

Happy New Year

TO YOU AND YOURS

THE O'DONNELL INDEX

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Christmas Quietly Observed in O'Donnell

By Holiday Disturbances; Community Tree Held

Christmas, 1936, will long be remembered as one of the most pleasant and at the same time one of the most holiday seasons in many years. The Friday, giving ample opportunity to O'Donnell families to plan and carry out most any kind of celebration suited the family. For the most part the season was given over to family gatherings, either here or at some other family center. Several such reunions were held here last week, while many other individuals and families made trips to visit parents or friends. A number of local also attended the state championship game between Amarillo and Amarillo Saturday season was one of the gayest in many years, as classes, churches, and individuals gave varied entertainments. Things also were important items of the holidays plan in several instances.

Pacant and Tree a Success

The Christmas pageant, or cantata, of the community Christmas tree was well attended Thursday evening at the Methodist church, and affair was declared to be an unqualified success. The cantata, rendered by children, all of whom were 10 years, was a moving and beautiful piece of work. The story of the birth of the Christ Child was lovingly sung in song and dialogue, and all the national Christmas carols and songs were woven into the little drama. Margaret Gibbs looked and acted the part of the Madonna to perfection and Ted McLaurin gave an equal good characterization of Joseph.

Little Disturbance Reported

Police Sheriff John Johnson and town watchman Will Brown report there was less drinking and disturbance of the peace this Christmas than either of them could recall in recent years. Apparently everyone, whether in town or on the highways, had had to observe Christmas as it should be rather than in direct connection to its real meaning. Only two arrests were made during the season. We were told Saturday by Johnson. One man, a G. E. McCarty of Dawson county, was arrested in charge of driving while intoxicated as a result of a car wreck on the highway. The McGinty car Thursday night, driven by the Aldridge boys, and the car was badly damaged. No one injured.

OVERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock every morning, using as his subject "Next Milestone." This message is not intended to many, and it is hoped they shall attend. The evening service will open at 7:30 and the pastor will also preach at this time. The Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock and it is hoped that all members will be in attendance. The next session will meet immediately following the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hancock and Dimple were called to Morgan Wednesday of last week by the death of their cousin, Mrs. Glenn Laube and Mr. Laughlin had been here only a few months.

EAGLES' SCREAMS

Editor in Chief - Mildred Goddard Reporters - Anna Mae Frost and Eldon Carroll.

Senior Headaches

The Seniors are making preparations for work on their annual. At a business meeting recently, the class selected Lillian Harvey as their Editor-in-Chief, A. C. Hamilton as Business Manager, and Mildred Goddard as Joke Editor. An Assistant Editor and Manager will be selected from the Junior class by the above three.

This is the first annual to be put out at O'Donnell High School and the Seniors are eagerly awaiting publication.

The Snooper

Mary Frances says it is an Evening in Paris' Set but the Snooper thinks it is a 'night in O'Donnell'.

We have noticed that Anna Mae and Mildred have quite often—especially when they are asked what time it is. Christeen Barber is strutting her stuff—a new cat.

Aris now believes in Santa Claus since he brought her a diamond ring. No wonder Ann is holding her head so high. She has gone with a Tech boy. Since Letta Merle and Babe have received new Remingtons they are asking for a volume on the "hunt 'n' peck" system of typewriting.

Lost and Found

Lost: Twenty-four hours of good sleep. If found please return promptly to Betty Lynn Middleton.

Lost: One English Literature book. Anyone finding this valuable piece of property please tear out the pages and return the covers to Dalton Stewart.

Found: A safe way to sleep in study hall and class. Those wishing information about this see Max Harris and Donner Burnell.

Lost: A dainty pair of green patent slippers with toes ruined. Finder please return to Fleeta Deward \$5.00

Lost: One heart seven miles east of town in a white house on left of road. If found notify Mabel Houchin.

Lost: A tall blond Senior boy. Initials B. C. Last seen at Lamesa. Return to Senior Class.

Lost: A picture of Moody Gibson. Letter known as Clark Gable. Finders please return again to Lillian Harvey. Reward offered.

School Grounds Being Improved

A lot of work is being done on the high school campus and the students are all anxious to get started playing on the different courts that are being constructed. Three volley ball, two basketball and one tennis courts have been erected.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

Seventh Grade: We are glad to be back in school after a pleasant holiday. We have made a New Year's resolution to study harder than ever so we will all be sure to complete Seventh Grade work.

Sixth Grade: We started school on a good new pupils, Willie Faye Best, Ladd Frazier, Minnie Cox and Margaret Todd. This brings our enrollment to 44. One of our room mothers, Mrs. Hall, gave us a beautiful picture for a Christmas gift, and the other, Mrs. Goddard, brought each of us candy. We are glad to announce that Billy Joe Burnett has gotten to school on time twice in succession this week. 'Ray for Billy Joe!'

Fourth Grade: We have four new pupils, bringing our enrollment up to 42. We all had a Merry Christmas and are ready to go back to work.

Mr. Robert Line of O'Donnell has enrolled in Draughon's Business College, Lubbock, where he is taking a bookkeeping, banking and accounting course. He registered December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huff and son Tommy, of Santa Barbara, California were here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huff.

NINETEEN TEXAS WINNERS AND COACHES



These nineteen 4-H Club Santa Fe prize winners attended the 15th Annual National Congress for 4-H Club Boys and Girls held at Chicago the first week of December. Front Row—left to right: Alton Marshall, Taylor County; Herman Spote, Wharton County; James Passons, Wheeler County; C. B. Marshall, Agricultural Agent, Santa Fe, Galveston, Texas; L. L. Johnson, State Boys' Club Agent, College Station, Texas; Harold Neve, Fisher County; Ellis Britton, Hale County; Joe Robinson, Denton County. Second Row—left to right: Roy L. Burrow, Swisher County; Billy Huffman, McCulloch County; Albert Sumner, Castro County; Robert Beasley, Dallas County; Fred Koch, Coryell County; Bud Peace, Lamar County; Arnold Naumann, Washington County. Third or Top Row—left to right: James Toomey, Ellis County; Fay Mowery, Harris County; Buford Hood, Crosby County; Carlton Homan, El Paso County; Noel Yaring, Fort Bend County; Bill Ed Jackson, Fannin County.

Huff Family Reunion Held During Holidays

This Christmas was an unusually happy one for Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huff with all their children home with their families to spend the holidays. While some of the family had been here several days prior to Christmas Day itself, the grand reunion was held on Friday and Saturday of last week. The tree was enjoyed before breakfast on Christmas morning, with the family dinner at one o'clock that day. Friends called at the residence during the afternoon and evening to offer greetings and congratulations. Members of the family present were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Clark and son, Dale; Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huff and son, Tommy, Santa Barbara, California; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mitchell and son, Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Shepard and son, Alva Jr., Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cathey and Stanley and Miss Wynona Huff. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Webb Duval and son of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Duval of San Angelo were guests. The gentlemen are cousin and brother respectively of Mrs. A. C. Huff.

Reserve Water Tank To Be Cleaned Out

Mayor B. M. Haymes announces that within the next few days the roof will be removed from the concrete surface reservoir so that the reservoir may be pumped out and cleaned out. All the city water supply will be concentrated in the overhead storage tank, and pumps at the city wells will be called upon to meet the demands directly. It will be recalled that when this surface reservoir was constructed in 1928, through some oversight no provision was made for draining it or otherwise cleaning it out. In view of the fact that for several months it was not completely inclosed, it would seem that perhaps it may now contain at least a small amount of sand and debris of sorts. Mr. Haymes was of the opinion that it might take some two weeks to empty and flush out the reservoir and replace the roof.

Miss Kate Veazey, home from Wichita Falls for the holidays, has spent her Christmas in bed with a severe attack of flu, tonsillitis, and threatened bronchial pneumonia. While she seems much improved today, she is still confined to her room at the home of her sister, Mrs. Perrell Farrington, and will be unable to return to her work for several days.

South Plains Ginnings Show Increase in 1936

With South Plains Counties ginning nearly 100,000 bales more this year than last, the Census Bureau reported a total of 800,340 for this section up to December 12. Five counties produced more than 30,000 bales, with two producing more than 20,000 bales but less than 30,000.

Lubbock county led the area with 55,000, with 95 per cent of the crop gathered. Lynn county, ranking 13th in the state placed second in the South Plains with 46,579.

Dawson county, 15th in the state was third in this area with 44,043. Lamb and Hockley counties ranked fourth and fifth respectively.

Only five counties, Briscoe, Motley, Seury, Dickens and Garza ginned less this year than in 1935. Ginnings for the crop year to date represent a 38 per cent gain over those of the corresponding date in 1935.

TOO WARM WEATHER IS WINTER HAZARD

Austin, December 15.—It is an illogical pleasure that many people complain about the heat of Texas summers and yet sit indoors during the winter months in a temperature about as high as that which they complained in the summer season, in the view of Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer.

"If the average person would realize the definite hazard in developing and maintaining an indoor temperature of above 70 degrees, when the outside thermometer registers around freezing," he said, "there would be fewer colds, less bronchial conditions, and less pneumonia than there is today."

"Fresh air is one of the body's basic needs and no amount of luxury or artificial pleasure can be substituted for it. It may be a comfortable feeling to be warm, especially with the consciousness of the tough weather outdoors, but it quite another matter to achieve this comfort at the probable cost of health.

"The Temperate Zone are sufficiently trying upon the human system with their sudden and sharp temperature changes, without adding to the burden by making a noxiousness of one's home. Of course, colds and other respiratory affections can be acquired in many different ways, but one of the easiest methods of becoming victims of such hazards is the over-heating that there is today.

"To become overheated and perspire though the latter condition may not be perceived, and in this softened state, to brave the cold winter blasts, is to take a thoroughly unwarranted chance with health.

"The wise householder therefore will check up on his artificial heat problem. He will resolve to keep his thermometer with safe limits."

Wanda Zell Everett spent Christmas with relatives at Idalou and Lorenzo.

New Official Family Assumes Duties Jan. 1

There will be few changes in the official family of Lynn county tomorrow when its members are sworn in for their terms of office, but we understand that the ceremony of taking oath of office will not be neglected for all that.

Judge P. W. Goad has already been hard at work since early in the summer, having gone into office immediately after election. His election was only a matter of form, due to the resignation of W. E. Smith, county judge, when he was named postmaster at Tahoka.

Judge Goad, County Attorney Rollin McCord, and Miss Hettie Servo, district clerk are the only new county and district officers. District Attorney Truett Smith had no opponent, and County Clerk H. C. Story, Tax Assessor and Collector A. M. Cade, County Treasurer Miss Viola Ellis were re-elected in the Democratic primaries.

Several new commissioners and public weighers are to go into office. T. J. Vandell replaces W. E. Payne as weigher for this precinct, while Waldo McLaurin, commissioner had no opponent. Sheriff B. L. Parker also was unopposed in his race for re-election. County Superintendent H. P. Cavness had not completed his term, nor had District Judge Gordon B. McGuire.

It would seem that Lynn county has been well pleased with services rendered by this official family in past years and that we may look forward to a well regulated and orderly two years in county affairs.

LYNN COUNTY PLANTS 53,122 ACRES TO CONSERVATION CROPS DURING 1935

53,122 acres were planted to soil conserving crops by the 1157 Lynn county farmers who complied with the Soil Conservation program this year, according to V. F. Jones, county agent.

16,689 acres of this amount was planted to summer legumes, 1102 acres was contour listed and 37,344 acres were planted to other soil conservation crops. Approximately 20 per cent of the farm land under work sheets complied with the program and are eligible to receive payment.

CHURCH MEETS FOR DISTRICT SCHEDULED BY METHODISTS

Three Methodist meetings at which emphasis will be placed on missionary work will be conducted during January to which Methodist of Lubbock district are invited, said Rev. Dr. W. M. Pearce, presiding elder of the Lubbock Methodist district.

The general missionary conference of the Southern Methodist church will vary 5-7. A regional bishop's Crusades meeting will be conducted in Amarillo January 19, and the annual Lubbock district missionary institute will be conducted in Lubbock, January 23.

Dr. Pearce hopes to attend the New Orleans meeting he said. All Methodists of Northwest Texas, part of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado are invited to attend the Amarillo meeting. The district meeting will be conducted for pastors, missionary workers, and all lay leaders.

Missions, Christian stewardship, and benevolences will be among subjects discussed at the district meeting. A program is being planned. The meeting will be conducted under the auspices of the general and conference board of missions. A representative of the general board at Nashville, Tenn. will come here.—Lubbock Journal.

Misses Edwyna, Margaret and Norma Vermillion were home from Wayland college to visit their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vermillion, and other relatives and friends during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jordan spent part of the holidays in San Angelo with friends.

C. E. Ray Is Named On School Board

C. E. Ray, prominent business man, and a resident of O'Donnell for many years, was elected at a special meeting of the school board last week to complete the term of T. J. Vandell, resigned.

This choice will be favorably received throughout the district. Mrs. Ray was for a number of years a member of the grade school faculty; so that Mr. Ray will be able to bring her experience as a teacher and his own experience as a business man to bear upon all matters connected with school administration. He has already taken up his duties as a board member.

Mr. Vandell has served eighteen months as president of the Board of Education, and has filled that position in an exceptionally capable manner. However, he goes into office as public weigher for this precinct on January 1 and felt that he could not do justice to the requirements of both offices. When his reasons for resigning were made clear to other board members, his resignation was of course accepted, with a vote of confidence and appreciation from that body.

Ray W. Gibson has been named as chairman pro tem.

Board Elects Instructor To High School Place

Mrs. Elizabeth Morris of Mineral Wells was elected at a special meeting of the Board of Education, last Saturday evening to complete the term of Miss Gladys Gilbert, head of the English department of the local high school. Miss Gilbert resigned when classes dismissed for the holidays, and was married during that time to Mr. Jackson West of Spur.

Mrs. Morris, who is already well known to many O'Donnell people, is a sister of Mrs. T. J. Vandell, and has visited here on several occasions. She has had years of experience as a teacher, holds her degree from one of the best known colleges in the state, and is in every manner well fitted for her position. News of her election was greeted with approbation throughout the entire school district, every patron agreeing that the board was fortunate in finding an instructor of her capabilities available in the middle of the term. Mrs. Morris arrived in time to take up her duties Monday morning.

Extension Course in English at O'Donnell

An extension course in English 439 The Modern Drama, will be given at O'Donnell beginning Monday night, January 4, at 6:30 o'clock with Prof. Donald Murphy as the instructor. The course is open to graduates and under-graduates credits three semester hours. The fee will be \$15.00. If interested please see Mrs. Paul Adams from whom you can see and receive your enrollment.

HOME FOLKS

By Ruth Roland Shaw
Home folks... love 'em... well I guess. Heart's just made of real kindness; Miss 'em... well I should say I do... don't find many folks as true; Seems like now I jes' can hear home folks wop' of love and cheer. Knowin' I've a welcome there... trueer and warmer'n anywhere.

Home folks ain't jes' family kin... they're the folks With whom you've been reared and raised for years and years. Minglin' all your smiles and tears till they seem a part Of you... from your childhood clear on through Standin' by you, lose or win.

Stranger folks are purty nice, distant things lure and entice. But I like home folks the best... I don't know... when death comes an 'I'm go home folks that I could only know... that there'd be some home folks night. Sorter watchin'... lingerin' by!

Mr. and Mrs. John Minor and children spent Christmas in Levelland with relatives.

They Rate 'A' on Hurdle



Some folks may doubt that Mary's lamb followed her to school, but here is Miss Winifred Small, sophomore at Texas State College for Women (CIA) and her sorrel hunter, Robin, who did accompany her to Depton. The tall, sedate brunette, daughter of State Senator Clint C. Small of Amarillo, is an accomplished equestrienne, and is shown on a course of jumps at the college riding academy.

HANCOCK

Mary Bob Barrell, Correspondent

Two sleek car accidents marked the holidays for residents of this community. The car driven by Morris E. Hinkle, who had just returned from California, collided with an El Paso car on the outskirts of Big Spring on Monday. Both drivers were apparently blinded by the other's lights, and both cars were slightly wrecked. All occupants of the Hinkle car were unharmed, and Henry Garrett, McCarty, received a broken nose.

Mrs. W. J. Beckham's car, in which she and her three small sons were riding, overturned Saturday afternoon on one of the community roads. The car turned over so easily that only a fender and headlight were damaged. The occupants were uninjured, and with the exception of a bucket of cream spilling on the floor, the wheels were not touched. Bud and Maurine Johnson and Bill Taylor helped Mrs. Beckham and the boys through a window and after they turned the car up, Mrs. Beckham drove it to town.

Bro. Singleton of Lamesa, Home Missionary, conducted prayer services here Sunday night.

Fred Bell and family returned Monday from a visit in Sweetwater and Roly during the holidays.

Other holiday trips included that of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller and sons to Barstow; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Blah visit to Lubbock, Plainview and Memphis; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham's visit to Trent; Des Petre and Alvis Lisenbee's visit to Eastland county; Fred Hughes and family visit to Cliff Hughes of Tahoka; Cleve Johnson's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of Lamesa; Mrs. Willie Wilson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilkins of Lamesa; Mrs. Jones county. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McLendon spent the holidays in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ranson and Victor Miller visited in Miles. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pounds spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Miles. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Green visited in Brownfield Sunday, and all except Mr. Hackleman went to the Carlsbad Cavern during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Jones had as their guests Christmas their son Dr. G. E. Jones and family, and daughter Mrs. E. C. Howard and children of Olney. Miss Viola Jones of Wheeler, Mrs. Roy Foreman of Lamesa, Mrs. George Filgot of Mrs. Bert Stephens and Hershel Jones of Sweetwater were other children present. Among the grandchildren attending the family get-together were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hornbeck of Lamesa.

Willie and Bessie Lisenbee of Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lisenbee and other relatives during the holidays. Bob Qualls of Big Spring visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Qualls and sister, Mrs. R. L. Butcher last week. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wilcher of Levelland spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Matt Hughes.

Charlie Roberts went to Roly for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Roberts last week. Other holiday guests in the Roberts home were Mrs. L. T. Freeman, Estelle and Roy Freeman of Lamesa, Alton, Emory and Forrest, Foreman of Seneca and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman and family of Higginbotham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Weeks of Lamesa Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Weeks of Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. Veck Venable of Bovina, and Mr. and Mrs. Tib Cox of Lamesa were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Cox Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Lott of Rule visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Edwards and family last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate Wilson of Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson of Lamesa visited in the F. E. Wilson home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spencer and family of Sand have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Jack Meares. Mrs. Meares' sister, Mrs. Andy Powell and family of Olney, and a brother, Randy Spencer and wife of Jackboro visited here, too.

Mrs. G. F. Ward and sons visited in the Frank Patterson home Friday. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Butcher went to Big Spring Sunday to get their son Donald, who spent Christmas there.

Mrs. Joe Scarborough of Anton and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bunch and family of Lenoza spent the holidays in the R. Riela home.

Norman Smith of Plainview is visiting his sister, Mrs. Harvey Riels. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hodge of Wink visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hodge, Christmas.

Little Peggy Gene Truitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Truitt, was dismissed from a Lamesa hospital Wednesday after having a light attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Roy Truitt and Mrs. John Riley and Mrs. I. T. Truitt, all of Key, visited Mrs. W. G. Truitt Saturday.

The star attractions of the negligee showing are the gorgeous creations of silk jersey. These jerseys, favorites with girls at T. S. C. W. (CIA), are smooth and cleverly draped with all the fullness neatly and flatly arranged.

ed down the front of the skirt and molded bodies top. They have short, sleeves, and are without a single bit of trimming—the most liquid beauty of the clinging silk jersey being sufficient.

Coach Accommodations Rival Comforts of Exclusive Clubs



This picture was not taken in an exclusive club or hotel, but in the women's dressing room of a day coach on the new 12-car stainless steel, light-weight Denver Zephyr of the Burlington Railroad, longest streamlined train in the world. Two for Miller visited in Miles. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pounds spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Miles. Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Green visited in Brownfield Sunday, and all except Mr. Hackleman went to the Carlsbad Cavern during the holidays.

let for curling iron or pad, dental fountain and other conveniences is typical of the luxury throughout this modern streamliner.

Among the features of the train are telephone service between the cocktail lounge, diner and parlor-observation car; individual radios and air-conditioning control in the compartments, drawing rooms and bedrooms; extra long berths for tall passengers; an air curtain in the diner to eliminate odors from the kitchen; and a hostess known as a Zephyrette.

Mrs. W. S. Cathey was down Monday from Lubbock to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huff and Mrs. Tommy, left Sunday for their home in Santa Barbara, California, after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huff.

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TEXAS LEADING STATE IN EXPORTING FARM PRODUCTS

Texas is one of the states which stands to gain most substantially from the trade agreements being entered into by the United States under authority of the Trade Agreement Act of June 12, 1934.

Texas, the leading cotton state and producer of many other commodities which go into commerce, has in recent years ranked either first or second as an exporting state.

Texas also exports for that great productive region lying between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains and extending as far north as Nebraska.

Texas thus handles a larger volume of export tonnage than does any other state in the Union. With large production of commodities for export and her transportation and shipping facilities serving such a vast area, the state has a vital interest in the trade agreements program.

In 1929, when the export trade of the United States was valued at over \$3,000,000,000, Texas products which helped to swell this volume were valued at \$875,000,000, but in 1932, when the exports of the nation had shrunk to less than \$1,800,000,000, the value of Texas products entering direct into foreign markets was \$299,651,000.

This loss of direct exports from Texas, approximately \$360,000,000, is only a portion of the loss to Texas for there was also a great loss to the transportation and shipping facilities of the state.

Texas also lost some of the millions of dollars of purchasing power derived from the sale of products used either in the industrial centers of the North and East in the fabrication of finished products for export or for consumption in localities where export crops are grown and export products are manufactured.

This purchasing power, plus that derived from direct exports, formerly enabled the people of Texas to command a large volume and variety of both domestic and foreign goods and hence to enjoy a higher standard of living. To aid in restoring the foreign commerce of the United States, without which a return to prosperous conditions and progress would be all but impossible, Congress granted to the President, under the Trade Agreement Act of June 12, 1934, authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with foreign countries.

The United States has thus far concluded agreements with 14 countries—Cuba, Belgium, Haiti, Sweden, Canada, the Netherlands, the official (France), Brazil, Switzerland, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala, France, Nicaragua, and Finland. Negotiations are under way with several other countries and the possibility of undertaking negotiations with additional countries continues to receive constant study.

The Chairman is being criticized in certain down-state newspapers and has been referred to as "The Lone Wolf of the Commission." Those who know him are of the opinion that this appellation was conferred on him because of his

TO SECTIONS OF TEXAS WHERE THE STATE HIGHWAYS ARE COMPLETED AND WHERE IDEAS ARE NOW DESIRED.

Chairman Hines has shown a favorable interest in Dawson County's main road to down-state points and the outlet to the great West. State Highway No. 15. It seems that he stood alone in his opinion of the merits of this highway. In that regard he was alone. We Texans know the conditions and circumstances pertaining to approval, yet lack of development of this east-west route, are not criticizing the Chairman and giving him the name of a predatory animal. But, on the other hand, they are praising him for his courageous stand and are grateful to Governor Allred for the well-considered appointment. We trust the Governor will continue Mr. Hines in the position as Chairman of the Texas State Highway Commission for another two year term.

PREVENTION IS CURE FOR AUTO ACCIDENTS

Austin, December 21—"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life and to prevent accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "and automobile accidents never happen merely because of bad luck—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap.

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution of our national accident problem lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals. Safety education includes the training of individuals to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situations automatic.

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of this State are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warnings signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they are obeying the rules of the road at the time when an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who can consider himself blameless in case of an accident, when he is obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of an automobile accident are so disastrous, that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents, can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of an accident.

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then, and then only, will our traffic accidents be avoided."

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY WEEK OF DEC. 27

1842 - A meeting of the legislature in Coahuila and Texas was held January 1 at Monclova, and the Mexican state of Texas was divided into 3 departments with three representatives.

1858 - Stephen F. Austin died on December 27.

1842 - On December 30 Captain Thomas Smith removed the archives of the Texas government from Austin to Washington-on-the-Brazos to insure their safety from Mexican raids.

1945 - A joint resolution was passed by the Congress of the United States on December 29 for acceptance of the Constitution and admittance of Texas into the Union.

1907 - A state school for the deaf and dumb was opened on the South Bank of the Colorado River, opposite the City of Austin.

1862 - On December 31 and January 1 Galveston was taken by Confederate soldiers under General J. B. Magruder—Texas State College for Women (CIA).

The yesterdays of today were once tomorrows — time marches by.

Lets Talk about Clothes



Padded robes have suffered from neglect the past few years, but this season they are going strong. They used to be strictly practical creations, straight of streamline and equally straight of long sleeve, but this year all of them go in for decorative qualities.

The silhouettes are nipped in neatly around the waistline. There's a snappy flare to the long skirt line, and the sleeves are flared at the wrists. Even the collars are varied, some tuxedo style, others double breasted, and the unusual notched collar with wide lapels.

Pockets are patched on each hip and there is a small pocket high on the right side for a handkerchief. The belts are long, and you can indulge your weakness for military effects with a double row of braided frogs covering the chest.

Floral printed satin robes have white, shell pink or pale blue backgrounds with tiny flowers sprinkled in all-over patterns. Quilted velvet robes are the most luxurious looking to be found, and white, American beauty red and turquoise blue are the favored and best colors.

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Mrs. Faye Westmoreland spent part of the holidays with friends in Anarillo.

Mrs. Roy D. Smith and son, Roy Jr. and Dorothy, spent the week end in Snyder with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ray McCarter and family.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation of the Christmas baskets and boxes sent to us by our kind friends, and to assure them that these gifts added more than we can tell you to our cheer during that season. Especially do we wish to thank members of the Fire Department, the American Legion post, and the Loyal Workers Class of the Methodist church. Gratefully yours, Mrs. Lucy Woods and family.

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In SOCIETY

Tuesday Club Meets With Mrs. Singleton

Mrs. Hal Singleton Jr., was hostess Tuesday afternoon at the regular session of the Tuesday Bridge Club.

Slam prizes, dainty pieces of porcelain, went to Mrs. Sam Singleton and Mrs. L. E. Robinson. High score award, a handsome bread board and knife, was won by Mrs. Singleton also.

Delicious cherry pie topped with whipped cream was served with coffee to Mesdames Wells, Whitsett, Henderson, Robinson, Singleton, Jordan and Boyd. Mrs. Charles Hoffman of Lubbock was a tea guest.

Miss Alice Busby and Raymond Busby spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Busby.

Miss Nanabel Smith, Dickie Harris Married

Of interest to a wide circle of friends in both Lynn and Dawson counties was the marriage of Miss Nanabel Smith and Richard (Dickie) Harris. The event was solemnized on Saturday, December 19, in the study at the Methodist church, with Rev. M. R. Pike, pastor of the church, reading the ceremony. The bride's brother, Roy Jr., was the only witness.

Both young people have spent most of their lives in and near O'Donnell and both have scores of friends throughout the territory.

Mrs. Harris is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Smith and a graduate of the local high school. For several years after graduation she was connected with various business houses as saleslady, but recently has been at home to help her mother. She is an attractive and accomplished young lady, and has profited so well from the training in household arts she has received from her mother that she is expected to make a splendid helpmate.

She has been active in club and community work since school days. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris, and has for years been associated with his father in their farming interests. Dependable, self-reliant, and quiet, Dickie numbers his friends by his acquaintances. The young couple will probably be at home on the farm near O'Donnell.

The Index joins with other friends in extending sincere congratulations and best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Yvonne Westmoreland Hostess At Party

One of the gayest of the holiday parties for the younger set was that on last Tuesday evening when Miss Yvonne Westmoreland entertained at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Palmer. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Fay Westmoreland.

Setting the Christmas theme, the living room and dining room were decorated with yuletide symbols, and a gorgeous tree, blazing with tinsel and lights, reached to the ceiling.

Group games and contests, as well as dancing were enjoyed until Santa Claus appeared and distributed favors to each guest.

Delicious tuna sandwiches, potato chips, olives, cookies, and punch were served to Mesdames Dorothy Allen Miles, Betty Rhea Caldwell, Wilda Gene Campbell, Betty Lou Pierce, Ruth Walker, Katherine Allen and Peggy Jane Adams; Messrs. Charles and Bill Cathey of Lubbock, J. E. McKicker of Plainview, L. E. Robinson, James Bowlin, Eldon Carroll, Dean Schooler and Mack C. Bradley.

High School Teacher Married Dec. 20th

Announcements were received here last week of the marriage of Miss Gladys Gilbert to Mr. Jackson West, on Sunday, December 20. They will be at home at Snyder.

Mrs. West has for the past two terms been head of the English department at the local high school, and has many friends throughout the district who join in extending best wishes.

Her resignation was placed before the school board shortly before school dismissed for the holidays, and her successor, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris is here to take up her work.

Miss Alice Busby Honoree at Shower

Honoring Miss Alice Busby, bride-elect of Mr. Newell Hughes of Lub-

bock, Texas, and Eunice, N. M. Misses Merle Womack and Gladys Gibson were hostesses last Wednesday evening at a miscellaneous shower.

Date of the marriage was announced for December 31, the couple to be at home in Eunice where Mr. Hughes is manager of a Men's Shop.

Wednesday evening's affair was held at Miss Womack's shop, some twenty guests calling during the evening. Scores of friends, unable to attend because of holiday duties, sent gifts and best wishes.

The honoree received an array of lovely and useful articles for personal and household use.

Mrs. Cathey Hostess Honoring House Guest

Honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Huff of Santa Barbara, California, Mrs. Charles Cathey was hostess Monday evening of last week at a delightfully informal party at her home in the Dawson Heights addition.

Varying the usual procedure, guests were entertained with games of Hell, and as few of them were familiar with its rules, considerable hilarity resulted from amusing errors in bidding and playing. Mrs. Marshall Whitsett won high score. Mrs. Fay Westmoreland consolation, and both were given lovely prizes. Mrs. Huff received a dainty guest prize.

At the conclusion of the evening, dainty refreshments of open tuna salad, wiches, cookies, Neopolitan jello, and coffee were served to Mmes. Westmoreland, Whitsett, Boyd, Henderson, Noble Jordan; Misses Thelma and Irma D. Palmer, Wynona Huff, Beverly Wells, and Claire Ruth Nichols, and the honoree Mrs. A. C. Huff.

Marcella McRae Celebrates Birthday

Celebrating her twelfth birthday, little Miss Marcella McRae was hostess last Friday afternoon to a few intimate friends when she entertained with a party at the home of her parents.

After the dainty and appropriate gifts had been admired; guests enjoyed group games and contests until the tea hour, when the birthday cake was served with hot chocolate.

Those present were Hazel Davis, Marcelline Davis, Ouida Mell Howard, Wilton Burns, Clyde Manning and James Bean.

Miss Frances Foster, Former Lamesa Man Married Dec. 19th

Friends here and at Lamesa are congratulating Miss Frances Foster and Mr. Harry Lee Phillips, former Lamesa resident, on their recent marriage. The ceremony was read in the study of the First Baptist parsonage at Lamesa on Saturday, December 19. Rev. E. F. Cole officiating.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Foster of this city, and has grown to charming and gracious young womanhood in this community. She has been active in student affairs of the local high school and has been a member of the pep squad for the past three years. She has also been prominent in social circles, and is one of the most popular young ladies of the town.

Mr. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Phillips of Lamesa and has been a resident of O'Donnell for several months being connected with the Modern Cleaners tailoring establishment. He has made many friends during his short residence here.

The Index joins with other friends in extending best wishes and congratulations.

Miss Jim Ellen Wells will return Sunday to Denton to resume her studies at C. T. A. She will be accompanied as far as Dallas by Miss Wynona Huff who will visit friends and relatives there and in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hall and children returned Sunday from holiday visits with relatives in Austin, Georgetown, and other points.

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District Singing Convention Here Sunday

It has been announced by Mr. C. H. Mansell, president, that the District Singing Convention will meet here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Baptist church.
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1936 Cotton Staple Shorter In County

The quality of the cotton produced in Dawson county in 1936 was such that the farmers were heavily penalized in prices paid. Middling 13-16 staple cotton brought about 200 points, or about \$10.00 per bale less than middling 7-8 cotton. Middling 15-16 cotton brought 275 points or about \$12.75 per bale over middling 13-16 cotton.

The 1936 cotton crop in Dawson county averaged about 13-16 staple while the 1935 crop averaged about 15-16. This difference was due largely to weather conditions in 1935 which made necessary the replanting of very large acreages in the county. The first plantings were made largely of short staple varieties of cotton and due to shortage of short staple seed, the replantings were done with the longer staple varieties. The result was that the average staple length for the whole county in 1935 was much greater. This replanting with the longer staple varieties was done by many farmers who thought that the seed they were using was short staple varieties, and they purchased seed thinking it was a short staple variety.

It is very important that the staple length of cotton raised be increased. Prospects are that in 1937 the price paid for short staple cotton will be even lower than it has been in 1936. Many of the large buyers and consumers of short staple cotton have announced that they now have on hand a supply of short staple cotton sufficient to last three years. Only a few firms bought short staple cotton in 1936 and several of these do not expect to buy in 1937.

Statistics from the government records indicate that the farmers of Texas were penalized in 1936 approximately one cent per pound due to the inferior grade and staple of the cotton. It behooves Texas farmers generally and Dawson county farmers in particular to improve the grade and staple of cotton.

The argument offered against long staple cotton is that with a system of buying through the gins that no premium will be paid for the longer staple and better grades of cotton. However, if the quality is such that a premium can be paid, the cotton buyers will make competition sufficiently keen that all cotton will be bought on staple and grade.

Several varieties of long staple cotton can be grown in this area which has a turnout equal to the short staple varieties of cotton and which also mature early.

Miss Dorothy Walls was home from Tech to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Clark and little son of Lubbock spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huff.

The Decade Of Beginnings Of Demonstration Work

(This is a second of a series of articles on the history of demonstration work in Texas and how it has expanded and grown in the past twenty year. The third of this series will appear in an early issue.)

The beginning of the twentieth century found several agencies in Texas working for the betterment of rural life, carrying the discoveries of scientific truth made by the agricultural colleges and experiment stations to the farm. However, efforts were scattered and there was more or less overlapping showing the need for centralized organization to direct this work throughout the State. The best there was in these efforts eventually became absorbed by the Extension service when it was established.

In 1904, the U. S. Department of Agriculture through its work on the boll weevil entered the State to make farm life more profitable and satisfying.

The New Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work, directed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture with Dr. Knapp in charge, opened headquarters in the old Masonic Temple in Houston and by the beginning of the crop year had appointed 33 men as special agents. Before many crops had been made it was realized that the county should be made the unit for the work and this plan was gradually adopted. Texas has the honor of having the first county agricultural agent appointed in any of the states to work exclusively in one county.

In 1908 the first boys' corn club in the State under the supervision of a county agricultural agent was organized in Jack county. The first state rally of the club boys was held at the Dallas Fair in 1910, when 1500 boys paraded the streets of Dallas armed with corn cobs.

Eight years after the first county agricultural agents were appointed, the first home demonstration agent in Texas was appointed for Milam county. The demonstrations were carried on only through girls clubs, tomato clubs, or canning clubs as they were designated.

Texas A. and M. College became a partner in March 1912 when a cooperative agreement was made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the A. and M. College. By this agreement the Superintendent of the Extension Department in the A. and M. College, a correspondence department of courses in agriculture and the specialists in this department who lectured at Farmers' Institutes and similar meetings over the State were brought into cooperation with the county agricultural agents who were under the supervision of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Two assistants in charge of boys' club work were located at the College and directed the club work of the county agricultural agents.

Under the leadership of the county home demonstration agents the girls' clubs increased so rapidly that by the beginning of the next year the first woman was appointed with headquarters at the College, to travel over the State, supervising the work of the home demonstration agents in the counties.

Although boys' and girls' clubs were more emphasized during this period, since the beginning of the work with one demonstration in Kaufman county, there were 60 county agricultural agents bringing new scientific facts and ideas of practical farming to the farmers, and 18 home demonstration agents teach farm girls to grow and can tomatoes. The counties where these agents were located were mostly in the eastern and central part of the State.

The expansion of the work demanded more centralized supervision and in 1912 the first state agent was appointed. This was W. F. Proctor, a man who had been serving as supervisory agent for East Texas. His headquarters were continued in Tyler, where he was already located, until the spring of 1913 when he was moved to the A. and M. College, and since that time the headquarters of the work has been there.

The results accomplished by these workers and those in other states attracted national attention and the Smith-Lever Act was passed by Congress, providing funds for the demonstration work.

THE HOME TOWN PAPER

By M. C. Robbins

When eventide is drawing near and chickens go to rest
You sit in the old arm chair, thinkin' at what is best,
A peaceful feelin' comes o'er you and a smile replaces a frown
As you read the little paper from your old home town.

It tells you all about the homefolks; yes, of those who come
And so, an' all about the sociable, down at Uncle Joe's,
And the boys who stole the melons from the patch at Billy Browns
Makes the headlines of the paper from my old home town.

There ain't a thing I'm missin' along life's rugged way,
For soon I'll get the gossip though I'm many miles away
If Elmer has the measles, or the Flu' is going round
I read it in the paper from my old home town.

I read the Chicago Tribune and St. Louis papers too
Including poems there by Guest before the day is through,
And then I wish to rest my mind with news that's newer than bread
Except in the weekly paper from my old home town.

They say our good and bad deeds are recorded upon high
So that God can classify us, when it comes our time to die
If that be true, I know a man, who's goin' to wear a crown
He's the man who runs the paper in my old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cabool spent Christmas in Borger with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haidy.

Mrs. C. C. Caldwell and Betty spent the holidays with Mr. Caldwell at Jal, and with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Betty and family at Eunice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hodges and family were here from Hobbs, New Mexico to spend Christmas with her father, Dr. A. W. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson are the proud parents of a daughter, born on Sunday, December 19. Mother and baby are doing well.

Mrs. J. S. Wells of Tahoka was the guest on Christmas day of her son, E. T. Wells and family.

J. O. Franklin, 9-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Franklin, was quite ill last week with pneumonia. He is considerably improved this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Suddarth had as guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders and children of Earth and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gildersleeve of Tahoka.

Kenneth Askew was home from Tech for the holidays.

Mrs. W. L. Palmer has been quite ill this week with a renewal of a bronchial complication which has troubled her for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huff and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huff and son Tommy visited at Comanche during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wells and daughter, Jim Ellen, spent Monday in Tatum, N. M. with her father, Mr. Bell Burleson and family.

W. E. Hancock of Chillicothe spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hancock.

Sumner and Wayne Clayton spent the holidays at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Clayton.

Miss Irma D. Palmer is visiting former classmates and other friends in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Miss Yvonne Westmoreland is quite ill this week with the flu.

Messrs. Billy McKnight and Bill Doughty of Austin were guests in the E. T. Wells home during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bradley and Mack C., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. D. B. McVicker of Plainview, spent the holidays in Clifton, Kansas, with her sister, Mrs. Warren Schaulis and family.

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