



Large Group Pounds Preacher and Family

About 60 members of the First Christian church and friends of Rev. and Mrs. Francis Barnes surprised them with a pouncing Wednesday night immediately following practice for the Christmas program which is set for Sunday evening.

There was a threefold reason for the gifts which piled high on the Barnes' dining table as each group of guests arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have just recently moved into the church parsonage (the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Campsey) and their friends felt it fitting that they be given a housewarming. The Christmas season was a second cause, and the birthday of Mr. Barnes was a third reason for choosing this week for the party.

Reader Ads . . .

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6 acres, good 7 room 2 story modern home near town. A cistern affords abundance of soft water also. Plenty outbuildings. Owner moving to another state.

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FOR SALE — 1940 Ford 2-door coupe, radio and heater. Very good condition. Park Community.

Couldn't buy a nicer Christmas present for your wife than a new Electric Range or a new Electric Refrigerator. See them at B. L. Bradford's Furniture & Hardware.

Shower for Bride-to-Be Was High Point Of Social Season

An elaborate party which will long rank among the top first in the annals of the city's social events was given Monday evening complimentary to Miss Marjorie Eugene Howard, bride-elect of Rev. James Keith Blalock. The parlor of the First Baptist church was very appropriately chosen for the party since the groom-elect was reared in the church, surrendering for the ministry under her influence and was ordained to preach by vote of the members in December 1947.

The names of the hostesses and their number attest to the wide circle of friends of the engaged couple. Composing the hostess group were Mesdames Gordon G. Clark, O. E. Lochridge, J. Louis Quick, Dave Harbourn, Earle Denny, C. L. Metz, H. W. Weaver, Sam Hill, R. A. Tanner, Taylor George, Lloyd Bell, L. E. Brooks, Wayne Short, Herman Mahler, Joe Bell, Herman Mitchell, Carl McKinnon, Roy Lancaster, Carroll Duke, W. R. Bradford, Dorothy Thompson, Ada Curry, Sam Ferguson, Mae Lucy, R. R. Brubaker, M. L. Smith, Wesley Davis of Sherman and Miss Maye Mitchell.

The exquisite decorations in the parlor, which were complete in every detail, stressed an aqua and white color scheme. Center of interest was the refreshment table which was centered with aqua chrysanthemums from which wide aqua satin ribbon streamers bearing the names "Marjorie-Keith" in impressive gold letters extended on to the table emphasizing the beauty of the lace cloth with which it was laid. White candles burning in crystal holders shed a soft glow over the table and framed the floral creation.

Decorations on the piano featured silver pine cones and leaves and lighted candles. The table where guests registered was adorned with an arrangement of varicolored chrysanthemums in an antique cut glass bowl. Attractive winter scenes elsewhere in the room combined effectively to make the setting unusually beautiful and elaborate.

The honoree was attractively attired in a formal gown of royal blue and rose striped satin which was styled with a tight bodice accented with sequins and an extremely full skirt. Her costume was completed with the lovely orchid corsage which the hostesses presented her. Mrs. Charles Starr of Denton, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Homer Blalock, mother of the groom-elect, wore white and pink carnation corsages from the hostesses.

Throughout the evening high caliber entertainment was furnished by some of the most popular musicians of Iowa Park. The group included Mrs. C. W. Coppock, Mrs. R. A. Tanner, Misses Bonnie Metz, Lou Ann Duke and Hazel Ruth Roby.

The handsome assortment of gifts was carefully arranged on display as opened by the honoree. The hostess group remembered her with a lovely white wool blanket and bed linens and a presto pressure cooker.

Hostesses shared duties of serving during the hours of entertainment. As a token of her appreciation for the lovely courtesy, Miss Howard presented each of the hostesses with a decorative salad plate.

Two projects of interest to Iowa Park and community have recently been undertaken and one of them is completed, namely the building of two bridges in Precinct 3 which are on highways carrying great amounts of traffic.

The bridge across Deer creek west of Valley View was opened to traffic last Friday following a week's construction work in which a completely new structure was put in, the lumber and other materials alone costing \$1500. The pile-driving machine which belong to Precinct 1 was used for three days and aided much in rushing the work to completion.

Monday, work on putting in new flooring and stringers and completely overhauling the structure was begun at the Wichita river bridge southwest of Iowa Park. The acquiring of material, which has been purchased at cost of \$2300, has delayed the much-needed repair work on this crossing. The job will take eight to ten days, according to E. L. Andrews, county engineer, who is working with the Precinct 3 employees. During that time, daytime traffic will be routed by Rocky Point or Dead Man's bridge, but at night and after working hours, the bridge will be open for travel.

HONOR ROLL HERE FOR 2nd PERIOD IS LISTED BY SCHOOL

Honor rolls for the second six weeks of school have been released by Supt. W. R. Bradford. In order to make the Double A roll a student must have all grades 90 or better, including his grade for conduct. Those on the Single A roll have an average of 90 or better, including conduct.

DOUBLE A
Eighth Grade: Lee Roy Weiss and Jimmie Joy George.
Ninth Grade: Helen Birkman and Norlene Moore.

SINGLE A
Seventh Grade: Willis Green, Lillie Chappell, Sue Gelsert, Retha Faye Starr, Beverly Talley, Ava Lee Watts, Mickey Sewell, Loyd Lewis, Norma Jean Moer.

Eighth Grade: Naomi Baxter, Barbara Butts, Mary Gayle Park, Bill Brubaker, David Padgett, Shirley Laws, Betty Schwabe, Jewell Thornton.

Ninth Grade: Ben Huckaby, Mac Lucy, Janice Laws.
Tenth Grade: Billie Erubaker, Eva Nell Clements, Elga Ann Denny, Patsy Mitchell, Ann Ralston, Dessie Skinner, Travis Hines, Page Morgan, Bobby Pace, Peggy Jo Beavers, Lou Ann Duke.

Eleventh Grade: Jerry Cope, Franklin Farmer, Glenn Gwinn, Bill Weiler, Peggy June Fox, Betty Perry.

Twelfth Grade: Lucy Lee Dale, Ava Nell Lee.

YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —

RUTH HILL YEARGAN

The first time we heard the expression "put the monkey on his back" we just didn't get it. Even after the customary two weeks allowed an Englishman for seeing a joke, we were still wondering why a business man (however horsey he might be) would want a monkey for a jockey.

We finally recalled the incident of a little girl living in a large city who, one afternoon while walking in the park with her mother, experienced the thrill of her life: she came face to face with an organ grinder.

He immediately swept off his hat, bowed low, and setting his monkey on the ground began to grind out a tune. The monkey imitating his owner, swept off his tiny cap and began dancing. After performing admirably, he danced up to the little girl for his reward. Again and again he danced and stunted and again and again he was rewarded.

The crowd gathered. It was a profitable afternoon for the organ grinder. It was time to go home. The mother took the little girl's hand and started to move away. The monkey with one flying leap landed on the shoulder of the child, grinning and chattering wildly.

There was a scream that would have done credit to any sound effects man, and the air around was churned by two little hands fighting in terror.

Mortified the organ grinder reached for the monkey, who climbed around on the little girl's back, and as more hands reached for him, onto her bonnet-covered head.

The park police arrived. The monkey's owner was reprimanded. The little girl was whisked home by a distraught mother.

Thinking this incident over—light began to dawn. After all, having a monkey on your back isn't very funny. And if it isn't fun for us, why should we put in on another person's back?

If our resolutions hold up, Your Chamber of Commerce is going to accept its responsibilities and acknowledge its mistakes in the wonderful New Year of 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Capehart went to Abilene, Sunday for a visit with relatives.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to thank my friends for their many deeds of kindness also for the nice flowers, cards and gifts sent me since I have been sick. Mrs. Joe Baxter.

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Ottis Stapp Joins Hill Motor as Mechanic

A new mechanic at Hill Motor company, Ottis Stapp, means also a new family for Iowa Park as soon as the Stapp family can locate living accommodations.

Mr. Stapp is an expert Chevrolet mechanic, holding many diplomas from the Chevrolet organization.

He has worked at Fox-Randel Motor company of Wichita Falls and the Oil City Motor company of Electra, and comes here highly recommended by his former employers and their customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stapp and their young daughter live in Electra but are looking forward to moving to Iowa Park and taking an active part in the church, school and social life of Our Town.

Four-Year Program Is Discussed in Iowa Park At Zone WSCS Meet

Friday, December 10, was a red-letter day for members of Zone 3 of the Wichita Falls District Woman's Society of Christian Service when they met in the Iowa Park Methodist church to hear presented the new four-year program of their organization. Theme of the program is Advance for Christ. Mrs. W. M. Morton of Prieberg, zone leader, presided.

Mrs. M. L. Hines, district president, discussed "The New Look" in the work of the WSCS. The findings of the foreign missions conference held recently in Columbus, Ohio, were outlined by Mrs. H. W. Barton of Wichita Falls, president of the North Texas conference. A challenge to all Christians was given by Mrs. W. B. Slack of Wichita Falls as she reviewed the book "Let's Act Now" by Baker, written as a handbook for the new quadrennium in the Methodist church.

Mrs. Thomas Weaver of Electra gave the devotional meditation and Mrs. Buena Coleman of Wichita Falls directed the consecration service which closed the day's program.

During the business session the Iowa Park society was awarded the money to buy a baby life membership because it had the most officers present. Little Donna Stockton was chosen to receive the membership. Also the resignation of Mrs. Hines as district president was accepted, and Mrs. V. C. Hammersley of Wichita Falls was elected to fill the vacancy.

Members of the Iowa Park society proved gracious hostesses in providing a lovely Christmas setting and serving a delicious meal. Mrs. M. L. Smith and Mrs. Eva Tidwell were chairmen of committees on arrangements.

Gifts for Homes to Feature Christian Church Program

White Christmas gifts for the Juliette Fowler homes in Dallas will be the high spot in Christmas program plans of the Christian church next Sunday evening at 7:00.

Members of the church school faculty have been rehearsing their students for what they believe will be an interesting and inspiring program of worship under the influence of the Christmas spirit.

Al Reed, church school superintendent, also has made arrangements for showing the outstanding Christmas film of the year to the evening congregation. The combined program, Mr. Reed has announced will consume but about an hour and will be a most entertaining and inspiring hour for all who wish to observe the Christmas season in a constructive way.

Favors were made by Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Covington.

Mrs. Gale Lowrance, president of the Women of the Church, presided over the silver tea service. Miss Park assisted in serving.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality included Misses Clara Lowrance, Denonah Honecutt, Mina Troutman, Frances Park, Mary Ellen Johnson, and Mesdames J. S. McSteen, E. R. Way, C. Birk, C. E. Birk, May Turner, A. H. Estes, Fred Myers, J. B. Ridenour, S. Shelton, L. Burgoyne, Louis Cooksey, Gayle Park, King Abernathy, Gene Lowrance, Mike Livingston, Tom Covington, J. E. Johnson, M. C. Yeargan and the hostess.

A gift shower for shut-ins was the group's expression of the Christmas spirit.

STATE, COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES MAY BE PAID AT CITY HALL IN IOWA PARK

Mrs. M. C. Yeargan, secretary of the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce and deputy tax collector for Wichita county, reminds taxpayers that it is not necessary to send to Wichita Falls in order to pay their 1948 state, county and school taxes.

If the property owner has his current statement which was mailed from Wichita Falls, he can bring it to the City Hall and pay the taxes, as well as purchase new car tags.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Gregg of Jacksboro visited Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Cheves over the weekend.

Wichita Falls Man Speaks to Local Men
Curtis Cook, editor of the Wichita Falls Record News, was the guest speaker at the Presbyterian Men of the Church supper on Wednesday night in Iowa Park. Mr. Cook spoke on Individual Freedom.

New officers elected included G. B. Purcell of Archer City, president; R. B. Lowrance, vice-president; and C. E. Birk, secretary.

Gene Lowrance and Gayle Park were the serving committee.

The next meeting of the organization will be on January 12 when Louie Cooksey and C. E. Birk are the supper committee.

Mrs. Ida Chastelain left Tuesday for Corpus Christi, where she will visit during the holidays with her sister Mrs. C. L. Griffith.



Iowa Park Hero to Be Reburied Sunday

Sunday at 2:30, Lt. James M. Redin will be reburied here from the First Baptist church with the Rev. Mr. James N. Easterwood in charge of the service.

Lt. Redin was raised here in Iowa Park and entered the service early in World War Two. Working with the Eighth Air Force, stationed in England, he was shot down over Germany on July 12, 1944.

He is survived by his widow, Lavada Redin and son Bobby, his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Redin, and a sister Mrs. O. C. Cannedy of Quannah.

A special squad from Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls will be in charge of the military portion of Lt. Redin's funeral. Tanner and Son Funeral Home will make local arrangements.

The body will arrive Saturday morning at 2:28 at the Fort Worth and Denver City depot, where it will be met by his family.

Christmas Party Held By Presbyterian W.C.

The home of Mrs. Gale Lowrance was the scene of a lovely Christmas party on Tuesday evening when the Business Women's circle entertained Presbyterian Women of the Church.

Mrs. Mike Livingston, chairman of the Business Women's organization presided. The Birthday Song was sung in recognition of birthdays of four members. Christmas carols were led by Miss Frances Park, accompanied by Mrs. Tom Covington.

The highlight of the evening was the review of "The Day They Gave Babe Away" by Dale Eunson, given by Mrs. J. S. McSteen.

Center of beauty in the living-room was the sparkling Christmas tree, greenery, white tapers, snow men and icicles in attractive arrangements throughout the reception rooms.

The party table, spread with a handsome lace cloth, held white tapers in crystal holders. Soft light illuminated red carnations that formed the centerpiece. Wreath sandwiches, star and half-moon cookies added their attraction to the table. Favors were tiny clocks mounted on gleaming star cards emphasizing in verse the sentiment that the passage of time would never dull the spirit of Christmas in people's hearts.

On motion of Sam Hill, seconded by Huckaby, Miss Lowrance was named chairman of the executive committee and was asked to contact C. E. Birk and T. J. Pace as to whether they wished to continue as treasurer and secretary of the fund.

Responsibility for a complete Community Chest file and making a financial to each of the sponsoring organizations on September 1 of each year was accepted by the committee.

Persons having items of unness concerning the Community Chest fund and functions, are advised to contact Miss Lowrance and she will make prompt, thorough investigation.

Oil Production Is Spreading on Holdings Of M. J. McDonald

Oil production south of Iowa Park continues to spread, according to releases from the Grace Production company. Their 0.2 M. J. McDonald in block 28 Couthard Brothers subdivision 3 miles south of Iowa Park is completed in the Canyon sand at 2962-63 feet. It flowed 63 barrels in 3 hours with 25-64th choke. No. 3 McDonald in the same block, also completed in sand at 2966-67 feet, flowed 54 barrels in three hours with 20-64th choke.

Grace has skidded over to location No. 4 McDonald, 650 feet north of No. 3 for another test in the Canyon sand.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hartfield were in Kermit over the weekend where they attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Hartfield's sister Mrs. Otis Golden.

Use Of Fair Auditorium As Community Center Is Talked

Mrs. Slack Reviews 'Antioch Actress' for Methodist Women

The review of J. R. Perkins' "Antioch Actress" by Mrs. W. B. Slack of Wichita Falls provided a good program for the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Methodist church in Iowa Park, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Slack is missionary education and service secretary for the Wichita Falls district. Her interpretation of the book was dramatic and forceful and left with her hearers a vivid impression of its content.

Mrs. T. J. Pace was program leader and presented the guest speaker a lovely piece of personal jewelry as token of appreciation for the number of times she has accommodated the Iowa Park society in response to calls for program material.

Special music for the occasion was furnished by a vocal trio composed of Mesdames Fenton Dale, James Sewell and C. W. Coppock.

The daughters of Mrs. A. S. Morris (Mrs. Ruth Mayo and Mrs. Jerry Sutton), though not present, had presented by proxy to their mother a life membership in the WSCS, with Mrs. Pace making the presentation, which was a total surprise to Mrs. Morris.

Beautiful arrangements of Christmas symbols in the reception rooms and the serving of green leaf drinks and varicolored homemade cookies added much to the festive atmosphere of the occasion. The committees who arranged for the lovely event included the following members: Mesdames A. S. Morris, Fenton Dale, D. O. Smith, J. N. George, Herman Mahler and H. W. Weaver.

The appointive officers were then inducted into their respective offices, as follows:

James B. Totten, Electra, chairman of camping activities.
Ray B. Dickey, Electra, finance chairman.

W. M. Sparkman, Kamay, advancement chairman.
H. D. Mabry, Burkburnett, organization and extension chairman.

Dink Lawson, Burkburnett, health and safety.
L. R. Pharr, Electra, Chairman of leadership and training.

A well planned event brought together some 30 Scouters from the Archita district, who have devoted a good deal of their time and talents for the promotion of Scouting, together with new workers who are going to take over some of the work of the Scout program.

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S. T. BUZZARD DOING NICELY IN WICHITA GENERAL HOSP.

S. T. Buzzard is recovering nicely in Wichita General hospital from a major operation, according to a report received Wednesday from Mrs. Buzzard. He went into surgery on Wednesday, December 8, and had quite a bad time for two or three days, but now is apparently on the road to recovery.

Officers Installed for Next Year's Scouting Program in District

Town Hall in Burkburnett was the scene of installation ceremonies on Friday evening, Dec. 10, for the new officers serving Archita District of the Northwest Area Scout Council. Milton Wyatt, chief Scout executive for the council, administered the oath of office to the following, who will serve during the year 1949:

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W. R. Pastusek, Iowa Park, vice-chairman.

C. E. Birk, Iowa Park, commissioner.

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Prospects of eventually getting action on Iowa Park's need for a community center brightened this week when Lee Brigham, basketball coach and instructor in the local schools made a report to the Lions club of new plans being made.

The hope at present is that funds can be made available to return the Fair Auditorium to its original use as a community center. This will call for a heating plant that will be suitable and estimates place the sum necessary for this addition at about \$700. Then the kitchen needs to be equipped and the basketball floor refinished. In all, Mr. Brigham said, \$1200 will be required as a beginning.

When called upon by Mr. Brigham, Dr. Gordon G. Clark, president of the Texas-Oklahoma Fair association, assured the Lions that he was in favor of restoring the building to its original use and that the Fair association will help in every way possible.

It is hoped by those sponsoring this new move for the social life of Iowa Park, that all organizations of Our Town will work together and bring these plans to fruition.

Under the proposed plan club rooms would be partitioned off, dining facilities for Lions club, Chamber of Commerce and other organizations would be made available.

In connection with recreation for both young and old, Mr. Brigham said, basketball, volleyball, bowling, pool, ping pong and kindred games could be installed. A snack bar and nickelodeon would help to make a complete center which would attract many of all ages.

Lions club members gave the talks of both men close attention and promise to get something done—with the understanding that the move must be one of popular demand of the entire community and that without the whole-hearted support of all the organizations in Iowa Park, the program will fail.

No definite action was taken at the Lions club meeting this week, but all organizations in town are asked to go on record, after study and discussion, as to their opinion of the desirability of having the Fair Auditorium turned into a community center.

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Distribution Engineer Named by Lone Star Gas for West Texas

R. O. Pearson of Abilene has been appointed to the newly created post of distribution engineer for Lone Star Gas company's West Texas territory, according to an announcement by M. L. Bird of Abilene, division superintendent.

Mr. Pearson's new duties include supervision of distribution facilities under Lone Star's gas service maintenance and expansion program, Mr. Bird said. His territory includes



Iowa Park and 77 other communities comprising 12 districts in the gas company's West Texas division.

Mr. Pearson joined Lone Star in 1932 as utility man at Hamlin. He served as local manager at Merkel until 1940 when he was appointed to the staff of industrial engineers for the gas company in Abilene. He held this post until his assignment as distribution engineer.

He graduated from high school in Colorado City, his birthplace, and attended A and M college. Prior to joining Lone Star he was employed by the Western Windmill company and the Burton Lingo company in Sweetwater. Mrs. Pearson, the former Helen Davis of Grandview, is Texas adviser on women's activities for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

★ Soil Conservation

Stock ponds have been constructed on the Wilber Prechel farm of Clara conservation group and the Bill Overbey farm of East Iowa Park conservation group this week.

L. F. Miller has leveled 23 acres with Carryall and Large Land Plane owned by the Irrigation District. County maintainers floated between borders, installed new laterals and borders. The irrigation system was planned and laid out by the Soil Conservation Service. This land will be planted to alfalfa and clover for hay and pasture.

Jim Pirtle of West Burk conservation group is in process of constructing approximately 3 1/2 miles of terraces this week. The terraces are being constructed with elevating grader. Pirtle has several acres of vetch planted to improve his soil.

Johnny Williamson of Valley Farms has made an excellent yield from 18 acres of alfalfa this year. From this acreage he has harvested 2300 bales of alfalfa hay, combined 1000 lbs. of seed and has grazed the

area with dairy cattle since September. He is sold on proper preparing of land for irrigation before planting of alfalfa or other legumes. This fall with assistance of engineering, soils and agronomy information of the Wilbarger-Wichita Soil Conservation district, he has leveled, installed borders and planted an additional 90 acres to alfalfa. He and his brother milk 100 cows. All the alfalfa hay will be fed dairy cows.

The past two weeks wind erosion is occurring on sand soils along Red River. As a whole most of the land is protected by stubble mulch of grain sorghums or cover crop of vetch and small grain. On areas that do not have this cover, the soil is moving, some farmers report loss of small grain ranging from 5 to over 100 acres by wind erosion. The loss is occurring on approximately 10% of unprotected sandy land.

Supervisors have received application for assistance of the Soil Conservation district this week on Johnny Williamson 10 acres; W. L. Hodges estate 194 acres; 196 acres and 385 acres.

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Christmas Party Is Enjoyed by Modern Music Club Guests

A Christmas setting of rare beauty met the eyes of members of the Modern Music Study club and their guests when they entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coppock, Thursday night for the annual guest night and Christmas party.

With the beautiful bells on the front door extending an air of the season's welcome, the entrance into the living room further enhanced the holiday feeling as one beheld the mantle with its arrangement of evergreens in a lovely silver pitcher, flanked on either side by evergreen sprays, in the midst of which huge red candles gleamed cheerily.

In the book case a manger scene drew the attention, while on the piano outlined and backed by greenery, the statue of the Virgin Mary in the center, with white candles in wrought-iron candelabra on either end with the miniature wax choir boys and girls arranged in front, inspired the club members as they opened their program with the three Christmas carols, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," with Mrs. O. R. Owens at the piano.

Mrs. Penton Dale entered into the spirit of her subject, "Sketch of Christmas in Other Lands," which Mrs. Ida Chatelain had prepared, and everyone present felt carried to the various lands from which our many and varied customs have originated, then brought to our own home land, and a realization of the true meaning behind the sometimes humorous and pathetic rushing as we prepare for the season of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

That feeling was further enlarged and developed with the rich and poignant quality with which Mrs. W. J. Lacy always endows her violin playing and never more so than in her rendition of "O Holy Night" by Adams and "Ave Maria" by Schubert. Mrs. W. G. Steele was accompanist.

As a perfect climax to the program the trio composed of Mrs. James Sewell, Mrs. Coppock and Mrs. Dale, singing a cappella, gave "O Come All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night" in a way that brought new and fuller meaning to those lovely carols. This trio has sung together for several years and their voices blend so completely that it is always a joy to hear them.

Refreshments suggestive of the season were served from a beautifully decorated table also carrying the Christmas motif, with a centerpiece of varicolored glass balls arranged on a silver tray with a huge lighted candle standing at one end.

Before leading the members and guests were shown the lighted tree in the east window of Mr. Coppock's study. All agreed it was a marvel of Christmas decoration.

Present for the evening were Mrs. L. D. Hawkins, Mrs. Otis Gay, Mrs. W. J. Lacy, Mrs. James Sewell, Mrs. Gayle Park, Mrs. O. R. Owens, Mrs. O. E. Lochridge, Mrs. Z. P. Dale, Mrs. Bess Smith, Mrs. Ida Chatelain, Mrs. Charles Coppock, Mrs. W. C. Steele, and Misses Ethyle Kidwell and Mary Butcher.

And Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Birk, Mrs. C. Birk, Mr. and Mrs. Rollins Woodall, Rev. and Mrs. Kirk Beard, Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Yeagan, Mrs. Bonnie Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Duke, Mrs. Maxine Creel of Burk Burnett, Mrs. Eva Tidwell, Mrs. F. E. Hill, Mr. James Sewell, W. G. Steele, Charles Coppock, Mr. Anderson and O. R. Owens.

Eloise Dobson, seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Christine Dobson, will appear in a piano recital at the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Friday night. This is Eloise's first piano recital.

Salvation Army Seeks New Home for Girls

The Salvation Army this week turned to the people throughout southwest Texas for assistance in its campaign to raise \$175,000 for construction of a new home and hospital at San Antonio for unfortunate young girls and their babies.

The home and hospital which is now a haven of hope for approximately 100 girls and their babies each year is antiquated and must be torn down. Average age of the girls is 17, and some are as young

as 12.

The people of San Antonio this month raised \$120,000 toward the new building.

G. Archie Holland, general chairman of the campaign, pointed out that about half of the girls sheltered at the home and hospital are from outside Bexar county and come from throughout the southwest Texas area.

Inasmuch as the present home and hospital is considered a hazard, the Salvation Army officials are anxious to start construction of the new building early next year.

Contributions should be mailed to the Salvation Army Building Fund, P. O. Box 961, San Antonio, Texas.

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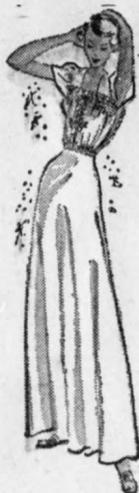


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An all-girl choir with R. B. Lowrance as director and Mrs. Gayle Park, pianist, will sing Christmas carols. Soloist is Joyne Cooksey, Sarah Cooksey, Ella Lou and Beulah Van Horn and Kay Reed. Other members of the choir include Nelda Cobb, Mary Gayle Park, Gladys and Joy Shelton, Patsy and Wilda Lynn and Betty and Sue Parton.

Shepherds will be Eldon Cobb, Jimmy Shelton and Linton Gale Lowrance. Wise men are James Williams, Marvin Richter and Sammy Shelton.

Miss Sue Ridenour will be Mary and Riley Bomar will act the part of Joseph.

Mrs. Gale Lowrance is superintendent of the junior department and Miss Clara Lowrance is superintendent of the Pioneer department in the church school.

**Royal Ambassadors
Meet with Minister
At Baptist Church**

The Clem Hardy chapter was called to order this week by Kenneth Richter, ambassador-in-chief. Those present were Buddy Johnson, Buddy Gibbens, Charles Hanaway, Charles Quick, Lenard Luckett, Kenneth Berg, Franklin Farmer, Jimmie Easterwood, Harold Phillips, Lenial Gibbens, David Padgett, Carl Schwalbe, Henry Logan, Joe Frank Bell, Bill Brubaker. We are glad that Bro. J. N. Easterwood, our pastor, has come back from the revival in California. Mr. Easterwood told us about the revival and of the people.

The R.A.'s closed their meeting with the circle of brotherhood and benediction.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS
TREE PARTY TO BE MONDAY**

The Presbyterian Church school will have its annual Christmas tree at the church on Monday evening, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., according to announcement of the Rev. Mr. M. C. Yeargan, pastor.

Committee members at work are C. E. Birk, Miss Frances Park, Miss Sue Ridenour, Riley Bomar, Bob Lowrance, Mrs. Yeargan, Mrs. A. H. Estes, Mrs. Gayle Park, Mrs. B. L. Burgoyne, S. Shelton and Tom Covington.

Mrs. Charles Starr of Denton and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mosher of Dallas visited here Monday and attended the pre-nuptial shower for Miss Marjorie Howard that evening.



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Party Given to Honor Miss Clara Lowrance

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Park entertained with a supper party last Friday night honoring Miss Clara Lowrance. Forty-two was enjoyed by the guests following the meal.

Those present to honor Miss Lowrance were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wallis and his sister Mrs. C. T. Davis of Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. King Abernathy and daughter Martha Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Locke Lowrance, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Lowrance and sons Robert Bruce and Lynton Gayle; and Miss Mina Troutman.

Jester Asks Drivers To Save Lives During Holiday Traffic Rush

Your greatest gift may be a life! With this slogan as its spearhead, the Texas Safety association this week took Governor Jester's campaign against holiday traffic deaths to the far corners of the state.

The association asked the 41 statewide organizations supporting its traffic safety program to spread the word that there can be less than the expected 85 deaths and 2500 injuries between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1 "if individual Texans will assume the responsibility for making it so."

Governor Jester said the Department of Public Safety has predicted 230 deaths and 6,600 injuries for December. In the two days before Christmas, the prediction said, 30 will be killed and 900 injured.

In response to the appeal, Richard Hill, chairman of the safety committee of the Iowa Park Lions club, gave each member a comic book which pointed out the dangers of holiday traffic.

The Governor addressed an appeal for action to college and university presidents and school superintendents, asking them to alert students to the hazards of Christmas travel.

In a letter to chiefs of police the Governor expressed confidence that diligent enforcement efforts will be effective in reducing the toll.

The Rev. Mr. M. C. Yeagan went to Anson last Saturday for the funeral Sunday of Elmer Lee Farnsworth, a young friend whose body was returned to this country from Europe for reburial.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeagan were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Prichard and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Glazner.

The Iowa Park minister was guest preacher at the morning service in the First Presbyterian church in Anson.

JUNIOR NEWS

A couple of juniors and a few seniors sure can have a ripping time together. If you don't believe me, ask Johnny W. His car was overcrowded and Jimmy Mc's was almost empty so Johnnie decided to get rid of two of his passengers. It worked too!

We were awfully glad to see Mary Coleman back with us. If the others get back real soon everything will be all right. No new cases of mumps have developed this week in our class.

Guess what, we got our annual pictures Monday. They didn't turn out so badly after all, in fact, I bet we have the "next best looking class in school!" (Written under senior pressure.)

Pug Blum is always being called "Preacher." I can't imagine why. Is he a preacher's son, Pug? Pug you will have to start calling Jerry C. "preacher" too. After all they are brother and sister.

I hope I haven't bored you too much, Mr. President. I'd hate to do that. So I've made it short.

Carolyn Sue Bedford Honored with Party

On the occasion of her eighth birthday, Carolyn Sue Bedford was honored with a party Monday afternoon, December 13 by her mother Mrs. Wilburn Bedford.

The Christmas theme was used in decorations throughout the party rooms, with a huge Christmas tree forming the center of attraction.

"Happy Birthday Sue" was written on the birthday cake which was served with punch to Carolyn Sue and her little friends.

Enjoying the party were DeWayne Lancaster of Vernon, Jan and Jo Collins of Valley View, Donna Perry, Peggy Koonce, Nancy Smith, Carol Ann Bates, Millie Jo Barnes, Sandra Sue Banks, Kara Ann Smith, Judy Bell, Mary Shook, Sue Ellen Bryant, John Rollins Woodall, Buddy Banks, Malcolm Berry, Jerry Don Padgett, Tommy Scott, Bill Bryant, Larry Campbell, Donald Lee Warren and Carolyn Sue.

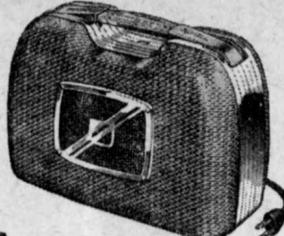
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Nineteen hundred and forty-eight years after His birth—Christmas 1948, let us pause and take time out from our daily task in this world filled with misunderstanding to remember His teachings—and offer fervent prayer that the peoples of the world will re-dedicate themselves to the principles of peace.

UNITED GAS



Use of Limbs Makes Christmas Gift for State's Polio Victims

Christmas is drawing closer and down in South Texas where there's scant likelihood of snow and where the traditional pine tree and holly motif are replaced by sub-tropical vegetation and warm sunshine, there is an air of tremendous suspense.

St. Nick is on his way to Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation and the dozens of young victims of infantile paralysis who will greet him from wheel chairs and hospital beds are churning with youthful anticipation.

Texasns throughout the state are well on their way towards making 1948 an unforgettable Christmas for the kids who have fallen victim to polio, says Ross Boothe, president of the Foundation, as the drive for funds to expand the Texas institution nears its Christmas climax.

There is room for 110 young patients at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation where warm therapeutic waters and modern medical skill and equipment are joined to enable stricken youngsters to walk again despite the ravages of polio. Swimming pools indoor and out are filled with the flowing warm waters of Gonzales and it is in these pools that many a youngster has first learned to use weakened limbs again.

The statewide drive, in which the Herald is co-operating, to secure full financial support for Texas' own infantile paralysis foundation reaches its 1948 climax on Christmas Day.

Expansion of the Foundation and continued operation on its present basis of top efficiency are dependent on the support of Texans, says Mr. Boothe, and a generous response is expected from every county in the state.

KIMBERLAIN LOSES APPENDIX, OUT OF HOSPITAL IN 2 DAYS

Royce Kimberlain, partner in the C. L. Reeves Grocery of Iowa Park, had his appendix out last Friday and was seen hobbling around downtown on Monday of this week. On Tuesday he took his place among the rough element at Lions club.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Hines and Mrs. C. L. Jinks of Burkburnett were evening guests in the W. A. Jinks home Sunday. Mr. Hines visited here with his family over the weekend.

Carl Holt, employee of the John E. Barbour Trucking company, has been admitted to the McKinney Veterans Hospital and will leave Thursday for treatment. Mr. Holt is a World War One veteran.

Mrs. H. H. Walters received a very severe injury this week when she lost her footing and fell, cutting her left hand on a tin can. Stitches had to be taken in her thumb and index finger.

Herbert A. Kiesling of Clara community was admitted to Wichita General hospital in Wichita Falls on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure of Davidson, who had been visiting in Texas, stopped in Iowa Park, Monday noon to eat dinner at the Metz cafe.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirby, Mrs. W. O. Dunlap, Mrs. Bill Casorthwait and Shirley Elaine, all of Olney, were Iowa Park visitors Monday.

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