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CARD OF THANKS

The Seniors extend their sincere thanks to Mrs. Dorothy Thompson and Mrs. Keith D. Swim for so faithfully helping make their play a success, to Mr. K. D. Swim for helping with the make-up, and to the school patrons for their attendance.

Senior Class of '54

HAROLD SWANSON INFANT LIVES ONLY TWO HOURS

Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon for Carol Ann Swanson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swanson, with Cleo Jones, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was under direction of the Tanner Funeral Home of Iowa Park.

Carol Ann was born Friday afternoon and lived about two hours. She is survived by the parents, a brother David and sister Mary Jean; and the grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown of Iowa Park, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Murray of Odessa.

Other out of town relatives here for the services were two aunts Mrs. K. G. Risinger and Mrs. A. D. Anderson of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tanner had as guests this past weekend her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. George Burkett of Altus, Okla., and another sister Mrs. Willie Robinson of Carrizo Springs.

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By Ruth Hill Yeagan

OUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S WISH FOR YOU

(The following is quoted from the December issue of Mimeo-Topics by the Buchanan company of Wichita Falls, and expresses our thoughts, which we could never have expressed so well.)

"If I were a Christmas Tree, oldest and most beloved of all the trees on earth, I would ask no greater favor than that I might be chosen to occupy a niche within your home this Christmas Day; and to so inspire you with new strength that you would forget all your troubles, both past and present, and just be glad on Christmas Day.

"And if you could understand my language, I would say to you things like this:

Think of your life as just begun With every rising of the sun. Just know the past has cancelled buried deep

All yesterdays—there let them sleep; Concern yourself with but today, Grasp it, and teach it to obey.

"I would advise you to talk and think only of success, and to forget the mistakes of the past; for we leave the lesser that is behind, only by pressing onward toward the greater that is before.

"I would ask you to remember that almost any event in life might become an obstacle if we take it in the wrong way—but it is just as sure to become a golden opportunity if we take it in the right way.

"For to be successful and happy we must form the habit of expecting that the best in life will come to us. Say to yourself constantly: 'Happiness is my birthright.'

"He who has conquered doubt and fear has conquered failure. There is no defeat—save in no longer trying."

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREES

To all those who are sharing their Christmas decorations with passersby this year, the Chamber of Commerce thanks you especially.

Here and there over town are splashes of color that beckon us to drive that way again.

Mrs. Bonnie Hudson, chairman of the City Beautification Committee, is encouraging parents to plant a cedar and let it grow up with their children, decorating it each year with gaily colored lights at the Christmas season for their own enjoyment and the pleasure of those who pass that way.

Response to the project has been encouraging — some families have planted trees, and others have decorated the trees they already had for the occasion.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We extend the Season's Greetings to all our friends. Thanks for the many lovely Christmas cards. The J. N. Easterwoods Anson, Texas

Jimmy Seay, student at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Seay and other relatives during the holidays.

★ Park Clinic News

Tom Barnett had his appendix removed Thursday, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watts announce the birth of a daughter Teresa Ann, Sunday, Dec. 13. Mrs. Watts is the former Miss Louise Williams.

Jerry Whitaker underwent gery Wednesday, Dec. 23. Laura K. Colvin, daughter and Mrs. Martin Colvin, was tied to Wichita General hospital Monday, Dec. 21, for treatment. Royce Caddell, son of Mrs. Bert Caddell, had tonsillectomy removed Tuesday, Dec. 22.



Jolly Old Santa Claus looked a bit gaunt and weary when he reached Iowa Park recently to set up a workshop and check with his little friends on their needs. Hundreds of the area children were granted personal interviews with Santa. Above we have caught Patty Pace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas

Pace; Ann Huckaby; Paula St. Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted St. Clair; Jerry Lynn Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robertson; Nancy, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Huckaby; and Gary Chastain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Chastain, as they visited with Santa.

Methodists Plan Watch Night Service

A Watch Night service will bring to a close an evening of food, fun and fellowship New Year's Eve at the Methodist church.

Activities will begin at 8:00 with a seated dinner for all of the youth of the church and one guest each. An after dinner program has been arranged.

At 9:30 there will be a service of Christmas tree burning (Epiphany) on the lawn of the church. Each youth is invited to bring an old Christmas tree that evening or beforehand. The Christmas tree burning will be followed by a period of recreation.

At 11:15 all will gather in the sanctuary for the Watch Night service presented by a group of the young people, closing with a Holy Communion service. The service which begins at 11:15 will be for all age groups.

Explorer Scouts to Get New Charter

All local boys 14 years of age and older are invited to a meeting of Explorer Scout Post 37 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Scout room in the main building of the Fair Grounds.

At this meeting the charter will be presented and planning will be discussed for the coming year's scout program.

Lonnie Lee, scoutmaster, would especially like to have committee members and parents present for this important session.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sewell will have as Christmas guests their two daughters and families: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowden and children of Ponca City, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montgomery, Patty and Mike Lawton, Okla.

Supt. Keith Swim and family will sit Mrs. Swim's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Woodson and other relatives at Piggott, Ark., during the holidays.

Jack Cowden Gets Oilfield Promotion

Jack Cowden, formerly of Iowa Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cowden, has been promoted by the Continental Oil company to assistant drilling superintendent over the oil rigs of that company. He will be in the offices at Ponca City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowden and their two sons and daughter Stevie, Jackie and Jarrett will establish residence in Ponca City the first of the year. Mrs. Cowden is the former Miss Margaret Sewell of Iowa Park.

Entertains S. S. Class

Mrs. C. O. Stubbs entertained the Pleasant Valley Baptist Women's Sunday School group recently in her home on Huntington Lane. The birth of Jesus was told in story form by Mrs. J. A. McDonald. Miniature pumpkin pies and coffee were enjoyed by the 18 members who attended.

Mmes. C. R. Myrick, C. E. Russell, T. T. Boren, Guy Morgan, W. O. Simpson, J. A. McDonald, Zola Ramsay, Molly Goff, Charles Beck, L. H. Hood, Laura Porter, John Riddle, Elbert Lemons, Viola Mathis, W. M. Mathis, W. G. Arndtstead of Wichita Falls; Ruby McKinzie and Henry Brown of Iowa Park.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation for all the kind remembrances during my illness, and to wish for each of the very best during the holiday season.

Mrs. Wallace Cornforth.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Ron Woods of Harlingen are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale and other relatives.

Lou Ann Duke, Texas university junior, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Duke. They will all go to Louisiana for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown and daughter Nancy Carl.

Parkan's Father Dies In Wichita Falls

Funeral services for Albert Fischer, 75, who died in Wichita Falls Tuesday morning, were held Thursday afternoon in the First Methodist church of Holliday. Rev. W. B. Reeves, pastor, officiated with burial in Holliday cemetery.

A Holliday resident for 46 years, Mr. Fischer was a retired blacksmith. He was born in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, on Oct. 6, 1878 and came to the US when he was 21. He was naturalized in US district court in Wichita Falls.

Before moving to Holliday, Mr. Fischer lived in San Antonio and Yorktown, the place he met and married his wife. He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Graveside services were conducted by Masons of Holliday.

Survivors include his widow, seven daughters and three sons; a sister in Vienna, Austria; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Fischer of Holliday and Clarence Fischer of Iowa Park are two of the sons.

MISS CRITES PRESENTS PIANO PUPILS IN RECITAL

Miss Hazel Crites presented her piano pupils in a Christmas recital in the Christian church Monday evening, Dec. 21 for the parents and close relatives. Children appearing on the program were Marvin Sherrell Robertson, Karen Sue Entekin, Cathy Thompson, Bill Tom Rogers, Jerry Lee Stegall, Myra Jane Williamson and Susan Bell.

Private Kenneth D. Clements, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Clements, route two, Iowa Park, completed basic training recently at the medical replacement training center, Camp Pickett, Va. He received eight weeks of basic infantry training and eight weeks of medical training.

Mrs. Della Guthrie left this week for Angleton to spend Christmas with her son L. E. Guthrie and family.

Hooten, Robinson To Preach Sunday

Students who are home from college will be featured in the services Sunday at the Baptist church.

Jimmy Hooten, senior at North Texas, will speak Sunday morning. Sunday evening will be the annual "Student Night at Christmas" with Bob Riek presiding. Bob Robinson will bring the message, with other students assisting with scriptures, short topics and special music.

Purpose of the program is to feature the college students and to acquaint the church with the Baptist Student Union program which is carried on in the college centers to which these students go.

Presbyterians

The Christmas play "When the Little Angel Sang" by Lillian Dunlap George will be presented by members of the Junior Fellowship on Sunday evening at 8:00 at the Presbyterian church.

Cast of characters includes Mary Shook, Donald Gene Richter, Portia McManus, Wayland Jinkins jr., and Peggy Weiss.

Mrs. Gayle Park will furnish the organ numbers, and Marvin Richter and Jimmie Jinkins the stage setting.

The story is of a charming little angel who came to see what sort of place the Christ Child had come to live in; a dependable little shepherd who was needed to look after the sheep; a lost old man robbed of his treasure he had saved for many years to give to the Christ child, and the thief, who hears the song that brought healing to the earth—and his heart.

Senior Play Declared 'Well Done' by Patrons

The senior class of 1954 presented their annual midwinter play "No Bride for the Groom" under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Thompson and Mrs. Keith D. Swim, on Thursday afternoon and Friday evening of last week. A large appreciative audience was present for each performance.

Cast of characters included Ava Watts, Franklin Spradlin, Cynthia Thornberry, Cecil Marquart, Beverly Talley, Loyd Lewis, Tena Adams, Rosetta Reneau, Clyde Hall, Retha Starr, Rita Grussenford and Marie Mundt.

Between the first and second acts, Beverly Barker and Shirley Barron presented a pantomime act. Between the second and third acts the Senior class presented the Christmas story.

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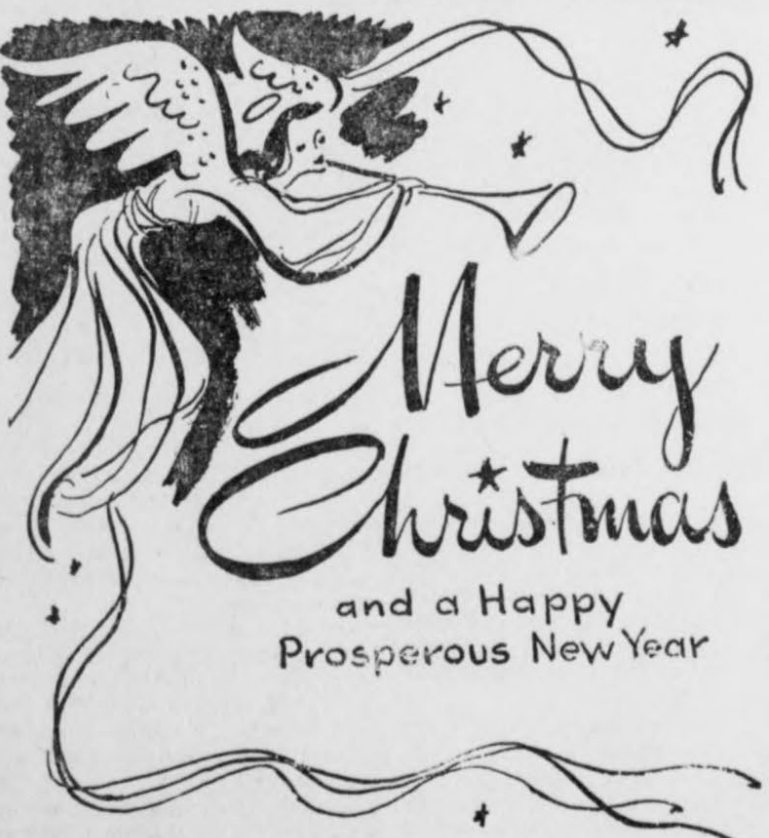


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ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that by order of the Board of Directors of the Wichita County Water Control and Improvement District Number 3, that an election will be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1954, for the purpose of electing three (3) Directors for said Water District. Said election shall be held at one polling place in the Chamber of Commerce building on Cash Street, in the City of Iowa Park, Texas. Earle L. Denny was named presiding Judge with M. E. Banks as assistant Judge, and Ferno Beasley and Eva M. Tidwell, clerks. Witness our signatures on this the 2nd day of December, 1953. C. J. Simpson, President Board of Directors, Wichita County Water Control and Improvement District Number 3, Wichita County, Texas. John E. Barbour, Secretary (Published in the Iowa Park Herald Dec. 10, 17, 24, 1953)

Mrs. Metz Is Hostesses Of Study Club Party

The spiritual significance of the Christmas season was observed in a blended program of music and literature and beautiful decorations almost transcending human description when members of the 23 Study club assembled at the home of Mrs. Charles Metz last Thursday afternoon for the annual Christmas party and program.

The outside front of the hostess' home was the first expression of the Yuletide festivity and love of God which found embodiment in Bethlehem's manger. The nativity scene was vividly portrayed on the large picture windows on the right, while on the left front lawn lifelike carolers stood under a gaily decorated hurricane lamp. The attractive doorway reflected the hospitality of the Metz home.

The large living room was transformed into a veritable Christmas fairland. Upon entering the room the eyes of guests immediately fell upon the fireplace where logs were burning. The large mirror overhanging was completely covered with a handpainted winter village scene where a church and houses could be seen between tall trees reaching skyward. The mantel featured a snow scene with carolers dressed in pink and white satin marking one extremity. On the opposite end a satin clad maiden rode in a china sled drawn by china horses, turning onto the road which led to the church in the picture on the mirror.

Other decorations in the room conformed to a pink and white color scheme and bespoke beauty, reverence and the originality of the hostess.

The dining table laid with pink linen was a center of exquisite beauty. The high point of decorative interest was found in the pink candle snowman and snow woman and a tall decorative candle, the trio being nestled in pink angel hair and satin ribbon.

On the buffet, Santa clad in pink satin stood behind a wrought iron gift laden sleigh drawn by wrought iron reindeer candle holders which extended the length of the board.

During the social hour Mrs. Earle Denny presided at the handpainted china coffee service. Plate favors were novel miniature skiers.

The theme of the Christmas program was Bethlehem Road. Mrs. Homer Bialock was leader and reader for the impressive program. Mrs. C. W. Coppock and Mrs. James A. Sewell contributed solos, duets and accompaniment featuring traditional English, Polish and German carols to intersperse the literature. Particularly impressive were Mrs. Coppock's renditions of "Jesu Bambino" and "O Holy Night." Equally interesting was Mrs. Sewell's interpretation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," set to music by Ken Darby.

Mrs. C. E. Birk read the accounts of the Christmas miracle as related by Matthew and Luke.

Mrs. Earle Denny held her listeners spellbound as she told the Christmas story "The Hunchback of Zia," by Frances H. Burnett, a gripping story of a deformed, sick boy who was made whole by the touch of the infant Jesus' hand.

During the late afternoon club members enjoyed a gift exchange from the brilliantly decorated tree.

Members brought homemade candy for SAFP hospital and gifts for patients at the Wichita Falls State Hospital. Mrs. L. E. Brooks and Mrs. C. J. Simpson were appointed to deliver the gifts.

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Yesterday as I enjoyed a cup of coffee in a local eatery, two hunters, who-begone because they had spent the day in a duck blind without a single duck for their efforts (discuss) past days of waterfowling and finally posed the question familiar to all nimrods, "What has become of the ducks?"

Fortunately we know the answer to that question today, and what is more important, we know what to do about it. Knowing what to do about it and getting it done is however, something else again.

Waterfowl once populated this country in countless millions. In their migrations they clouded the skies. They nested from the Gulf of Mexico to the frigid wastes of the Arctic. Every pothole and prairie slough, every wooded lake and creek supported its quota of pintail, teal or geese.

Into this hunters paradise came man with his plow, his axe, his wheel and his desire for fresh turned earth, great cities and what he termed "progress." In his relentless drive he saw the potholes and prairie sloughs as obstacles impeding his development, and he drained them. The marsh areas and wooded lakes bred mosquitoes and vast drainage projects became a paramount issue. Soon thousands of small lakes ran through narrow channels into the nearest stream. Market hunters had a heyday and hawked their wild produce on the streets for a few pennies.

The waterfowl held out surprisingly well. They still had great nesting grounds in the North and the vast swamps of the Southland for wintering.

Came the 1930's and even Nature entered the process of destroying a once bountiful species. Drouth hit the country on a nationwide scale. Each summer the few remaining prairie lakes dried to sunbaked mud. Newly hatched ducklings, deprived of the all important water, died each year in uncounted thousands. Year after year brought no relief, only greater thirst and fewer ducks.

The great Canadian prairies of the north country, last of the vast nesting and breeding grounds, were being conquered by the plow and golden miles of wheat waved where once millions of waterfowl had hatched and taken to wing. The wintering grounds of the South drained into the bayous and Gulf.

All along the flyway hunters peered from blinds and searched in vain for fowl winging southward. By 1935 the uncountable hordes had been reduced to a pitiful remnant, a short thirty million. The end of waterfowling was in sight.

Man too was in trouble. The vast wheatfields of the prairie states were a giant dustbowl. The underground water level was falling rapidly and the prairie lakes that had held back the life giving fluid while it found its slow way into the subsoil were no more. Scourged by winds driven by sand, soil and alkali even man abandoned the once fertile fields. He and the ducks were caught in the vicious trap set and baited by his failure wisely to use the gifts of the earth that bore him.

Fortunately there were among us men who had a knowledge, an understanding of these omens of disaster, and they set about the task with a great will—and a great lack of funds. They hounded government agencies, state and federal; they organized, pleaded, taught and worked. Soon their efforts gained momentum. New and powerful groups arose in the field of conservation, groups with names that still mean sportsmanship, decency, conservation and wiser use of soil, water and other natural resources: Ducks Unlimited, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

Backed by these organizations, and by individual sportsmen, new lakes began to appear, new laws limiting the kill. Refuges where migrating ducks might escape for a while the relentless guns of hunters began to dot the land. The rains came back at this opportune time, and with them the waterfowl population increased fourfold in a decade. All man's efforts counted not so much as the rain and without it the increase would have been desparingly small. But the rains came—and once again the hunters in the dawn knew the thrill of whispering wings and flashing feathers. Through World War II the waterfowl population increased and when came 1945 and millions of returning veterans went afield with newfound mastery of shot and gun. Hunting pressure increased prodigiously; we suddenly lost one of our ducks.

Will we do now? Have we in the duckless years of the 1950's? We know that in the face of another drouth will creeks, sloughs and now too that another

drouth means probably the end of waterfowl gunning for many years, perhaps forever. Will we give of our time, our money, to a greater production program, or will the familiar question, "Where have the ducks gone?" become lost in the fog of the future? Will the youngster of the future, excited and happy with gun, ask instead, "Dad, where are the ducks?"

A CHRISTMAS WISH for YOU!

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Film of European Trip Is Feature of Faculty's Christmas Banquet

Huge red candles cast a soft glow over an attractively laid table gay with seasonal decorations when the girls of the third year homemaking class and their assistants served a banquet to members of the faculty and guests at the Holiday high school cafeteria Thursday evening.

Handmade Santa Claus program folders marked the places for 40 guests and revealed the following menu: pineapple juice, turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, canned yams, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, hot rolls, butter, tea, pecan pie a la mode.

Students who prepared and served the meal as a class project were Jo Frances Yarnough, Kathryn Davis, Shirley Robertson, Betty Tidwell, Norma Ferguson and Ruby Curlee. These girls were assisted by Frances Brackeen, Freita Kay Walden, Dorothy Burkett, Georgia Cox, Patsy Welch, Billie Dwyer, Mrs. Tidwell and Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. Helen Parsons, homemaking teacher, was supervisor.

Supt. W. S. Thomas was master of ceremonies and Coach Glen Johnson gave the invocation.

Following the banquet, guests went into the auditorium for the program. Opening numbers were ballet dances by Marilyn Heller and Kay Lynne Johnson, Gilbert Lee Fennell provided piano accompaniment.

To conclude the program, Mrs. Maurine Morrison, Wichita Falls teacher, showed a film of her recent trip to several European countries. The pictures were accompanied by a recorded narrative which had been prepared by Miss Morrison as part of the requirements for a master's degree from Midwestern. The film and recording proved most interesting as well as educational.

Present for the banquet were Supt. and Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Messrs. and Mrs. Glen Johnson, Bill Perrin, Charlie Dean, S. W. Sanner, A. D. Beck, J. Moreland, J. D. Rainer, J. H. Barton, Stevens, Roberts, W. E. Stegall, Harold Smith, Billy James, I. Y. Slover, Floyd Hubbard; Mrs. Belle Magee, Jean Troop, Ethel Fisher, W. D. Miller, Dennis Kellogg; and Miss Mattie Hodges.

Soil Conservation

All high school students are being encouraged to write an essay on "What I Can Do about Soil Conservation." Wade Bailey, Electra high school vocational agriculture instructor and chairman of the education committee for the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation district, has someone contacting each school to arrange for a local contest, after which entries would be sent to Fort Worth Press sponsored contest "Save the Soil and Save Texas."

The board of supervisors were impressed by the quality of essays written in 1953. Ann Armstrong, who is now a senior in Electra high school, won the local award furnished by Electra VFW. One paragraph of her essay was as follows:

"No one can afford erosion. Erosion destroys more than soil — it cripples agriculture and weakens the whole economic and social structure. The \$3,844,000,000 annual cost of erosion is the needless price paid for wasted soil, declining crop yields, abandoned farms, flood losses, railroad and highway damage, reduced capacity of water reservoirs, and other losses. Payment comes from everyone's pocketbook."

Program committee for the district has drawn up a list of activities to be presented to the board for approval. Included are plans for Soil Stewardship Sunday, Soil Conservation Week, Conservation award banquet, and a stubble mulching field day.

WORD ORIGINS

Gospel by Patsy Knowles

Gospel is the same thing as God's Spell—God used to mean good and spell meant news. The word gospel was used to mean good news when the Christ Child was born.

The religious word was turned into God Spell or good tidings. But with carelessness and ignorance, writers began to change the word to gospel. In speech and writing that soon was called gospel. Today we speak of the Gospel according to Matthew.

Gospel is applied to the doctrine of Jesus of Nazareth as written in the first four books in the New Testament.

Gossip by Kay Lynne Johnson

A godsib for a baby in the rite of baptism was at one time used to mean a spiritual kin with the baby in whose name they took the oaths. We still recognize that kin by the terms we use for these godsibs, who are godparents which means parents in God. Godfather and Godmother are these two parents.

Such parents therefore were to be spiritually related to the other members of that one family. In a family of several children there would be a number of such men and women. Though not related by blood, they could claim kin to the child by their spiritual ties with the family.

Such people were said to be godsibs, meaning related in God. This gave the godsibs the privilege of speaking to each other about members of that family. They could also speak of any of their own number who might be absent. They more than practiced the privilege often and to such an extent that godsib came to mean a person who entertained others with idle talk about people who weren't present.

Long afterwards, the word came to be pronounced gossip. And today when two or more women become close friends, gossip is sure to follow.

Mrs. R. D. Dunham and son arrived Sunday from Amarillo to visit her mother Mrs. Allie Girard and other relatives. Mr. Dunham is to join the family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler and daughter Clarabelle of San Antonio will be guests of Mrs. Tirzah Portis and Miss Hazel Crites during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Clingman and family of Fort Worth will visit here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clingman during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bradford and daughter Sue of Norman, Okla., have been guests in the home of his parents and are spending Christmas in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Holderby and family of Duncan, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob McDonald and family of Vernon; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCabe of Borger will be guests in the Paul Zink home for Christmas.

Bob Birk of Austin college, Sherman is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Birk and other relatives.

Bob Robinson, NTSC student, is spending the Christmas season with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Robinson in the Valley Farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peterson will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Spruill and children in Goodland, Kans.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY GIVEN FOR JUNIORS

A Christmas party was given in the Christian church Dec. 19 for pupils of the Junior department and the music class of Miss Hazel Crites. Games were played and gifts from around the Christmas tree were distributed. Refreshments of candy canes and Christmas candy were given each child.

Those present were Linda Robertson, Patsy Henderson, Angela Scott, Marvin Robertson, Karen Sue Entelkin, Cathy Thompson, Bill Tom Rogers, Jerry Stegall, Myra Jane Williamson, Susan Bell.

Miss Crites was assisted by Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. A. O. Robertson and Miss Goldia Robertson.

Freddie Vinson, Ranger Junior college student, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Vinson and his sister Mary.

Ruth Mary Dale, TCU student at Fort Worth, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don James and Donna are spending Christmas in Lincoln, Nebr., visiting relatives.

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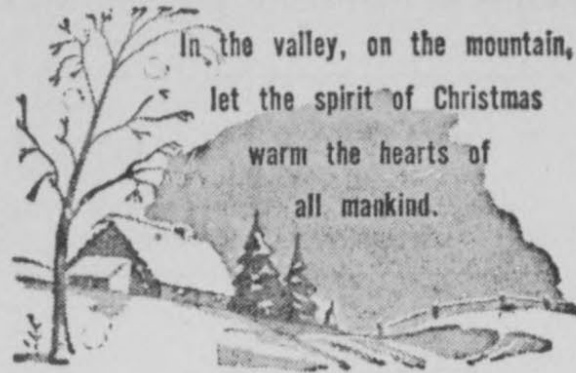
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R. B. SISK

Harrell Cagle flew in to Dallas Saturday night and came on home by auto for a holiday visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cagle. Harrell is on duty with the army near Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey of Guthrie Center, Iowa, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and other relatives. Mrs. Guthrie is the former Miss Ardith Bell.



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Openhouse Honors Affianced Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Dale honored Miss Mary Ann Crawford and her fiancé Burk Scott Jr., last Tuesday evening with an openhouse.

The party rooms emphasized the Christmas theme. Points of interest in the reception room were a lighted nativity scene and the mantel where a madonna was placed. The figurine was lighted by white candles and the arrangement included a painting of a shepherd keeping watch over his flock.

The refreshment table was covered with a green linen cloth. A large box of red satin, centered with three white candles, was placed at one corner of the table. The ribbons extended to the center of the table, where sprays of colored balls were placed in greenery.

Miss Ann Reiter of Wichita Falls registered names of guests in the bridesbook. Mesdames Chester E. Gleason and George R. Huckaby presided at the punch service while Mmes. Dave Gay and John B. Barbour served the cake.

The couple is to recite wedding vows Thursday evening in the Iowa Park Methodist church with Rev. Chester Gleason officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson of Chillicothe and Mrs. Gwendolyn Bergen and son Frank visited Mrs. Mae Tanner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stice of Brownfield and Mr. and Mrs. Feke Osborne of Vernon were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Mulkey.

Page Morgan, student in A & M, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Morgan in the Valley Farms.

Barbara Butts, student at NTSC, Denton, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Justin Butts.

Lee Roy Weiss of Lon Morris college, Jacksonville, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weiss during the Christmas vacation.

Buddy Johnson, student of Inter-mountain Railroad school of Denver, Colo., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Johnson and other relatives during the holidays.

Jimmy Sheets of Great Lakes Naval Training center, arrived home the past week to spend Christmas holidays. He reports back to Great Lakes on Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jackson of Pasadena are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatten.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hatten and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jackson will spend Christmas day in Chico visiting Mrs. Hatten's parents.

Howard Klinkerman, freshman at St. John's college, Winfield, Kans., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Klinkerman.

Bob Pace of SMU, Dallas, arrived home last Friday to spend Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pace and other relatives.

Ben Huckaby of Texas university at Austin is spending Christmas at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George R. Huckaby.

Mae Lucy of NTSC, Denton, is visiting his mother Mrs. Ruth Lucy and other relatives in Wichita Falls and with friends in Iowa Park.

Rose Mary Grundy, student nurse at the Methodist hospital in Dallas, is spending Christmas with her mother Mrs. Ernest Grundy.

Elga Ann Denny of TWC, Fort Worth is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Denny and other relatives during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Baber of Houston are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brubaker during the holidays.



Merry Christmas



Park Pharmacy



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Parkans Are Hostesses Of Store Party

A colorful holiday social was given recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cook, Fell Lane, Wichita Falls, for employees of the Holly Shop.

Hostesses Mrs. Johnny Lee and Mrs. Ray Stubbs met the guests, and games were played until 8:00 when a buffet style sandwich course was served.

The table was decorated on a dainty Scranton lace cloth with red and green rope swinging from each corner caught up in the center with Christmas bells.

Mrs. Stubbs presided at the punch bowl while red and green tapers

burned against a background of holly leaves with red and white candy canes.

The red and green sandwiches of tuna and chicken salad added to the table arrangement. A green leafy lazy susan was another point of interest, which contained carrot curls, olives and potato chips. A light chocolate cake and coffee were served later.

Soft music was played as the gifts were distributed by candlelight. Gift-bearers were Mrs. Cook's children Jeannie, Lyndia, Leda and Phil Sears.

Guests included Mrs. Hilda Groft, manager of the shop, and Mr. Groft, Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams, Johnny Lee, Charlie Barillo, Gene Lee, Jim Lee, Misses LaVerne Ganus, Vivian Godfrey, Bettye Dean, and Mr. Donny Mayo.

Students of Midwestern university home for Christmas are Lou Ann Gav, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gay; Carolyn Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gay, Lynn Lovell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lovell; Lonnie Beavers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Beavers.

Mrs. J. K. Bradshaw of Albany, formerly a member of Iowa Park school system, is seriously ill in an Abilene hospital. Mr. Bradshaw was formerly agriculture teacher in Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McDaniel and son Butch of Dallas are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Lochridge and Mrs. Carrie McDaniel during Christmas.

Pat Sewell of the naval school Newport, R.I., is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Sewell and other relatives.

To everyone in town goes our devout wish for a merry and untroubled Christmas



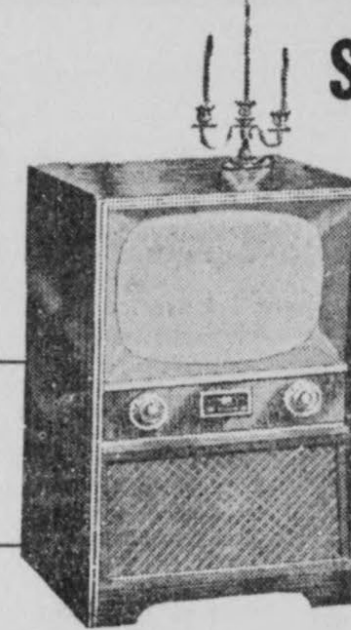
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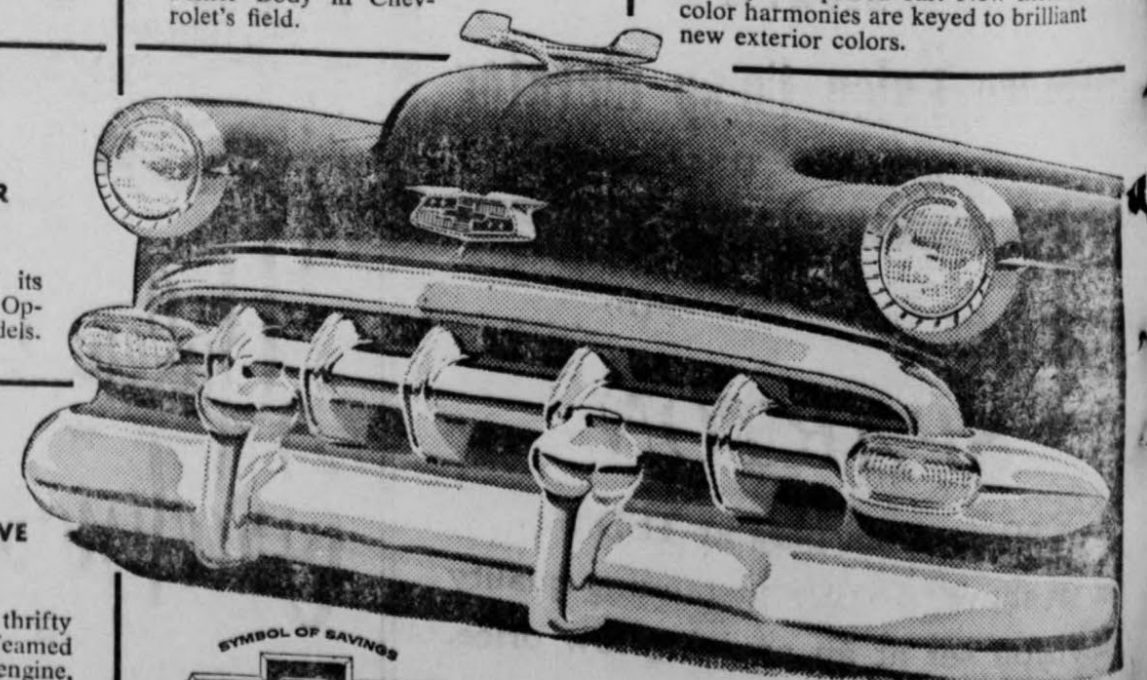
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