



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST TO THE PRESENT

It's time again to venture into the history of Hansford County as Highlights from the Past to the Present brings another family from the past into the focus light to reacquaint them with the readers. This week our story centers on the Barnes Family.

The spotlight begins on the J.F. Barnes family. They had four sons, Albert, Jim, Pete and John. The family lived in Iowa before moving to Boyd County Nebraska. In 1901 the Barnes family moved by covered wagon to three miles north and three east of Cushing Oklahoma. Another family made the trip with them. For their travel and move the two families came in four wagons and a buggy and traveled for six weeks before they arrived at their destination.

In Oklahoma the family farmed raising cotton until 1906. They then shipped their belongings by two immigrant cars to Lamar, Colorado where they homesteaded some twenty three miles south of Lamar.

After remaining in Colorado the Barnes family made their move to Hansford County in 1906 bringing everything by wagon, including machinery, well drill, household good and furniture. They settled on the Sergeant place on the Cold Water north of where Gruver is now located. They remained here until they fenced their land and dug a half dugout for their home, they moved to a neighboring section which cornered with the Maddox place.

Until their water well was dug the family carried water from the Maddox place where Ben Harris now lives. Soon after their move the men began breaking ground for their crops. They bought a steam engine in about 1909 to aid with their farming.

Later the family ordered a threshing machine which came through Guyman and they did custom threshing for areas south, east and west of Guyman. In 1910 they plowed sod from Lucern to Oslo and threshed in the R.D. Tomlinson Community. Farming also for themselves, the family broke sod and threshed in the area east of Old Hansford to Old Ochiltree in 1911.

Water well drilling was also a business interest which the family had, for they drilled many wells in Hansford County as well as the surrounding areas. Also the men freighted to Texhoma during the winter.

Pete recalls the snow of 1912 remembering how it remained on the ground for such a long time. Also he recalls how the county paid bounty for jack rabbit pelts as well as for pairs of rabbit ears. At that time Lee McClellan was county clerk and Pete often wonders if he didn't make soup from them.

Mr. J.F. Barnes bought an Emerson gas tractor in Amarillo which had big wheels higher than a person's head. To get the tractor home it had to be driven overland through Dumas on a four day trip. They spent the first night on the Canadian River breaks for they were the first to cross the Canadian River bridge. Because of the size of the tractor they were required to call Amarillo to see that the tractor was not too heavy to cross the bridge. Pete recalls how the coyotes howled half of the night and summed up that the coyotes didn't like them. Their second night was spent in Dumas, for at that time the town had a windmill and water tanks for city water, wagon yard, blacksmith shop and the Phillips General Store.

In March 1918 Pete entered the service of World War I where he went to San Antonio to camp along with Clarence Winder. Pete later volunteered for overseas service with the 90th division and 315 Supply Train. He served in the Army of Occupation in Germany and at St. Mehiel and Meuse-Argonne Offensive and in the Pavenelle Sector of France. On June 24th 1919 Pete returned home to find that his parents had traded and sold out moving back to Arkansas.

Pete went back to farming and bought the land from Sum Tomlinson which had already been planted with wheat some two miles north of where Gruver is. Carrying on with his well drilling, Pete remained quite busy. In 1920 Pete drilled the water well for Mr. Will Harris. J.C. was a young boy at the time and drove the team of horses which made up the power for the drill. Pete recalls having to wake J.C. up several times in order to keep the well drilling in progress. Since the well is still pumping water Pete has been accused of hauling a lot of water to fill the hole.

While drilling a well in the Coldwater draw, Pete used the form of a sun dial to tell the time of day for he had no watch. He took an alarm clock and drove stakes into the ground each hour and from there he could tell from day to day the time by the shadow on the ground.

On February 26, 1933 Pete Barnes and Deana Barlow were married in Perryton. Deana was the daughter of H.C.

Barlow and was one of nine children. Two of her sisters make their home in Gruver, Mrs. Guy Cooper and Mrs. Guy Gruver. The other children live in Perryton and are Vertie Copel and, Mary Dietrich and Robert, Harry, Alex and Leonard Barlow.

Deana was born December 6, 1895 in Boonville Missouri. She moved with her parents in 1907 to Ochiltree County. The family came from Missouri to Glazier and by "mail hack" across the country to their home north of Perryton. They later returned to Missouri but came back to Texas in 1916 to make their home.

Obtaining was one of the Christmas experiences recalled by the Barlow family. Looked forward to by the whole country community, the Christmas programs included Santa Clause giving toys to the youngsters. Usually just before Christmas some of the boys in the family would go down to the breaks some 20 miles away and find a tree to be decorated. One Christmas a snowstorm beat the holiday and the snow was so deep that they were unable to get a tree. One practical neighbor suggested, decorating a ladder. So an eight foot ladder was leaned against the wall and decorated with strings of cranberries. Gifts were hung on the rungs of the ladder. The children agreed it was the nicest tree they had ever had. Another tradition carried out in the family was each Christmas eve the "Night Before Christmas" would be read to the children by their mother.

After Pete and Deana's marriage they moved to Arkansas where they put in one crop of cotton and corn, but decided they didn't like the country and moved back to Perryton in the fall. Once in Ochiltree county they rented a place north west to Perryton where they began farming raising one of the first crops of cotton in 1923. In 1924 they made another move which brought them back to Hansford County to the Prevo place in the fall of 1934.

George Dietrich and Pete bought a John Deer tractor in 1927 and George Dietrich moved to the Selsor Place east of the present Ben Harris place. The two men farmed together until Pete and Deana bought another farm in the west side of the county in 1930. Dry weather and the cheap wheat market made them sell to A.P. Berger. They then bought land in the west corner of Sherman County they have farmed since 1935. They have made their home one half mile west of Gruver since 1943.

One incident remembered just after Pete and Deana's marriage was when they made a trip to Guyman on a hot dusty day and went to the drugstore to get a cold coke. The waiter asked if they wanted the cokes froged and they decided they did, not realizing it cost 21¢ more. When they were ready to pay neither of them had enough change and they had to write a check, realizing they were spending their last dollar in the bank.

Pete and Deana attended the Grand Plains school for church before Gruver began and moved their membership to Gruver when the Methodist Church began in the newly established town.

Deana passed away July 12, 1963 following several years of illness. The couple have both been outstanding assets to the town of Gruver as well as to Hansford County. They both enjoyed fun and it was not uncommon to see Deana dressed in halloween fashion or Halloween night going from door to door "trick or treating" or riding down main street on Christmas morning dressed as Santa ringing her bells and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Good neighbors and friends to everyone, Deana and Pete are outstanding pioneers to Hansford County. They have struggled through the good and lean years with their radiance being an inspiration to everyone.



THE GRUVER

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GRUVER GIRLS TAKE 2ND TOURNAMENT WIN

Gruver's girls won their second straight tournament last weekend and the boys lost a close game in the finals of the Gruver tourney.

After winning the Sunray tournament, the Gruver girls reached the finals of the tournament here, then whipped the Miami girls 53-47 for the championship. The Gruver boys, third

place winners at Sunray had a tough time reaching the finals and then lost a heartbreaking 29-27 decision to a good Miami club.

The Gruver girls stopped Sunray and Booker to reach the finals while the boys nosed out Sunray and Stinnett to make it to the championship.

Gruver pulled ahead by as much as eight points in the second quarter but led only 29-24 at the half. At the end of three quarters Gruver led by eight 41-33.

Then Miami came on strong and scored seven straight points to narrow the margin to 43-42. Hitting free shots Gruver pulled away to win by six points in the last four minutes.

Lanetta Blankenship and Anita States shared the scoring with 23 points each.

The battle between the Miami and Gruver Boys was a close one all the way. Early in the game Gruver led by as much as six points while Miami could never get more than two points ahead of the Greyhounds.

Gruver jumped to a 7-1 lead and held a 7-3 margin at the end of the first quarter. Miami tied the score at 7-7 early in the second quarter. Gruver led 11-9 but Miami scored four straight to take a lead 13-11 lead at the half.

The Warriors increased the lead to 14-11 early in the second half but Gruver scored six straight for a 17-14 lead and was ahead 19-15 at the half.

Miami roared back with six straight points at the start of the third quarter for a 21-19 lead but Gruver tied it up. The visitors again

moved ahead 23-21 but Gruver sank two straight buckets for a 25-23 margin.

Miami tied the score and then went ahead 27-25 on a pair of free shots. Gruver tied the score 27-27 with less than a minute to play but Miami scored just before time ran out to win the championship.

Sophomore Sam Tipton tossed in 16 points to lead the Gruver scoring while Wayne Leatherman added six and Bob Gillispie was held to four.

Christmas Independent

The Gruver Independent Christmas Edition will appear next week on Tuesday December 24 though it will be dated for December 25th.

This will help the Post Office employees as well as the Gruver Independent staff. Since the printing of the Gruver Independent will have to be on Monday we are asking that all news be turned in by not later than Sunday afternoon. Any news items which can be turned earlier are urged to be done so.

The Letter to Santa deadline is December 21 and they must be in our hands by that date for publication.

MERCHANTS AWARD TROPHIES

Trophies for the Gruver Tournament were donated by the following firms:

Gruver Girls 1st, Gruver Motor; Miami Girls, 2nd Byrd and Dean; Miami Boys 1st Gruver State Bank; Gruver Boys 2nd Hansford Grain. Adrian Boys 3rd, G & G Foodliner, Adrian Girls 3rd, North Plains Chemical; Sunray Girls Consolation, Nancy's;

Darrouzette Boys Consolation Sluder Evans, Boise City Girls Sportsmanship, Gruver Independent; Stinnett Sportsmanship, Huddle

Boys Sportsmanship, Huddle; Coach awards, Ward Supply, and Southwestern Public Service and Gruver Elevator and the Individual awards by Peddys Butane.

Chapman Attends SCS Meeting

Temple, Texas. State Conservationist H.N. Smith of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service has ordered a checkup on the readiness of SCS' 1100 trained radiological monitors to move into action on emergency notice.

The Soil Conservation Service has the major responsibility among Federal agencies for providing radiological monitoring service within counties. The agency has 7,462 trained monitors at 3,135 stations in the country. Additional training of 1100 monitors in Texas is scheduled this winter. Wayne Chapman local SCS representative attended this training meeting last week.

The State Conservationist said new procedures are in the making with the Atomic Energy Commission whereby SCS monitoring capabilities will be immediately available in the event of the accidental discharge of a nuclear device. In such an emergency and SCS will be alerted promptly to potential contamination of agricultural areas.

The recent accidental explosion near San Antonio at the Atomic Energy Commission installation, although no contamination was involved,

indicates the kind of emergency that may require the services of the monitoring crews on an instant's notice, Smith pointed out. It is conceivable, he pointed out, that quick assessment of the damage and delineation of areas involved in agriculture may be of tremendous importance.

Arrangements are being made with Offices of Civil Defense to check calibration of monitoring instruments. Smith said. Each SCS monitoring station has the needed equipment for checking for possible contamination. The Office of Civil Defense has been installing the equipment necessary for instrument calibration.

New procedures are now being put into effect to speed up the assessment of damage from fallout in any given area. Smith said. Action to reduce the hazard where it occurs, or the eliminate it, is also getting a review.

"We believe that our capability for moving into action immediately in the case of emergency is generally good," said Smith. "Where there may be a tendency to slip into an attitude of complacency, we are setting out to correct that."

Harmony Club Christmas Party

The Gruver Harmony Club held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. E.T. Rafferty Monday December 16th.

The theme of the evening was "Remember Our Savior At Christmas."

Hostesses for the evening were Misses Evelyn Kelly and Elaine Kelly, Marian Jeffery, Darlene Cooper and Sandie Rafferty.

The regular order of business was taken care of by the President.

An interesting talk by Bonnie Sullins gave the

Christmas story and Scripture of the story.

Miss Jane Hoy led the group with Christmas carols while Sandy Rafferty presented the Hymn of the Month.

Miss Glenda Bell gave the Life of MacDowell as another highlight to the evening. The gift exchange program was under the direction of Day Williams. The Club presented the collect in unison.

A buffet lunch was served to the group by the hosts following the evening of program and business.

WSCS Held Christmas Party

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church of Gruver met in the sanctuary of the church Thursday December 12, 1963.

Mrs. Grace Bennett was in charge of the Christmas Program. Her scripture reading included a few verses from the 4th chapter of Galatians, the 9th chapter of Isaiah and the 2nd chapter of St. Luke.

Mrs. Pat Holt portrayed the part of Mary, mother of Jesus, and held a real baby in her lap all through the program. Those having parts in the program were Mrs. W.L. Maupin, Mrs. Kenneth Irwin, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. C.H. Winder, and Mrs. Ann Taylor. Mrs. Arthur Bort sang a solo with Mrs. Eugene Wood

at the organ.

The church was decorated beautifully with Mary and the baby Jesus at the manger. All the ladies brought a gift for a needy child.

The program closed with a prayer by Mrs. R.L. Kirk. After the program the ladies retired across the street to the parsonage for refreshments of coffee, cake, nuts and candy.

Those present for the occasion were Mesdames C.H. Winder, D.L. McClellan, A.W. Evans, Eugene Wood, Arthur Bort, F.A. Shapley, Jr., Larry Cline, R.L. Kirk, W.L. Maupin, Margie Barkley, Carrie Neilson, Kenneth Irwin, Nel Chockley, Mrs. Wright, Pat Holt, W.L. Harris, Junior Taylor, Sherry Beck and Grace Bennett and Miss Reva Bennett.

IN THE GRUVE

We had the pleasant opportunity this week to talk with the Future Teachers Association at Gruver High School, the group that writes the school page in the paper.

We found the young group enthusiastic about the newspaper business and news in general. Mr. Larry Sparks is doing a tremendous job with the group and has a good knowledge of the business.

We have had many comments about the school page in the paper. If you haven't been reading it you have been missing something. The articles are well written ideas reflecting the thinking of the youth in this community.

To Whom Shall We Go

by Alfred White

Subject: Love
 "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (I Cor. 13:13).

Love is at once the greatest subject in the world and the greatest ability of human beings. Little wonder that it is essential to everlasting life. It is actually essential to normal life in this realm. Without an expression of love, life cannot even begin in the first place. If love is thus essential to the origin of life, it is equally important to the well being of what it has begun.

We have many abilities and faculties which may be developed or neglected without serious consequence one way or the other. We may abuse and neglect our hearing or memory or even our eyesight and the penalty is not always severe. This, however, is not the case with love. Love is a gentle giant that positively will not suffer abuse and unfaithfulness.

When love is trampled and treated "as a common thing" it strikes back with the force of hell in the heart of the offender. When driven from any life it leaves an emptiness in the breast and a heaviness in the heart which cannot be described in words, except to say that we are broken hearted, and that sir, is far more than a figure of speech.

Love is proven to be of abiding worth, in that it is able to sustain itself by itself. Love asks nothing but love and gives only of itself. While hatred must continually re-fueled with such material as envy, jealousy, selfishness, pride, prejudice, love is able to live by its own strength, and to bless the soul which is possessed by love eternally. "for God is love".

For love there is absolutely no substitute. Luxury is often attempted but is never successful. Gifts without love are offensive while the least token of true affection is cherished and forever remembered.

The work of love is never thought of as offensive by a true lover. Everything becomes a privilege and services rendered pure pleasure. Over and over in the Bible we find the word "joy" and "rejoice". Each of these words describes and service of Christian love. The Lord counted it a "joy" to be humiliated upon the cross he loved so much. The apostle Paul "rejoiced" that he was counted worthy to suffer shame and reproach for Christ. Why? Because of this supreme love of the Master. The church of Jerusalem "rejoiced" that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Paul describes love as

"patient and kind; it is not jealous and boastful; it is not arrogant or ill mannered; it is not selfish, irritable or resentful it does not have pleasure in seeing wrong committed." It is in reality the greatest and most gracious of attributes. "Love worketh no ill towards its neighbor."

True love abides in the heart of the Christian. Jesus said "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" (Jno. 14:23) Note: To have love that pleases God we "must keep" Christ's Word. The well of love loses its origin and languishes when the soul "keepeth not" the Masters commandments.

Love-True love never ends. Faith and hope both will end in reality, but love is an attribute to eternity.

Methodist News

Sunday morning The Gruver Methodist Church laid their Christmas gifts for Christ on the altar. Most donors designated where they wanted their money to be used in Christ's work.

Lovely Christmas music was enjoyed in the church Sunday night when the choir sang their Christmas Cantata. The cantata was under the direction of Larry Sparks.

Over thirty members of the Young Adult Sunday School Class enjoyed their annual Christmas progressive dinner Monday night. The group met at LaMoyné Cator's home for the salad then on to the main course of Turkey and trimmings which was served in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. The Neal Flathers were host and hostesses for the desert and coffee in their home. Christmas decorations added much to the party.

Members of the Junior Choir went Christmas Caroling Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Taber Hosts Party

Mrs. Blanche Taber hosted the Saturday afternoon bridge club December 14th in her home.

The decor of the home carried the Christmas motif for the Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged by the members during the afternoon and games of bridge were played.

Attending were mesdames Harley Alexander, Dick Murrell, Perry Hawkins, Cecil Holt, R.D. McClellan, R.L. Thom, A.C. Bort and the hostess Mrs. Jack Taber.

Royal Neighbors Met Tuesday

The Royal Neighbor Club had their annual Christmas dinner and party at the Dave McClellan home on December 10th.

The guests enjoyed canasta and dominos after the turkey dinner, until a late hour.

Attending were Albert and Eula Bakehouse, Orville and Alice Walker, Ken and Jamie Wilmeth, Pete and Edna Bayless, Albert and Ella Hahn and Tommy, Jigger and Vern Finley, Phoebe and Pauline Fox, Margie Barkley, Thelma Davis, Frank Fleck and the host and hostess Dave and Devona McClellan.

Oslo To Present Program

The Children's Christmas Worship Service at Oslo Lutheran Church will be held Sunday December 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The Service is entitled "Come, Let Us Worship".

The service is open for anyone and you are cordially invited.

T.E.L. Class Has Party

The T.E.L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. W.N. Fletcher for their annual Christmas Party. The ladies enjoyed turkey with all the trimmings for the occasion. The event occurred on Friday December 13th.

The home was adorned with a Christmas decor with a miniature white Christmas tree and a miniature church adorning the living room. The dining table was laid with green net over white and was centered by a spray of cedar encircling a white Christmas candle with a holly leaf adorning it.

Guests for the day included Mesdames J.M. Pearson, Juliet Boyd, Opal Johnson, Gay Fletcher, Burt Childers of Englewood, Colorado. The members attending were Mesdames O.J. Gross, D.B. Ford, Leo Morrison, H.L. Boyd, Perry Hawkins, Fred Chase, G.G. Wright and E.G. Garrett.

CODES FROM MORSE

Mrs. Desmond Kelly

The Morse P.T.A. met on Monday night to enjoy a Christmas program given by the first six grades in the school. The play was on Christmas in other lands and was directed by Johnny Brumley, school superintendent.

The meeting was opened with a Christmas carol by the audience and meeting was called to order by President, Harold Fleming. Reports from various committees were made. Mrs. Mary Gillispie gave a report on her recent trip to the State Convention in San Antonio. Mrs. Robin Giblin reported that the P.T.A. Book Shelf has been completed in the Morse Community Library and that the magazines and books can be checked out for reference material. Mrs. Gene Dison gave a report on the County Council held recently in Morse.

The Life Membership Committee presented Mrs. Pete Cator with the life membership for this year for her faithful work throughout the years in P.T.A.

The Unit voted to sponsor the Community Christmas Tree which will be in the school auditorium on Christmas Eve at 7:30. A short

program will be given and Santa will appear.

BRIDGE DINNER HELD

A Christmas dinner served buffet style from a beautifully decorated table was the order of the evening last Saturday in the Community building. Hosting the affair were the Lynn Davis', Charles Reids and the Gene Brothers. After the dinner an evening of bridge was enjoyed by the Tom Dortchs, H.B. Parks, Earl Hendersons, Al Carters, Grant Miners, L.M. Wombles, Gene and Perry Dixon and the hosts.

L.M. Womble won low for the men and Mrs. Earl Henderson won low for the ladies. Mrs. Charles Reid won high for the ladies and Grant Miner for the men. Mrs. L.M. Womble won the Bingo prize.

H.D. CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Thursday afternoon the Home Demonstration Club gathered in the home of Mrs. Mary Gillispie for a party and gift exchange around the tree. Mrs. Roy Roper gave the program on Christmas Customs and Mrs. A.E. Henderson was in charge of the recreation. Those present to enjoy the good time were Mrs. Roy Roper, Mrs. A.E. Henderson, Mrs. Mack Dortch, Mrs. M.W. McCloy, Mrs. Jack Crowl, Mrs. Elia Parks, Mrs. Jack Johnson, Mrs. Lyn Davis and Mrs. Joe Reiswig.

Several from the community enjoyed attending the

open house that was held on Sunday afternoon and evening in the Lloyd Henderson home. The Host and Hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Lloyd Henderson and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carp who live with her in the beautiful two story ranch home which they have remodeled. Many antiques are featured in the remodeling. Also, at this season of the year, the Christmas decorations are quite beautiful and different. Refreshments of Christmas cookies, punch, candies and mints were served throughout the evening from a beautifully decorated table.

Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Womble have just returned from a trip by plane to Chicago to attend the National Farm Bureau Convention. They report a good trip and getting to see some snow in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Dortch and family visited Sunday in the Mack Dortch and Desmond Kelly homes.

Miss Arlene Barkley of Gruver spent the week-end in the Desmond Kelly home. On Saturday the Kellys and Mrs. Annie Clifton spent the day shopping in Borger as did the H.B. Parks, the Robin Giblin and several others. Mrs. Annie Clifton and Mrs. Desmond Kelly called in the home of Mrs. Bill Carter in Borger on Saturday. Mrs. Carter is a sister of Mrs. Harold Fleming and they have a new baby son.

Garrett Wedding Anniversary Slated

Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Garrett will be honored on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Sunday December 22nd of December from two until four o'clock.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Hosts for the occasion will be Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Garrett of Calgary Canada and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Archer of Spearman.

All friends are invited to attend. It is requested that no gifts be brought.

Mrs. Fred Cooper and Carolyn Erickson went shopping in Borger on Tuesday. Carmen Erickson spent the morning with Mrs. Jim Cator.

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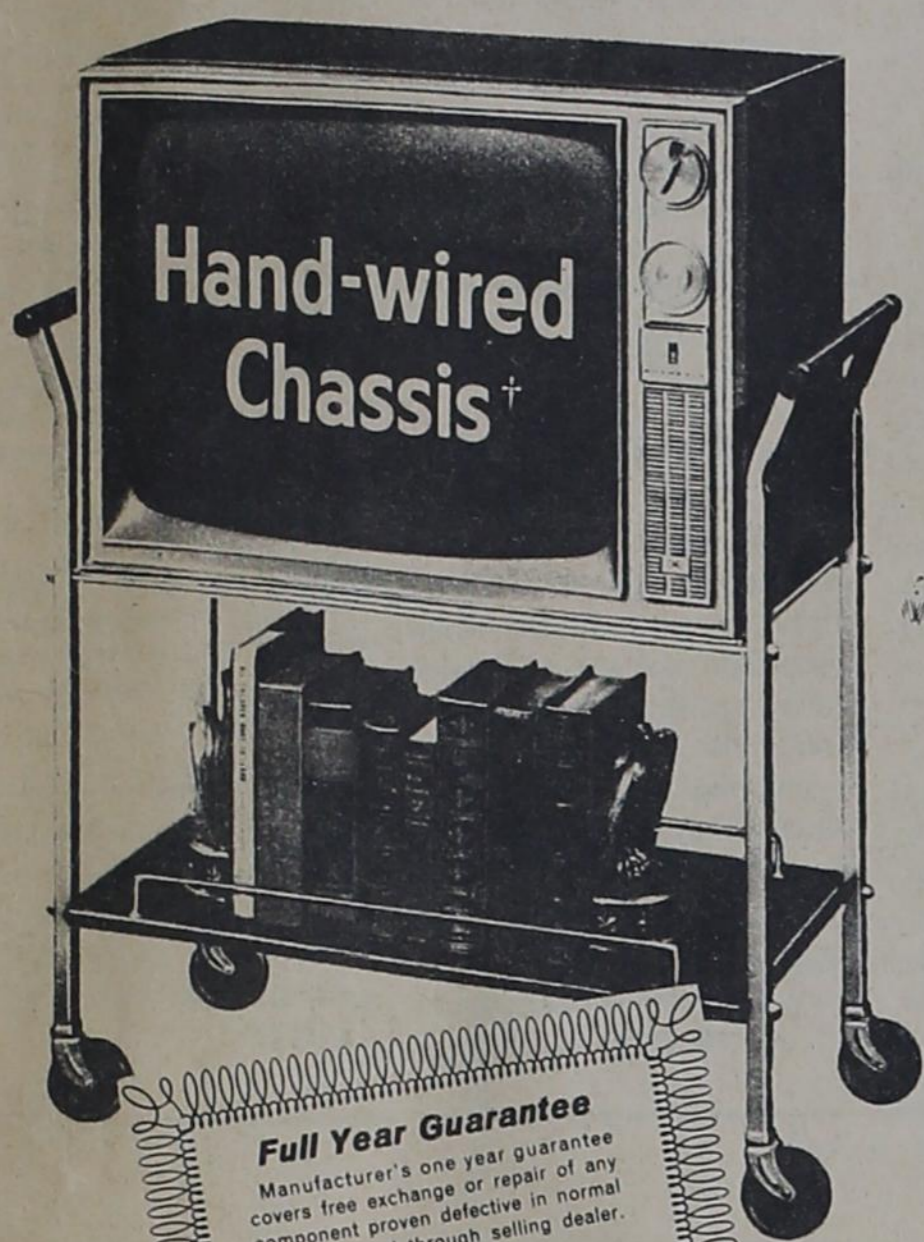
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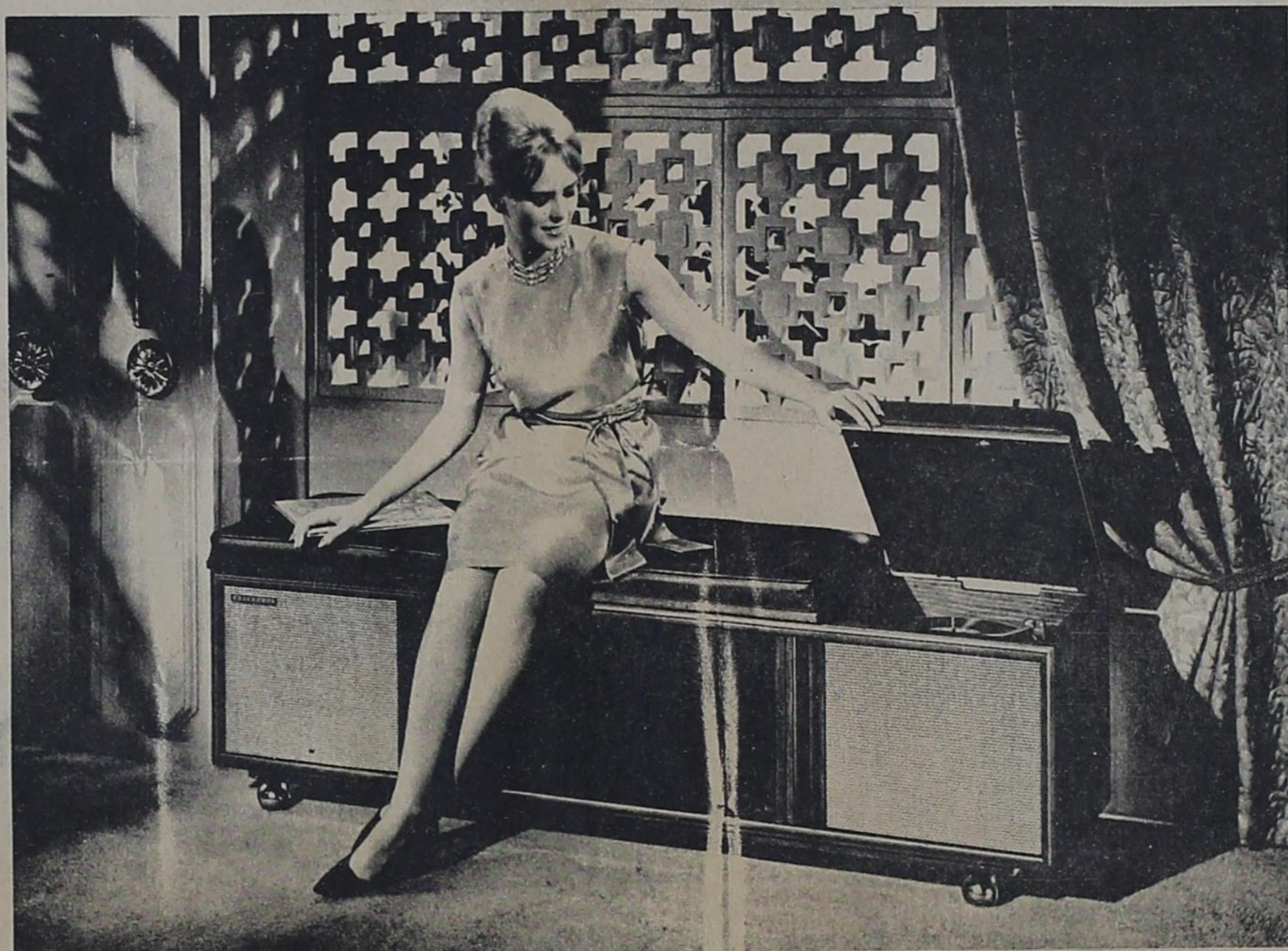
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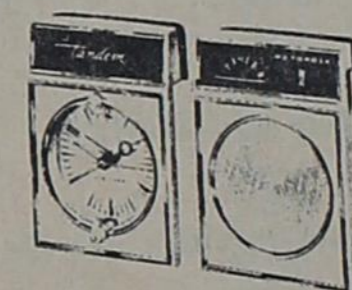
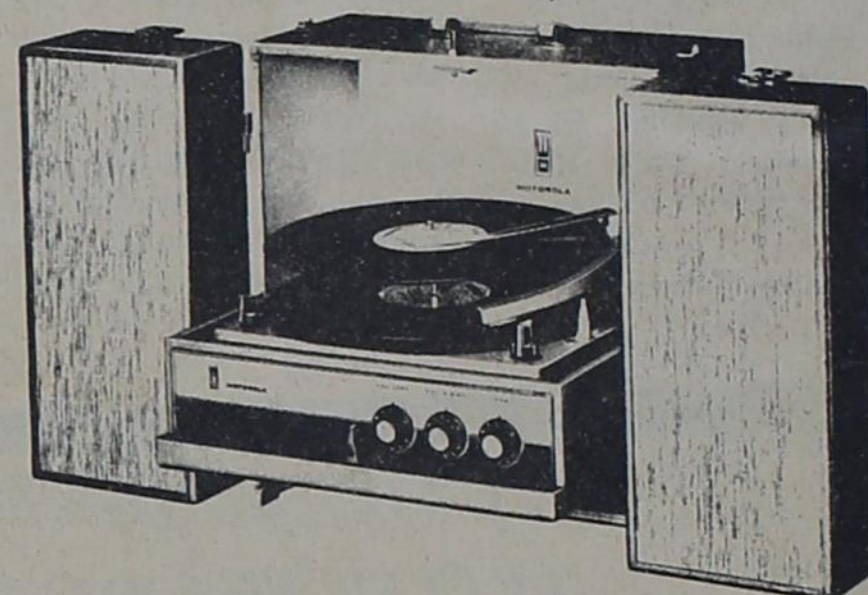
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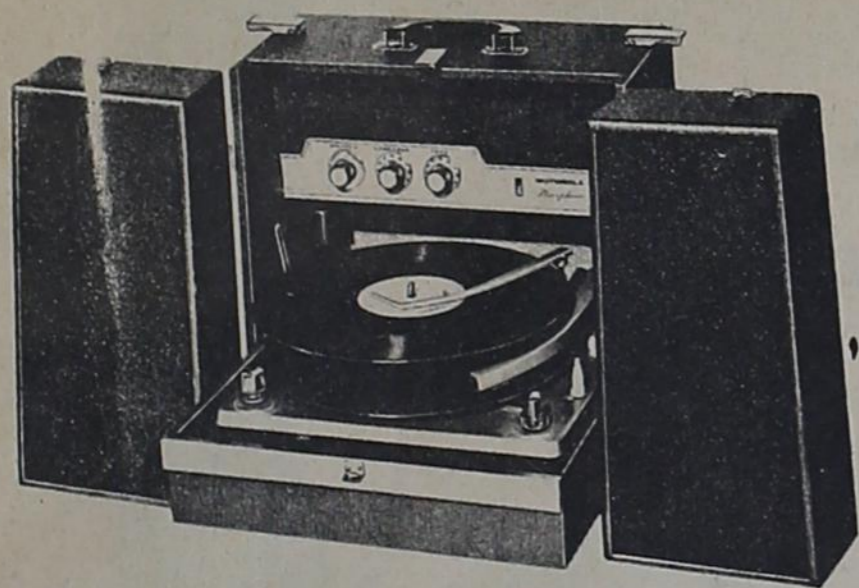
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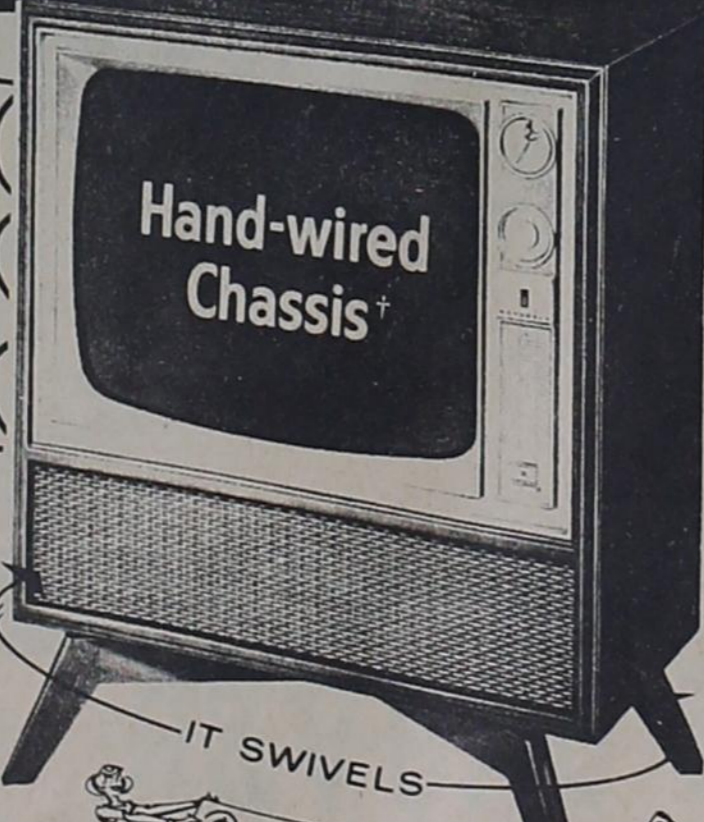
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Sorority Meets In Perryton

The Eta Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society met December 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Thelma Davis at 201 S.W. 5th Avenue Perryton Texas.

Program Chairman, Martha Thomas, Perryton introduced members of her committee, Lela Hennigh, Darrouzett, Rhea Shearer, Booker, and Lena Bockelman, Follett, who gave talks on "Changing Culture Patterns of Christmas" in Holland, Russia, Mexico, Spain and the Scandinavian Countries. Martha Thomas closed the program with a talk on "Changes in the Cultural Patterns in Christmas in England" including changes made in Plum Pudding which originally was a soup eaten at Christmas by the English. Each member received a recipe for English Plum Pudding copied from Mrs. Fraser's Cookbook of 1791.

Instead of exchanging gifts members contributed to a "Money Tree" for the

"Scholarship Fund".

Refreshments were served by Perryton teachers, Mrs. Thelma Davis, Mabel Bowen, Flora Champion and Maurine Flathers.

Members attending from Hansford County were Mrs. Thelma Vaughn, Spearman and Mrs. Nickie Cotter of the Gruver Schools.

Borts' Host Christmas Party

The Friday night couple's bridge party was hosted in the A.C. Bort home. Mrs. Bort served a delicious supper for the guests.

Christmas decorations carried out the theme of the occasion which was their annual Christmas party.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harley Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Murrell Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taber and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Bort.

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CHRISTMAS RUSH WELL UNDERWAY

Postmistress Taber had her annual Christmas 'present' ready today for her patrons and, to nobody's surprise, it was her perennial suggestion: "Mail Early".

"Christmas shopping and mailing is, for most people one of the heaviest chores at Christmas," Mrs. Taber said, "and if I can persuade some people to get it done right now I think they will agree later--when they are taking it easy while others rush around--that I have given them a very good present."

"Virtually all Christmas mailing can be disposed of

by observing the following five suggestions,"

1. Do your shopping for your Christmas gifts now.
2. Check and revise mailing lists for cards and presents.
3. Package and mail Christmas parcels promptly. Don't worry about being too early--just mark them "Do not open until Christmas."
4. Buy Christmas cards now and address them right away, separating them into out-of-town and local bundles. Mail them immediately with ZIP Codes on them and you've got it made, except

for the last minute card you forgot to send to Aunt Minnie.

5. Buy plenty of stamps while post office windows are uncrowded. For Christmas cards, the Postmaster recommends the attractive new 5 cent Christmas stamps showing the National Christmas tree in Washington, D.C. Use of this stamp insures first-class mail treatment--meaning the card may contain personal messages and may be forwarded or returned free of extra charge.

For example, if Great Aunt Minnie has moved without telling you, your card will be forwarded to her (presuming she left a forwarding address). If the card cannot be forwarded, it will be returned to you, provided you have put your return address on the envelope as the postmaster has asked.

Just as an additional peace-of-mind safeguard about parcels this Christmas, the Postmistress urges you to insure them.

He noted that--despite the Department's efforts over many years to promote good packaging and addressing--the Postal Service each year has been unable to deliver or

return about half a million parcels, including many lost because of poor packaging or incorrect addressing.

Another situation discourages postal employees is that in which they finally manage to decipher an address on a parcel only to find the deciphered address is completely erroneous--to the wrong street or sometimes even to the wrong city and state.

Once a local post office has exhausted all efforts to make delivery or return a parcel and has held it unclaimed for the standard 90 days, the parcel is usually lost to the sender or intended recipient.

Such parcels are disposed of by the Postal Service at auctions held at 15 major post offices over the nation.

The Postmaster emphasized that ZIP Code can also help insure against loss due to poor addressing for letters and parcels. The five-digit ZIP code identifies one specific area. No other area has that same ZIP Code number. Therefore, Mrs. Taber explained--in view of the great number of opportunities for error that arise from the fact that they are many

streets and cities with similar names--the ZIP Code is a real asset for Christmas mail, as well as for regular mailings.

"For example, if a letter is addressed to 'Mineola' and the state is left out or is illegible, we can tell from the ZIP Code, if used, whether it goes to Mineola, Iowa, New York, Texas or Missouri, each of which have a city by that name."

"Mailing early with ZIP Code is such a help to the mailer, as well as our Post Office, that I really can't see why everyone doesn't do it," she added.

Mrs. Hart To Give Book Review

The special Christmas program at the Community Bible Church on Sunday night, December 22nd will be a book review given by Mrs. Jack Hart. The Christmas story is entitled "The Homemade Miracle" by Margaret Cousins and the program is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Following the book review there will be refreshments and special Christmas songs

What Kind Of Puppy Pleases?

If you're Christmas shopping for a new puppy as a gift, it's as simple to find the breed of dog you need to fit into your scheme of living as it is to say "Santa Claus." There are now 115 recognized breeds to choose from, and some of the most popular breeds even come in a choice of size and color.

Bob Bartos, Manager of the Friskies Research Kennels, advises that you shop carefully for your Christmas pup and have in mind what breed and size of dog is best suited to your environment.

For instance, Bob Bartos tells us that the Beagle, a perennial favorite, is available in a small thirteen-inches-or-under size and a larger edition ranging from thirteen to fifteen inches.

by some of the children's groups in the fellowship hall. An invitation is extended to everyone to attend this program in observance of the season.

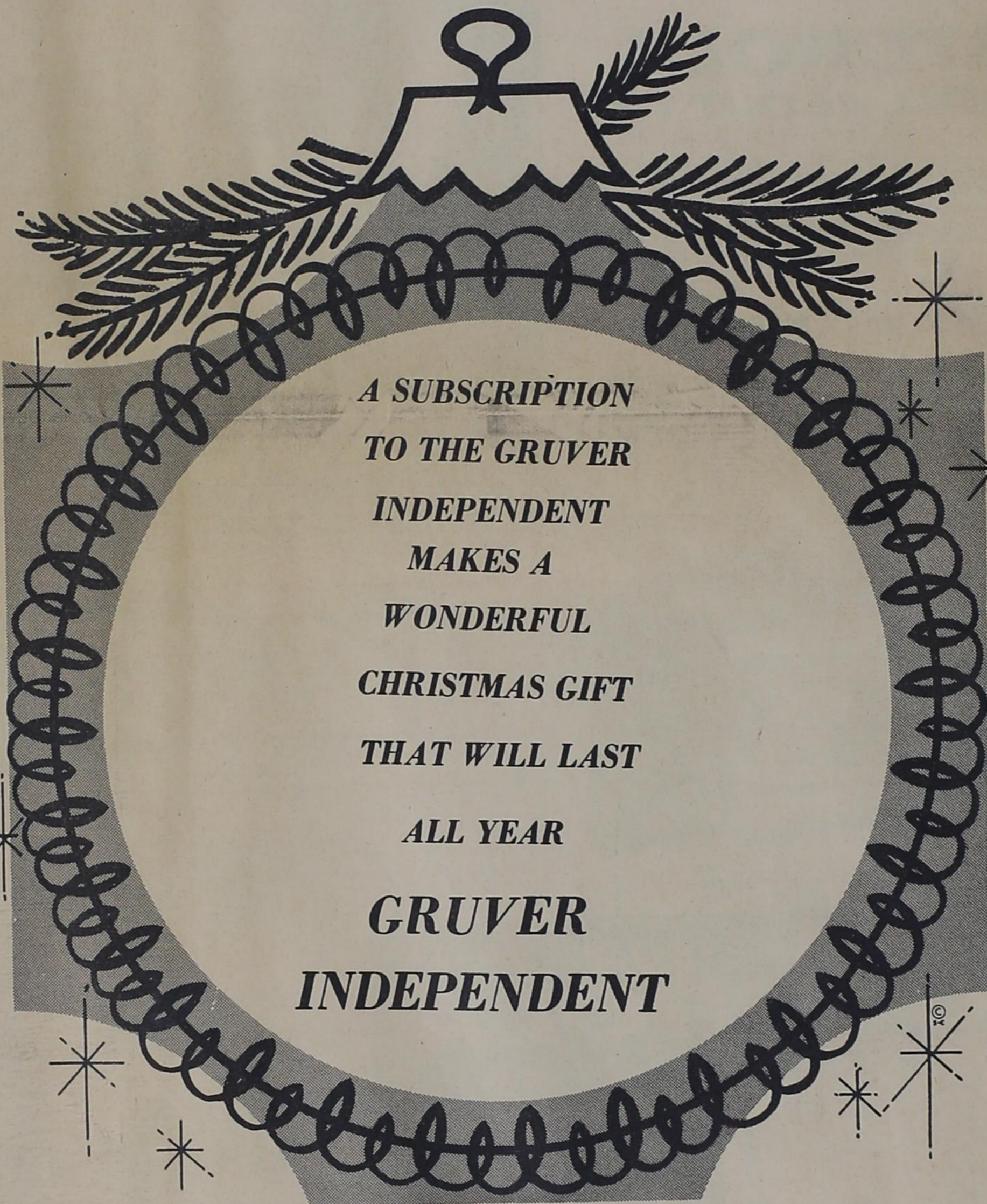
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County Agents Report

by Robert Adamson

The worth of money is not in its possession but in its use.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

I will be out of the office from December 23 til December 27 enjoying the Christmas holidays visiting relatives. Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New year.

TAX PLANNING TIME HERE

A meeting was held last Thursday night in Spearman to discuss farmer's income tax. One item was interesting to those in attendance was Investment Credit. This is not new as it was in effect last year. It could be important to many farmers this year.

Another meeting probably will be scheduled in January. Considerable income tax savings may be gained by spending a little time reviewing your farm records now, says C.H. Bates, farm management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A farmer's or ranchman's

net income may vary considerably from year to year due to fluctuation in yields, changes in price and production costs, he explains. However, some planning by the tax-payer who pays by cash, as the farmer does, can help level out year to year income and save tax dollars, according to the specialist.

The producer must study business records before the end of December and make an estimate of the taxable income. If the prospects for taxable income appear to be high, the taxpayer may reduce it by paying for needed business items before the end of December, says Bates. Repair parts for machinery, paints, seed, tires, and reasonable amounts of fertilizer are some items which may be paid for in advance.

If the taxable income prospects point to a rather low figure for the year, the process should be reversed

THE WAY I SEE IT

Robert Cordas, pastor Oak Lutheran Church

The Power of Christmas Millions of Christmas Sermons have been preach-

ed during the past 1900 years, but none will ever surpass in simplicity or in power the first Christmas message of the angel. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

As long as that simple message remains true—and it will remain forever true—Christmas will never lose its power. Christmas will never cease to bring peace and hope and joy to the soul of the believer.

The Christmas message is essentially a message of redemption. Unto you is born a Savior! In Christ the world has found an Emancipator who has broken the shackles of sin and restored mankind to sonship with God the Father.

The story had its beginning with God's creation of human beings. Adam & Eve were created in God's image, pure, holy, sinless but they were free creatures

and steps taken to increase income as much as possible. This can be done by obtaining payment for all products sold through December and carrying some repair and other maintenance costs over to January, with the hopes that next year's income may be more favorable.

Some farmers pay more taxes than they should because they fail to take advantage of depreciation on purchased livestock, Bates continues. Depreciation also provides an important tax management opportunity since new purchases of equipment items, irrigation facilities and similar items may be subjected to the 20 percent first year depreciation. Assets have a six-year useful life and not in the real estate category are usually eligible for this treatment, says Bates.

--free to choose to remain with God or to yield to the enemy's temptations. We know the story--they failed the test.

Sin now is inherited. We are born a fallen race. But God was not ready to leave us in our corruption. In Genesis 3:15 we read: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Here are the first Christmas Bells. God is promising a Savior who will give a mortal wound to the devil for these words were spoken to Satan. Down through the years this promise grows--until it breaks forth upon the earth in the Divine Son Jesus born of the virgin Mary.

Heavenly power breaks upon this earth to remove the guilt of our sins and the power of death. He lives now in Him we too shall live. This is the power of Christmas--God rescuing us from a fallen race and making all believers in Jesus eternally His Child. Claim this Christmas power as you very own. Thank God for His gift.

Rhonda Shook

Honored

Miss Rhonda Shook was honored on her eighth birthday in her home, Friday the 13th.

Rhonda entertained her guests with games and her grandmother Mrs. Ed Vernon took moving pictures of the occasion.

A cake fashioned in the form of a wedding cake and decorated with pink rosebuds was made by Josephine Gruver especially for the occasion. Cocoa and ice cream were also a part of the refreshments.

Rhonda's guests were Patty Riley, Patty Gruver, Terry McGuffin, Linda Stedje, Kitty Mathis, Kitty Sanders, Fay Gross, Debbie Beasley, Pat Byrd, Beverly and Dede Dorman and the honoree Rhonda.

Also there for the day as guests were Ann Dorman, Wilma Byrd, Mrs. Clifford Stedje, Mrs. Raymone Pearson, June Mitchell and Ruby Mitchell and the grandmother Mrs. Ed Vernon.

LOCALS

Blankenship homes.

The Don Harts, The Jack Harts and the Don Hudsons gave Mrs. H.B. Hart a birthday dinner in the Don Hudson home Sunday December the 15th.

Mr. Ralph Bort was honored on Sunday in the Del Cluck home with The Del Clucks and The Kenneth Irwins hosting the day. Mr. Bort celebrated his birthday.

Mrs. Juliet Boyd entered an Oklahoma City Hospital for major surgery on Wednesday.

Mrs. L.W. Ayres Sr. and Mrs. Pauline Winger were in Peryton one day last week on business. They returned home through Spearman visiting with Curlee in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kinzergard and Scot have returned from Oklahoma City where Scot underwent surgery.

Mrs. Perry Hawkins spent Monday in Pampa in the Don Lamar home visiting for the day.

Donald Heath has returned home from the service after a two year term.

J.V. Patterson, former pastor of the Gruver Methodist Church visited in town on the 16th. He enjoyed supper in the C.H. Winder home.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nelson and family spent the past weekend in Winters Texas with Archie's mother. Upon return home they visited in the Charles Broadhurst home in Hail Center.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Kirk spent Monday in Amarillo on business.

Grandmothers Canasta Club Meets

The Grandmother's canasta club met in the home of Mrs. L.W. Ayres Sr. Friday the 13th.

A salad luncheon was served to the guests and coconut pie topped off the occasion.

The ladies enjoyed an afternoon of canasta of which Mrs. Finley won high score.

Attending for the day were Mesdames Orville Walker, Jamie Wilmeth, Ila Cline, Pauline Fox, Vern Finley, Margie Barkley, Edna Bayless, Eula Bakehouse, Leo Frazier, Devona McClellan, Thelma Davis and the hostess Mrs. L.W. Ayres Sr.

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Where did it went;
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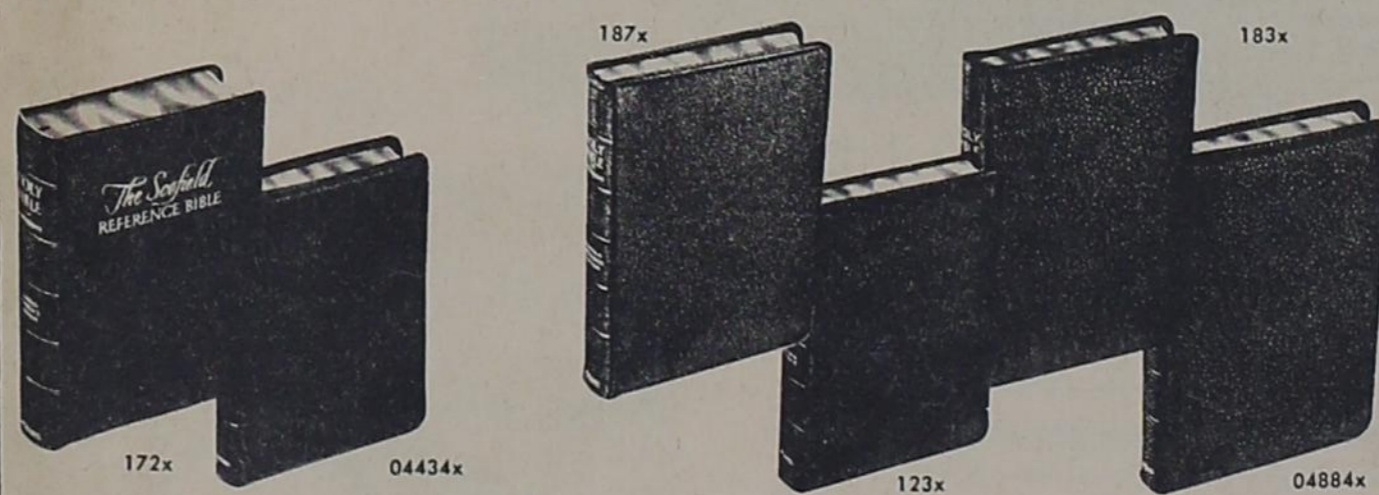
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PRICELESS AMERICAN HEIRLOOM--INDEPENDENCE

by Freda Womble

The day was July 4, in the year of 1776. At the very mention of this date, any American will respond with a justified feeling of pride and dignity.

On the more recent date of November 22, in the year of 1963, the 35th president of these United States was assassinated supposedly by a single individual.

Sometime ago at Independence Hall which is truly the birthplace of these United States, the guards noticed a graying, shabby little woman who was a frequent visitor to this national shrine.

Curtain country explained in faltering English, "Now I know what freedom means to me, I give something back!"

Ah--Most young people are probably excusing themselves because they say they are too young to be of any help. But the very fact that we are now seeking an education in our public schools is the basic step for preserving our independent Land, for America is not a land for an ignorant and uninformed people!

John Adams expressed this feeling to all liberty loving Americans on the 50th Anniversary of America when he said, "I give you--Independence, forever!"

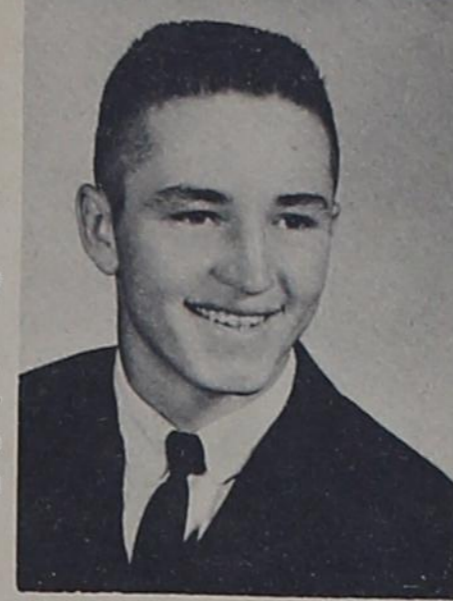
Behind The Scenes

by Bonnie Sullins
There is one group of people who truly deserve a lot of praise and glory this week especially. They are the Senior Mothers.

THANK YOU

by Bonnie Sullins
We, the Senior Class, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the many people who helped make our tournament a success.

Presenting The 1964 Seniors



Bob Gillispie

by Elaine Kelly

Bob, as most of us know him, was born on April 3, 1946 in Borger, Texas. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jack Gillispie of Morse, and he has a younger brother Dwight age 11 who goes to school at Morse, and two sisters, Judy age 15, and Mrs. Wirt E. Davis, Jr. of Lubbock who is a student at Texas Tech.



Connie Cunningham

by Elaine Kelly

Connie was born on August 25, 1945 in Pampa, Texas. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham and she has one sister Cherie, age 9. When Connie was four years old, she and her family moved from Pampa to the Phillips Plant and then to Gruver when she was a sophomore in high school.

When Connie was in the 5th grade, she won a spelling bee at Gruver and represented the Gruver school in another spelling bee held at Spearman. Since the beginning of her high school years, she has been in F.H.A., played basketball, and been a member of the band where she plays the clarinet.

During Connie's senior year she has been a member of F.T.A. and belongs to the Gruver Harmony Club serving as reporter for the Greyhound Growl. She is a member of the First Christian Church and participates in many of their activities.

After graduating from Gruver Connie plans to attend west Texas State University, and major in business administration because of her desire to do secretarial work.

Debaters Attend Debate Clinic

by Lyn McClellan

The Gruver debaters, Dean Lee, Alan Saltzman, Lillie Mae Smith, Marian Jeffries and Lyn McClellan attended the West Texas State University Debate Clinic. Our sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Westerfield.

The clinic started at 2:30 with a panel discussion by Hal Geldon, Regional supervisor for the Social Security Administration; Dr. Albert Randall, Director of the BiCounty Health Unit; Charles Caldwell, area supervisor for the Texas Department of Public Welfare; and Dr. Tom Duke, American Medical Association.

include complete Medical Care. After the panel discussion there were several sessions on the manner of debating. Then Dr. Crammell Tolliver addressed the clinic.

In the evening we attended the Cambridge-W.T.S.U. Bate in the Branding Iron Theatre. The debate question was "Resolved that the United States Should Adopt a National Health Service."

The debate made a tremendous impression on all of those who attended. It was truly an unforgettable experience for all. We would like to thank the Gruver High School for letting us attend.

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BABY FOOD

3 For **29c**