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and Crowell Index

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Sponsoring Better Government

This newspaper is carrying a series of articles on the Duval County oligarchy that we think will open the eyes of our readers to the dangers that exist in the never-ending fight for freedom of individual rights. Included in this 10-part revelation of graft and corruption are many heretofore unrevealed incidents.

These articles have been written by two New York newspapermen who were able to approach the subject without bias and without political leanings of any kind. One of these men, Franz Rosenwald, is a German refugee who was forced to flee from Nazi terrorism. The other, Frederick Hodgson, is a newspaper correspondent and magazine and screen writer.

Their approach to the Duval County story is so different and presented in such style that the reader will be engrossed from the very beginning. Those who saw advance proofs of the series say they could not put the copy down until they had read every article and we believe our readers will have the same reaction.

Throughout the series the thoughtful reader will be impressed with what can happen when people become complacent and negligent about their governing bodies. The reader will be able to grasp the awful significance of secrecy in government and how a cancerous growth of corruption and oppression can develop almost imperceptibly, until the citizens of a county are gripped in fear for their very lives and property.

The concluding articles of this series will show how this reign of terror never could have happened had Texas had laws that make public business public. They will show how 16 proposals for better government, being sponsored by the Texas Press Association, can complete the cleaning up of Duval County and prevent such a situation from ever arising again in Texas.

We commend this series of articles to our readers and ask that they lend their support to Texas newspapers in their effort to obtain better government in Texas. You can do this by appealing to your representatives and senators to pass these bills when they come before the Texas Legislature.

Just bear in mind that what happened in Duval County could happen in any county in Texas under today's lax laws.

Crowell Girls Win Two Basketball Tilt Over Quanah

The Crowell girls won two more basketball games from Quanah last Thursday night when Glen (Tiny) Taylor's Belles traveled to the Indian city. The first team won by the count of 51 to 34 and the "B" girls came out ahead 44 to 24. This makes six victories out of nine games for the season.

Judy Vaughn was high in scoring for Crowell with 22 points, and Lavada Watson scored 21 for the losers. However, the bright spot in the victory was the manner in which the Crowell guards came through. Roxiann Adkins, Joyce Howard, Bettie Linda Knox and D'Lois Shultz were used in these positions. Gayle Taylor and Patricia Prosser were the other forwards for Crowell.

The following girls played for Crowell in the "B" contest: Charlotte Sledge, Mary Ann Myers, Jo Frances Long, Ruth Ellen Short, Janie Bowers, Jerry Fairchild, Lois Painter, Helen Vessel, Carolyn Aydelotte, Mary Akers and Jeannie Johnson.

The girls will travel to Holliday with the boys for games on Jan. 4th. They, too, will play here again on January 8.

New Church Is Organized Here

A new local Pentecostal church, has been established in the Latin-American section of town and the first service will be held Monday (tonight) at 7 o'clock with a Christmas program. Name of the church is "Rock of Salvation."

Rev. Espinero de Los Santos, who has been living here for several years, will be pastor of the church. Rev. Apalin Rodriguez, will be assistant pastor.

The building being used for the new church was purchased from Mrs. M. S. Henry and was moved in from her farm southwest of Crowell.

Everyone is welcome to attend services at this church, the pastor stated.

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Assembly of God	43
First Baptist	167
Down Town Bible Class	27
Bethel Church	63
First Christian	68
Crowell Methodist	138

Subscriptions to Foard Co. News

Subscriptions, both new and renewals, are continuing at a fast pace for the News. Those received since December 17 follow:

W. A. Jones, Route 2, Crowell; W. M. Murphy, Dallas, J. L. Short, Plainview; M. N. Kenner, Crowell; Mrs. G. R. Webster, Crowell; J. J. McCoy, Crowell; Du Wayne Elliott, Route 2, Crowell; Mrs. R. G. Gribble, Crowell; G. L. Cole, Crowell; J. L. Farrar, Pampa; S. H. Ross, Crowell; Paul Wallace, Crowell; Ennis Setliff, Crowell; J. A. Whitfield, Route 2, Crowell; R. E. Sparks, Route 1, Crowell; W. A. Patton, Crowell.

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NEW VEHICLES

New vehicles registered at the office of P. W. Taylor, sheriff, tax assessor-collector, since Dec. 10 follow:

Dec. 10, M. L. Hughton, 1956 Ford pickup; Dec. 11, Jackie Walker, 1957 Chevrolet sport coupe; Dec. 15, C. M. Carroll, 1957 Chevrolet 4-door; Dec. 15, Glenn Carroll, 1957 Chevrolet 2-door.

Highway Patrol Urging Safe Driving on Highways During Christmas Season

The following letter was addressed to the drivers of Foard County and was received from Capt. K. B. Hallmark Jr., commanding officer of the Wichita Falls district of the Highway Patrol. The letter follows:

"Once again we approach a holiday season and once again some of us will forget who's birthday we celebrate. Some of us will get full of alcoholic spirits and forget the spirit of Christ. Once again many of us will get in our cars and get out on the streets and

Fire Victims Aided by Cash Donations

Neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Allen made cash donations to the Margaret couple who lost their home and its content by fire Tuesday night of last week. The list of contributors follows:

W. A. Dunn, Sim Gamble, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Bounds, Coy Payne, John Taylor, Bill Bond, W. F. Bradford, L. B. Robertson, a friend, J. S. Owens, C. F. Bradford, Jack McGinnis, Bill Murphy, H. L. Shultz, Bax Middlebrook, T. B. Klepper.

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highways and forget the rights of others, you even forget common courtesy, and cause sorrow and suffering to our fellow man.

"It is ironic that we should celebrate our Savior's birthday by having a week or more of slaughter on our streets and highways. We, of the Texas Highway Patrol, wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year and pledge that we will leave no stone unturned in our attempt to make your holiday season a safe one. Patrolmen in this district will work longer hours and we pledge that the potential killer on our highways will get no mercy from us. We will arrest the speeder and the drinking driver wherever and whenever we find him. Each year these drivers have persisted in carrying out their grim task of slaughter during our December holiday season.

"This year once again we pledge to be a careful law abiding driver that we will do all in our power to help you to be here January 1 and out of the hospital. Please help us every way you can in order that we may do our job.

"Slow down, keep your mind on your driving, and leave off the alcohol when driving and you stand a good chance to be well and happy January 1, 1957."



And a sincere "thank you" for your patronage and cooperation during the past year.

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Fire Destroyed Jack Walker Home Early Friday

The farm home of Jack Walker, located about two miles northwest of Crowell, was completely destroyed by fire about five o'clock last Friday morning.

The house was completely enveloped in flames when the local Fire Department arrived, and Mr. Walker was able only to save a mattress, a dresser and a few clothes.

Cause of the fire was not determined.

Mr. Walker stated that he had some insurance on the structure.

Rotary Club Stages Christmas Party Thursday Evening

A Christmas party for members of the Rotary Club of Crowell and their families was held in the Down Town Bible Class room last Thursday evening when a turkey dinner was served by the DeLuxe Cafe.

Rotarians and their families assembled at the class room at 7 o'clock and Ray Brown, president of the club, called the meeting to order at 7:30 and the delicious turkey dinner was served by Mrs. M. A. Wilkins and her assistants, Miss Edith Fox and Mrs. Clayton Green.

The committee who planned and made preparations for this enjoyable gathering was composed of Ray Brown, Loyd Fox and Grady Halbert, with Mr. Halbert as chairman. They were assisted by their wives.

A short program followed the meal and was in charge of Mr. Halbert. The first number was a vocal solo by Judy Adecock with Miss Linda Adecock as piano accompanist. Elaine Crowell played a piano solo, followed by Christmas readings by Kathy and Kristi McLain. A piano duet was rendered by Barbara and Scherry Goodwin. The concluding number on the program was a ballet dance by Hollis Halbert with Miss Janis Crowell as piano accompanist.

After the program, gifts were distributed from the Christmas tree to each one present. Gifts for the children were arranged in advance, but the adults received "white elephant" exchange gifts.

Guests present besides Rotarians and families were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zak of Seattle, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Karl ten Brink and family and Mrs. J. P. McLain.

Pampa Engineer on State Board

George W. Thompson, Pampa consulting engineer, son of Mrs. E. L. Thompson of Crowell, has been elected to represent the Panhandle area on the State Executive Board of Texas Society of Professional Engineers. This Society represents the more than 12,000 registered professional engineers of Texas plus an estimated 5,000 engineers in training.

Thompson, formerly city engineer of Pampa, was president of the Panhandle Chapter of the engineers' society in 1955. He will attend a minimum of four meetings per year of the State Society Executive Board.

4-H Club Boys and Girls Receive Awards at Tuesday Night Meeting

Seventy-two 4-H boys and girls were awarded medals for outstanding 4-H Club work last Tuesday night, Dec. 18, at a meeting held in the basement of the Crowell Methodist Church.

These medals are awarded each year by the Extension Service of the Texas A&M College.

The program Tuesday night was sponsored by the Farmers Co-Operative Elevator Association and the Foard County 4-H Council.

Margie Lou Rasberry, co-chairman of the Council, presided. Janet Rasberry and R. H. McCoy presented a corsage to Mrs. Brown and a boutonniere to Mr. Burbett on behalf of the 4-H Club boys and girls.

Gerald Howard gave the welcome and explained the purpose of the program. Sue Sanders recognized special guests, Joyce Latimer introduced Miss Fern Hodge, District Extension Agent, who gave a short talk on 4-H Club work.

Benny Ferguson introduced J. G. Simmons, District Extension Agent, who discussed other phases of 4-H Club work.

Carolyn Bell invited the guests to refreshments of punch and cookies which were served by Ginger Rasberry, Janet Rasberry, Carolyn Bell and Cecelia Drabek.

The following girls won medals: Achievement: Janice Morris and Carol Bell. Clothing: Margie L. Rasberry, Pat Brown, Jeannie Johnson and Carria Driver. Dress Reveal: Janet Rasberry, Judy Barker, Gena Adeock, Mary K. Coffey, Sue Cates, Sue Sanders, Marcia Carroll.

Food Preparation: Cecelia Drabek, Judy Borchardt, Martha Fish and Joyce Latimer. Frozen Foods: Wanda Moore. Girls' Home Economics: Barbara Goodwin, Earlyn Hammonds, Linda Mecheil, Carolyn Bell. Leadership: Ginger Rasberry.

Recreation: Bettie L. Knox and Roxiann Adkins. Gold Star: Ginger Rasberry. The following 4-H Club boys were awarded medals: Achievement Award: Bobby Barker and Edward Kajs. Boys' Agricultural Award: John Stener, Larry Ferguson, Keaton Barker and Jerry Toles.

Dairy Award: Dale Johnson, Carl Bell, J. W. Golden and Don Ingle. Electric Award: Dennis Gouge, Joe Barry, Miles Welch and Roy Shultz.

Entomology Award: Louis Kajs, Bobby Powers, Donald Hinkle and Tommy Hopkins. Field Crops Award: Joe Coufal, Arlos Moore, Gordon Fish and Lee Hopkins.

Garden Award: David Powers, Tim Mason, Don Keith Lyons and Charley Gidney. Leadership Award: R. H. McCoy. Meat Animal Award: M. L. Speer and Mary Ann Myers.

Poultry Award: Gerald Howard, James Teal, Dale Henry and Charles ten Brink. Public Speaking Award: Bill Graves.

Recreation and Leadership Award: Jerry Setliff and Bob Borchardt. Safety Award: Wendell Callaway, Jerome Matus, Mike Whitten and Jack Hickman.

Soil and Water Conservation Award: Don Welch, Melvin Wheeler and Larry Hord. Tractor Maintenance Award: Taylor Johnson, Jim Henry, Don Polk and Ben Ferguson. Gold Star Award: Don Welch.

Coaches Thayne Amonett and Gordon Erwin's basketball boys made it four victories out of six games played here Thursday night when they defeated the Odell Cowboys 82 to 32. Larry Sledge continued to find the "bucket" in a consistent manner, scoring 35 points. "Frigray" Frigerett scored 16 points for the losers. Ivan Cates and David Carpenter looked good on defense for the Wildcats.

The Crowell boys made it complete for the evening when the Grade School team won by the count of 44 to 16, and the "B" string High Schoolers taking their 55 to 21. Jerry Sellers scored 16 points in the "B" game and Gary Carpenter made 16 in the Grade School game.

The high school "A" team players for Crowell were Larry Sledge, David Carpenter, Ivan Cates, Harvey Smith, Louis Bettig, Jimmy Rader, Sonny Cates and Jerry Sellers. The "B" string was composed of Tom Crowell, Bill Graves, Jimmy Weaver, Gary Carpenter, and Jerry Sellers.

The Grade School line-up was Guy Todd, Jack Hickman, Jerry Eubanks, Gary Carpenter and Bill Smith. Substitutes in this game for Crowell were: Bobby Barker, Taylor Johnson, Don Welch and Roy Washburn.

Crowell's next game will be at Holliday on January 4th. The Eagles come here on the 8th.

Emergency Feed Grain Program Has Been Extended

Walter T. McKay, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, this week advised Glenn E. Womack, county supervisor, of the extension of the Emergency Feed Grain Program in Foard, Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties.

Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through Feb. 15, 1957, for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry their basic livestock through March 15, 1957. Mr. McKay also advised that the Emergency Roughage Program will be extended, however, there will be a delay in accepting applications for roughages until sometime in early January since financial aspects of the program are being worked out in Washington.

BUYS HOME
Mrs. Ota Kenner has bought the Dan Callaway home on North 2nd Street and will move when the house is vacated in January by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas.

Christmas Display Judging Committee Announces Results

The committee appointed by the Adelpian, Columbian and Garden Clubs has selected the following winners of Christmas yard decorations, it was announced Saturday by Irving Fisch, president of the Booster Club:

Mr. and Mrs. George Self, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rasberry Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wallace. Honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Monkes, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Andrews, Mrs. H. E. Hays and Miss Mayme Lee Collins and her mother, Mrs. T. L. Collins.

Some other outstanding displays were accidentally left unlighted on judging night. All three prize winners will receive awards from the West Texas Utilities Co., and they are asked to contact Jack Seale, local manager, for prizes.

Mr. Self also had some timely advice for the lucky folks who will receive money for Christmas this year. "There is a wonderful way to spend Christmas cash to make it worth more. Buy United States Savings Bonds and watch them grow."

Boys' Cage Teams Post Two Victories Over Odell Cowboys

The Foard County 4-H Council met Thursday, Dec. 18, to elect officers and set up plans for the awards program which was held last Tuesday night.

Jackie Hickman and Margie L. Rasberry were elected co-chairmen, and vice chairman was Janice Morris. Ginger Rasberry was elected secretary, treasurer, and Jackie Hickman was elected delegate to the District Council, with Gerald Howard named as alternate.

Margie L. Rasberry was elected to represent the girls on the District 4-H Council and Wanda Moore was elected alternate. Plans for the awards program were discussed.

HOSPITAL NOTES
FOARD COUNTY HOSPITAL
Patients In:
Mrs. Ray Gibson, Mrs. W. F. Statser and infant daughter, Billy Ray Dunn.

Patients Dismissed:
Mrs. O'Neal Johnson, Mrs. C. F. Bradford, M. A. Wilkins, Mrs. Jewel Brooks and infant son, Mrs. Willie McWilliams, Crews Cooper, Mrs. R. J. Thomas, Mrs. Billy Hammonds, Troy James, Mrs. Irene Reed, Mrs. Emma Whitlock, Maye Andrews, Mrs. Bonnie Bell, Eleanor Webba, Mrs. Jerel Rozell and infant son, Cornelia Frater, Mrs. Litter Cook.

More Rain Falls Here Saturday

Rain, amounting to about one-fourth inch fell over Foard County early Saturday morning. This brought the total rainfall received in Foard County during the past week to between 1 1/4 and 2 inches.

A cold front blew in early Saturday evening, and dropped temperatures to the middle 30's by Sunday morning.

CLASSIFIED QUIZZERS

About Cooking and Sewing
• How extensive is your domestic vocabulary. The following questions are about words which have two meanings — one pertaining to cooking and one to sewing. See how many you can guess and turn to the Classified Page for the answers.

1. What word means (1) to moisten meat lightly during cooking, and (2) to sew loosely with long stitches?
2. What word refers to (1) a certain method of cooking eggs, and (2) decorative gathers on material?
3. What word means (1) to beat eggs or cream into a froth, and (2) to finish by hand with fine stitches?
4. What must be done (1) to a pastry tin before the pie is baked, and (2) to a coat before it is finished?
5. What is usually done twice to a hem, and once to a flapjack?

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The Crowell High



WILDCAT

Editor: Roma Jan Spikes
 Assistant Editors: DeAnna Ferguson and Sandra Chaste
 Society Editor: Janna Crowell
 Joke Editor: George Mercan
 Scandal Editors: Aldon Garrett and J. C. McCoy
 Typists: Marketta Painter and Edward Daniel
 Sports Reporter: Lowell Page
 FHA Reporter: Anna Marie Faske
 Yearbook Reporter: Marilyn Stone
 Assembly Reporter: Lavy Rummel
 Library Reporter: Ruth Hinkle
 Student Council: Janna Black
 Senior Reporter: Karen Hall
 Junior Reporter: Mary Hall
 Sophomore Reporter: Joyce Howard
 Freshman Reporter: Jo Frances Long
 Sponsor: Mrs. Earl Manard

THE CHS "SMILE GIRL"

Roma Jan Spikes is our "Senior of the Week." She is such a versatile little lady that one can-

not tell all about her, but here is some "info" which might enlighten everyone.

Roma, when we interviewed her, sat before us in a luscious purple plaid skirt with matching purple sweater and purple shrug. Asked what her favorite color was, she burst out, "Purple!" We should never have guessed had we not been told!

She loves Gene Krupa on drums, Pat Boone for singing, French-fried onion rings and cherry pie ala mode for good eating, and she thinks swimming and dancing are marvelous inventions of activity.

"I'd rather dance than eat," she declared, "And I love to eat."

Her college dream is William and Mary, and one guesses that her "dream" dream is one Bill Cummings a la Quanaah. At any rate, this much publicized and ever-popular golden blond is CHS's dream upon a silver-lined cloud. For more information, read the Wildcat of which she is editor.

P. C.—Roma is ill as this goes to press—otherwise she might have "censored" it.

Oh, yes, Roma Jan, it just so happened that on Monday, Dec. 9, your every action was shadowed. You entered the study hall—almost late—in that favorite purple attire, and you wore a green

ribbon in your pony tail.

Rushing up to Anna Marie, you whispered conference with her, and then you ran to Sandra, and in loud stage whisper, said "Anything to type?" Sandra had nothing; so you left your Spanish book and purse upon your desk in the study hall and ran down-stairs to freeze your fingers in the typing room while working on the paper.

In chemistry you pondered the meanings of Mr. Welch as he attempted to explain "ions." Nothing unusual.

Typing — another speed test! Oh well!

Noon brought a brief respite as you ate your lunch (hurriedly).

Fourth period you typed for the paper. There were the scandal, editorial, and numerous other items which kept you busy pecking along with your contemporaries. Ring!

Fifth period and Mr. Black, A well rounded mixture of Spanish and current events kept your attention.

Then it was time to go to English. You already had your English workbook filled, so you had a nice review while the other "kids" filled theirs in with the aid of Mrs. Manard.

Bell. School's out.

So you hopped into "Old Betty" with Betty Davis and "Foxie" and you ran down to the news office and "put the paper to bed."

Then you navigated to Betty Kralieck's house where Sandra and Sally were waiting for you. After running to the news office again for red ink and invitations stationary, you checked in at the drug store, and seeing Jeannie White and Dianne Sledge, you urged them to come to Betty's, too. Jeannie accepted, and soon you were all gathered around a table with Janna Black (who arrived in your absence.) You began preparing invitations for the Sub Junior Adolphian Club dance. Oh, what a job!

What a busy day! Being so busy yourself, you had nearly run your "shadow" to death. Sad to relate, no more of your activity for a single day could be recorded. The "Shadow" collapsed and had to be taken home.

But I have a pretty fair idea.

REPORTER VISITS GRADE SCHOOL

I wandered over to grammar school the other day and visited the first grade teachers, Mrs.

Sloan and Mrs. Sollis, and found that they really make the first year interesting for their pupils.

There are several "tricks" in the art of making their work interesting, and they have mastered the art cleverly. The children learn without even realizing it. They use pictures, charts, slides, etc., to teach such things as the days, months, seasons, holidays—and they employ an especially clever way to "up" that ever important "average daily attendance." The children not only learn to count, spell, etc., but they learn to live happily by participation with others; they develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, as well as physically and mentally.

Especially attractive to my eye were the nature tables covered with out-of-door items of which a child would otherwise never learn in our "sand blowing" area. There were lowly colored rocks, goldfish, "gardens," pictures, and nature items everywhere.

As I came down the hall, I peeped into the other rooms and saw there many happy children busily engaged in various activities.

I just wish I could "turn back the pages of time" and become a grammar school student "just for today."

I think we should take our "hats off" to the teachers of our Crowell Grammar School. Surely the children of today are being well prepared to be outstanding leaders of tomorrow.

MARILYN WRITES A LETTER

She never passes you in the hall without a smile and a great big "hi," even though she's probably in a hurry to get to a meeting of the Pep Club, FHA, or Sub-Junior Club, of which she is vice president. No matter how busy she is on the annual—she's senior editor—or the Wildcat—she's annual reporter—dark eyed Marilyn Stone always has time for friends and fun. This senior transferred her fondness for fried chicken and chocolate cake with whipped cream, her preference for movies starring June Allyson and Frank Sinatra, and her absent-mindedness (as far as we can see it's her one fault) to Crowell from Quanaah when she was a sophomore and CHS was certainly fortunate to receive this five foot three bundle of energy. Marilyn always has an original idea, so, when she was asked to write an imaginative theme in English IV, she came up with this.

August 13, 1959.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas

WELCOME FOOD STORE

Mr. and Mrs. John Rader Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox

Happy New Year

Be happy!

LIVE BETTER—Electrically IN 1957

DO SOME FIGURING IN '57

Do a little checking around the house and you will find you will want more Electric Appliances. Plan now, that in 1957 you will provide your home with more Electric Servants. Better still, call us and let one of our representatives help you do your planning.

West Texas Utilities Company

Congoville, Africa.

Dear Mother, I am writing you in an attempt to explain my absence of some forty-three years.

As you know, when I left you on October 28, 1956, I was a young girl seeking excitement; my plan was to prospect for uranium in the Medicine Mounds.

Since that day, I have been wandering, wandering—endlessly! I am so tired, Mother! So tired! To explain in some small way my tiring search for civilization before I succumb to my fatigue is my greatest wish.

I arrived at Medicine Mounds with my geiger counter, a flashlight with Eveready batteries, and a canteen of water, intending to spend a quiet Sunday afternoon exploring, using as an excuse a quest for uranium.

As I clambered over a rock, I felt a slight shifting. Investigating, I discovered a crack of some six inches between the rock and Mother Earth. Mother, you know my curiosity! With all my strength I strained against that rock. Suddenly!—the whole earth around me gave way, rumbling and grumbling, and I lunged down, down, down! Even my screams fell, because I could hear them echoing before I even landed!

Finally I opened my eyes in a deathly still silence. Except for the rubble pinning my body, I was unharmed. I seemed to be lying on some extremely soft material.

I lay there I was for a moment and then attempted to rise. The assortment of rocks and dirt shifted easily, making it quite a simple process to free myself. I raked the dirt back, and, Mother—I had landed on a pile of skins! Apparently I had stumbled into the old cave used by the Comanche medicine men many years ago.

My flashlight was nearby, and with just a little scrambling, I soon found my canteen. There was no readily discoverable means of lifting myself from the huge excavation; the opening was only dimly visible above me; all around were tremendous stone columns. As far as I could see, the walls were covered with grotesque paintings.

The beams of my flashlight soon picked out an opening, about the size of a tall man, in the far wall. I picked my uncertain way across the stone floor. The echoes gave me my only sensation of fear. They sounded as if they wailed on and on and on—forever.

The door revealed a passageway. My heart quickened with the hope of its leading to the surface. I walked and walked and walked! There was nothing to see but the narrow stone corridor; nothing to hear but the endless echoes of my footsteps. My mind was soon numbed by the monotonous drumming, one—two—three—four—on and on and on and on.

When I felt that I could not possibly go a step farther, the corridor began to grow perceptibly wider. Soon I found myself in a small room. In the middle was a bubbling, singing spring of the most delicious water I ever tasted; my need for food was satisfied in a corner of the room. There, I found an earthen container of maize and a very old and moldy supply of some sort of dried meat, probably venison. This, with abundant quantities of the sparkling water, composed my supper.

A pile of the soft skin furnished a bed fit for a king, and I slept deeply for a long while.

Breakfast the same fare as supper, after which, I continued on my journey.

Strangely enough, I felt no urge to turn back, and I was eager to continue this strange exploration. I had no fear of a failure of my flashlight; because, after all, it was equipped with Eveready batteries!

Tiresome day followed tiresome day. Always the same things—the narrow corridor, the drumming echo of my footsteps, and rest when I reached the point of exhaustion. Always maize, moldy meat, and water for my two meals a day. Sometimes I would stumble on a skeleton, but this refreshing break of the monotony was always endlessly far apart.

Beautiful youth was walked away and middle age almost so. Walking — walking — walking — walking — always — endlessly! Time ceased to mean anything to me. My clothes soon were worn out, and I draped some of the skins around my body. My shoes were long since worn out and discarded.

At first I dreamed as I plodded on, about the world I had left behind me, but even that soon ceased to have any meaning to my hnumbed brain.

You ask why I did not turn back? Who can tell? Some irresistible force seemed to draw me on. Every weary step that echoed through my tomb seemed to take me farther from reality, putting escape from this strange hypnotism farther and farther from my reach until there was no escape. This was reality—my life. Walking—walking—walking!

One day (or night, who can tell?), I noticed a refreshing smell in the air. For the first time in years, I felt myself interested in the outside world!

What had brought about the change? The reason soon became apparent! My journey was almost over! My feet quickened their pace of their own volition. A rasping, croaking noise sounded through the corridor—my first vocal sound in over forty-three years of the endless drumming and slapping of feet against stone floors.

I came to the opening through which the light shown and stumbled blindly through it. The brilliant

light blinded my eyes and burned! my unaccustomed skin.

A party of hunters found me. I still could not realize the change in myself. For the first time in forty-three years, my appearance was brought to my attention!

My hair hung below my waist in a mass of tangles. My eyes had sunk into my head and looked strained from constantly peering into the darkness and gloom. Pale yellow best described the color of my skin it had been so bleached by the continuous darkness. The forty-three years of walking had developed the muscles of my legs to an amazing degree; the soles of my feet were calloused to the texture and toughness of leather. (My clothes consisted entirely of skins found in the apartments below).

I was taken to the nearby village of Congoville, Africa, near Leopoldville, and from there I am writing you this letter.

My wanderings have been of great value to the world of scientific research; I have settled the age-old question of how the Indians reached the North American continent.

This tunnel was the route of travel! The ancestors of the North American Indians traveled through this stone passageway. It goes under the Atlantic Ocean and South America, and finally emerges in Medicine Mounds.

I can close now, Mother. You know the reason for my absence. Now I am so tired—so tired!

Your loving daughter, Marilyn.

P. S. Please notify the company which manufactures Eveready flashlight batteries of the tremendous service I received from their product. Those flashlight batteries lasted until the minute

that I first saw the glimmer of sunshine; then, their duty done, their beam of light faded and died.

Our present calendar was brought into use by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582.

Merry CHRISTMAS

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Season's Greetings

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BUTYL IS MORE THAN SKIN-DEEP

The first automobile tire which has no connection at all with a rubber tree has finally been developed, after five years of experiment and an outlay of \$13 million. The new tire is made entirely of oil-based butyl, and is said to have smoother riding qualities, greater safety, immunity to weather and chemical attacks which cause cracking, and a low noise level. These tires help bring

cars to a stop in 20 or 30 per cent less distance than ordinary types. Although commercial production is still in the future, a limited number of tires may be test-marketed in about six months.

EX-PORTRAIT PAINTER

Robert Fulton was a portrait painter before he became an inventor.

The penultimate day of the month is the next to the last day.



by **VERN SANFORD**
Texas Press Association

Austin—Christmas has come to the Capitol and all the traditions are being observed.

A mammoth 40-foot tree with hundreds of lights centers the rotunda. State employees, from the youngest clerk to the top man, gather round the huge tree once each year to sing Christmas carols.

For the first time, Gov. Allan Shivers and his family will spend Christmas in the Mansion. In the past they've gone to Sharyland, their Rio Grande Valley home. But this year they're staying here to get ready for moving . . . to make room for Gov.-Elect Price Daniel who takes office on Jan. 15.

Sen. Daniel is working against time to get legislative and inauguration plans settled before the first of the year. Then he must go to Washington to serve two more weeks as Senator.

But between being senator and getting ready to be governor, the Daniels hope to sandwich in a simple family holiday at their Liberty ranch home.

"BETTER GOVERNMENT" BILLS—An extensive legislative program designed to prevent recurrence of state scandals has been unveiled.

Sixteen "better government" bills were formulated in the attorney general's department under sponsorship of the Texas Press Association. TPA's legislative committee approved the measures and called on Texas newspapers to work for their passage.

Bills are aimed primarily at secrecy in public affairs. They would outlaw closed meetings of governmental bodies, force publication of official transactions and impose penalties for suppression of public records. Insurance companies would be required to publish financial statements at least twice a year. Names of veterans applying for land under the veterans land program would be publicized.

Committee members also endorsed creation of a special Travis County grand jury for state affairs.

DANIEL BACKS WATER PLAN—Gov.-Elect. Price Daniel will submit as emergency legislation the proposed \$100,000,000 water development fund.

Daniel said he will support this and other objectives of the Texas Water Resources Committee's program. But he said he wants to study further before making a tax recommendation.

According to committee members, the \$100,000,000 revolving fund would not require a special tax. It would be used to extend credit to local governments for water conservation projects.

However, the committee did suggest taxes to buy water storage space in federal reservoirs. Proposed levies would increase fishing licenses 50 cents and place a five per cent excise on pleasure boats and motors.

CITIES FIGHT OVER WATER—Texas' largest cities have squared off in a water rights battle that promises to surpass all others.

Southern Canal Co. has asked the State Water Board for a permit to withdraw 200 million gallons daily from the Trinity River for industrial use in the Houston area. Houston has indicated it is backing the company's plan.

Trinity River Authority, together with Fort Worth, Dallas and other cities using Trinity water are protesting.

Testimony before the Water Board is expected to be complex and lengthy.

WATERFALL DEFICIENT—All areas of the state are nearing the end of the year with substantially less-than-normal rain-

fall. State Board of Water Engineers reports 11-months deficiencies ranging from 12 to 19 inches. Storage in major lakes continues at about 43 per cent of capacity.

DROUGHT AID EXTENDED—U. S. Dept. of Agriculture has extended from Dec. 31 until March 15 the emergency program to help livestock owners in drought areas buy feed.

Gov. Shivers commended this decision and asked that USDA also extend grazing privileges under the soil bank program. He requested railroads to continue reduced freight rates for hay shipments to drought areas.

Cameron and Willacy Counties have been added to bring the total drought-hit counties in Texas to 238 out of 254.

SECOND WOMAN GOVERNOR—To Mrs. Neveille Colson of Navasota went the distinction of being Texas' first woman governor since Mrs. Miriam Ferguson.

Mrs. Colson's senate colleagues had named her interim president pro tempore, an office second in line to the governorship. Gov. Shivers and Lt. Gov. Ramsey gallantly left the state so Mrs. Colson could have the traditional "governor for a day" honors. She proclaimed State Highway Day in recognition of one of her primary legislative interests.

SHEPHERD OFFERS AID—Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepherd will go to Tennessee next month to help defend persons charged with interfering with school integration.

Shepherd, whose term of office ends Jan. 1, will act as a private citizen.

A federal court order has enjoined persons from interfering with Clinton school integration by "thought, deed or word." Shepherd said he thought this "too broad."

ALL THE DIRT GOES UNDER THIS RUG

Fields carpeted with oil-based polyethylene film will soon be a common sight if results on test areas are any indication. The film, slit to let plants grow through, serves as a mulch to keep fruit and vegetables off the ground, retain soil warmth and moisture, and prevent weeds from taking root. Rural researchers report that in many cases vegetables grow 50 per cent or more larger, yields are increased up to 50 per cent. The film can be used successfully on home gardens and lawns, too. Fence-to-fence carpeting is one of many aids to the farmer that oil and its products have helped bring out.

Weekly Sermon

Three Gifts

In the joy and activity of another Christmas season, it is easy to overlook the three most important gifts.

The first gift—the one that began all Christmas gifts—was made many centuries ago on a silent Bethlehem night. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The second gift was made in Christ's voluntary offering of Himself. "I am the Good Shepherd," He said; "the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). He gave His head to the crown of thorns. He gave His hands and feet to be fastened with nails to the cross. He gave His blood to pay the penalty of our sins. Jesus Christ gave everything.

But what of the third gift? This is ours to give.

God does not want our sacrifices. "For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it," wrote King David (Psalm 51:16).

God does not want our money offered for selfish purposes. Peter said to the man who would buy the power of God, "Thy money perish with thee" (Acts 8:20).

God does not want even our good works which apart from faith are dead, for "by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16).

Our gift to God must be nothing less than the gift of ourselves. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). The pattern is that of the first-century Christians who "first gave their own selves unto the Lord" (II Corinthians 8:5).

This is the one gift God wants from us, and He waits even now to receive it.

Pure radium resembles common table salt.

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... FIGHTS ALL COLDS
SYMPTOMS AT ONE TIME...
IN LESS TIME! IT'S THE
PROVEN COLDS MEDICINE

Home Demonstration Notes

MRS. MARY D. BROWN

The 4-H Awards Program Tuesday night was certainly a success and we want to thank the many people who worked so hard on it. First, we want to thank the Farmers Co-Op. Elevator Association who sponsored it and the Home Demonstration Club members who made so many lovely cookies.

There were a number of boys and girls who worked on it too. R. H. McCoy was in charge of moving all the chairs and setting them up. Bob Borchardt, Philip Welch, Taylor Johnson, David Powers, M. L. Speer and Charles ten Brink helped R. H. with the chairs.

Carol Bell, Cecelia Drabek,

Martha Fish, Margie L. Rasberry, Ginger Rasberry and Janet Rasberry were in charge of all the refreshments and the table decorations.

This was the first awards program we have ever had in Foard County and we hope to make it an annual affair.

LONG ARM

The extended right arm of the Statue of Liberty is forty-two feet long.

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Season You will Always
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may all the joys of the season be

yours May your New Year be bright

with lasting friendships, good health

and good fortune

Merry Christmas

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At this Joyous Season, when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas.

THOMAS AUTO PARTS

Floyd Thomas

That Old
Christmas
Feeling



It's here again! Everybody, children

and grown-ups alike, are making big preparations for the happiest Christmas possible.

We'll just pause a moment to slip in

our annual wish for a treasured Happy Yuletide.

WOMACK'S

May the sparkle of Christmas candles make your season
warm and bright—our sincere wish to each of our
friends and customers



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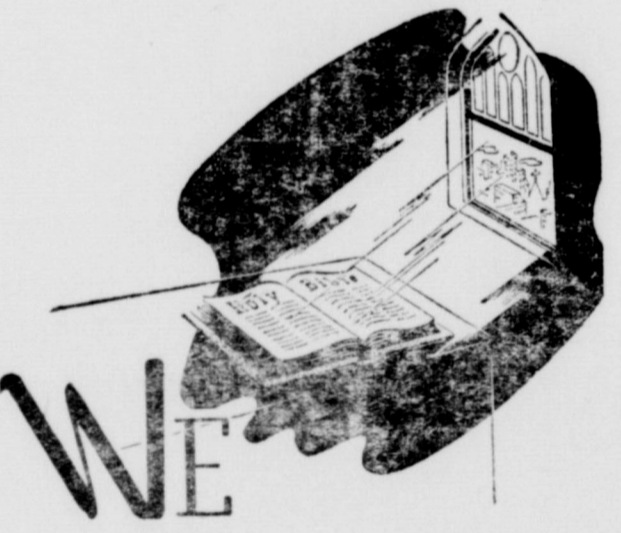
Merry Christmas Gentry Feed & Grocery

CHRISTMAS THE BEST TIME OF ALL TO WISH YOU Happiness Tole Service Station



May every minute of the Christmas day be bright and merry and glad is our Yuletide wish for you.

DAVIS HDW. & FURN. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Davis



WE REJOICE

On this glorious Christmas occasion we rejoice in the knowledge that it is a day of remembrance and thanksgiving...

Christmas greetings

FISCH'S

Irving Louise Carole

Hazel Truda Bertie

Margaret

MRS. BAX MIDDLEBROOK Mrs. Bobby Long and daughter, Mary Bob, of Thalia visited her sister, Mrs. Clarence Bounds...

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Echols and children of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tamplin...

Mrs. A. L. McGinnis and her brother from Quannah attended services at the Baptist Church here Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis Bradford was admitted to the Crowell hospital Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas went to Lubbock Wednesday. Jerry Bond came home with them to spend Christmas.

Mrs. R. A. Bell and Donna and Sharon Maroney visited her sister Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Allen visited relatives in McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bounds went to Stephenville Saturday to be with her father, John L. Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. August Rummel and daughter, Lavoy, left Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. James Bice, and family at Dumas.

Notes and Comments

The way to get rich is to save some of the money you spend. Courtesy is so cheap that some people take no interest in it.

Friendships are not the result of a rushing acquaintanceship. Freedom is not always the right to do and say what you please.

There are those who think the louder one talks the more accurate he is. Every time you buy a new-fangled gadget you have another service charge to pay.

Religion teaches men to obey their impulses without waiting for Sunday services to come around. Religion would have more converts if it didn't interfere with who is seriously ill in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGinnis visited in Vernon Saturday. Tom Smith visited in Knox City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Connell and son, Mike, of Gatesville spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halenack.

Dr. John Raines was called to see Tom Anderson Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Russell and son, Joe Mark, of Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. Dink Russell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Green Sikes and Mrs. Bill Bond were business visitors in Vernon Thursday.

Mrs. Bess Reinhardt left Sunday for Lubbock to spend Christmas with her son, Bob Reinhardt.

the way some people want to live. People waste much of their time upon non-essential activities but then, after all, it's a free country.

Trading at home, whenever possible, is sound policy; the dollar that stays around might come back. Have you wondered, as we often have, where the song writers get their ideas and their grammar?

Never tell anybody about your difficulties and you will not be disappointed at their lack of concern. The parent who expects to discover how to raise a child successfully by reading books has a lot to learn.

Things can always be worse. Thirty years from now speeders will crash in the sky and fall on pedestrians. A man writes to ask who runs the average American home. Evidently, the gentleman has no teenage children.

Why not make up your mind to do something every day to improve yourself? It will pay handsome dividends. If you've never tried the Foard County News' classifieds, you'll be surprised at what they accomplish.

Business will improve when the public applauds a man for not making profit his sole aim in all transactions. Life should not be all work. Everybody is entitled to recreation and amusement, whether everybody gets it or not.

Advice to Motorists: Drive carefully, and then remember to watch out for the other driver, who may not be careful. CAR KEEPS DATE Hartford, Conn. — Charles Gilbert, a musician, had an engagement to play at a nearby resort. Someone stole his car and \$600 worth of instruments. He borrowed another car and some instruments and drove to the resort. In the parking lot there, he found his own car with the instruments intact.

Oology is the study of the science of birds eggs.



Hughston Insurance Agency

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cavin and son, Kirby, of Wichita Falls, and Rev. and Mrs. Berl Cavin and children of Abilene are here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cavin.

FIRST POSTMASTER Benjamin Franklin was the first Postmaster of the United States. A leauye is about three miles



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SEASON'S GREETINGS

SANDERS SERVICE STATION

"DUVAL COUNTY, USA"

This is the first in a series of ten articles by New York newspaper reporters Frederick Hodgson and Franz Rosenwald, who recently spent several weeks in Duval Co. and South Texas, gathering facts for this series.

STORY NO. 1

Ballots, Bullets, Beatings, Booty: That's The Story of Duval County

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

NUEVO LAREDO, MEX.-We, Franz Rosenwald and I, have just been looking over the parking lot where a dark, baby-faced pistolero, Alfredo Cervantes, abandoned his big green automobile, Texas license EL2340, a few hours after he'd killed young Jacob Floyd in Alice, Texas, 86 miles away.

Cervantes must have had a wild ride that night almost four years ago, and his knuckles must have been white on the wheel as he drove onto the Rio Grande bridge from Laredo.

What if the Rangers were ahead of him? What if they'd caught his fellow killer, Mario "The Turk" Sapet, and El Turco had talked? Cervantes breathed easier perhaps as he recalled that El Turco wouldn't dare talk. The life of El Turco, the braggart, the hired assassin, wouldn't be worth a plugged centavo if he uttered a word that would lead to the men "higher up," or to Cervantes. It was a comforting thought.

The center of the span was nearer now. The two officers there, one American and one Mexican, were talking, paying little attention to the approaching automobile. In a second he was past them. He was in Mexico. He was safe.

To non-Texans looking in, to observers such as Franz Rosenwald and myself, the political situation in Duval County is utterly fantastic—and frightening. That it can happen here, in America, the home of the free, brings one's thinking up with a jolt.

Dictatorship developed in Duval because the right set of political circumstances existed. And, with Attorney General John Ben Shepperd operating the battering ram, it's now being broken up—because the right set of circumstances exists.

Being outsiders, we are not presuming to point out that circumstances favorable to a clean-up of Duval County could have been brought about any time during the last 50 years, but weren't. Let's just say that the fact that Attorney General Shepperd dared to take on George Parr after 50 years made this series of articles possible.

What if the right set of political circumstances for dictatorship were to come about in other countries, in Texas or anywhere else? Or in whole states? Or even in the entire United States? That idea isn't intended to be funny. Hitler rose to power because of "the right set of political circumstances." So did old Archie Parr, founder of the dynasty in the Duchy of Duval.

Franz Rosenwald was born and raised in Berlin, and he watched the ridiculous little man with the Charlie Chaplin moustache destroy the Weimar Republic and set up the Third Reich. His personal tragedy under the Hitler terror was great.

eral pieces in this series. And he shows the startling similarity between the methods of Boss Parr and the methods of Hitler's bully boys.

Back in April of this year Rosenwald and I called John Ben Shepperd long distance from New York and talked about a book, and possibly a motion picture, about the Duval story. Then he sent us a long telegram, reading in part "The Duval story is a sordid one that America should know, not because of what's happened there but to prevent a recurrence anywhere in the country. Our office will cooperate in every way."

Later we met Mr. Shepperd in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and heard him address a session of the National Association of Attorneys General, of which he is president. We were talking in his hotel room when he received word that Boss Parr had "given back" the 55,000-acre Dobie Ranch, a piece of real estate that Parr had bought for himself with Duval County funds.

The Duval story looked pretty grim even from that distance, just how grim we didn't realize until we hopped an airplane to Austin. There we hired an automobile of 4,000 miles of South Texas and Mexico and had a good look at the Duval story for ourselves. We weren't prepared for what we saw and heard.

Texans have lived so close to the Duval story for the past half-century that it's old hat by now. Sometimes in the papers there is a story about a killing, the story told out of focus, without relation to the background. Or a spot news story about an indictment, a trial, or a sentence—again told out of focus, because that's the way newspapers have to work. Sometimes Boss Parr hits the front pages with a political pronouncement when he endorses a candidate, or damns a candidate, for reasons of his own.



Merry Christmas Leo Spencer Nelson Oliphant



PERSONALS

Matinee Tuesday, Dec. 25th, starting at 2:00 p. m. Randolph Scott in "Seventh Cavalry." Rialto Theatre. 24-1tc

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Leggett of Brownfield are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Leggett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Youree.

Gaylon Whitley left Friday for San Diego, Calif., Naval Base after a short visit here with his father, Oscar Whitley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farrar of Pampa are here to spend Christmas in the home of her father, W. A. Patton, and family.

Miss Betty Bartley, Midwestern University student, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bartley.

Mrs. A. Y. Beverly is spending the Christmas holidays in Austin with her son, Joe W. Beverly, and family.

Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches. Liberal prepayment privileges. No charge for inspection. See us.—Roberts-Beverly Abst. Co.

Miss Carolyn Bell, Baylor University student, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bell.

Larry Johnson of Lubbock visited over the week end here with Mrs. Joe Brown and Joe Don Brown.

Kenneth Fox and Garland Denton, both Texas Tech students, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Sherman Nichols, who has been working in Midland, is at home to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dockins of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dockins of Spearman are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Robert Graves, student in North Texas State College in Denton, spent the week end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill Jr. and son, Mark, of Matador are here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Hill Sr., and with Mrs. Hill's parents in Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Seale left Saturday morning for St. Louis, Mo., to spend Christmas visiting their daughter, Mrs. Richard Stripling, and family.

Chun Gafford, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gafford, and family.

Mike Wishon of Paris Junior College, is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wishon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Baird Jr. and two children, Sherri and Linda, of Greeley, Colo., are visiting in the home of Mrs. Baird's mother, Mrs. Geneva Potts.

Bill Halbert, student in the University of Texas at Austin, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Halbert, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown left Friday for Baton Rouge, La., to spend Christmas with Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. Travis Brown, and other relatives.

Ginger Johnson, student in Baylor Dental School in Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, and family.

Miss Linda Adecock is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Grady Adecock. She is a student in McMurry College in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and three children, Intha, Robert and Jane, of Floydada are here spending Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz and Mrs. L. H. Hammonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dudy of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collier and children of Tulsa, Okla., will spend Christmas here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman McBeath and children of Wichita Falls spent the week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bartley, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McBeath, in Thalia.

Mrs. Emma McGranahan of Rotan, N. M., and Mrs. Mattie Meadows of Tipton, Okla., were here last Thursday and Friday visiting their sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude E. Rasberry, and family. They were en route to Cement, Okla., to visit their brothers, Jack and John Rasberry, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hinds of Morton are here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. McCombs of Las Cruces, N. M., are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. McCombs' mother, Mrs. J. M. Hill Sr., and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graves and small son, Stephen Grant, of Stephenville are here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Graves and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell.

Robert Kincaid and Misses Marcia and Frances Kincaid, all students in the University of Texas at Austin, are spending the Christmas holidays here visiting their father, Merl Kincaid.

Miss Jean Whitby, Robert Davis, Fred Barker and Jimmy Stinebaugh, students in North Texas State College in Denton, arrived at home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pruet of El Paso were here last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drabek, and other relatives. They returned home Sunday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Drabek, who will visit with them for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Roberts of Amistad, N. M., were here last week visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Walter Long, and family. They will spend Christmas visiting relatives and friends in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fox went to Wichita Falls Friday morning to meet their daughter, Miss Jo Ann Fox, student in Georgetown College, Kentucky, who was returning home to spend the Christmas holidays.

T. J. Taylor and family of Crosbyton, Truman Taylor and family of Houston and Billy Joe Taylor and family of Fort Worth are spending Christmas here in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Taylor, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mills of Fort Worth were here Saturday visiting for a short while with Mr. Mills' brothers, Sam and Marv Mills. They were en route to Quanah to spend Christmas with Mrs. Mills' father, H. T. Kenner, and attend a family reunion of Mr. Kenner's children.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Everson and two children of Pampa visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Everson's mother, Mrs. W. T. Harris. Other visitors in Mrs. Harris' home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Boren of Vivian and Mrs. Ike Everson.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rasberry and family of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Ray Condon and family of Costa Mesa, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and family of Amarillo all visited during Christmas in the home of Mrs. Maude E. Rasberry and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. King of Amarillo spent the week end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ballard of Austin came Monday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ballard.

Mrs. May Baley and a friend from Dallas were here for the week end visiting Mrs. Baley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim A. Hart of DeKalb, Ill., are here and will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. A. S. Hart, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Magee and family.

Joe M. Magee of Pampa is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rude Magee, and his two small sons, Ernest Mark and Rudie.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Roark of Fort Worth came Monday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roark, and other relatives.

Bob Edwards of Lubbock is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Edwards. The Edwards family will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Self of Wichita Falls.

Milton Magee of San Francisco, Calif., arrived here Sunday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rude Magee. He came to Wichita Falls by plane and was met there by his father and brother, Joe Mark, and Rudie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crews Jr. and family of Midland, Miss Mary Sam Crews of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Crews and daughter, Miss Mary Margaret, of East Columbia, are here to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roper and children, Kathy and Mark, of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rimenschneider and three children, Joe, John and Mary, of Killean, Texas, are here to spend Christmas with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, and other relatives.

Police Patrolman Ellis Eubanks of Big Spring was passing out cigars with every traffic ticket on December 19. Mrs. Ellis gave birth to a son, Tommy Joy, in a Big Spring hospital early Wednesday morning. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eubanks of Crowell.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our good friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful to us during my illness in the hospital. Also thanks to the nurses and to Dr. Kralicke.

Mrs. Liler Cook. pd.

The standard gauge for a railroad track is four feet, eight and one-half inches.

Health Department Gives Vital Statistics Figures on Texans

Searching for something to be thankful for in these times of ominous world tensions with the threat of life-taking war?

Look at the Texas State Department of Health vital statistics figures, which show:

Since 1936, infant deaths during the first year of life have dropped from more than 71 per thousand, to less than 30 deaths per thousand and today.

During the same period, maternal deaths and stillbirths have been reduced from 6.9 per thousand to less than 0.5 so far this year.

Current indications are that death rates will continue to improve as increased health standards become commonplace throughout Texas. Making Texans health conscious is the king-sized job of many divisions within the State Health Department.

A division concerned, not so much with life and death, but nevertheless dealing with a highly important aspect of Texas health, is the division of Mental Health.

They are responsible for the mental health program of prevention in Texas. Primary focus of the program is on community mental health services, and have been in operation for nine years.

The division operates on the basis of the four commonly accepted levels of prevention in mental health. They are:

1. Promotion of knowledge and application of principles of healthy human relationships, especially parent-child relationships;

2. Early case-finding and professional guidance of individuals, particularly children, showing symptoms of emotional disturbance;

3. Mental health clinic services for those persons suffering from minor emotional disturbances or apparent mental retardation, but not requiring institutional treatment;

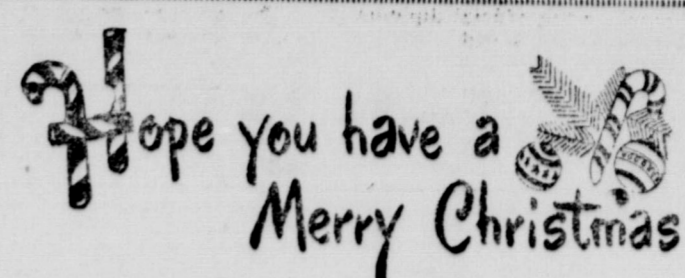
4. Short-term hospital care for those suffering from acute emotional disturbances and not requiring long-term institutional treatment.

Consultation and financial assistance is rendered to communities interested in establishing child guidance or mental health clinics.

Over 400,000 Texans viewed mental health films obtained from the film library of the State Department of Health during the last biennium. There are now 363 prints of 132 different mental health films now available for showings in Texas.

Jeff Bruce left Saturday afternoon for Los Angeles, Calif., to join his wife, who had gone on before, to visit during the Christmas holidays with their daughters, Mrs. L. N. Battershall and Mrs. Earl Sprague, and families.

A gandy dancer is a man who inspects railroad ties for loose rails and bolts.



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MEASON'S BEAUTY SHOP

Holiday GREETING TO OUR FRIENDS

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine and customs of everyday business and in real sincerity say

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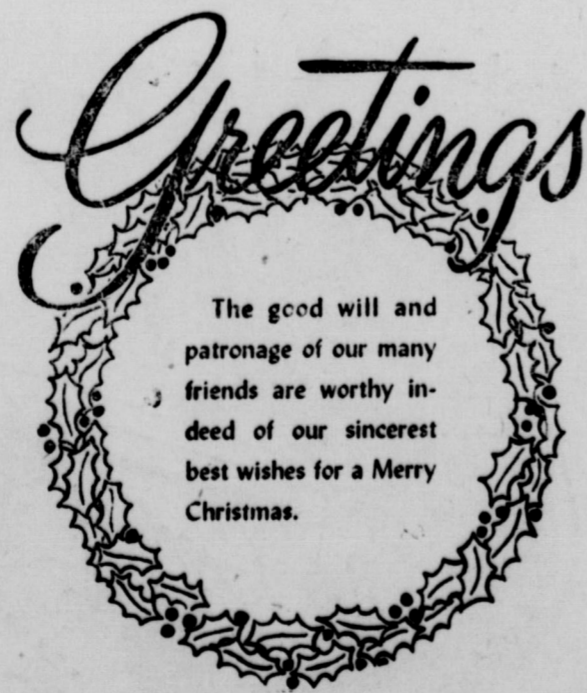
and wish our Friends a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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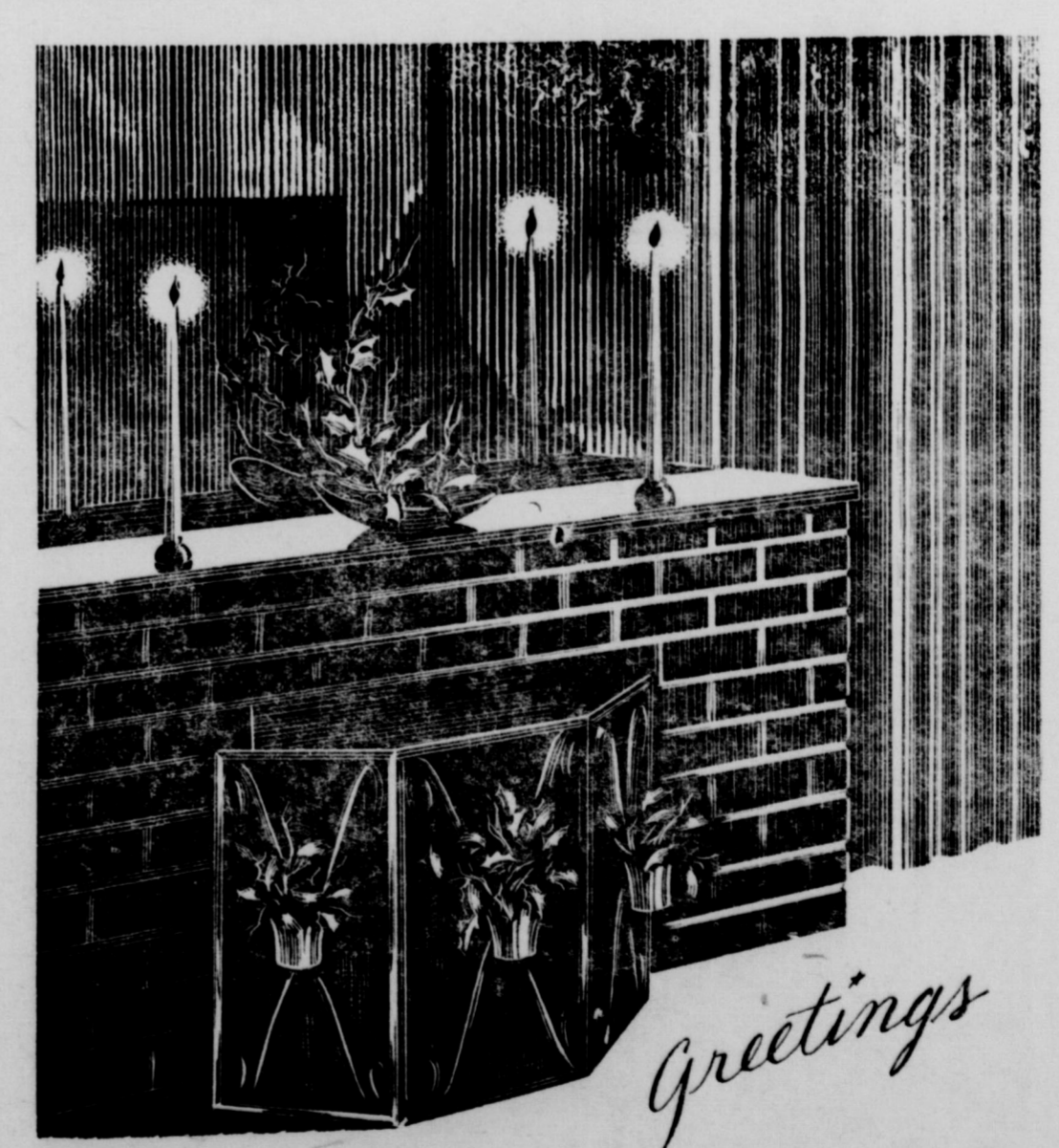
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The good will and patronage of our many friends are worthy indeed of our sincerest best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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May the meanings of Christmas, be deeper, its friendship stronger and its hopes brighter for each of you this Season.

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Red River Valley Hereford Breeders Association
IS HOLDING ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL
REGISTERED HEREFORD SALE
Sale will be held in the Tillman Co. Fair Barn on South Eighth Street in Frederick Okla. on
Friday, January 4, 1957
Beginning at 12:30 p. m.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT THE SALE BARN
Sale will be in a heated barn with plenty of seats and will be held, RAIN or SHINE!
Selling 39 Bulls and 33 Females of both Horned and Poled Herefords, All of Top Quality!
The Auctioneer will be W. H. "Bill" Holdenbrand.

French is the official diplomatic language of the world

The average weight of the human brain is 48 ounces.

Visitors to the capitol in Washington may go through the building from 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

William Tell was a Swiss patriot who lived in the 14th century.

To wish you Merry Christmas M. JONES CAGED LAYERS

The Very Best to you from us. MERRY CHRISTMAS! S & W FOOD LOCKERS

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS to All Our Good Friends Downtown Floral Shop Frank and Helen

Riverside MRS. CAP ADKINS

Floyd Bice of Lubbock spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bice. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shultz and family of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gable and Norman Shultz, all of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and family of Floydada all visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz, and Billy Doyle during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kuchn spent Sunday with their nephew, S. L. Ward, who is very ill in his home near Chillicothe. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward, visited their daughter, Mrs. Beth Williams, and family of Wichita Falls that day. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hammonds and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pyle and family, all of Floydada visited their mother, Mrs. L. H. Hammonds, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sanford and boys of Dallas spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tolson. W. L. Mussetter of St. Louis, Mo., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Mussetter and his sister, Mrs. John S. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Cato and boys of Fort Worth spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Whitten, and other relatives. Rudolph Richter of Lubbock spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richter. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bice and family of Sunray spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bice. James Bowers is here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bowers and Janie and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Spirek and SP-2 H. L. Ayers of El Paso and Fort Bliss are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ayers, during the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gray spent the holidays with their son, Loyd Gray, and family of Iowa Park. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Portwood and Eugene Kajs, all of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kajs Jr. and baby of Lubbock visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kajs, during the holiday season. At a meeting in Crowell Tuesday night, Arlos Moore received an award for field crops in 4-H work, Wanda Moore received an award for frozen foods and Janis Morris an award for achievement. We are very proud of our 4-H Club workers. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwartz and family had the following relatives for Christmas day: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bohat, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McLaughlin, Mr. Sally Frazier, all of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lynn and daughter of Odell, Mr. and Mrs. James Holford of Sweetwater, Tony Schwartz and family of Five-in-One, Bettie Schwartz of Vernon, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Zuhn and family. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Moore and family were dinner guests of his brother, Truett Moore, and family of Vernon Sunday. Other guests were Mr. Moore's sister, Mrs. R. B. Ripley, and husband of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Walker and sons, Bill and Ray, of Floydada visited Mrs. John S. Ray and mother Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gable and children of Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Swan and children of Lima, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Swan and family of Pampa are all visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Swan, during the holidays. Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Kasperik and son, Stanley, of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Schroeder and Wanda of Fort Worth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Schroeder, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flesher of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cribbs of Carlsbad, N. M., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cribbs, and Veda. Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Schroeder moved her mother, Mrs. Mary Gfeller, to her home in Vernon and will stay temporarily with her. Mrs. Gfeller is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Moore and family visited Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Nolan Shivers, of Five-in-One, and her sister, Mrs. Dean Clark, and husband of Mineral Wells, who were visiting in the Shivers home. Mr. and Mrs. L. Kempf, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers and Janie spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kempf and daughter of Farmers Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Zuhn and family spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. G. M. Schoppa, and family of Harrold. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richter and family of Arlington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Richter, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. August Rummel and LaVoy spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. James Bice, and family of Dumas. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Poyner and children of Amarillo spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Farrar.

In The News... 30 YEARS AGO

News items below were taken from the issue of The Foard County News of Friday, Dec. 24, 1926: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cope celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Seymour last Wednesday. Mrs. F. G. Hinds, 94, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bell Monday where she had made her home for several years. She was Mrs. Bell's grandmother. L. Kamstra and Mrs. H. G. Teague of Crowell were married at the home of Mrs. Teague Wednesday afternoon with Rev. W. J. Mayhew performing the ceremony. H. E. Ferguson received notice this week that he had been appointed to fill a vacancy on the State Park Board until March 1, 1927. Mrs. C. P. Poland died at the home of her son, H. D. Poland, here last Friday, Dec. 17. Up to Dec. 13, the winners' report shows Foard County to have gained 17,076 bales, as against 15,906 at the same date last year. Up to the present time Foard County has had 36 inches of rain this year, bringing the year close up to the second best in 13 years. Bill Norman has accepted a position with Cicero Smith Lumber Co. to take the place of Roy Ricks. Frank Moore and family of Thrift are here visiting Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. W. D. Stubblefield, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker and two sons and Mr. Parker's sister, Miss Alice Parker, of Tobe, Colo., spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ferguson. Miss Barbara Cryer and Mrs. Dorothy Odum left Wednesday for their homes, the former at Goldthwaite and the latter at Thurber. C. R. Crowell of Los Angeles, Calif., is here spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. N. A. Crowell, and other relatives and friends. He has made his home in Los Angeles for the past 14 years. W. B. Wheeler has gone to Austin to bring his little son, J. B., and Markham Spencer home for Christmas. WHALE OF A DIFFERENCE New England is still using whale oil for illumination—but only in museum demonstrations. The oil is burned in old Yankee sperm oil lamps during lectures on the lighting devices of 150 years ago. Whale oil started heading for the museum in 1859, when the discovery of petroleum brought the kerosene lamp. Although today, kerosene has switched from lamp fuel to jet plans fuel, petroleum is still in the lighting picture through the enormous amount of electricity it helps generate. Since its very first commercial beginnings, petroleum has helped to light, as well as lighten, our work.

Letters Mailed to 13,000 Veterans

The last of 13,000 letters from Land Commissioner Earl Rudder to veterans who have applied for state aid in purchasing land through the Veterans' Land Program went out Tuesday. The letters tell the veterans that the additional \$100,000,000 in bonds added to the program by voters on November 6 should become available for the purchase of lands sometime during April, May or June of 1957. The delay, the letter continues, lies in the time necessary to print, sell, and deliver the bonds. 3600 sets of application forms have been mailed out since the program re-opened in October, 1955, and another 1200 sets will be sent to veterans during the first six months of 1957, the letter says. Money for these 1200 applicants will come from a revolving fund composed of payments from veterans who have already purchased land through the program. In his letter, Commissioner Rudder, who is also chairman of the Veterans' Land Board, encouraged veterans who seek more information about the program to contact the land board. Maryland has the only state flag bearing a coat of arms.



Wishing you joy and happiness not only on Christmas but every day of the coming year. City Cleaners Gladys and Bernice

SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR ALL THE JOYS OF THIS HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON DAVIS BEAUTY SHOP

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I am a little boy five years old and I have tried to be real good. Please bring me a gun that shoots smoke, a plastic animal farm, a junior football and one run scabbard. You can leave off the candies if there isn't enough to go to all the children, and please remember them all, and my Dadaw in Fort Worth. Thank you, Ricky Morris Diggs. CANNOT BE ARRESTED Congressmen cannot be arrested for traffic violation. THREE MILES FROM SHORE Officially, the high seas begin three miles from shore.

MAY the spirit of the Christmas Star reflect in the hearts of all the peoples of the world... reminding them of the joys of giving and loving... and stirring anew their efforts for eternal Peace on Earth... Good Will Toward Men. CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

And all good wishes for CHRISTMAS NONA OLDS

Merry Christmas Thanks, too, for your good will and friendship in the past. HUMBLE SERVICE STATION

Hardeman County Greenbelt Milk Producers Association

THIS is the time to send our sincere thanks for your kindness and cooperation and to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas SHIRLEY-YOUREE DRUG

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale

FOR SALE — 4-room frame house to be moved. — George Bethmayer. 21-tfc

FOR SALE — Young Del. Hamp. pellets. Will be laying soon. \$1.00 each. — Mrs. J. C. Prosser, phone Thalia 2172. 23-tfc

For Rent

FOR RENT — Modern, furnished bedroom house, garage and cellar, in Margaret. See Mrs. Clarence Bounds for key. — Mrs. Belle Stevens. 21-tfc

Notice

PLENTY OF MONEY to loan on farms and ranches. — Joe Couch, Vernon, with the Great National Life. 9-tfc

NOTICE — The Egenbacher Implement Co., Knox City, your international Harvester dealer. All kinds new and used farm machinery. See us for a better deal. Day phone 2761; night phone 2192. tfe

RELIABLE person full or spare time work. Up to \$250 or more monthly for 7 to 12 hours weekly. Exceptional opportunity servicing new sensational dispensing and skill machine. First time offered. Only steady responsible person need apply. Car, references and \$600 working capital necessary. For personal interview write Box 4047, Minneapolis 11, Minn. 11p

Answers to CLASSIFIED QUIZZERS

Here are the answers to Classified Quizzes about cooking and sewing, which appear on Page One.

1. Baute.
2. Shir.
3. Whip.
4. A pie tin and a coat must both be lined.
5. Hems and flapjacks must both be turned.

Trespass Notices

NO TRESPASSING of any kind or trash dumping on John S. Ray land. — Mrs. John S. Ray. 1-57

TRESPASS NOTICE—No hunting or fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on any land, owned or leased by me. — W. B. Johnson. tfe

NO HUNTING, FISHING or trespassing of any kind allowed on any land owned or leased by C. S. Wishon. pd. 6-55

NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on my land. — Furd Halsell. tfe

NO TRESPASSING—Positively no hunting or fishing on any of my land. Trespassers will be prosecuted. — Leslie Adams. tfe



CROWELL RADIO & T. V.

Thalia

MRS. C. H. WOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Platt of Birmingham, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Luinstra of Pipestone, Minn., were guests in the home of the ladies' aunt, Mrs. Roy Shultz, and family.

Mrs. Raymond Grimm and Mrs. O. M. Grimm visited Mrs. Litter Cook in the Crowell Hospital on Tuesday of last week.

The Norman Gray family of Hereford, the Loyd Gray family of Dimmitt and the Fred and Beverly Gray families were guests in the home of their mother, Mrs. H. W. Gray, during the holidays.

The Floyd Oliver and Kenneth Oliver of Amarillo came Wednesday, Dec. 19, to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eudale Oliver.

The Beverly Grays spent the week end through Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Bullman, in the Clyde Crisp home at Northside. The Crisps were on a trip to California.

Oecie Taylor of Amarillo came last Wednesday for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finnie Tarver.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Powers and Mrs. Sam Powers visited Bill Powers in the Knox City hospital last Tuesday. They also visited Mrs. F. C. Harrison in Knox City.

T. J. Jennings and daughter, Mabel, of Tipton, Okla., visited last week with his cousin, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, and Mr. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown and children of Denver City are here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson of Norman, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Penny Neill and daughter of Midland and Woodroe and R. E. Johnson of Amarillo spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Naylor and boys went to Clarendon to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Morris, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hall, at Hedley.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Chapman of Amarillo are here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. G. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wisdom and children were dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Streit, Sunday, Dec. 23, in the Five-and-One community.

Barbara Luckie of Stamford spent the week end with the B. A. Whitmans and other friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bill Hall are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Storey, in Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Railsback of Bell Garden, Calif., are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Self. On Christmas day the Selfs, the T. R. Cates Jr. and the Railsbacks all were dinner guests in the Elmer Laurance home in Wichita Falls. They were met there by Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Gilbert and children of Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roseberry of Newton Grove, N. C., are here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Adkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hogan left Sunday, Dec. 16, for Glasco, Kan., to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Vecera, and family.

Mrs. Frank Wood and children, Jerry and Ann, of Vernon were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Gamble Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Self of Seagraves visited his mother, Mrs. May Self, and Roy and other relatives here during the holidays.

Logan Casada of Abilene was a holiday guest in the home of Lis parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Casada.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinley spent Christmas with their son, Lowell McKinley, and family at Pertyon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood left Friday for Tyler to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Rex Sowden and family, Charles Wood and family of Austin met his parents in the Snowden home for a visit over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cates and daughters spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, at Loraine.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Fitzgerald visited on Christmas eve with her mother, Mrs. O. T. Taliaferro, and also with her daughter, Mrs. Bar-

Vivian

MRS. W. O. FISH

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Fish and children, Allen Joe, John Lee and Marydel, of Dallas will spend Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish, and her mother, Mrs. Lillie Martin, and her brother, Woodrow Martin, and wife of Broadmore.

Miss Bernita Fish, Egbert and Herbert Fish plan to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sosebee and son of Anson and Miss Rosalie Fish of Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Haynie and children, Joylyn, Sharla and Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marr will spend Christmas with Mrs. Haynie's and Mrs. Marr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carroll, of Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Werley will eat Christmas dinner with his mother, Mrs. L. R. Werley, and family of Thalia, visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carroll, of Crowell Tuesday afternoon and eat supper with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hall, of Black Tuesday night.

Miss Dorothy Fish, student at West Texas State College in Canyon, will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bery Fish, and family.

Miss Barbara Fairchild of Wichita Falls will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

bara Farris, in Lawton, Okla., and on Christmas day they visited with M-Sgt. E. W. Pogue in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hughes of Austin spent the week end and through Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Jackson and children of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Quillin and children of Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lynch and family of Crowell were Christmas guests in the home of their parents, the J. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cooper and Candy spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert May, in Vernon.

The Idle Hour Club met in the home of Mrs. T. R. Cates Dec. 15 for the annual Christmas program. Secret pals were revealed with an exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. Refreshments of cake and punch were served to 11 members and one guest, Mrs. Joicy Jones, of Floydada.

Nan Sue Shultz came in from Decatur last Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shultz. On Sunday, Dec. 22, the Shultzes were dinner guests in the home of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Wood in Vernon and on Christmas eve and Christmas day the Shultzes were guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gotchie Mints, and family in Paducah.

Leotis Roberts and Dana Loy and Mrs. E. H. Roberts spent Christmas with the Raymond Oliver in Hale Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Gamble had as their guests Friday night, Dec. 21, his children and grandchildren who gathered in his home for a Christmas party.

The Edgar Johnsons and the Waldon Johnsons of Vernon were dinner guests in the home of their parents, the W. A. Johnsons, on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grimm, Mrs. O. M. Grimm and Jesse and Mrs. Raymond Grimm's mother, Mrs. A. K. Eden, and sons, Muri and Wilbur, of Vernon and their sister, Mrs. Johnny Wilson, of Amarillo were dinner guests in the home of the Bob Abstons in Crowell Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Johnson and baby were Sunday dinner guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Black, at Truscott.

Mrs. Foy McRae and Mrs. Roy Shultz visited the J. T. Martins in Vernon Thursday.

DITCHING THE FARM IN STYLE

Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley are all pepped up about an experimental irrigation ditch — a thing of butyl and a joy forever. The new ditch is shaped and hand-lined with oil-based butyl rubber, which is low-cost and long-wearing, and can be pulled out, rolled up, and used over and over again in different locations.

THIS WEEK -In Washington



With Clinton Davidson

The professional crystal-ball gazers, some 200 of them, have now taken a close-range look at 1957 and arrived at a sort of Farmers' Almanac forecast on prices and income for the year ahead.

The consensus of the experts at the annual Agricultural Outlook Conference of farm economists from all over the country is that 1957 will be very little different from 1956 for most farmers.

This is the 34th year that the Outlook Conference has been held and the record of accuracy of predictions has been amazingly good. Odds are 10 to 1 that the 1957 forecast will prove to be very close to accurate.

Predictions for next year are qualified by the assumption that there will be no big shooting war, that business activity and employment will be at a high level, and that crop weather will be somewhere near normal.

With those things in mind, here are some of the most reliable predictions for 1957 that we know about:

Some improvement in the general level of farm product prices is likely in 1957. The increase over this year may be about 2 per cent, when averaged out among all commodities.

Farm income from the sale of products will be slightly below 1956 because of more acres that will be put in the soil bank, but government payments will more than make up that loss.

Farm operating costs—the goods and services farmers buy, including taxes and interest—will average somewhat higher in 1957 than in 1956.

Livestock production will decline slightly from the 1956 record high. Hog slaughter will be down and prices will be higher. Beef cattle, sheep and lambs will average slightly higher.

Cash receipts from the sale of milk will rise to another new record in 1957. Prices will remain near present levels, allowing for seasonal variations, and production will be up slightly.

Production of eggs, broilers and turkeys is likely to exceed record 1956 levels. With the possible exception of broilers, prices for these commodities will average a little lower next year.

Prices for vegetable oils, mainly soybean and cottonseed, probably will average higher than a year earlier.

Feed grain prices will average higher than a year earlier through next spring, although total supplies will be about as large as for this year.

Increased exports will reduce the total supply of wheat, but prices next summer may be little different from this year. The total supply will continue in excess of demand.

With market supplies of fruits generally smaller this fall, grower prices probably will continue above a year earlier.

Most fresh vegetables will continue in more plentiful supply than a year earlier and prices will be slightly lower.

There'll be no big increase next spring in potato prices, because Florida and California growers plan to plant one-third more acres for harvest in early 1957 than a year earlier.

Exports of farm products, up 17 per cent in volume this year over last, will continue increasing in 1957, but the percentage gain may be smaller.

PLASTIC THROATS IN CANCER CURE

Plastic "throats" are helping improve the cure rate for some cancer patients, according to reports from the Third National Cancer Conference held at Detroit recently. The oil-based, polyethylene throats are being used to replace removed tissues in areas where the food is swallowed and started on its way through the stomach, thus restoring continuity of the digestive tract. Economical, dependable petroleum products are among medicine's newest allies in its fight against cancer.

ROUGH EDGE

Silver and gold coins have a rough edge because if they were smooth it would be easy to file off some of the valuable metal without changing the coin's appearance.

"Veto" comes from the Latin meaning "I forbid."

Very Merry CHRISTMAS

Mike Rasberry Family

NOTICE TO FARMERS!

See Farmers Co-Op Elevator Ass'n.

For Poultry Feeds, Emergency Cattle Cubes—or Milo Field Seeds — Mill Spray

PHONE 29

DURING the days of the year we too seldom take sufficient time to acknowledge the courtesies and friendships of those whom we know and serve.

For that reason we are glad Christmas comes at least once a year—it gives us an opportunity to pause and say to you in all sincerity

Merry Christmas

FARMERS CO-OP. ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

Crowell, Texas

And all good wishes for CHRISTMAS

BROOKS AUTO SUPPLY

It's time to wish Every Happiness to those we know and serve in this community.

M. M. WELCH

Magna Products—Butane and Propane

Society

MRS. T. B. KLEPPER, Editor
PHONE 43 OR 165

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Crowell Garden Club met in the home of Mrs. Nelson Oliphant on Friday, Dec. 14, with Mrs. L. A. Andrews as co-hostess. Mrs. Hulén Monkres was in charge of the program, "Make Your Own Christmas" with Mrs. Glen Fox as assistant. A particularly lovely arrangement, featuring the Madonna and Child as center of interest, truly captured the spirit of the Christmas season. Ideas for making Christmas

arrangements, wreaths, swags, tree ornaments, corsages, decorations for packages and wall decorations were all included and demonstrated on the program. Each Garden Club member brought something to take to the hospital. Decorations for the doors, individual window decorations, and pillow corsages were included in these. Plans were also made to assist with County Federation Historical Project on Saturday.

Dr. Harold Rose Jr.
CHIROPRACTOR
7th & Main, Quanah, Tex.

GAMBLEVILLE H. D. CLUB
Mrs. Glendon Russell entertained the Gambleville Home Demonstration Club with a Christmas party on December 17. A humorous Christmas story was given by Mrs. Russell. Guests enjoyed games and puzzles. Mrs.

Clarence Garrett gave the council report. Names of secret pals were revealed. Gifts from the tree were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Mary Brown, C. S. Bartley, Milton Hunter, A. B. Calvin, Buster Cates, Frank Cates, Cecil Carroll, Clarence Garrett, Fred Diggs and the hostess.

TEEN CANTEEN

The Teen Canteen was opened immediately following the Crowell-Lockett basketball game Friday night, Dec. 7. About 30 teenagers attended. The chaperones for the evening were Mrs. Glen Fox, Mrs. Hulén Monkres and Fred Wehba. Everyone had fun who attended. The canteen was opened Friday night, Dec. 14. Around 25 attended. A new ping pong table was installed and was enjoyed by each one. Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fox and Mrs. Fern McKown. Everyone had a good time. The canteen was opened Tuesday night, Dec. 18. Around 30 attended and with the new ping pong table, everyone had a good time. The chaperones were Mrs. Percy Taylor, Mrs. Cecil Carpenter and Mrs. Houston Adkins.

KINDERGARTEN PARTY

On Friday, Dec. 21, the kindergarten pupils of Mrs. Jack Turner brought a guest and enjoyed a Christmas party. Gifts were on the tree for everyone. The pupils had a very interesting program for the little guests. Refreshments were served to Mary Lou Kralieck, Maryland Harris, Pam Carter, Stanley Adcock, Kandy Cooper, Kristi McLain, Janie Hughston, Randy Owens, the guests, and the kindergarten class, Jo Driver, Margaret Kralieck, Brenda Raines, Renee Cooper, Cathy McLain, Mike Clayton, Terry Bird and Lynn Pruitt.

GET LONG WEEK END

Many General Telephone Co. of the Southwest employees got a long Christmas week end as a result of a memorandum agreement reached between the company and the Communications Workers of America to allow a 4-day week end. Employees whose possible received Christmas eve off and will work Saturday, Dec. 29.

J. A. McCrum, district commercial manager for the company, said that the local office was closed Christmas eve and Christmas day. Maine is bordered by only one other state.

Quail Farm Ends Year with 16,000 Birds Distributed

The experimental quail farm opened by the Game and Fish Commission in 1956 overcame drought-imposed handicaps to the extent of distributing approximately sixteen thousand young birds to roughly two hundred applicants mostly in northeast and East Texas.

W. J. Cutbirth, assistant executive secretary of the Commission, said about two thousand quail were retained as brood stock for 1957 production and suggested that interested sportsmen's groups and individuals might well prepare their applications now to allow ample time for processing as to habitat requirements and other qualifications. He estimated that ten per cent of the sixteen thousand young quail distributed this year went to sportsmen's groups. Mr. Cutbirth said field reports indicate a good survival rate and urged hunters to help complete the studies by sending in bands which were placed around a leg on each of the released quail.

The quail farm was created by the Commission as a key part of its quail habitat restoration program. The Commission acted on information that the drought had so badly depleted food and cover facilities that the available native population would require implementation from artificial sources.

Rural Youth to Have Special Day at Fort Worth

Thousands of Future Farmers, 4-H Club members and Future Homemakers are expected from all parts of Texas and from other states on Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. The day has been designated in honor of these organizations. Steers, lambs and pigs of the junior show will be judged on FFA, 4-H and FHA day. On Jan. 27, the Sunday School

breakfast for junior show exhibitors will be held in Pioneer Palace with the First National Bank of Fort Worth as the host. A new feature of the junior show will be a breeding beef heifer division. Junior dairy show judging is scheduled for Jan. 31. "Auction of champions" will take place Feb. 1. Poultry judging and grass judging contests for 4-H Club members and Future Farmers will be held Feb. 2. The Jaycees will present a plaque and a Western hat as showmanship awards in the junior steer, heifer, dairy calf, pig and lamb shows.

'57 Model Gets Deer Load Test

A 1957 model "low" priced car was intercepted last week by Game Warden Adolph Heep of Fredericksburg, with five night-slain, undressed deer in its trunk. Heep reported to the director of law enforcement in Austin that the flashy two-toned rig stood the weight test very well but that the two San Antonio men seized with the contraband had to dig deeply into their Christmas funds to settle with the law. Heep nabbed the men on a tip stating that a new car with a light colored top had been involved in some night shooting on the main highway south of Fredericksburg. After halting three such machines, Heep stopped the right one.

The charges were for exceeding the limit on deer and for possessing untaxed deer. Each of the men earlier had used one of his tags on deer. Heep described the deer as all bucks, including three fine specimens. They had not been dressed, so Heep retained one of the night hunters to attend to that detail while the other went to San Antonio to get the approximately \$850 required to cover fines and court costs.

Land Board to Advertise Land

Texas' Veterans' Land Board began advertising Wednesday, Dec. 19, for bids on 56 tracts of land it will sell early in 1957. The lands to be sold, which are located in all sections of the state, have been forfeited by original owners who purchased the property through the Veterans' Land Program. The notice—to be published in newspapers near forfeited properties—will explain that bids will be accepted by the board until 10 a. m. Feb. 5, 1957. Bids will

be opened at that time. In addition to its advertising, the land board has begun mailing out detailed information on the sale to 10,000 veterans who have requested the material. Others who desire information about the sale can write the Veterans' Land Board in Austin, Earl Rudder, commissioner of the General Land Office, explains.

Stamp collecting puts a premium on poor printing since a blot, blur or misprint increases the value of a stamp to collectors.

TALE OF THE SCORPION
A new "Scorpion" is making its sting felt in the Gulf of Mexico. It's the first drilling platform designed with three legs for greater stability on irregular ocean floors, and the first which can be raised to any desired height by its own engines. The "Scorpion" will carry everything needed for extended offshore operations, and can operate in up to 80 feet of water. "Doodlesack" is a colloquial name for bagpipes.



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