

THE BAIRD STAR

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BAIRD: Callahan county seat, T & P railroad division point, on state and federal highways, strong churches, good schools, and home of 1,821 typical Texas people.

CALLAHAN COUNTY: fine ranches, diversified farming, and one of Texas most active oil producing areas, population 9,067, elevation 1,800 feet, annual rainfall 25 inches.

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SUPPORT OUR HOME TOWN

Hale-Aikin Group Chosen For County

The permanent organization of the Callahan County Hale-Aikin Committee for County-wide study of school problems met in the County Court Room Dec. 9th, and effected permanent organization. Hugh Ross, of Baird, was elected Chairman, Aaron McKee, of Eula, Vice Chairman, and H. E. Swoford, of Clyde, Secretary.

The committee decided on the following plan of procedure:

1. The members of the committee from each District, in the County would carry out the study in each said District in whatever manner they deemed best.

2. One person from each District will serve on a committee to summarize and consolidate findings and recommendations from each District.

3. The committee as a whole would formulate final recommendations to be presented to the State Committee.

The first of April was set as the deadline for the completion of the study within each District since final recommendations are to be made to the State by May 1st.

A. W. (Jack) Maness Buried At Ozona

Funeral services for Allen Willford (Jack) Maness, 61, were held in the Ozona Methodist Church Dec. 2, 1957. He passed away Dec. 1 in the Crockett County Hospital in Ozona where he had been a patient about 2 weeks. He had been ill with cancer for several years.

Mr. Maness had been a resident of Ozona since moving from Callahan County. He had lived at Putnam, Clyde and Baird where some of the children attended school.

He was born March 27, 1896 in Ellis County. His wife is the former Willie Iris Lovell. He had been a member of the Methodist church since early manhood and was an oil driller by occupation.

Survivors, other than the wife are 3 sons, James W. of Farmington, N. M., Weldon of Lubbock and Billy of Ozona; five daughters, Mrs. Sue Staley of Lubbock, Mrs. Lou Dugan of McCamey, Mrs. Betty Boatman of New Iberia, La., Mrs. June Meadows of Ozona and Pauline Maness of the home; one brother, Henry of Carbon; three sisters, Mrs. Clyde Lovell of Cisco, Mrs. Carl Bohanan and Mrs. Buster Johnson, both of Carbon; and 17 grandchildren.

Mr. Maness was laid to rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Pallbearers were Clavia Womack, Bill Womack, Jack Womack, Ernest Dunlap, Jack Whitley, Hamp Thompson, V. E. Earnest, Glen Sutton and Carl Montgomery, all of Ozona.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM DECEMBER 20

A 4-H Club Achievement Awards program will be held Friday evening, December 20 at 8 p. m. in the District Court room in Baird.

All 4-H Club members, their parents and 4-H club boosters are invited to attend.

Local Law Officers Uncover Teen-Age Auto Theft Ring

With the arrest of two youths here Monday night, a teen-age auto theft ring has been broken by Baird and Abilene law enforcement officers. A total of seven teen-agers are under arrest.

It all began Monday night with the theft of a 1957 Chevrolet automobile from the J. D. Barnes home in Baird. Mr. Barnes heard the car drive off and notified local officers, Sheriff Homer Price and Deputy Lee Brown, who in turn notified all officers in this area. The car was found soon thereafter, and the youths were caught sometime later near Clyde.

After bringing the youth, Jerry Wayne McClung and Donald Gardner to Baird, under questioning the boys implicated the others. Abilene officers were notified and the arrest of five more

Clyde Wins Sixth Straight, 55 to 17

Clyde rolled up its sixth consecutive victory of the season with a 55-17 decision over Baird here Tuesday night.

Gerald Breeding hit 14 for the winner with Leonard Payne notching eight of the Baird total.

Clyde also won the girls game 33-33. Kay Farmer was high for Clyde with 17, while Baird's Helen Jaggars was game high scorer with 20.

Caraway Child's Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral for Rebecka Ann Caraway, 29-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caraway of Abilene, was held at 4 p. m. Tuesday in Kiker-Warren Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. R. U. Rister, Jr., pastor of the East Side Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

The child, who had been ill for two days, was pronounced dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital early Monday morning. She was born May 30, 1955 in Abilene. Her father, a bricklayer, is employed by J. F. Chambers.

Survivors include the parents, one sister, Deborah Kaye; one brother, Bobby James; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lyles of Abilene and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Caraway of Clyde.

GAME NIGHT

There will be a game night at the Rowden Community Center Saturday night, Dec. 14th. The public is invited to be with us. Bring your dominoes and tables.

Bill Lawrence, Chairman

NOTICE TO PATRONS OF BAIRD POST OFFICE

In order to expedite the handling of Christmas mail, the Baird Postoffice will stay open on Saturday evening, Dec. 14 and 21 until 5:00 P. M. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. J. Brice Jones, Postmaster

youths resulted. Nine recent auto thefts and two burglaries were solved.

Also charged were: Lester Leon Barry, Jr. 17, Clifford Allen Hall, 17; Roy Bryan Washburn, 17; Billy Charles, 19 and Andrew Parks, 19, all of Abilene. All but Parks have been charged with auto theft, and he is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property.

In the Abilene police station Tuesday night was the following loot recovered:

Twenty-nine tires and wheels, six tires, one wheel, four floor-mats, two towbars, one transmission, two generators, two sets of fender skirts, 12 hub-caps, two carburetors, one intake manifold, one super-charger, two electric drills, one radio, two tool boxes full of tools, a chain hoist, three boxes of assorted parts, four drives in speakers, a paint gun, four rear-view mirrors, a .22 revolver and a .22 pistol.

Many of the parts and tires were taken off of and out of car trunks, various of the arrested boys said. Some of the loot was taken in burglaries of Empire Auto Parts on South 7th in Abilene, and from Hartmann's Garage, on North 1st Street.

Santa Claus Letters To Be Published

Letters to Santa Claus will be published in this paper next week. We would like to ask that all letters be mailed Saturday or Sunday so that we may receive them Monday. Just address your letters to Santa Claus, care of this newspaper, and we will be glad to publish them and then give them to Santa Claus.

Parents are asked to please check the letters to be sure that they are legible. We don't want any child to be disappointed because we can't read the letters.

Band To Give Concert At Assembly

Due to the busy Christmas season, and the many night parties and socials planned by various organizations of the community, the annual Christmas program usually presented by the schools will not be given this year.

However, Baird High School Band will present a concert at an assembly of the school Thursday morning, Dec. 19, at 9:45 in the high school auditorium. Included in the concert will be some Christmas music.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program.

Elementary School Enters Tournament

The Elementary School girls and boys basketball teams are entered in the Cisco Invitational tournament this weekend.

The Baird girls play their first game Thursday, Dec. 12 at 5:00 p. m. and the boys play Thursday at 8:00 p. m.

Bears Place Six On All-District Team

The district 7B All-District team was selected Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Gorman.

Coaches representing three of the four district schools were in attendance at the meeting, held in the Gorman school. They were H. R. Jefferies of Baird, Frank Hibler of Jim Ned and Byrd of Gorman.

The 7B All-District first team, as voted on by the representative coaches is composed of: Ends, Jerry Warren of Gorman and Terry Joy of Baird; Tackles, L. G. Smith of Jim Ned, Leonard Payne of Baird and David Revels of Gorman; Guards, Robert Suniga of Baird and Bobby Standridge of Gorman; Center, Don Orr of Jim Ned; Backs, Jim Barnes of Baird, Norman Smith of Baird, Roger Corn of Baird, John Brinegar and Eddie Gregg of Gorman.

Two Baird Bears made the second team, Buddy Maxwell at tackle and Gary Gilliland at end.

Baird Goodfellows Elect New Officers

The Baird Goodfellows met in annual session on Dec. 12. Glen Green gave a report of operations for the past year. The following officers were elected: President, James Subanks; Vice, Pres. T. G. Craft; Treas., Bobby Stanley; Secy., Alma Stephenson.

The following committees, for the Christmas season, were appointed: General Plans Committee—Lowell Boy, Mrs. Lee Ivey, and Mrs. R. A. Webster. Clothing—Beatrice Deal, Mrs. Anna Jackson, and Mrs. S. L. McElroy. Food—Glen Green and Garvth Jones.

The Goodfellows are requesting that those who have clothes and toys to contribute please bring them to the Courthouse basement by Friday, Dec. 20th. Mrs. Frank Green and Mrs. Gaylord Price of the State Department of Public Welfare will be in charge of these items. All items should be in good condition.

Football Banquet Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the annual Football Banquet to be held at the Cafeteria at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, are on sale at Black's Foot Store, Lowell Boyd's Grocery and Young and Young Insurance Agency. The Banquet is being sponsored by the Baird Quarterback Club, assisted by Baird Lions Club.

L. R. "Dutch" Meyer, athletic director of TCU at Fort Worth, will be principal speaker. Mr. Meyer is much in demand as a banquet speaker and is considered one of the great coaches of the Southwest.

SINGING CONVENTION AT BAIRD DECEMBER 15

The Callahan County Singing Convention will be held at the Presbyterian Church in Baird, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p. m.

The public is cordially invited. Come and bring your friends.

Mrs. Walker Rites Held Thursday

Funeral for Mrs. S. T. Walker, 83, who died Thursday morning after complaining Wednesday she was "taking the flu" was held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in the Clyde Baptist Church.

Rev. De Witt Chandler, pastor, officiated, assisted by A. A. Berryman, Church of Christ minister, and Rev. Mack Richardson, Baptist minister. Burial was in Clyde Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker had helped her husband in the operation of the City Pharmacy in Clyde every day up until her death. She attended Howard Payne College at Brownwood and taught school in Pioneer and other area cities several years ago. She was married to Mr. Walker 55 years ago.

She was born Lily Lee Jobe July 19, 1874, in Johnson County and had lived in Clyde 43 years. Survivors include her husband; one son, Wendell of Dallas; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Stephens of Wichita Falls; three brothers, W. F. of Putnam, Charlie Jobe of Lamesa and Elmer of Abilene; one sister, Mrs. Ruthie Davis of Vernon; three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pallbearers were John Berry, Harry Steen, Merwin Eager, Dan South, Paul Shanks, Bailey Johnson, Clark Tabor and Jim Tate.

Knights of Pythias Elects Officers

Baird Lodge No. 47 Knights of Pythias elected officers for 1958 in regular meeting Thursday night, Dec. 5.

Newly elected officers were installed Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Lodge's annual Roll Call and Open House.

Officers for the coming year are: Steve Warren, Chancellor; Darrell Young, Vice-Chancellor; K. D. Poe, Prelate; Charles Young, Master-At-Arms; Jon Hardwick, Master-At-Works; Bob Napier, Inner Guard; and George Chapman, Jr. Outer Guard.

Putnam Teacherage Burns Tuesday

Putnam school teacherage was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning, but Supt. R. W. Reynolds and his family escaped without injury.

Members of the family escaped in their night clothes. Everything else was lost. The fire was discovered between midnight and 1 a. m. Tuesday. Reynolds barely managed to get into the room occupied by his son, Roddy, and get the boy out.

Other members of the family who were in the house were Mrs. Reynolds, and the Reynolds' daughters, Meta, Janice, and Mrs. Jaynell Cochran.

The family is living temporarily in the Baptist parsonage.

Elevator Contract To Abilene Firm

A contract for the installation of an elevator in Callahan County Court House was signed Monday of this week. C. L. Cook and Son Construction Co., of Abilene was awarded the contract.

The elevator and installation contract is for \$35,188.00 and completion date calls for 250 days from Dec. 3. Construction will begin within the next few days according to Judge Lester Farmer.

Hospital News . . .

The following are patients in Callahan County Hospital:
Mr. John Cook
Peter Theous
Dr. H. H. Ramsey
Mrs. Rosa McWhorter
Mrs. Rosa Wilson
Bill Work
L. G. Kerby
Recently dismissed were:
Glen Elliott
Travis Higgins
Mrs. Arnold Farrington and baby
Mrs. Imogene York
W. J. Maltby
Mrs. Bob Warren
Polly R. O'Quinn
Tom Ivey
Mrs. Rafael Garcia
Kay Dennis
Mrs. B. H. Freeland
Mrs. Ode Berry
R. L. Goble
Evelyn Blakley

Christmas Edition Out Next Week

The Baird Star Christmas edition carrying greeting ads from professional men and women, merchants and individuals, will be published next week, and in the mails December 20th.

This will enable merchants to offer four days of special bargains to Christmas shoppers and to those buying food for the Christmas holidays. It is also the best and most economical way to wish a Merry Christmas to all your customers and friends, and tell them you appreciate their patronage.

We are working to contact every business in town, but we will appreciate a call from you.

Lake Baird Spillway Being Repaired

The Callahan County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 president, Gilbert Hinds, announced that work on the spillway was due to get underway this week. The heavy rains of last spring caused excessive erosion in the east part of the spillway. The Board applied for Federal Relief under the provisions of Public Law 875 and authorization was received recently from the Federal Civil Defense Department to expend approximately \$3,300.00, of the necessary amount to repair the spillway.

The Texas office of the Federal Civil Defense is the Governor's office of Texas.

Mr. Hinds stated the Board let a contract to Hodgson & Company of Dallas and Lubbock for the repair. All engineering has been under the direction of Freese & Nichols and the engineers of the Civil Defense Office in Denton. Work is expected to start Monday and will take about a month, weather permitting. It was stated. Excessive moisture has delayed the work about two weeks thus far.

"Texas In Review" Replaces Football

Texas in Review, Humble's popular television program about Texas, will replace Football Review starting the week of December 16.

Featured on the first program will be a round-up of live mascots at Southwestern Conference schools. These include Revellie, the only girl Texas Aggie; Bevo, Texas longhorn yearling; Peruna, SMU's Shetland stallion; and Nip, the Baylor Bear.

Other films on the program include a visit to a smorgasbord in the Norwegian community of Norse, Texas; rehabilitation work being done by Goodwill Industries in Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio; an extensive collection of bisque dolls owned by Mrs. A. H. Roby of Houston and pictures of an old-German style Christmas in the historic Peter Tatch house near Fritchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mayfield were in Dallas on business last week.

Clyde Sailor, Companion's Bodies Found In Ice-Covered Lake

The bodies of a missing Clyde sailor and his hunting companion were recovered Monday when state police chopped through ice covering Blue Mountain Lake in the central Adirondacks.

The men were Johnny M. Munson, 28, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Munson of Clyde, and Robert Griffith, 26, of Harvey, Ill. Both were electrician mates first class assigned to the atomic submarine Seawolf, and each was the father of two children.

Munson's body was beneath the ice about 200 yards out and near a 14-foot wooden boat which was partially submerged. Troopers said Griffith, wearing a life jacket, apparently tried to reach shore after the boat sank. His body was found about 75 feet from shore.

Police said the pair probably died accidentally at night. They left their station, the Groton, Conn. submarine base, Nov. 29 on a hunting trip, and were due back last Wednesday. Their auto was found Monday parked on a side road near Blue Mountain Lake.

SWEET N' SOUR

By A. Dill

Friday thirteenth is here again but it doesn't mean a thing with Christmas magic in the air, does it? How can wickedness exist with twinkling Christmas trees to purify the air?

Have you ever thought that while poets and song writers extol the beauty of city sidewalks at Christmas time, or even the yuletide season on snow blanketed countryside, that very little mention is ever made of that in-between place, the small town? Maybe they've never lived in a little town or surely they'd sing of it — sidewalks magically turned into forests of evergreen when the grocer displays his shipment of Christmas trees — windows decorated with colored lights and sparkling ornaments, and, best of all, people shouting "Merry Christmas" to each other and meaning every blessed syllable of it. There's lots to be said for the small town and perhaps someday some silver-tongued will say it.

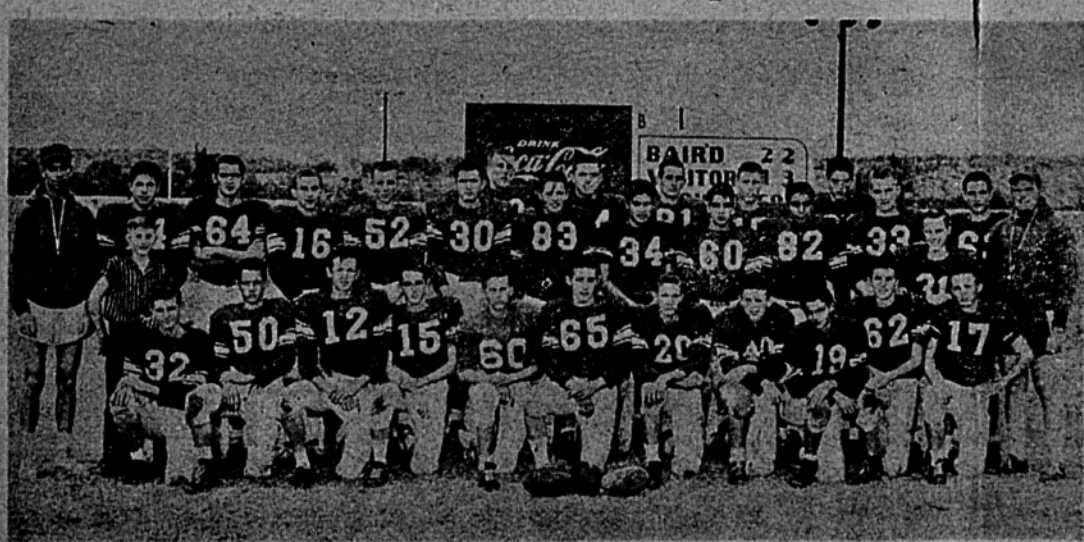
One of the sweetest of all small town customs is the tableau or program which the school program present, and if you can attend one of those and not get the spirit then you've graduated into the order of Ebenezer Scrooge cum laude. We had the finest of all programs Monday night when the MFT organization turned its meeting over to the first and second grades for their presentation of "The Friendly Animals" — a play built around the legend of the beasts who speak at Christmas time and tell of the first Noel in Bethlehem. We think some first and second grade teachers are to be congratulated on the production and also some parents for their work on the cutest costumes ever. Other than the play, the program also featured music by a chorus of grade school girls and an exquisite ballet number by Sue-Anne Swinson, who was nothing short of fairylite in a sparkling snowflake costume.

Choral numbers for the play proper were given by a first, second grade choir that in our opinion couldn't be equaled — and when Brian Lee Reese wins a crown in the musical world we want it known that we recognized it way back when — that little boy certainly does have a great big beautiful voice. And as we said before — the play was just slightly wonderful — the donkeys, the ponies, the sheep, the cows, the kittens, the dogs, and the rabbits, and, oh yes, the angels (those precious angels) made up the prettiest Christmas play we've ever seen. Of course, we couldn't close this write-up without mentioning Ann Glasston and Jimmy Alexander portraying the Holy Family in such a sweet and reverent way.

Here is something you just mustn't miss on your trips of viewing the yuletide decorations — Nell and Fred Goble's silver tree in the front of their home. You'd never believe that such a vision of loveliness could be achieved by the use of anything so prosaic as tin cans, but that's the story of it — that and Nell's

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Baird Bears - 1957 Bi-District Champions



FRONT ROW: David McIntosh, Justin LaCour, Kenneth Robbins, Sonny Caldwell, Roy Lee Beasley, Bobby Ross, Harvey Christisen, Taber Bearden, Mike Odum, Richard Higgins and Danny Smith. BACK ROW: Coach H. R. Jefferies, Jimmy Barnes, Buddy Maxwell, Roger Corn, Larry Corn, Joe Lynn Ault, Bill Edwards, Gary Gilliland, Bobby Curtis, Leonard Payne, Johnny Rodriguez, Terry Joy, Don McBride, Norman Smith, Robert Suniga, Silas Floyd, Wayne Boyd, Steve Green, Dale Coley, Coach Joe Pat McHaney and Manager Lynn Payne.

BEING JUST A CHRISTIAN

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS?

F. W. Mattox, Lubbock, Texas

God's "eternal purpose" to save man through Jesus the Christ is made clear by an understanding of the two Testaments or Covenants. In the first Covenant God planned to "show sin to be sin," and that all men had sinned and "fallen short of the glory of God." This was necessary to prove to mankind the need of a savior. To accomplish this end God gave the Ten Commandments. They served as a standard of conduct by which God said to man, "If you keep this standard perfectly you will save yourself, but if you break these commandments, you must suffer the consequences." Since all broke the commandments and man learned that he could not save himself, the Old Covenant was ready to be taken away.

Man could not save himself by his own righteousness. Paul referred to this fact as "that which the law could not do." The law could show sin to be sin and that all had sinned, but it could not provide grace for the sinner. This was made possible when Jesus gave his life on the cross. The Old Covenant was based upon justice and merit. The New Covenant is based upon the acceptance by faith of the sin offering which Jesus made when he went to the cross. Jesus in his death blotted out the ordinances against us. He nailed the old law to the cross (Colossians 2:14).

The word "covenant" means agreement. In the Old Covenant God said to men, "If you keep the commandments perfectly you will save yourselves." In the New Covenant or Testament God says, "In the death of Christ there is perfect sacrifice for sin. If you will accept this sacrifice by faith as an atonement for your sin I will accept it in payment for your transgression. This is why there is complete salvation in the New Covenant. So, today we are under the New Testament. We are to learn from God's dealing with men under the Old Testament, but we go to the New Testament to find the way of salvation for us.

This column is paid for by the Baird Church of Christ.

Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Ivy of Andrews and Mrs. Oral Joy of Cross Plains visited with friends here Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woody and daughter are back from California and are making their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McIntosh of Andrews spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maddox.

Rev. James Brandon of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene filled the pulpit Sunday here at the Baptist Church. The Church went to conference after church and called Rev. Brandon for their pastor. Mrs. Brandon accompanied her husband.

Misses Sharon and Karon Gilmore went to Winters Saturday with Cross Plains Band in a contest event.

Those who went to the Brotherhood Meeting at Baird Monday night were: D. C. Hargrove, A. L. Breeding and L. W. Coppinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gill and baby of Sweetwater visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffey of Stephenville visited Mrs. J. F. Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey Sunday.

Tecumseh Topics

By Lillian Crawford

It's a nice quiet day after the cold, sandy weather we had over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford and Stanley attended church services at Abilene Friday night where Stanley was playing a part in a Christmas program. Seems as there has been much sickness this fall, especially among school children, with the mumps being at the top of the list, then colds set in. Lynda Jean Crawford has been absent from school due to a cold, and still unable to start back.

Bobby Gray, of Graham, Salletia Souter of Denver City and Alice Collins of H-SU, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crawford and Lynda Sunday.

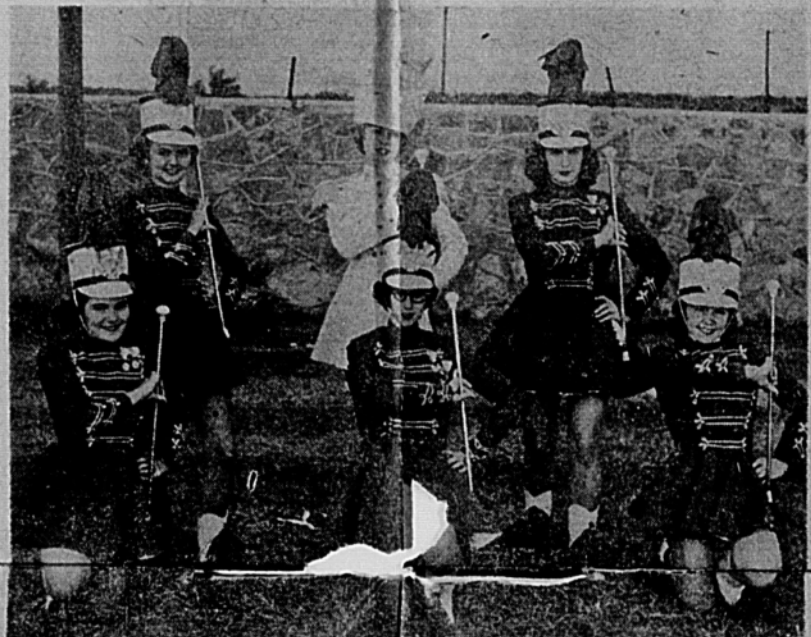
L. V. Harris was honored with a birthday dinner in his home Sunday.

Pvt. Tony Price of Fort Sill, Oklahoma visited relatives here over the week end.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Pat Joy, head cheer leader Nancy Bryant, Helen Walker and Janis Abernathy.

HIGH SCHOOL MAJORETTES



LEFT TO RIGHT: Louanna Ault, Linda Bryant, Mary Ross, Linda Drennan, Virginia Barnes and Sarah Hatchett.

Oplin Observations

By Daphne Floyd

Mrs. Era Betcher honored her mother, Mrs. Lona McKinley on her 79th birthday with a party last Saturday afternoon. A lovely birthday cake centered the table and after friends sang "Happy Birthday," Mrs. McKinley opened a large box of beautiful gifts. Refreshments of cake, punch and hot chocolate were served to: Mmes. John Jordan, W. R. Johnson, Lucien Pierce and daughter, Sue, S. S. Harville and grandson, Larry Settle, Ray Floyd, Lillie McBride, Lella Reed, Amella Poindexter, Mattie Johnson, Aunt Chris Johnson, Myrtle Poindexter, B. G. Poindexter, Floyd Summerour, Mattie Monroe, Pat Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Edith Likens and Clarice Poindexter.

Our newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson were honored with a shower at the Community Center last Saturday night. The table was laid in white, with a miniature bride and groom, encircled with twigs of cedar as the centerpiece. Streamers of colorful yuletide bells added festivity to the table skirts. Such an assortment of nice lovely gifts you've never seen, and such an appreciative couple, I might add. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and punch were served to the guests present.

Young Larry Stale of Big Lake has been visiting since Thanksgiving with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harville. Larry says he's staying until Christmas too.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Floyd visited Sunday afternoon with his sister, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, who is in St. Ann Hospital in Abilene. She underwent surgery last Wednesday and is doing splendidly and hopes to be home in about a week.

Ed Kirkindoll was carried to Overall Hospital in Coleman last Friday afternoon. He had another flare-up with his heart.

Week end visitors with Mrs. Jim McIntyre were Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre of Moran and Miss Ione McIntyre of Abilene.

Mrs. Ray Floyd visited with Mrs. Stella Yost and Grandma

Polndexter last Saturday afternoon.

When I heard that Frank and Tommie Johnson both had the mumps, I thought "Gosh, I bet they're a sight for sore eyes." How about it says?

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Woody of Coleman, their daughter and her three children from Anson visited Mrs. Felix Mitchell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hord attended Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco last Wednesday and Thursday. They went on to Beaumont where they visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill W. Jones, Mr. Jones and family. Their grandson, Scotty, returned home with them for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Whitmire of Pottis visited Mrs. C. F. Holley Sunday.



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Rowden Round-Up

Mrs. B. Crow

Mrs. Lillie Swofford is staying with the Blain Odom family. Mrs. Odom is at home and improving after having surgery several days ago.

Eddie Compton of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Adair.

Walter Jones and Odie visited with B. Crow the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs last week.

Judy Gibbs celebrated her 8th birthday Sunday, Dec. 8th. Several of her little friends visited her that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Boker spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Coppinger visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom and family Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fraser visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gibbs and Gary had supper with Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow Monday night.

Rev. W. E. Nowell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Akin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Odom and family attended the PTA meeting at Cross Plains Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley visited Mrs. Clarence Smedley and children Monday.

The ladies enjoyed their regular quilting day Thursday and made two quilts for Mrs. Lella Gibbs.

Methodist Church News

The conference of the Abilene District of the Methodist Church was held in Sweetwater last week. Our church was represented there by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross and by our pastor, Rev. T. G. Craft.

We will have a Family Night on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6:00 p. m. Each family will bring food for the family and guests. After the meal the choir will rehearse the Cantata. Down stairs there will be a Christmas program, Christmas tree and gifts for the children. The children will bring toys, canned food and other gifts they desire to be given to the Goodfellows of our city for distribution to those children who are less fortunate.

We must not forget this is Methodist Home month and on Sunday, December 22nd, we will make our offering to the Home. The Christmas Cantata will be given at the Methodist Church at 7 p. m. Dec. 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

The church will observe Watch Night on New Year's Eve with a special sacred service.

Bridal Shower Honors Jackie Stanley

A bridal shower, honoring Jackie Stanley, bride-elect of Dick Cessna, was given December 6th, in the home of Mrs. E. L. Cheif.

The refreshments were served by Toby Corn from a table decorated with a Christmas theme. Appointments were of crystal. Mary Ross registered guests.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

50c & 40c

Prints or Broadcloth, 3 yds. \$1.00

38 1/2 in. Sheeting, 4 yds. ... \$1.00

50c Towels, 3 for \$1.25

39c - 600 yards

Bed Spread Cotton, 3 for .. \$1.00

25c - 175 yards

Bed Spread Cotton, 5 for . \$1.00

Buy Him A Hat For Christmas
\$7.50 to \$10.00

Men's Slacks, \$4.95 to \$6.95

Lilt Home Permanent, only \$1.65

\$4.95 Nylon Duster, only .. \$4.50

\$3.50 Cotton Duster, only .. \$2.95

\$1.00 Nylon Hose, 3 pair ... \$2.00

Men's Corduroy Caps, only \$1.00

7 pkgs. Gum 25c

7 bars Candy 25c

3 Rick Rack 25c

2 Rick Rack 25c

3 Bias Tape 25c

Clark's Thread, 3 spools 25c

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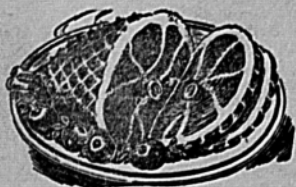
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Cottonwood News

By Hazel I. Respass

(Held Over From Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith gave
a Thanksgiving supper at their
home, a big turkey with all the
trimmings. Those present to en-
joy it were: Gary Wayne Childers
of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Ray-
mond Demere, Mr. and Mrs.
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Sam Plowman, Mr. and Mrs.
Mike Cook of Cross Plains, Mrs.
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Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hey-
ser and Freda Jean.

Little Feddy Waggoner, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wag-
goner, was operated on last
Monday for hernia, but is up
doing fine now.

Melvin Varner and Mrs. Mc-
Ewin, of Abilene, visited Mr. and
Mrs. H. S. Varner one day last
week.

Jimmy G. Coffey of Dallas and
Rickey of Stephenville visited
here last week with Mrs. J. F.
Coffey and Mr. and Mrs. Norman
Coffey. Jimmy was driving a
Thunderbird car.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. O.
O. Sandifer Thanksgiving were:
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Sandifer
of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Galvinlin and two children
of Fort Worth, and Mr. and
Mrs. M. A. Arvin of Rising Star.

Mrs. Fay Young and son, Phil-
lip of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs.
Gene Purvis of Midland and Mr.
and Mrs. Richard Purvis visited
the Purvis's here Thanksgiving.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Bigbee and
children, of Talpa, visited Rev.
and Mrs. C. R. Myrick Thanksgiv-
ing. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Myrick
and son, of Abilene, visited
Rev. and Mrs. Myrick Wednes-
day night.

James Archer of Sand Springs
and Mrs. Leslie Joy of Big Spring
visited their father, Fort Archer
Saturday.

Those who visited Sunday
in the Respass home were
Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Respass of
Brownfield, Mrs. Wendell Willis
and two children of Amarillo,
Mrs. Hazel Coppinger of Abilene,
Miss Dixie Ann Respass of Mid-
land and Mrs. F. W. Respass of
Rising Star.

C. R. Dalton of Gouldbusk
visited Miss Gloria Strahan re-
cently.

Those who visited Mr. and
Mrs. R. F. Joy Sunday were Mr.
and Mrs. Melton Joy, Mrs. Edd
Davis of Admiral, Mr. and Mrs.
Rondold Winchester of Ixey, Mr.
and Mrs. Parker Brown and
children of Pioneer, Mr. and
Mrs. Clayton Joy and family of
Baird.

Weldon Bennett of Jal, N. M.,
and Mrs. Victor Nigar and child-
ren of Baird visited their par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Bennett
over the week end.

Mrs. W. B. Gilleland and Mr.
and Mrs. V. L. Fulton were in
Dallas this week on business.

OUTDOORS-In Texas

By Bill Kennedy

With the ever-growing popu-
larity of water sports in Texas,
lake-shore property is selling
fast. Already many Texas lakes
have been completely "sold out"
... that is insofar as desirable
lake frontage is concerned.

Most folks, seeking to spend
their leisure time near water,
want to see the water from their
cabins. Sometimes that is not
easy to arrange. Most land de-
velopment is secondary frontage,
near the water, but perhaps some
distance away from the shore-
line.

Many Texans have solved this
problem by building their cab-
ins on the water. That's right.
On floating rafts, supported
either by steel drums or pon-
toons. And these cabins are com-
plete in every detail.

How To Build One
Just how are these floating
homes built?

Most are constructed with steel
"runners" under the deck. Aver-
age size of the deck is 26 feet
long by 20 feet wide. Runners
are spaced so that drums may
be placed end to end the length
of the boat.

After the steel underpinning is
welded into a single unit, the
"2x6" decking is secured by large
screws through the steel frame.

Once the deck is completed,
the rest of the houseboat is con-
structed in the same manner as
a cabin would be built on land.
Here the houseboat can give
free rein to his own ideas about
comfort. Some simply use "2x4"
studs and a sheath-type roof of
corrugated aluminum. Others
build the cabin as sturdily as
any seen on the shore.

Interiors remind you of house
trailers, with every inch of space
utilized. Nearly all have a refrig-
erator, cook stove, either elec-
tricity or bottled gas, sink with
running water, and rest room.

I think the primary reason
that houseboating appeals to so
many lovers of water is the slid-
ing-cost scale. From a raft with
canvas awning and a few chairs,
to luxurious factory-built com-
bination houseboat-house trailer,
a houseboat can cost just about
as much as you want to spend.

Conventional houseboats, those
in the 26-foot class, with cabin,
range in price from under \$1,000
to over \$5,000. I have seen house-
boats entirely made by "do-it-
yourselfers" and these boats are
comfortable and sturdy.

Empty oil drums are used to
buoy most houseboats. However,
steel pontoons are becoming
more popular because they give
steadier support and increase
running speed. Drums cost from
\$2 to \$3 each, and the average
houseboat will need at least 24
to float. Your local welding shop
can turn out pontoons from sheet
steel.

Here in Central Texas the con-
centration of houseboaters be-
longing to Lake Travis. It is one
of the Highland Lakes chain
formed on the Colorado River
as the river meanders through
this part of the State. Travis,
with hundreds of miles of shore-
line, snakes for 85 miles, and
gives the houseboater the oppor-
tunity to take overnight cruises
without having to navigate
strange waters.

Community Living
These houseboats range from
open deck rafts to at least one
that features two rooms and
bath. This houseboat was built
by a veteran houseboater from
Round Rock, Ed Walsh.

Ed bought an Austin Tran-
sit Company bus body as the
start of this comfortable home.
A Taylor man, Bob Sims, used
a school bus body to make the
cabin of his houseboat. Both of
these boats are sleek looking
craft with such features as com-
bination sofa-beds, running wa-
ter, electric ranges, refrigerators,
ample storage space, and sun-
decks built above the cabin roof.

Houseboaters are a gregarious
lot, preferring community-type
living to isolated moorings "a-
way from it all". They gather,
usually in groups of four to six,
at some spot on the lake that is
convenient to their land-based
homes. The spot they pick usu-
ally is a fishing camp. Here e-
lectricity is available and usu-
ally there is someone to keep
an eye on the boats. The camp
owner, glad to have the addition-
al traffic that houseboaters
bring, charges from \$5 to \$10 per
month for the privilege of dock
space and electricity.

Lakes and rivers in Texas were
on flood rampages last spring.
Lake Travis, used as a flood con-
trol lake, rose to unexpected
heights. Houseboaters were glad
to have someone on hand to ad-
vise when their boats needed
moving up or down. Four steel
cables tied onto trees or posts
on shore, served as mooring for
the floating cabin. As the lake
rose and fell the cables were
shortened or lengthened to hold
the boat close to shore.

This entailed some work. But
after Travis returned to normal,

houseboaters had ridden out the
trouble without mishap. Not so
with many cabins and homes
that were flooded.

Two other veteran houseboat-
ers, Ott Miller and Dr. Aubrey
House, both of Taylor, enjoy
owning and maintaining their
crafts. Miller has added six feet
of deck space to his boat and fi-
nished the inside of the cabin
with plywood.

Both men bought houseboats
built on Lake Travis and then
added the refinements to make
living easier. Now on pontoons,
these boats originally used
drums. The drums have been
pressed into service for making
gangplanks and diving rafts.

Power, Not Speed
What about powering the big
boats?

Not built to break records, a
houseboat needs only an out-
board in the 10 to 25 hp class,
to shove it along in grand cruis-
ing style. After all, the house-
boat was built for easy-style
living.

For those who want speed on
the water, a small runabout can
always be added to the fleet.

Summer or winter the house-
boat can serve as a recreation
spot for you and your family.
Fish in the comfort of a heated
cabin (some have fishing holes
cut in the floor); take a slow
cruise to visit another house-
boat community on the lake; or
just laze the day away in the
company of good friends.

What's your pleasure? If you
want to be near the water, check
the advantages of owning a
houseboat. I think you'll enjoy
being master of your own luxury
liner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Towler and
children and Mrs. Bessie Henry
visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hen-
ry and children in Comanche
Saturday and Sunday.

Visitors during Thanksgiving
with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kirby
were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Bart and daughters of
Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson
spent the week in Odessa vis-
iting their children, Mr. and Mrs.
Gene Thompson and son and Mr.
and Mrs. C. W. Tucker and chil-
dren.

Shorter Work Week?

Deep down inside of him,
every man (we're not so sure a-
bout every woman) is lazy and
shiftless. We don't want to work
— for work's sake. We haven't
been out of the trees long e-
nough. But the hard fact is we
can no longer get a banana or a
cocoanut by merely reaching for
it. We have to work to eat.
And since it has become the cus-
tom to wear clothes and live
in houses and give our kids a
better start than we had, it has
also become the custom to work.
What is called "ambition" is a
liking for money, or things, or
social standing or leadership a-
mong our fellows that is strong-
er than our dislike of work.

Thus, when labor leaders raise
the issue of a shorter work week,
they are playing with human
dynamite. And when they ex-
plain, as Walter Reuther has,
that they are seeking not only
a few hours of work but a fatter
pay envelope the lure is atomic!

Less work at higher pay means
less goods — at tremendously
higher cost. And, as we know from
sad experience, when goods are
scarce, the competition is not
to find buyers but to find things
to sell — and prices go through
the roof. If you think we have in-
flation now, just hold your hat!

John L. Lewis, who has always
been a tough, bitter, no-holds-
barred fighter for his mine-work-
ers, and who has gotten his
boys the highest pay-scale in
Labor, has told them flatly: "If
you want to stop eating so much
and loaf more, we can get you
the six-hour day."

We've been thinking our days
are pretty long too. It would seem
like semi-retirement for an ed-
itor to go to the 40 hour week.
But we just don't know how we'd
buy the fish-hooks we'd need for
all that leisure.

And even if this crisis-torn
nation didn't go to you-know-
where in a hand basket economi-
cally, we can't help wondering
how long the rank and file of us
could physically survive more
idle time. Some would have to
work 40 hours — or more — just
to rescue the rest from the ac-
cidental shootings, drownings,
highway mayhem and assorted
immolation associated with mod-
ern recreation!

It is a tribute to sorely-temp-
ted human judgment — and a
mercy, too — that a recent Gal-
lup poll has shown that people
(in all categories) are opposed
to the shorter week. Even man-
ual workers voted only 39 per-
cent in favor, 55 percent against,
six percent having no opinions.

**All Money Needs May
Not Be Met by SS Pay**

"Social security benefits aren't
enough to live on," is the most
frequent complaint voiced to so-
cial security administrative per-
sonnel, according to R. R. Tuley,
Jr., Abilene district manager.

Tuley acknowledges that since
the more than ten million social
security monthly benefit pay-
ments range from an average of
about \$60 per month for a single
family member payment to a
\$200 maximum for multiple-
member family payments, the
benefit rate itself is obviously
no more than a basic living a-
mount at best.

He points out that when Con-
gress established this Federal
family contributory insurance
system in 1935, it was designed
to provide only foundation pro-
tection at a reasonable contri-
bution rate. This philosophy has
been continued with each A-
mendment to the Act since.

There are several reasons for
this, according to Tuley. The sys-
tem is paid for entirely by the
workers and their employers, and
the self-employed, plus earnings
from the invested social secu-
rity trust fund. By providing for
only basic or foundation pay-
ments, social security taxes are
kept within the reach of all
working people, and a real in-
centive given to individual thrift
in keeping with American tradi-
tions. It is believed that by pro-
viding basic or foundation pro-
tection through a Federal insur-
ance system, our society is
more adequately fulfilling our
Constitutional obligation to each
other, and to ourselves to "pro-
vide for the general welfare."

Tuley has called attention to
the fact that since social secu-
rity payments provide only the
foundation for adequate retire-
ment, disability, and survivors

protection, one must use other
means to provide for adequate
or generous retirement income
and for such family income
maintenance in the event of his
death. He should endeavour to
provide this during his working
lifetime through the purchase
of U. S. Savings Bonds, insur-
ance annuities, non-government
stocks and bonds, rental real es-
tate, other pension rights, or in
one or more of many other dif-
ferent ways. The point is, if he
is to live with adequacy in re-
tirement, or if he is to provide
adequately for his family in the
event of his death, he must re-
member that the social security
system will do no more than pro-
vide the foundation of his and
his family's financial protection,
Tuley concluded.

ADMIRAL NEWS

Ann Smith

(Held Over From Last Week)

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Johnston
and children ate dinner with Mr.
and Mrs. John Woodard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker
and children spent Sunday with
her parents in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith
and family visited in the home
of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.
L. Hock of Clyde, Thursday night.

Those visiting in the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Walker Thurs-
day were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black
and boys of Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harrell and
family visited in the home of
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthern
last week.

Some relatives from Waco vis-
ited in the home of Mr. and Mrs.
C. P. Porter last week.

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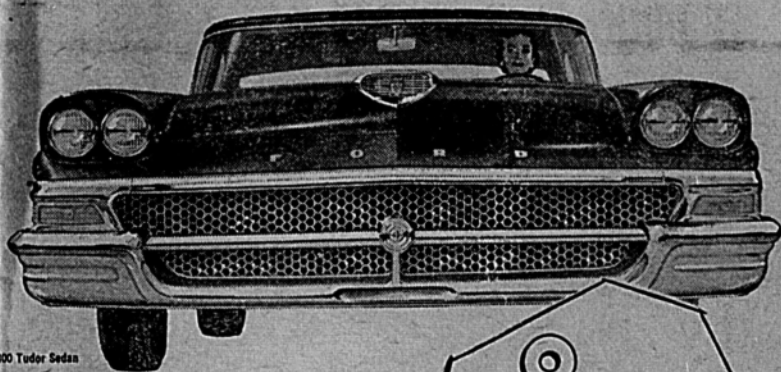
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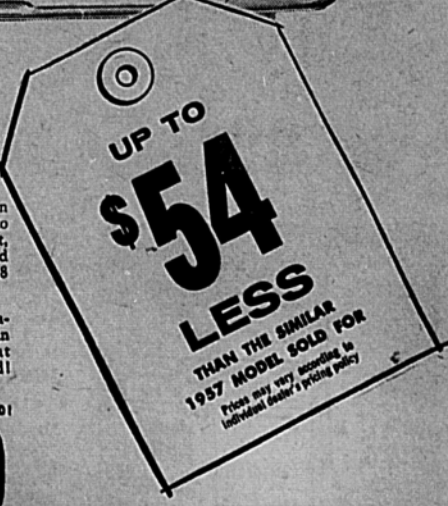
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State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

Austin, Tex. — Pleas for Bascom Giles' release are mounting. Latest activity is a petition signed by 103 Austin citizens, filed with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Earle Ed Burkhalter, member of the Travis County Parole Board for the past five years, submitted the request.

Burkhalter said that he is hopeful that Giles can be home for Christmas.

Giles is serving a 6-year sentence, in Huntsville, for his part in the veterans land scandals. He was eligible for parole last April. However, the Pardons Board contended that his release "would not meet with community acceptance." Burkhalter's petition is the result of that statement.

Burkhalter said that he knew Giles only casually and had not consulted any of Giles' friends or relatives when he started the petition. He did say, however, that he felt that Giles' wife and family were being punished beyond the intent of the law.

"Mr. Giles has taken his medicine without pursuing the generally accepted course of taking advantage of all the technicalities of the law," Burkhalter commented. "He made restitution in civil procedures of all the money that was asked of him by the state's Attorney General."

In commenting on the petition for release, Rogan Giles, son of the former Land Commissioner, stated that the petition "confirms reports we have been receiving from all over the state, that Dad should be treated just like anyone else and be paroled."

Three of the nine members of the corrections board, the policy-making group for the prison system, recently said that Giles should be paroled. They praised his spotless prison record and termed him an "excellent risk."

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to society. One member, Lewis Nordyke of Amarillo, described Giles as a "political prisoner." Giles entered the Huntsville prison on Jan. 10, 1956. As a trustee he earns double time. Therefore, without parole, he will be discharged Jan. 21, 1959. Also he has made several blood donations, each of which entitles him to a 30-day commutation.

In view of these earnings Giles already has completed the three year sentence given him in his jury trial. The balance of his time is the result of a guilty plea that followed the jury trial. Prison officials state that he has been a model prisoner.

PEACE AND QUIET HERE — Legislators have left, and Christmas decorations are going up in the State Capitol.

But Christmas in the Capitol, as elsewhere, may be a bit blighted this year by thoughts of upcoming bills.

Before adjourning, the lawmakers passed a \$325,000 appropriation to pay second session expenses. Four different special funds had to be tapped to scrape it up.

This, added to State Comptroller Robert S. Calvert's forecast of a \$20,000,000 deficit by 1959, heightened lawmakers' gloom and dissatisfaction at session's end. Some predicted they would have to come back in January to pass a tax bill.

Gov. Price Daniel said "no" to another session. Even if the comptroller's forecast proves correct, said Daniel, the 1959 session can take care of it. But the governor said he had real hopes that a rise in oil production would bring in more revenue and avoid the deficit.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS QUESTIONED — Seven major bills were passed in the two special sessions called by Gov. Daniel this fall.

First session turned out laws on water planning, lobbyist control, crime study and practice before state agencies.

Second session turned out 3 laws aimed at strengthening local control of schools, particularly in regard to segregation. Last one to pass authorized county judges to require registration of organizations they feel are interfering with school operations.

In reference to the sessions Governor Daniel said he felt "very good" about them. In the first session they completed enactment of the 52-point program

he submitted originally, said Daniel. "Old political pros still are fussing," he commented, but "we've never had so much mail from the grass roots voicing approval."

Critics contend, however, that the new laws are an empty victory.

Their view: (1) Measures on water planning, lobbyists, etc., were so riddled with amendments they'll have little effect. (2) Second session school bills won't stand up in court and will, therefore, prove a disappointment to the people who wanted pro-segregation laws. (3) Whole thing cost the Governor support in the Legislature and took nearly \$2,000,000 from an already overstrained state treasury.

It's a debate that likely will continue until voters have the last say in next summer's primary.

OUT TO CHEAT STATISTICIANS — "Give the gift of life for Christmas."

That is the slogan for holiday driving agreed upon by the Texas Safety Council and Governor Daniel. Objective is to prove wrong the usually-right statisticians who say that 115 Texans will die in traffic accidents this holiday season.

To make drivers safety conscious, an all-out program is being launched by the Governor's office, Department of Public Safety, Highway Department, schools and military installations, and the Texas Safety Association.

Last December's traffic accidents took 252 lives, 108 of them during the holidays.

APPOINTMENTS DUE — Gov. Daniel says he hopes to have some 100 appointive jobs in state government filled by Christmas.

During the session several legislators publicly needed the governor about the pile-up of vacancies in state boards, departments and agencies.

Among those to be named are members of the newly-created Water Development Board and one member of the new State Board of Water Engineers.

Mrs. Ollie Williams and daughter of Lufkin, Mrs. Kathryn Hughes of Dallas, and Sara Franke visited Mrs. Cora Work and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Weed and family visited relatives in San Antonio and Kerrville over the weekend.

Mrs. Seat Russell of Hereford, Mrs. Kenneth George of Midland and John Work of Amarillo have been at the bedside of their father, Bill Work, who underwent surgery last week in Callahan County Hospital.

How Adequate Are Our Facilities For Rehabilitating Juvenile Delinquents?

By Judge Sarah T. Hughes

(Ed. Note: This is one of a series of articles on the state's growing problem of juvenile delinquency by one of Texas' foremost authorities on the subject, District Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, who has handled more than 25,000 juvenile and family relations cases, along with an even greater number of other civil cases, along with an even greater number of other civil cases in 22 years on the bench.)

Family law is probably the most important phase of the law," says this internationally known jurist, whose work has been honored throughout the United States and in Europe, and whose name was put in nomination for vice-president of the U. S. in 1952. A discussion of a different aspect of the problem will appear every other week.)

It's up to the people as to whether facilities for handling juvenile delinquents are adequate.

State training schools for young offenders are so crowded at present, that trying to rehabilitate these children has become increasingly difficult.

Texas has three training schools — one for boys at Gatesville, 1 for white girls in Gainesville, and the third for colored girls at Crockett. All are administered by the Texas Youth Council, formerly the Texas Youth Development Council.

Several years ago the Youth Development Council inaugurated a bold new policy looking towards restoring youthful offenders to a useful life in society.

First of all, the institutions themselves have a different look — the grounds are unfenced, the windows, except in the security units, without bars.

The youngsters look different,

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too. Formerly they wore uniforms — today there is a variety of clothes. It used to be that they marched from building to building. Now there are no restrictions as they move around.

Vocational training is provided — for the girls courses in photography, furniture repair and upholstery, home economics, cosmetology, and commercial work; for the boys, plumbing, woodwork, and electric shop.

For recreation there are movies, TV, and radio. In the gym and on the grounds there are ball games, and occasionally there are off-campus activities.

Whips and corporal punishment are banned. Discipline is enforced largely by taking away privileges and furloughs. There is a disciplinary company for boys who get out of line. They are put to hard work and their privileges and recreation taken away. For the girls, depriving them of the privilege of smoking is one of the worst punishments. There is also the possibility of being placed in barred cells for girls who become violent.

The chief handicap to the success of the program of rehabilitation is over-crowding. Gatesville is designed to handle 575 and Gainesville 180, whereas Gatesville now has about 850 and Gainesville 220.

Lack of parole officers to check on those released results in many being returned. In addition, more people are moving to Texas, and the high birth rate during and after World War II is being felt. There are simply more teen-agers than ever before in our population.

The Legislature at its regular session this year did something to relieve the situation but not enough. At Gatesville four dormitories housing 40 students each, a school building, and kitchen and dining room were provided. No more boys however, will be accommodated. It will simply serve to relieve the present over-crowding. At Gainesville three new dormitories were provided to replace existing ones considered unsafe. Also appropriated was money for a security treatment cottage to replace the present equipped, which is an extreme fire hazard. Despite the urgency, these facilities will not be ready for use before May 1, 1958.

With our present state facilities for delinquents so inadequate, whose is the responsibility for failure to rehabilitate — the boys' and girls' or ours? Before accusing the youngsters, consider first what we can do to remedy the situation.

My next article: "What You As An Individual Can Do About Our Inadequate Facilities."

Atwell News

Mrs. Roy Tatom

Frank Maher died Saturday at 2 p. m. Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. D. C. Foster and Rev. V. H. Faulkner officiating. Our sympathy goes out to his wife, Mrs. Frank Maher, and a sister in Beaumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom visited his sister, Mrs. Blain Odom and family at Rowden Friday evening.

Rev. O. C. Floyd of Snyder preached at the Primitive Baptist Church Sunday. His wife accompanied him. Visitors at the church were: Rev. Franks and wife of Hamilton, Mrs. Cannon of Rising Star, Rev. V. H. Faulkner of Cross Plains, Rev. and Mrs. Coy Marcum and children of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley and Joe Roy of Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom visited Mr. and Mrs. Blain Odom of Rowden Sunday evening. They attended church in Cross Plains Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bagley of

Abilene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley of Putnam visited Mr. and Mrs. Tuff Hutchins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scott and Don, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hutchins, Alvin and Elvin, and Beverly Foster of Cross Plains visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tatom of Cross Plains spent Tuesday night of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Tatom. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tatom Wednesday.

Hubert Ross visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Ross in Marshall last weekend.

Mrs. Freda Jones, Mrs. John Gultar and Mrs. Bill Jones of Abilene visited in Dallas over the weekend.

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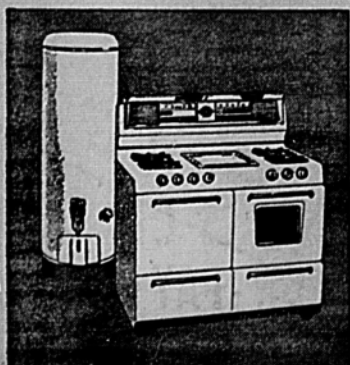
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Eula Items

Sandra Beard

Mrs. C. G. Shipman is in an Abilene hospital after undergoing surgery last week. Her daughter, Audra Lee Lefley and son Oval Shipman have been visiting in her home.

Pat Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson was honored with a bridal shower Saturday evening in the home of Mrs. Wiley Stevens.

Larry Billingsley was honored with a birthday party at his home Saturday, with 12 guests attending.

Eula P-TA will meet Monday at 7:30 in the auditorium. The fifth and sixth grades will present the Christmas program. "Cross Little Carol" will be the title for the fifth grade's play. A two-act play "The Widow's Christmas Eve" will be presented by the sixth grade.

Carolyn Miller and Delbert Davis made the girls and boys All-Tournament teams at the Elmdale Grade School basketball tournament.

The basketball teams played Trent Friday night in the local gym. Eula girls defeated Trent 79-67 and the Trent boys nudged Eula 55-54.

The high school boys and girls teams will attend the Cross Plains tournament which begins Monday. The girls first game will be at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday and the boys will play at 9:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Students on the high school honor roll for the 2nd six weeks are: Freshmen, Grady Edwards, Sandra Beard and Linda Shipman; Sophomores, Johnny Downing, Nelda Culppepper, Jane Caton and Virginia Edwards; Juniors, Dorothy Crook and Sandra Tarrant.

The grade school boys and girls played Clyde Monday night. Eula girls were defeated 23-18 and the boys won 28-24. Eula school will dismiss Dec. 20 for the Christmas holidays and classes will resume January second.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Catton and sons, Gene and Gerald visited the George M. Beards over the week end. Gene has just returned from a three year tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force in Germany. He flew from Frankfurt on Dec. 3, arrived in New York on the 4th and was discharged from the service on Saturday the 7th. He arrived in Abilene Sunday morning.

J. A. McKee, R. A. Miller, Joe Bentley and Supt. George Beard attended the organization meeting of the County Hale-Aikin Study Committee at Baird Monday night. Mr. McKee was elected vice-chairman of the committee.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PUTNAM

SCHOOL NEWS

1st and 2nd Grade News

The second grade children are busy this week making their own story about Airplanes. We have read several stories about children who have made trips by plane. We need to learn many new words in this study. Some of them are: pilot, stewardess and ticket.

The first grade children are reading stories about The Farm. In art work groups have made Christmas decorations for our room. Ricky Sherman, Jimmy Feely and Jackie Slate made Santa in his sleigh.

Warren Donaway had his brother Hubert of Kermit visit him this weekend.

Marilyn White visited her cousins in Electra Sunday. Jimmy Feely had his aunt, Mrs. Boulders of Abilene visit him last weekend.

Sue Wagley Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols attended the Art Tea at Bonham School in Abilene Saturday.

Putnam Personals . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Reese and daughter of Midland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reynolds and family.

Mrs. L. A. Williams has been visiting her sister and family in Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCool and daughter Malesa of Farmington, N. M. flew down to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring Wednesday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Wyle Clements and Mrs. Eddie Butler of Stanton.

Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey of Gorman was a Thursday visitor with her sisters, The Mobley Girls.

Mrs. Early Hurst visited her sister, Mrs. Dave Hargrove in Cross Plains Sunday.

Mrs. John Cook has been visiting her son, M. L., in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wirt spent the weekend visiting relatives in Glen Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Shirley and sons were weekend visitors in Monahan with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Edwards. They also visited in Odessa and Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel Everett of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mundt and sons of Mineral Wells were visitors with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls returned last week from Port Aransas where they have spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton White and daughters were visitors in Electra Sunday with his brother, Alin and family.

J. N. Williams and George Biggerstaff were Abilene visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman had as their weekend visitors, their sons Earl of Ft. Worth and Edward of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Walter of Houston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reese last week.

Mrs. Earl Jobe was a shopper in Cisco Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook of Abilene were Sunday guests of his mother, Mrs. Mitt Cook. Mrs. Cook returned home with them for a short visit.

Mrs. Lige Burnam of Cisco visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Bob Gunn Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls of Ft. Worth were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Drue Sprawls.

Ronnie Buchanan of Dallas stopped by to see his grandmother, Mrs. Early Hurst, Sunday. He had been to Lubbock to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Buchanan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet went to Cross Plains Saturday to attend the opening of a flower shop by Mrs. Allen Pruet.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Yeager of Brownwood were Sunday visitors with Mrs. D. D. Jones.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

By Veda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor! Wasn't this a beautiful Monday. Most like spring. Was a nice day to pick up pecans if you had some place to pick up. The farmers are making good use of this pretty weather. Think Mark Burnam got through pulling cotton today.

Ploughs, drills and cotton pullers and some of those white tractors are all real busy now. Jim went to Abilene Sale today. Think he bought a cow and calf.

Mrs. Mary Ramsey, Rodna Lamb and Wayne Blankenship had dinner with us Sunday. Ro-

ma and John had supper with us too, so did the others. We enjoyed having them very much.

Roma and John spent Saturday night with John's mother, Mrs. Clint McIntyre in Oplin. Congratulations to our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Chatman on the arrival Friday morning of a five pound baby girl. They have two boys. Haven't learned the little daughter's name.

We were sorry to learn this afternoon that Mrs. Ester Abernathy was worse and had to be taken to the hospital. Sure hope she gets better.

We heard Sunday of the death of Mr. Frank Maber. He was one of the early oil drillers here in this county. Mr. Maber has been in bad health several years. He passed away at his home in Atwell. He and his wife lived with her father, Mr. Guy Black. Mr. Black is in very bad health. Mrs. Maber takes care of her father. We were very sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Our sympathy to the family, especially Mrs. Maber.

Dian Wagley visited Sunday with Gayle Burnam.

Mrs. Glen Thames was over in Cisco last Wednesday shopping.

Mrs. Albert Johnson of Brownfield is in Graham Hospital in Cisco. The Johns used to live here. I visited a while with her Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. She had flu and pneumonia but is doing pretty well now.

Burette and Johnny May Ramsey attended a birthday dinner Sunday in Denton, down below Dallas. Didn't learn whose birthday it was.

Mrs. Lucille Kelly of Cisco spent Sunday with her brother, Mark Burnam and family. She also attended Church in Putnam Sunday morning. We were very glad to have her.

William Abernathy of Odessa and mother Ole Abernathy of Baird visited with D. A. Yarbrough a while Saturday afternoon.

Not much news so be good and I'll be seeing you next week.

Delphian Club Meets In M. D. Bell Home

The Christmas meeting of the Delphian Club was held at the home of M. D. Bell, with Mrs. Frank Windham and Mrs. Brian Odum as hostesses on Dec. 10.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Norrell led the invocation with the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. S. L. McElroy, program chairman, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waggoner and children, Sharon, Mabeth and Frank III, who presented a varied musical program of accordion, piano and voice selection of Spanish music, hymns and Christmas carols. The Waggoners are living in Abilene at present, but plan to go to Brazil next summer to live.

Mrs. McElroy also introduced Mrs. Lucile Berger, who gave diatetic readings. One was a negro dialect of the finding of Moses in the bullrushes.

Gifts were given by each member to be sent to the State Hospital at Wichita Falls.

Thirteen members enjoyed the meeting, with two guests, Mrs. Tommie Windham and Miss Estelle Freeland. Refreshments of coffee, tea and fruit cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boutwell and daughter of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boutwell of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mrs. E. E. Boutwell and Joe.

Yvonne Melton Bride Of Lieut. Gilbert

Yvonne Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Melton of Breckenridge, became the bride of Lt. Spights Weems Gilbert November 29. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Gilbert of Forrest, Miss.

The marriage vows were read at 4 o'clock in the afternoon in the parsonage of the First Christian Church in Breckenridge with Rev. Alan C. Lynch, pastor, reading the double ring ceremony.

The bride's mother and father attended the couple.

For her wedding, the bride chose a street length dress of white faille fashioned along princess lines. Her white satin hat was trimmed with veiling studded with rhinestones. Her only jewelry was matching rhinestone necklace and earrings, a gift of the bridegroom. She wore a white glabella shoulder corsage.

For traveling, the bride chose a black tweed suit. Her gold colored cloche hat and black accessories completed the costume.

They will live in Houston where the groom is stationed with the Air Force at Ellington Field.

Mrs. Gilbert is a graduate of Breckenridge High School where she was chosen band sweetheart during her senior year. She attended Texas Women's University in Denton. At the time of her marriage, she was a student at the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Forreast High School and the University of Mississippi. He is presently studying navigation at Ellington Field.

Tommy Ivey To Wed Carol Ann Allen

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Allen, of McAdoo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Mr. Thomas Malcolm Ivey of Baird. The announcement was made this week. Vows will be exchanged December 29, at the McAdoo Methodist Church.

Miss Allen is a graduate of McAdoo High School where she was class favorite in her senior year. She was active in all phases of her school life in McAdoo, and was an outstanding member of the girl's basketball team. She is a member of the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Ivey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivey of Baird and is employed by Cosden Petroleum Corp. in Big Spring.

The couple plan to make their home in Big Spring.

Barbara Snyder Is Band Sweetheart

Barbara Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Snyder, has been named sweetheart of the Baird High School Band. Miss Snyder has played clarinet in the band seven years. She has twice been named best actress in district Interscholastic League one-act plays, has been an officer in the band and in FHA and now edits the school yearbook.

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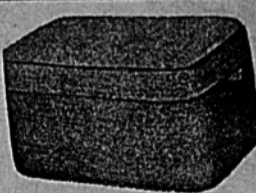
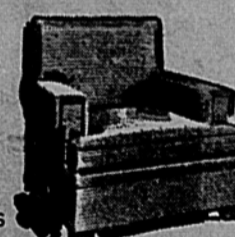
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SWEET AND SOUR

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artistic know-how. It really is a beautiful sight and well worth a special trip to see.

Guess who was a special visitor in Bald Sunday -- and again Monday to see the school play? Tiny Brenda Webster and

you could tell by these eyes full of sparkles that she was enjoying being with her grandmother, Mrs. R. A. Webster, and receiving that attention that only grandmothers know how to give.

Our very best wishes to Mrs. Wilburn Lincecum, who is recovering from major surgery -- and may the road back to complete health be a short one.

And a special get-well card to Bill Work, who had surgery a few days ago but who is doing the finest job of getting back on the go again that you ever knew of -- and that's the best kind of news we could have, isn't it?

The Ellises were home over the week end to visit Mrs. Settle and that made it holiday for her.

The Presley Reynolds family came home for a visit with their folks too, and it's always good to see "home towners" back even for a few short days.

First Christmas card of the season arrived this week and a very welcome bit of holiday cheer it was too -- from Bernice and Lucille Robinson way out in San Diego, Calif. Miles don't mean a thing where friends are concerned, does it? When we saw the handwriting the same old warmth welled up that we felt when those gals

were dear schoolmates who lived just up the block.

By the way, Franklin Alexander has a beautifully lighted Christmas window with scarlet candles aglow. Rea and Dana Corn have their tree up and lighted from tip to toe and Mary Joe Thompson has added some very decorative electric Christmas candles to her beautiful window.

Lee Ann Brown has a Christmas display in her yard worth going miles to see -- it's beautifully lit, artfully arranged and if there's one anywhere any prettier we have yet to see it. Besides silvery bushes with gay decorations, there's a life-size Santa Claus -- what else could you want?

Happy birthday to some real nice folks who celebrate in December -- Melba Walls is one of them and Earlene (Mrs. Billy Hall Walls) is another. Tiny Sherrell Ann McIntosh will have one candle on her birthday cake and that makes it extra special.

Before writing a flin to this week's news, we are reminded that if things had been different we would have been wishing a Happy birthday to David Stanley, who would have had his day December 15th. We think that it is significant that the Saints days, like St. Patrick's Day, St. Valentine's, etc., are not celebrated on the day of their birth into citizenship on earth but rather

the day of their birth into heaven. We, in our humanity, may call it death, but how much greater a meaning comes into focus when we realize that it is a birthday -- a birth into happiness even St. Paul was at a loss to describe.

CARD OF THANKS

It's hard to say thanks in just the real way that we feel, for the many good and helpful thoughts, prayers, deeds of every kind in every way, to so many people in so many places. Not only did we receive so much from so many in every good way at a time we needed it most, but we have had it all along, day after day, in some way or another. In memory of David, in honor of those who have tried so hard to do so much in thought, in prayer, and in deed, we dedicate these meager words just to say thanks, humbly and with humility, forever and in prayer to God.

Bob and Chris Stanley and Family
The Stanley and Farr Families.

ADMIRAL NEWS
Ann Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Claxton Jones visited the Roy Higgins Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker had as their guests over the week

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Black, Bobby and James Gordon.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Johnston, Cindy and Teddy were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cauthern Sunday.

The John Woodards visited Mrs. Hargrove Sunday evening. Visitors in the Claxton Jones home Tuesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith, Teddy and Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Foster and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith one night last week.

School Menus

MONDAY:

Steak and gravy, english peas, creamed potatoes, cabbage and apple salad, milk, bread, peanut butter cookies.

TUESDAY:

Red beans, pickles and onions, cabbage, hash brown potatoes, corn bread, milk, apple cheese crisp.

WEDNESDAY:

Pimento cheese sandwiches, lettuce and tomatoes, potato chips, milk, ice cream.

THURSDAY:

Meat loaf, green beans, stewed tomatoes, carrot strips, bread, milk, fruit cobbler.


FRIDAY:

Chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, canberry sauce, black-eye peas, whole kernel corn, bread, milk, fruit salad.

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