARE reaches, of course. But above all, this holiday season, remember the people of South Korea. Let CARE bring them your Yuletide message of hope and brotherhood.



Callahan Due Shallow Test

W. W. Sawyer, Cisco, spotted No. 1 G. E. Cavanaugh as a Callahan County wildcat.

Drillsite is five miles southwest of Cross Plains, 330 feet from the north and 600 feet from the east lines of Section 50, Coman CSL Survey. Contracted for 1,000 feet with cable tools, location is on a 100 acre lease.

Cities Production Corp. spotted No. 1-M Johnson in the Opalin Gray Sand Field, one and one-half miles southeast of Opalin.

It will be drilled as a southwest offset to the discovery for the field. Site for No. 1-M Johnson is 467 feet from the north and 1,395 feet from the east lines of the south half in A. J. Baird Survey 378, and on a 355-acre lease. Contract depth is 3,700 feet with rotary.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen attended a meeting of the Seventeenth District Dental Society at the Wooten Hotel in Abilene, Saturday, December 6. The program for the afternoon and evening sessions consisted mostly of the singing of Christmas carols, led by Dr. and Mrs. John Hamblen of Snyder. A dinner for the doctors and their wives was held at the hotel immediately after the evening session, climaxized by a Christmas story told by Mrs. M. C. McGowen.

Ford continues to feature center-fill fueling with the gasoline cap concealed behind the license plate, easier steering, push button door handles and rotary latches and extra large luggage compartment.

Ford front seats have automatic posture control, including non-sag springs covered with a thick foam rubber seat pad and seat track mechanism for fore and aft adjustment of 4.1 inches. During this adjustment the seat cushion rises one-half inch while the seat back tilts forward 1.8 inches to properly accommodate shorter drivers in the extreme forward position. Rear seats in all models also are covered with a cushion of foam rubber.

Additional features offered in the 1953 Ford are: check straps which hold the front doors either two-thirds or wide open; all Mainline sedans and coupes equipped with 6.70 x 15 tires as standard equipment; new jet-

The massive new grille of the 1953 Ford features a center spinner characteristic of Ford design and a low, road-hugging look which advances the trend in car styling Ford first introduced five years ago. Oblong parking lights are set low to enable the streamlined center bar to wrap around the front fenders and add to the lower, wider appearance.

and plastic sealed. As in 1952, the clutch and brake pedals are suspended from above to do away with dusty, drafty floor holes, keep the brake cylinder away from road mud and dust, and provide unobstructed floor space for the driver.

Clear safety glass is standard in the large, one-piece windshield, the curved, car-wide rear window and on the large side windows of the 1953 Ford. As optional equipment at extra cost, Ford I-REST, soft green tinted safety glass is available. This glass effectively cuts glare from the sun's rays and from oncoming headlights.

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wing hood ornament and new oblong parking lights; and new one-piece, wrap-around rear window in the Victorias.

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The common lilac which bears pink-purple flowers is a native of Persia.

Ermine is used in ornamenting the official robes of Kings, nobles and judges.

The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, December 12, 1952

Callahan County Christmas Seal Sale Now At Half-Way Mark, Chairman Declares

Christmas Seal contributions to fight the spread of tuberculosis in Callahan County totaled \$891.00 as the campaign reached the half-way mark, Mrs. C. H. Siadous, county Christmas Seal Sale chairman, announced today.

The minimum, needed to continue the Callahan County Association's project, aimed at eventually wiping out the costly, communicable disease, has not been reached, but Mrs. Siadous expressed the hope that it would be in the last half of the campaign. The seal sale will continue until December 25.

Mrs. Siadous explained the 80 per cent of every dollar contributed by County residents is used to support the Association's program in the area. 20 per cent goes to the State Association, which forwards 6 per cent to the National Tuberculosis Association, with which both the state and local associations are affiliated.

Nature's Notes



By

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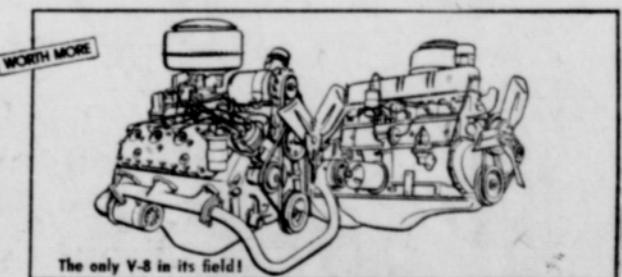
With 41 "Worth More" features, it's worth more when you buy it...worth more when you sell it!

Search no more: the car that exceeds your every driving need is making its bow at your Ford Dealer's!

Those of you who have owned Fords in recent years have a hint of the many ways in which this new 1953 Ford sets an entirely new standard for the American Road.

In this new Ford you'll find a new Miracle Ride that sets a new standard of smooth, quiet comfort on level highways or roughest byways. You'll find the easy handling and great visibility you need for today's fast-moving traffic . . . the "Go" to master today's long-distance driving.

See this Ford . . . Value Check its 41 "Worth More" features . . . and Test Drive it. You'll see why this new standard-setting car is worth more when you buy it . . . worth more when you sell it.



CHOICE OF V-8 OR SIX ENGINES—Ford's 110-h.p. high-compression Strato-Star V-8 has a partner for thrifty "Go" in the 101-h.p. low-friction, high-compression Mileage Maker Six—only modern Six in its field.



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Key-Release Deck Lid opens automatically on counterbalancing hinges when you turn key. Note big trunk space! Ford's hood is counterbalanced, too!



Full-Circle Visibility gives you an unobstructed view of the road . . . and all the scenery. I-REST tinted safety glass makes driving easier on your eyes.



Center-Fill Fueling prevents hose marks on the finish of your car. No gas spill on fenders. Short gas filler pipe gives you trunk space for an extra suitcase.



Power-Pivot Pedals, suspended from above, operate more easily, eliminate dusty, drafty floor holes, make foot space of the entire floor space.



Automatic Power Pilot saves you money because it gives you high-compression "Go" with regular gas. An economy feature on both V-8 and Six.

SEE IT... VALUE-CHECK IT... TEST DRIVE IT!

'53 Ford on Display Now

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Baird, Texas

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FEEDING A BIG FAMILY

In 1950 each American farmer produced enough to feed and clothe 28 people. By 1975, each farmer will be producing enough to feed and clothe twice as many. This points up a development with implications as far-reaching as the harnessing of atomic energy. Until recently, historically speaking, the human race, like our friends of the animal world, spent almost all of its time at the sheer physical task of scratching enough to eat out of the forests, streams and soil. For thousands of years famine stalked the world while 95 per cent of the people were engaged exclusively in raising the food to keep themselves and the other five per cent alive.

An agricultural revolution in the new world changed this grim picture within the space of a few years. America's vast expanse of land demanded unheard-of tools. Soon a parade of remarkable devices to help draw forth the products of the soil in unprecedented abundance followed pioneer settlers westward. One historian has pointed out that the invention of a single small mechanism, the automatic knoter, which did away with hand tying of bundles of grain as they were harvested exerted a more profound influence on the world's economy than any other of man's technical accomplishments, save possibly the locomotive.

At any rate the westward migration of the 1800's was paced by the growth of a great new industry—farm equipment. Today that industry enables agriculture to meet the heavy demands of an expanding population with an ease that would have confounded our ancestors of a century ago.

OIL CRISIS PREVENTED

Secretary of the Interior Chapman recently paid high praise to the oil industry for its work in meeting all military and civilian needs during the past two years, with special stress on the emergency plan under which American oil companies operating abroad voluntarily worked hand in hand with the government to help offset the shortage caused by the shutdown of Iranian production.

He said, "The direction of those millions of barrels to points of need, plus the effective expansion in free-world tanker capacity made possible by reroutings under the plan of action, contributed heavily to the salvation of the free world's defenses."

Mr. Chapman here gave fully-deserved credit to a difficult and extremely important undertaking—the kind of undertaking which is characteristic of our oil industry in both its domestic and foreign operations. And his words come as a refreshing contrast to those of others in the government who have been making all kinds of unsubstantiated charges against the oil industry, including the charge that the companies with foreign interests are part of a world-wide cartel which has attempted to restrict production and to force up prices. So far as the thinking public is concerned, the oil industry's record of service to the anti-communist nations at a time when abundant oil supplies lie at the very heart of the Western defense system is its best defense.

In any event, American oil companies, at a heavy cost in money and work, faced the threatened crisis and prevented it. The whole free world is the stronger as a result.

THE PRESS AND THE RAILROADS

More and more American newspapers have been editorially urging that our system of transportation regulation be thoroughly revised, that obsolete laws be consigned to oblivion, and that new laws based on existing facts be written to replace them.

For example, the Philadelphia Daily News recently said, "The railroads today are regulated under the laws creating the Interstate Commerce Commission and the various state utility commissions. Many of the regulations adopted 65 years ago still control them. . . . In addition, all other forms of transportation—enjoy government subsidies, which the railroads do not. . . . The railroads . . . are entitled, not to preferential treatment, but to plain, simple justice in their efforts to continue serving the nation."

At about the same time the Boston American said, "The railroads are obstructed almost to the point of ruin by antiquated rules which boost their operational costs and impose unwarranted burdens on all business and industrial establishments. . . . In the interest of the country's normal growth and expansion, both the national and state law-making bodies should view the railroads as they are in this year of 1952, not as they were back at the turn of the century."

The Hartford Times said, also at about the same time, "The time has come for the railroads . . . to be freed from some of the more burdensome restrictions, regulations and governmental red tape. . . . If this can be accomplished, the railroads can cut their costs, give better service, and earn reasonable profits in competition with other forms of transportation."

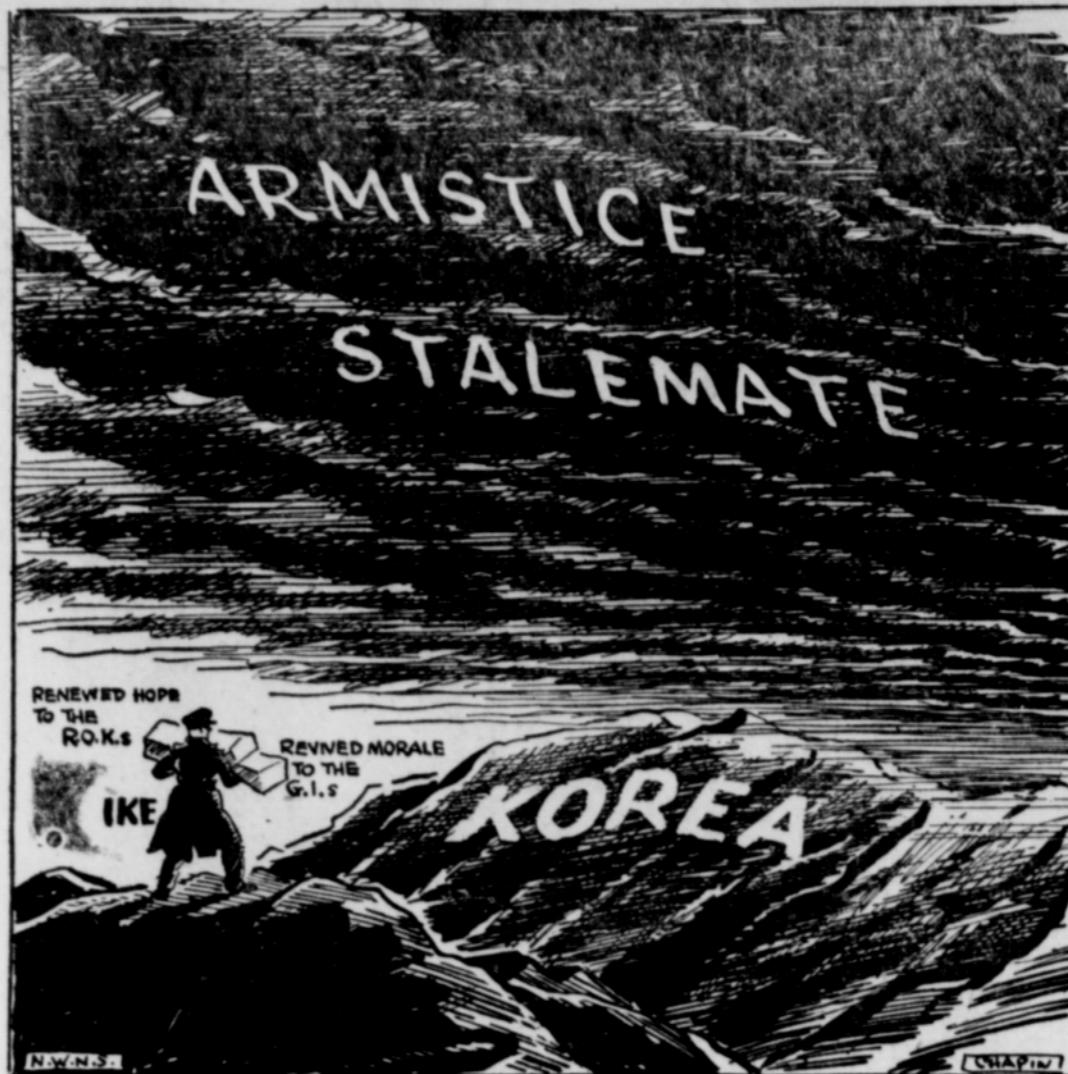
Many similar editorial views could be quoted. The country's newspaper know how vitally important fair and equitable regulation of all kinds of transportation is to the national welfare and the national security alike.

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Firestone Company Challenges 4-H

CHICAGO—National 4-H Club Congress—The urgent need for greater land conservation activity was presented as a challenge to 1800 4-H Club members and leaders today at their annual Congress in Chicago by Raymond C. Firestone, Vice-President of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

Following announcement of the names of the 16 winners of the Firestone college scholarships for outstanding contributions to National Soil and Water Conservation, Mr. Firestone pointed out that every week there is no increase in the amount of land available for growing food.

The decline of Timgad, once the granary of the Roman Empire, was cited by Mr. Firestone as a grim warning that a city

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"Let us, above all, be humble and keep our love of God."

Preservation of inherited principles, as well as land, was called for by Mr. Firestone:

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"Let us always recognize and respect the right of a man to work and grow according to his own ambitions and abilities.

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Attending Thanksgiving dinner in the W. O. Wyile, Jr., home November 25, were Mrs. Irene Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. Henry McGowen and children of Abilene, Mrs. John McGowen, Mrs. W. O. Wyile, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. H. B. Terry, Jr., and son, Homer, of Baird, and the hosts. A second Thanksgiving dinner was given in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thaxton McGowen in Fort Worth, Sunday, November 28, with the above named guests attending.

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Former Sheriff Pays Courtesy Call Here

C. R. Nordyke, former Sheriff of Callahan County, has received the following letter from the Texas Department of Public Safety: "Mr. C. R. Nordyke, Texas Ranger, Brownwood, Texas. Dear Friend: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you a certificate for meritorious service that you have given the Texas Department of Public Safety over this period of ten years.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is the top organization of its kind in the world, and it has been made so by the splendid service that is being rendered by such employees as you.

I want to thank you for this splendid service and cooperation, and I am looking forward to issuing you a second certificate in another ten years.

With kindest personal regards, I am sincerely yours, Homer Garrison, Jr., Director."

The Certificate read as follows: "Texas Department of Public Safety — This is to certify that C. R. Nordyke who became a member of the Texas Department of Public Safety on the 1st day of December 1942, has for 10 years served the State of Texas faithfully and well. In recognition of this long and meritorious service, this certificate is awarded." (Seal) Signed, Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Nordyke started in Putnam as Deputy Sheriff on January 1, 1931. He served in this capacity for eight years. He was elected Sheriff of Callahan County in 1938, serving three terms.

Mr. Nordyke resigned the office of Sheriff, December 1, 1942 and became a Texas Ranger, serving in Austin, San Angelo, and going to Brownwood in 1944, where he is now living.

Mr. Nordyke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nordyke of Baird.

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Mr. and Mrs. Plowman Feted With Dinner

Gold was used in decorations for the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Plowman, when their children, Mrs. Floyd W. Hughes, Mrs. Earl Tompkins and Mr. Sam Plowman, surprised them with a turkey dinner, Sunday, November 30, the occasion being the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Plowman.

Covering the dining table was an elaborate linen cloth which was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Plowman by their grandson in Guam. The center piece was of gold mums; gold candles burned in gold candelabra.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Hughes, Mrs. Earl Tompkins and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Plowman, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Plowman, and the honorees.

Mr. and Mrs. Plowman were presented gold wedding bands by their children.

O. F. Garden Club Entertained By Mrs. Bob Warren

The Old Fashioned Garden Club met December 9, at the home of Mrs. Bob Warren, with Mrs. Hubert Ross as hostess. The call was "Christmas Ideas."

Mrs. C. Z. Anderson gave a report of the demonstration of Christmas door decorations and table arrangements that was given by Dorothy Biddle at Beckenridge.

After a few Christmas poems by Mrs. Ross, a Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed, followed by a social hour.



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P.-T.A. Will Meet Tuesday Night

P.-T.A. will meet Tuesday night, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

Carolyn Nichols will give the devotional.

The 3rd grade students, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Hubert Ross, will present a play, "Mother Hubbard's Christmas."

Bro. Merle King will talk on "Faith In Our Schools."

NOTICE—If you failed to get your pie plate after the Holloween Carnival, go by the Home Making room and check with Mrs. Ellis.

Estelle Freeland Girls' Auxiliary

The Estelle Freeland Girls' Auxiliary met at the First Baptist Church Monday, December 8, at 4:15 p.m.

The group sang a selection of Christmas carols after which a Missionary program was enjoyed by Jenice Brown, Janice Abernathy, Elizabeth Abernathy, Vi Doris Robeson, Toby Barton, Dorothy Schaefferina, Jane Davis, Martha Payne and Mrs. Cheff.

Several new officers were elected and a Christmas party was planned. Before dismissal the parts for the next program were distributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ross and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mayes and son, Gary, of Pampa, Texas, during the Thanksgiving holidays. Dwight Mayes has been transferred to the Pampa office of the Continental Supply Co. They reside at 314 N. Warren St., Pampa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jones and daughter of Abilene visited Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Meredith last weekend.

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If its Christmas spirit you're looking for, you need only make a visit to the Baird Grade School—it's there, and in large doses, too.

Sibby Myers' First Grade students are getting ready for Santa Claus—you should have seen a Christmas stocking picture that I saw—painted by Peggy Payne, and she did a fine job, too. We just bet Santa Claus is good to boys and girls who have studied as well all year as the First Graders have—and maybe he'll leave something for teacher, too.

Gee Whiz—you oughta' see the Second Grade room. It twinkles and sparkles like a Christmas tree—there are Angels, and Santa Clauses, and a little of everything here. Second Graders are doing fine in school work, too.

Miss Grimes' Fourth Grade—well, that's about the nicest

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room you'll find anywhere. We're speaking from first hand experience, too, for we've had the privilege of helping with art work there this week. No wonder their teacher loves them—the children work well together, are happy, extremely good youngsters, and it's a pleasure to be with them, and their teacher. We'll tell you more about the room next week when it's all complete.

Mrs. Lucille Hall's room is getting into Holiday dress and the children are writing to old Santa Claus to remind him that learning the multiplication tables as well as they have deserves something extra special.

Mrs. Gladys Webster's Sixth Grade is getting ready for its Christmas activities. Poinsettias will bloom all over the class room and it will be beautiful.

Seventh Graders have been

using off periods and recess to

clean their room from tip to toe

—windows shine, book shelves

are spotless, and the place is

very ship shape—next week

they'll decorate and their teach-

er, Mrs. Ivy, is quite sure that if

she sits still long enough, they'll

have her decked with holly and

tinsel, too. Seventh Graders,

the way, have started a "Golden

Deed" Club—each day they scan

the news for items describing

acts of kindness on someone's

past, and these clippings are

tacked to the bulletin boards.

Perhaps enough clubs like this

will convince city papers of a

truth small town papers have

always known—that good things

should have the publicity that is

sometimes reserved for the sor-

dids.

Mrs. Hubert Ross' Third Grade

certainly looks like Santa Claus

is just around the corner. Ron-

nie Ault showed us the Christ-

mas packages the class had

painted and there were some

beautiful little Christmas trees

around the tack board.

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Miss Zelda Price Weds Paul Dugan

Miss Zelda Price became the bride of Paul Dugan in a double ring ceremony in Portales, New Mexico, Friday evening, December 18.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Price of Baird. She is a graduate of Baird High School, and is an employee of the Russell-Surlee Abstract Company.

Mr. Dugan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dugan of Clyde. He has been employed by the Western Electric Company, Abilene. Mr. Dugan was inducted into the United States Army, Monday, December 8.

Mr. Dugan will live at the Ebert Apartments.

C. R. Nordyke, former law officer of Baird, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nordyke, on Monday while here on business.

Renew your subscription today!

Auxiliary Sends Gifts To Vets

The Legion Auxiliary of Baird met in the home of Mrs. Lula Snyder, president, November 18, when the Gift Shop boxes were packed for the veterans hospital at Waco, Texas.

Each year all auxiliary units send gifts for the disabled veterans to select gifts to send home to their families.

The Baird Auxiliary sent 78 gifts which consisted of children's story books, dolls, and wearing apparel, many pairs of lovely pillow cases, aprons, towels, costume jewelry, cosmetics, Christmas cards and other articles.

The Auxiliary appreciates the many gifts sent which filled two large boxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Monsey and family of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Haile.

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LOST—Red, bald-faced heifer calf, about 450 pounds. Finder inform V. L. Chatham, Box 892, Baird.

50-1-p

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FOR SALE — Acorn kitchen range. Good condition, nearly new. See John Bowles at Bowles Lumber Co.

47-tf-c

FOR SALE — 4-rooms and bath. Corner lot. See Lowell Boyd.

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FOR SALE — 6½ acres, 2½ miles west of Baird on old highway. Good place to build a home. Some improvements. A well of water, house and chicken house. Contact Mart Pindexter, Route 1, Baird.

50-2-p

Texas O.I.I.C. Has New Chairman

DALLAS—G. R. Bryant, a Kentuckian who moved to the southwest two years ago to become chief executive for The Texas Company in this part of the nation, Monday became Texas chairman of the Oil Industry Information Committee.

The Houston oil company vice-president and other oil men from large and small companies in six Gulf-Southwest states took new posts in petroleum public relations program at a meeting here in the Baker Hotel. It was presided over by R. J. Diwoky, executive vice president of the Pan-Am Southern Corp., New Orleans, and new OIIC chairman for the six-state Gulf-Southwest district including Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and New Mexico in addition to Texas.

Diwoky said Bryant as Texas OIIC chairman would have jurisdiction over 331 community committees grouped in 15 geographic areas.

The Texas Company man came up through the refining segment of the oil industry and spent his college days, before and after World War I, at University of Missouri and Colorado School of Mines. He entered Texas Company service in 1937 after having been with an Illinois refinery for 17 years. Bryant, a Paducah, Ky., native, is married and has three children.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Jeter of Abilene were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scroggins last Sunday.

All-Star Cast Scores in "Plymouth Adventure" MGM's Thrilling Story of Perilous Voyage

One of the most thrilling sea adventures ever brought to the screen, the perilous voyage of the Mayflower in 1620 from Plymouth, England, to the New World, is unfolded in "Plymouth Adventure," M-G-M's spectacular, star-studded Technicolor production at the RIO Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Here, for the first time we have a pictorial close-up and a vivid insight into the minds and spirit of the 102 men and women who risked the dangers of a 66-day voyage against the winter Atlantic in a small, overcrowded

sailing ship. They comprised religious dissenters, farmers, tradesmen, bondsmen and fugitives, each with a compelling reason for seeking a new land. Among them were John Alden (Van Johnson), a young carpenter; William Bradford (Leo Genn), a religious zealot, and his young wife Dorothy (Gene Tierney); William Brewster (Barry Jones), a fugitive wanted for publishing dissenting pamphlets; the Mullins family, with their pretty daughter, Priscilla (Dawn Adams). And responsible for their safety was the surly captain of the Mayflower, Christopher Jones (Spencer Tracy).

As the Mayflower battles its way through one of the most horrendous storms ever pictured on the screen, the reactions of its passengers and crew are brought to light in broad dramatic strokes. The carpenter, John Alden, saves the floundering ship by quick-witted and ingenious device for shoring up a cracked crossbeam. William Bradford is washed overboard and is saved by the captain's alertness and courage. The passengers face sickness and shortage of food, fresh water and fuel. A child dies—another is born. Dorothy Bradford finds herself drawn to the magnetic attraction of Captain Jones.

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Dear Santa Claus,

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Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas, I would like a gun and holster, a cowboy hat, and I would like some spurs.

Your friend,
Charles Anderson

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa

I have been a pretty good boy.

Will you please send me a tricycle, truck, and some candy.

Don't forget my little friends.

Love,
Eddie Glen Curtis

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa

I have been a pretty good girl, I want a doll name Baby Blue Eyes.

Please remember my playmates at school. They have been good to me, and I want some clothes to.

Love to you
Carolyn Vernita Shelton

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good girl this year and I hope you will bring me a Doll and Doll Buggy—Doll Bed and a Bicycle.

Please Santa, don't forget all my friends. Do give them what they want.

Lovingly,
Alice Scott

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa

Please bring me a Bubbles Doll and some more toys for Christmas.

Please be good to all my little friends and I hope all children get lots of toys for Christmas.

Thank you,
Mary Joe Thompson

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a seven year old boy. My name is Arles Gill. I want a Ring and bugg toy switchboard and I want plastic bubble gum bank and I want a doll house. I want a large toy nurse kit. I want Plastic Doctor Kit. I want Plastic Nurse Kit. Doll and Feeder set. Sunday Best plamate. Bride plamate Cotillion plamate. Dolls from every country.

Your friend
Arles Gill

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a eight year old girl. My name is Pearl Gill. I want the magic skin dolls and I want a Big Piano and a Nurse Set.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am 8 years old. For Christmas I would like a Chignon doll, a doll bed an electric iron and a ironing board so I can iron my doll clothes, and a bicycle, and a lot of doll clothes for my doll, and one little kitten. That is all I want.

Your friend,
Judy Anderson

Baird, Texas

December 5, 1952

Dear Santa

I have been a pretty good boy. I want a BB gun and a train and some clothes to. I have been good to my brothers and sister.

Love to you
Edmund Lee Shelton

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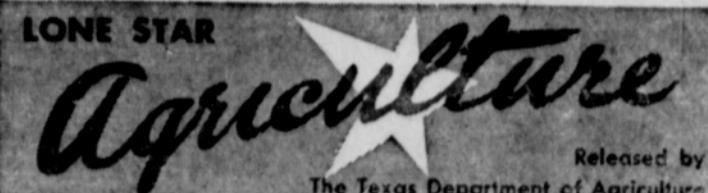
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Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year and I hope you will bring me a Doll and Doll

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Each second and fourth Sunday of each month.

The First Methodist Church
Rev. Charles E. Lutrick, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:55 a. m.
M. Y. F.—6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship—7:00 p. m.
M. Y. F. Fellowship—8:00 p. m.

TUESDAY:
Choir Practice—7:15 p. m.

Church of Christ
Merle King, Minister
Phone 370

SUNDAY:
Bible School—10 a. m.
Worship—10:45 a. m.
Young People's Bible Class—
6 p. m.
Worship—7 p. m.

TUESDAY:
Ladies' Bible Class—3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study—7 p. m.

First Baptist Church
Rev. Riley Fugitt, Pastor
Rev. David Whitaker
Associate Pastor
Bonnie Thompson, S.S. Supt.

SUNDAY:
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Morning Service—11 a. m.
T. T. U.—6:30 p. m.
(Depts. for all ages)
H. B. Terry, Director

Evening Service—7:30 p. m.

MONDAY:
W. M. S.—3:15 p. m.

Mrs. J. T. Warren, Pres.
Sunbeams—3:15 p. m.

Mary Walker, Leader

Junior G. A.'s—4:15 p. m.

Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Counselor

Int. G. A.'s—4:15 p. m.

Mrs. Reese, Counselor

R. A.'s—4:15 p. m.

Rev. Riley Fugitt, Counselor

WEDNESDAY:
Sunday School officers and

teacher's meeting—6:45 p. m.,

Rev. Fugitt, teacher

Prayer Meeting—7:30 p. m.

Choir Practice—8:30 p. m.

TEXAS' GROWING WATER PROBLEM

Here is a basic fact! The future of our state depends upon how we use or misuse our soil and water resources. Today, as never before, water has become Texas' greatest economic need. The amount available in the coming years will control the growth and wealth of Texas.

This fact has been brought home to us in a forceful manner during the past two years. We have experienced one of the hardest droughts in our history. We had no control over this disaster, but it cost millions of dollars, just the same.

Lack of rain is no longer the concern of just the farmer. Our cities have felt the pinch by reduced supplies of underground and surface water. This year, some cities in West Texas were at times only seven days away from a bone-dry lake bed which meant their municipal supply was exhausted. Even cities the size of Dallas were endangered.

This situation occurs all too frequently in scattered sections of the state. It was more apparent this year because it was more wide spread. As our urban population increases, the problem will become even more acute unless we take steps to prevent it.

The Texas Legislature has been working for a solution since early in this century when it established the old State Levee and Drainage Board. It has made numerous attempts to establish a practical water and control program since then, but none

The Cottonwood and Turkey Creek News
Mrs. Edgar Albrecht

The Cottonwood P-TA will sponsor an "Amateur Night" (almost any type of entertainment will be acceptable) some time in January to raise money for the "March of Dimes." Plans are incomplete at this time, but further information will be published later. If interested in participating, contact Mrs. Ed. Strahan, or other P-TA members.

Mrs. Sam Moore of Brady and Doris Moore of Goldsmith were here Saturday.

The second quarterly conference was held at the Methodist Church for the charge of Putnam and Cottonwood by Rev. Seymour of Cisco, Sunday.

Rev. Marten of Scranton community preached at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smart and daughter, Raubelle of Admiral were guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Fulton Sunday and attended the service at the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Davenport of Bangs were visitors at the Toy J. Clark home Sunday.

Gaylon Coppinger attended the FFA meeting at Huntsville Friday and Saturday, returning Saturday night.

Floyd Coffey made a business trip to Fort Worth last Thursday.

There will be a service of sermons beginning next Sunday night, 14th through 17th, at night only, by Rev. Robert Sanders of Cisco Wesley Church. The public is invited to attend.

The Cottonwood P-TA met in regular session at the school building on Friday, January 5. Members present were Mmes. W. Burton, V. I. Spivey, Norman Coffey, Ed. Strahan, J. A. Bennett, Howard Gary, Edgar Albrecht, and Mr. Carl Halsell.

Mrs. R. S. Murphy and Mrs. Mary B. McLeod visited Mrs. McLeod's aunt, Mrs. Joe Wilson of Cisco, last Thursday.

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Pontiac Announces Price Reductions

Pontiac, first General Motors Division to unveil its 1953 cars, today announced price reductions up to \$100.00 on certain models with no price increases on any models in the line, in spite of an entirely new and larger body, longer wheelbase, completely new interiors and a long list of new mechanical and engineering features.

This announcement was made by R. M. Critchfield, General Manager of Pontiac Motor Division. The new 1953 models went on display Saturday.

Pontiac list prices for 1953 start at \$1788.36 for the Chieftain Special Six, two-door sedan.

Pontiac's De Luxe Chieftain Eight, four-door sedan, which is expected to account for about 50 per cent of next year's volume, carries a list price of \$2009.51.

Price reductions on Station Wagons run from \$28.00 to slightly in excess of \$100.00.

All 1953 Pontiacs will be offered with either a six or eight-cylinder engine with G. M. Hydramatic Drive and Power Steering optional.

Rowden Round-Up

Marjorie Mauldin

Community Activities Reliably Reported By The Star Reporter

Those spending Saturday night and Sunday with the Gene Mauldin's were Mr. and Mrs. Chief Horner and Pat, Bonnie Munselle and Irene Mauldin, all of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker of Cisco spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.

Cordelia Bains had supper with Marjorie Mauldin Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom of Cross Plains visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Blan Odom and children, Friday.

Mrs. N. V. Gibbs and Judy visited her Grandmother Tabor in Clyde Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adair visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley Monday night.

The Life Service Band of Howard Payne College in Brownwood service at the Baptist Church Sunday. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church and all reported an enjoyable day.

A number of Rowden folks attended the basketball tournament at Bangs Saturday night.

Mrs. Ray Cline and son, Cline of Abilene spent Sunday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephens.

Mrs. Walter Jones and Mrs. Gene Mauldin visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Odell in Tye and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones in Abilene Monday.

IT'S THE LAW IN TEXAS

IN TEXAS

ESSENTIALS OF CONTRACT EXPLAINED

People often have the mistaken idea that contracts have to be made with great formality, expressed in highly technical language, and executed amid coils of red tape. But this is true only in exceptionally important instances. The simple requisites of a binding contract may be completed in the most informal manner.

Probably most of the contracts in force today are merely spoken agreements. Many contracts are created by informal letters written by persons to one another. Many are made over the telephone, as when you call up a store and they agree to deliver some goods you order. Much of the world's grain supply is bought and sold, in the first instance, merely by hand signals in the great Pit in Chicago.

If the contract is of importance involving substantial sums of money or vital services, it is a good idea to reduce its terms to writing to minimize the possibilities of fraud and misunderstanding. Details of oral understandings are easily forgotten or misinterpreted, but written contracts endure unchanged. And if a difference of opinion must be settled in court, a written agreement speaks for itself.

Certain kinds of contracts, such as those involving the sale of real estate or the lease of real estate for more than a year, will not be enforced in the courts unless written. In the same category are contracts wherein one person undertakes to stand good for the debt of another and those which are not to be performed within one year from the date on which the agreement is made.

In order to create a valid contract of any sort, each party involved must be legally competent to enter into the agreement. Each must be sane and of legal age. A contract entered

The Baird Star, Baird, Callahan County, Texas, December 12, 1952

Denton Doings

Jo Farmer

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scott and boys of Albany visited relatives.

Little Bonnie Odom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Odom, underwent an operation Monday evening. We all hope she recovers soon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Farmer Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scott and boys.

Tuberculosis once took an extremely high toll among young women. Today, it is killing more than twice as many white men as it does white women, one and a half times as many Negro men as women.

Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Glen Boyd and Miss Hazel Reynolds visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Reynolds and family in Monahans from Friday to Sunday.

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We asked Air Warden Service Head, J. P. McVeigh—and here's what he said:

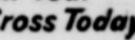
"What does it mean to give blood? It means if everyone who can, gives blood—there might be enough to take care of the victims of a sudden air attack on New York City. But right now—in the whole country—there isn't enough blood to meet an emergency like that."

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Purchase of one-half interest in Edgar Davis, Abilene, two cows for \$1,250; Noah Lane, Haskell, \$500 for a female; W. J. Fulwiler, Abilene, \$1,350 for Miss Amy Mixer 430th; O. C. Rossen and Sons, Sweetwater, \$900 for a female.

HEALTH FOR ALL

Who Needs Chest X-rays?

For centuries tuberculosis was known as the "white plague" or "consumption." It killed at will. And for those it struck there seemed to be little hope, and practically no help.

Today, more is known about tuberculosis than ever before, possibly more than about any other infectious disease. Not only is the specific cause known, but the ways in which the bacilli pass from person to person, from the sick to the well, are known.

The factors which lower the body's resistance to the bacilli are known. Prevention is possible.

Diagnosis is possible at an early stage, when recovery is the rule. Cure is possible.

Fowler was the major buyer in the sale, paying \$18,125 for ten head of Herefords, including \$12,250 for two bulls.

Highest selling female was EG Royal Lady 23rd who went to O. C. Sykes and Sons, Ballinger, for \$5,500. Sykes also paid \$2,600 for EG Royal Lady 273d.

Guy Caldwell of Abilene paid \$4,000 for EG Royal Lady 205th. This was the second highest price for a female.

Top bull buyer of the sale was George Schultz and Son of Shattuck, Okla., and Booker, Texas, who bought seven head of bulls for a total of \$4,745.

Morris Edwards of Abilene was among the major buyers of females. The Abilene rancher paid an average of \$1,681 for four head of females, paying a total of \$6,725 for the four.

R. T. Herrin of Houston and Carl Deatering of Rio Frio each purchased four head of females; Herrin paying \$4,660 for the four, and Deatering paying \$2,560 for four.

Harry Winston of Winston Bros., Snyder, paid \$5,100 for EG Proud Mixer 364th. Marion Flynt of Midland paid \$4,700 for two bulls.

G. C. Parker of Chelsea, Okla., paid \$5,100 for EG Princep Mixer 266th, a yearling bull, and \$2,750 for EG Royal Lady 260th, a yearling heifer.

Wayne Acklin of Wheeler, Ill., paid \$5,895 for six head of females.

Among the other West Texas breeders who purchased animals were:

R. A. Brown, Throckmorton, \$1,750 for EG Royal Mixer 295th; W. B. Barret, Comanche, \$1,100 for EG Proud Mixer 250th; Frank Jordan, Mason, \$1,550 for EG Royal Mixer 452d; J. M. Higgins, Bangs, \$800 for EG Proud Mixer 382d; Carl Deatering, Rio Frio, who paid \$2,560 for four females; John Yantiss, Brownwood, \$1,000 for EG Royal Mixer 366th; Sidney Winchester, Munday, \$810 for EG Lady Mixer 370th.

J. B. Pumphrey, Old Glory, who bought two for his new grandson, J. B. IV, two females costing \$1,550; J. P. Batcher, Eden,

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How many times have you heard some wit remark, "An untreated cold lasts two weeks but one that's treated lasts only fourteen days?"

Ask the man who owns one, though, if you want to find out whether he thinks he needs treatment, or at least a little "t.l.c." (tender loving care). Instead, all he gets (usually unasked) are worn-out sayings like the one above and perhaps the advice to try a few home remedies, the usefulness of which may be open to question.

Doctors believe colds should be treated for several reasons: (1) to make the patient as comfortable as possible, (2) to keep from getting any serious complications (for example, pneumonia, middle ear infection, or sinus infection), and (3) to enable him to lose as little time as possible from school or work.

The exact cause of colds is still argued, but a few general facts are known. Most scientists agree that colds are caused by one of a group of viruses. "What's a virus?" you ask. It's a very tiny, disease-producing agent, so small it can't be seen with a standard microscope or caught in a filter used to strain bacteria, small plants which can be seen with the microscope. Unlike bacteria, which can be grown in a test tube, a virus is unable to live or reproduce its kind any place except within a living cell of an animal or vegetable, which makes it the "scroungiest of the lot" when it comes to causes of disease. In fact, viruses have been described as "master parasites."

Good and choice fat lambs sold for \$18 to \$24, a few heavy weights to \$24 to \$25. Plain and medium butcher sorts sold from \$12 to \$19, with rammy yearlings at \$9 to \$12. Fat cows cashed at \$12 to \$15.25, and cannery and cutters sold from \$8 to \$12. Bulls cashed at \$10 to \$18.

Good and choice fat calves sold for \$18 to \$20, and medium to good kinds sold at \$17 to \$18. Stocker and feeder lambs drew \$11 to \$17. Fat yearlings sold for \$12 to \$17. Aged wethers drew \$10 down. Slaughter ewes cashed at \$5.50 to \$7.50.

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Oplin Observations

By Mrs. Daphine Floyd

Odds and Ends Opportunity Offered in Open Order

Paula Windham has accepted the position as secretary to Mrs. McCune, director of Nursing at Hendrick Hospital in Abilene.

Shirley (Pinky) Nobles entered Callahan Hospital last week with pneumonia. The first of the week found Pinky at home and planning on being back in school before the end of the week.

Congratulations go out this week to Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan, who will be celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 12.

Mrs. Darrel Haynes of Lawn had minor surgery on Monday of last week. After her dismissal on Wednesday, she visited the remainder of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Pindexter of Oplin. It is doubtful if she received as much attention as did her small daughter, Pamela.

Mrs. Anna Atwood, former Oplin resident, was reported to be quite ill last week. Mrs. Atwood resides with a daughter, Mrs. Florence Roberson of Abilene. Another daughter, Mrs. Ernest Gwin, planned on relieving her sister who has been unable to report for work due to Mrs. Atwood's illness. But on Monday of this week Mrs. Atwood was reported some better as she was responding to a change in medicine.

Miss Freida Straley plans on visiting several weeks with an aunt in Abilene, Aunt Rosie Ridgeway, who is a sister of Freida's mother.

Boyce Pindexter, a former Oplin lad, stopped by Tuesday of this week for a short visit with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McWhorter. Mr. and Mrs. Pindexter and baby now live in Abilene.

A. D. McWhorter is a victim of the flu this week. He was reported to be some better on Tuesday of this week.

If you are interested in learning what the expression "monkey business" means, go over and visit with Hal and Tommie Wind-

ham. They own a pet monkey and there are some entertainments concerning this pet.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Floyd spent last week in San Antonio attending a commissioner court convention.

Public Records

Births

Bobby Jack Barrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Barrington, 1441 Elm Street, Abilene, Texas.

Rollie O. Cloud, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie O. Cloud, Sr., Route 1, Clyde, Texas.

Deborah Ann South, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan South, Clyde, Texas.

Larry Wayne Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Beasley, Jr., Abilene, Texas.

Eddie Newman Nigar, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Nigar, Route 4, Cisco, Texas.

Andy Mack Taylor and Randy Jack Taylor, sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Taylor, Route 1, Cisco, Texas.

David Charles Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Long, Abilene, Texas.

Lee Roy Nettles, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Nettles, Putnam, Texas.

Marriage Licenses

William Doyle Floyd and Helen Mae Fenton.

Samuel Jackson Havens and Nancy Jane Dahms.

John W. Adams and Mrs. Yvonne Jacqueline Devereaux.

Raymond Ellsworth Clark and Hattie Fay Strickland.

Charles Edward Roberts and Imelda May Price.

James Leonard Walker and Rose Ann Nakahara.

Ernest Shields and Ollie Mae Bean.

Burl Mauria Stubbs and Patricia Ann Bruton.

Loy H. Lilly and Jo Nell Carpenter.

Thomas Dewitt Snead and Mrs. Zona Lee Jones Caple.

Kenneth Lee Paynter and Harriet Davidson Hargrove.

Roy James Freeman and Nancy Carroll Tedford.

Response Here Slow To USO Appeal

Entering the last lap of the campaign, the Texas United Defense Fund Committee now has \$675,000, represented through inclusion in United Fund and Community Chest Campaigns, plus quotas accepted by counties in the non-chest areas. United Funds and Community Chests have included USO for \$550,000, and county campaigns have accepted quotas totaling \$125,000. This leaves \$60,000 yet to be raised, and virtually all of this amount is accounted for through the four or five community chests in the State which did not include USO. Work is being done at this time to develop leadership for conducting these

campaigns immediately after the first of the year.

Mr. R. R. Gilbert, campaign chairman, said "This is a generous response to the USO Appeal throughout the State. All of our big cities, through their United Funds and Community Chests, have oversubscribed their quotas, and those chest campaigns that are still underway are confident of reaching their goal."

Mr. Gilbert said that in each region we still have a few of our smaller counties that have not been organized, and he urged regional and district chairmen to follow through to complete the organization within their respective areas.

Since our last report, three more of our larger cities have reported "over the top." They

Highway Problems To Be Aired Sat.

AUSTIN—A public hearing on this state's crucial highway problem will be held here Saturday, December 13.

The serious nature of the problem is revealed by the fact that it will take an additional \$100 million per year to bring Texas highways up to standard and keep them that way for the next 10 years.

Gen. Ike Ashburn quoted that figure today from a report of the Texas Legislative Council, which called Saturday's hearing.

are: Fort Worth, San Antonio and Waco. Ft. Worth and Waco have both finished their first United Fund Appeal.

Ashburn, executive vice president of Texas Good Roads Association, said the Highway Department now gets \$120 million per year; thus the additional funds would bring the annual total up to \$220 million per year

to fifteen members including Messrs. R. L. Alexander, M. D. Bell, W. P. Brightwell, W. A. Fitterly, Ace Hickman, A. E. Hill, J. Hill, Lee Ivey, L. B. Lewis, Douglas Short, M. L. Stubbs, I. E. Warren, W. Clyde White, Mrs. I. R. Jackson, Mrs. A. E. Dyer and Miss Isadore Grimes.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Short and Mrs. Bell in the Christmas Program Decem-

ber 17.

FORMER POSTMASTER DIES IN MISSOURI

Mrs. Lula F. McManis, a former resident of Baird, passed away at Kirksville, Missouri.

Mrs. McManis was the wife of the late Dr. J. V. McManis. She was at one time Postmaster at Baird.

A Christmas plate was served

It's Christmas STOCKING TIME!

Dromedary Dates
7 Oz. Pkg. 23c

White Swan
Mince Meat
9 Oz. Pkg. 21c

Crisco
3 Lb. Can 85c

Powdered or Brown
Sugar
2 Boxes — 25c

BLACK'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Date and Nut Roll
Broadcast: December 13, 1952

Mix in a 2-quart saucepan the sugar and milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring all the time. Boil slowly, stirring often until candy reaches soft ball stage (see note). Remove from heat. Add all at once the dates, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup nuts and vanilla. Mix well. Let stand at room temperature without stirring until lukewarm, or until the hand can be held comfortably on bottom of pan. Then beat until candy begins to hold its shape. Turn out on board. Work with the hands until soft and creamy. Shape into a roll $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. Spread $\frac{1}{2}$ cup nuts on sheet of waxed paper the length of the roll. Roll the candy in the nuts until it is well covered. Wrap in waxed paper and let stand until firm. Cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch slices. Makes 2 dozen.

Xmas Candies
FRUITS ASSORTED NUTS

PAPER SHELL PEANUTS Ib. 35c

Diamond WALNUTS Ib. 43c

Juicy, Sweet
ORANGES 5 lb. bag 35c

Golden Ripe
BANANAS Ib. 13c

Juicy, Sweet
TANGERINES Ib. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c

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"Plywood"

4x8-5-16" C. D. Sheeting	9c
4x8- $\frac{3}{8}$ " C. D. Sheeting	
Per Foot	11c
4x8- $\frac{1}{2}$ " C. D. Sheeting	13c
4x8- $\frac{5}{8}$ " C. D. Sheeting	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
4x8- $\frac{3}{4}$ " A. D. Plywood	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Per Foot	
4x8- $\frac{3}{4}$ " White Pine	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ c
Per Foot	

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