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Around the Supper Table

FAR BE IT from this humble laborer to boast. He does feel, however, that a report on his rain campaign No. 25 is in order, just like the missionary away down in Africa. The good brother wrote to his home church board so many times, asking for this and that and the other thing, that he finally was instructed to cease making requests. So he took pen in hand and wrote thusly: "This is not a request, but a report. I have no pants."

We beg leave to report that the rain came, as promised, prior to Christmas. It was a good, wet rain, sufficient in quantity to answer the present requirements, and therefore the campaign is suspended until dry weather comes again. The merchants, who at first feared a slump in Christmas trade on account of our rain campaign, finally converted it to their advantage. They laid in huge supplies of rain coats, and did a record-breaking business.

THIS BUSINESS having been disposed of, we have only to extend New Year greetings to the thousands upon thousands, if any, of readers of this department, and that, too, is a great pleasure. There seems to be no reason why 1939 should not be a good year for almost everybody. The Democrats are still safely in control, Lee O'Daniel is soon to become Governor, the parking meters have all been stored away, Hitler has about gotten rid of all the Jews and the world seems about to settle down to peace and tranquillity. Surely, the Chosen People will flourish under such conditions.

Incidentally, the new year will mark the beginning of another year of service by this great old home and fireside journal which, according to the available records, started its career January 1, 1875. That was a long time ago—even before the day of the present editor; and any paper that can live that long is bound to have something.

A GENIUS who lives in Rising Star has been discovered by Boyce House, well known Texas newspaperman, who recently wrote in his column, "I Give You Texas": "Olin Cooper of Rising Star has spent three years in building an animated theatre. Forty-five thousand bits of wood (187 varieties from 27 countries) were used along with material salvaged from typewriters, rowbinders, threshing machines, baby beds and other contrivances.

"The theatre is seven feet high, the same width and nearly four feet deep, inlaid with landscape pictures and embellished with carvings, scrollwork and molding. Eighty-five little electric lights flood the theatre and, when a button is pushed, the curtains slowly part, disclosing a stage with 25 little figures (including an orchestra). The entertainers play instruments, sing and dance. Cooper even composed the music that is played."

BROWNWOOD has a mechanical genius, too, Larry Hillier's "Hiliter Tilter" machine is no delicate little contrivance designed to give entertainment, but is a powerful mauler that goes through a field of weeds and small brush and weeds more havoc than Sherman marching through Georgia. It mows down the accumulated underbrush and wipes out the non-edible vegetation like the Democrats leveling the opposition in a Texas general election, and the time probably will come when every farm will be equipped with one.

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COGGIN AVENUE BAPTIST'S T.E.L. CLASS



Members of the T.E.L. Class of Coggin Avenue Baptist Church, above, are, reading from left to right: Bottom row—Mrs. J. W. Carson, Mrs. A. L. Taylor, Mrs. N. G. McIntosh, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth White, Mrs. J. O. Tidwell, Mrs. J. W. Chadwick, Mrs. M. E. Evans, Mrs. E. Whitehead, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson; second row—Mrs. E. S. Thompson, Mrs. Will Scott, Mrs. Alfred Griffin, Mrs. D. F. Weedon and Mrs. S. C. Whidden; third row—Mrs. H. H. Holcomb, Mrs. J. R. Lewis, Mrs. L. B. Holcomb, Mrs. S. E. Palmer and Mrs. S. G. Howard.

TEACHER OF COGGIN BAPTIST CHURCH T.E.L. CLASS HAS NOT MISSED MEETING IN 8 YEARS

A very unusual standard adult Sunday School class is the T.E.L. class of the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church of Brownwood.

It was organized November 29, 1921, in the home of Mrs. Leander Hall, at which time Mrs. Hall was elected teacher.

Mrs. Elizabeth White has served as teacher for the past eight years and has the outstanding record of not having missed a meeting of any kind held in the name of the T.E.L. class. She is at her post of duty every Sunday morning to greet the members of the class upon their arrival.

Mrs. J. O. Tidwell is the class secretary.

There are thirty-one members of the church organization, the oldest member being 82 years of age and the youngest 65. All in the class, with the exception of three members, are between the ages of 75 and 83 years of age. The teacher is past 75 years old.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATIONS CONTEST

With the hope expressed that a larger number of decorated homes in Brownwood would be entered in the contest next year, the Brownwood Garden Club Christmas Home Decorations contest awards were announced last Thursday.

The awards were made in two divisions, for members of the club and for non-members. There were five entries in each division. Judges said many additional homes of the city were beautifully decorated but were not entered in the contest.

Judges were Miss Mayesie Malone, county home demonstration agent, Mrs. John Harrison of Chicago and Miss Eula McFarland.

Among Garden Club members, first prize of \$4.50 went to Mrs. Mary Duncan, 2103 Elizabeth Drive. Second place was awarded Mrs. Joe Renfro, 2912 Vincent, and third place to Mrs. W. H. Paige, 1711 Austin avenue. Mrs. R. E. May, 1606 Avenue K, had very attractive decorations for a small home.

In the non-member division, O. E. Winebrenner, 903 Rogan, was awarded the \$4.50 first prize for his very unusual Christmas decorations. Mrs. B. P. Blindworth, 1107 Avenue L, took second place and Mrs. H. L. Lobstein, 1907 Coggin avenue, third place. Other entries were excellent.

Disguised in the official uniform of the Boy Scouts of America, instead of the red of the traditional uniform, Santa Claus visited more than 200 Brownwood families.

Neither was he riding his sleigh, pulled by reindeers, but rather in a large truck or new model automobile.

In this manner the delivery of Christmas baskets to Brownwood's needy and underprivileged was made. Baskets were packed, as is the annual custom, by the Junior Service League at the Community House on West Anderson street and members of that organization turned over their delivery to the Boy Scouts of local troops.

This year's baskets, according to the League president, Mrs. Margaret Markes, were more ample than usual and more families were cared for than in the past. Most of this year's baskets contained either a hen or beef roast, potatoes, onions, canned fruits, canned vegetables, candy, pinto beans and toys for the children. In addition to these items included in each basket were various other kinds of edibles which have been brought to the Community House during the past two weeks by interested individuals.

JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE PLAYS

Boy Scouts Deliver Baskets Christmas Eve SANTA TO 200 FAMILIES HERE

The large number of baskets sent out Saturday morning included about forty that were packed by Sunday School classes and other groups. In addition to this number over 100 baskets were packed and delivered by other church societies and individuals, bringing the total number of baskets given to needy families well over 300.

"We hope every needy family in Brownwood has been reached," Mrs. Markes stated, "and if they have it has been possible only through the generosity and close cooperation of the entire citizenship of Brownwood. We feel that organizations which have taken families for which to provide or which have made cash donations to the League for the baskets have indeed enjoyed the Christmas spirit and have done much to spread that spirit to the less fortunate."

Approximately \$100 was received in cash donations by the League from church groups, civic clubs and individuals. This amount partially covered the expenditures of the League in connection with the baskets. All items of food were brought in wholesale quantities and packed in small amounts for the baskets. In addition to the food purchased, a small truck load was received at the benefit shows held last Saturday morning at the Lyric and Gem theatres when approximately 1,700 children paid for their admission with items of food.

DALLAS CONSTRUCTION CO. GETS CONTRACT ON THREE HIGHWAY JOBS

Of interest to Brownwood, low bids on three highway surfacing projects were submitted to the State Highway Commission by A. E. Morgan Construction Company of Dallas.

In McCulloch county, the Morgan company's low bid of \$128,875, for double asphalt surface treatment of Highway 23 from Brady to the Brown county line at the Colorado, a distance of 25.3 miles. This will provide a surfaced highway into Austin and San Antonio from Brownwood.

In Mills county, Morgan's low bid was \$85,194 for 14.7 miles of flexible base, double asphalt surface treatment on U. S. Highway 84 from Goldthwaite to the Hamilton county line, thus closing another link in the highway to Waco.

Morgan submitted low bid of \$69,750 for 16.6 miles of flexible base, double asphalt surface treatment on U. S. Highway 190 in Lampasas county. All these projects had been sought by Brown county citizens under leadership of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

COMANCHE WINS TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FIRST AID MEET HERE

Comanche county Texas Highway Department first aid team will represent this district in a contest against winners of other districts in the state as a result of its victory over entries of eight other counties here Thursday. The Comanche county team was judged the most efficient in the contest which was held at the Memorial Hall. The four best teams of the state will meet at Austin for the State Championship.

OFFICIALS NAMED TO CONSERVATION MEET

Officials and delegates of community organizations in the Brown County Agricultural Conservation Association for 1939 were elected Wednesday at five district conventions.

Delegates elected in each of the meetings were called to meet Saturday, December 31, at 10 a. m. in a county convention in the county agent's office at the courthouse, at which time a county committee for 1939 will be elected.

Results of the district conventions elected the following:

District 1, Williams: Charles J. Thompson, delegate; John Kennedy, alternate; G. C. Goss, chairman; D. Dewbre, vice chairman; Charles J. Thompson, regular member; Gene Chambers, first alternate; J. H. Buzbee, second alternate.

District 2, Early: Z. B. Coffey, delegate; G. L. Eaton, alternate; Z. B. Coffey, chairman; L. F. Bird, vice chairman; J. W. Nichols, regular member; George Burns, first alternate; Carl Petross, second alternate.

District 3, Jordan Springs: C. H. Wilson, chairman; T. O. Hurst, vice chairman; A. A. Grayson, regular member; Walter Thompson, first alternate; M. L. Rountree, second alternate; C. H. Wilson, delegate; T. N. Simmons, alternate.

District 4, Banes: W. E. Weems, delegate; Cook Sheffield, alternate; C. S. Matthews, chairman; W. E. Weems, vice chairman; J. S. Rassdale, regular member; M. L. Guthrie, first alternate; J. P. Brown, second alternate.

District 5, Byrds: J. S. Hart Jr., delegate; George W. Cox, alternate; J. S. Hart Jr., chairman; George W. Cox, vice chairman; Ernest Davis, regular member; J. F. Williams, first alternate; Roe Fortner, second alternate.

COLEMAN MAN KILLED INSTANTLY IN WRECK

In a three-way collision near Bangs, eight miles west of Brownwood, Monday night shortly after midnight, Charles J. Nevins Jr., 25, Coleman insurance agent, was killed instantly.

The car in which Nevins was returning to Coleman after a trip to Brownwood sideswiped another car owned and driven by Rex O. Sullivan of Abilene, and then crashed into the rear of a loaded cattle truck. Sullivan's car overturned three times, according to Deputy Sheriff Howard Becker.

Joe Patterson, enrollee at Lake Brownwood State park CCC camp, a passenger in Sullivan's car, was treated at a Brownwood hospital for an arm injury. Other occupants of the car were bruised. They included L. L. Brown, Abilene, and Jimmy Bratton, Brownwood.

The cattle truck was driven by S. M. Jonas of Ballinger. It pulled a trailer and was carrying twelve head of cattle to Fort Worth. H. R. Winchester was riding with Jonas on the truck.

ROGER W. BABSON'S BUSINESS BLUEPRINT FOR 1939

TREND: Twenty Per Cent Gain Over 1938
CONGRESS: Gradual Uptrend With Second Half Best
PRICES: Relief From New Anti-Business Legislation
FARMS: Moderate Increases From Current Levels
LABOR: Produce Prices To Rise; Income Higher
RETAIL TRADE: More Jobs, Steady Wages, Increased Strikes
LIVING COSTS: Ten Per Cent Gain; Price-Tags Marked Up
BUILDING: Food, Clothing To Lead Five Per Cent Rise
REAL ESTATE: Major Prop To 1939 Gains In All Industries
SECURITIES: Rents Steady; Values, Activity Higher
FOREIGN: Stocks and Medium-Grade Bonds To Advance
SUMMARY: No War For U. S., England, Or France
1939 To Be Far Better Year Than 1938

GOOD RAIN IN THIS SECTION ENDS LONG DROUGHT; AIDS CROPS

With prospects for colder weather from a fresh Arctic-born cold wave, farmers and ranchers of Brown and surrounding counties today were jubilant over the rain falling in this vicinity last week-end.

The rain which totalled 3.94 inches over the four-day period ended a drought period of several months, little rain falling since the July floods. The rain was general throughout the state.

Retarding winter farming operations, the long drought had also threatened complete loss of wheat and oat pasturage. The last rainfall recorded by the weather bureau observer here was on November 7 when .59 inches fell.

The rains, which partial reports to the county agent's office indicated were general over Brown county, will bring up winter wheat sowed dry, which includes about seventy-five per cent of the crop, and will develop small grain already up which has not been killed by the drought. County Agent C.

COUNTY BOARD THANKS MR. PIERCE, MRS. COFFEY

At a meeting of the County Board of Trustees held in the county superintendent's office at the courthouse Wednesday, a motion was made by Aubrey Kennedy, seconded by Will H. Simmons and carried by unanimous vote that the following order be passed:

Be it resolved by the County Board of School Trustees that we hereby express our thanks and appreciation for the cooperation and efficient service for the past several years of County Superintendent Mrs. F. D. Pierce and his assistant, Mrs. Louise Coffey.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this order be spread upon the minutes of the board and a copy be furnished each of the local newspapers.

REV. BEN H. MOORE SUCCESSFUL Besides Being A College Official and Minister PUBLISHER OF UNIQUE BOOKS

Besides being executive secretary of Daniel Baker College and well-known Presbyterian minister, Rev. Ben H. Moore is establishing himself as a successful publisher of books. Rev. Mr. Moore, former pastor of the Austin Avenue Presbyterian Church, resigned that position December 1 to accept his position with the local college as executive secretary and head of the college's Golden Anniversary Expansion Program.

His third publication, "Room at My Inn," a collection of poems by Rev. W. Bristow Gray of El Paso, was published last week for Mrs. J. A. Austin of Brownwood. Dr. Gray was for many years pastor of a Brownwood Presbyterian Church.

Another book published by Dr. Moore this month was "Dim Trails," the collective poems of E. E. Kirkpatrick and Vera Holdins, consins.

The first publication and that in which Dr. Moore's unique handcraft in binding made its appearance was "Hill Billy Anthology," published late last spring. It contains the collected poems of the publisher.

The books published by Rev. Ben Moore are not ordinary volumes. Bound in waxed wood, with copper hinges on the front cover and laced with rawhide thongs, they are as permanent as any book could be and are different from any other such publication.

Dr. Moore uses harmonizing tones of brown as a color scheme for the books. The covers and illustrations match the brown ink with which the text is printed. The paper is of a light shade of brown. Dr. Moore mixes his own mimeograph inks and stains for the wood covers.

Twenty-nine separate operations are required to complete one book—counting binding and lacing of the thongs as one operation. Dr. Moore has invented his own binding clamp to speed up the work. Assisting him in his work are his son, James Moore, and Melton Smith.

MID-TEXAS TEACHERS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BILLS AT MEET HERE

For the purpose of discussing proposed legislation which will come before the Texas legislature early in the new year, school officials and faculty members of nineteen counties will gather in Brownwood next Tuesday, January 3, at 3 p. m. in the district court room of the county court house for a special called meeting.

E. D. Stringer, superintendent of Winters schools and president of the association, called the meeting and will preside.

The school officials will consider several proposed bills affecting the schools and will give special attention to the rural aid bill.

Between 100 and 150 school officials are expected to attend the session which will last for two or three hours.

MORE MARIHUANA IS FOUND BY OFFICERS

The second such seizure in Brownwood recently, constables and police officers found four ready-rolled marihuana cigarettes in an automobile here and arrested the owner of the vehicle, it was announced Friday.

The car owner denied any knowledge concerning the marihuana and was released pending further investigation. Several days ago, a jar filled with the drug, was found in the open on the outskirts of the city.

Sale of Magnolia Station Announced

The Magnolia station at 300 Fisk avenue, between the City Hall and Hotel Brownwood, has been purchased by Harry Y. Weakley from Zeno Ingram.

Mr. Weakley, son of Joe Weakley and member of a pioneer Brownwood family, said he is now operating the station under his own personal supervision.

Scoreboard

In this space each week the standing of the participants in the Banner's subscription campaign will be published. Credits shown are those accepted for publication at the time of going to press and are subject to correction for errors in the official count by the judges at the close of the campaign.

Participant	Address	Credits
Mrs. Amanda Hughes	Salt Creek Community	4,686,000
Mrs. Porter Jones	Rt. 5, Brownwood	4,436,000
Mrs. W. D. Mathews	Brooksmith	4,401,900
Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Winchell	4,324,000
Mrs. Jesse Davis	Rt. 5, Brownwood	4,302,870
Miss Marie Miller	Brownwood	4,271,000
Mrs. Phillip Shaw	Rt. 5, Brownwood	4,232,000
Mrs. Burt Wright	Early High Community	3,916,000
Miss Claudia McNeill	Brownwood	3,316,000
Mrs. Albert McMurry	Holder	2,958,000
Miss Ruth Heptinstall	Rt. 2, Blanket	2,805,000
Mrs. E. T. Garmon	Rt. 4, Brownwood	1,958,000
Mrs. Henry D. Williford	Blanket	1,870,550

Babson Draws Picture of Good Business for 1939

By ROGER W. BABSON
Boston, Mass., December 29.—

Total business by the end of 1939 will be as good as—perhaps even better than—at any year-end since 1929. There may be periods when business will mark time, but the average volume for the year will be around 20 per cent above the 1938 level. Jobs, wages, retail sales, stocks and even farm prices should all chalk up good-sized gains. It is even possible that the sharp peaks of early 1937 will be topped—but this is a pretty long shot. Considering all factors, I forecast that 1939 will be a year of moderate prosperity.

There are no "hedgies" tacked on to my forecast as there were in several years past. In 1937, I feared that the sit-downers would upset the apple-cart. A year ago, Washington's inertia worried me. But today, I can see no reason why the tides of recovery should not carry us vigorously forward—perhaps even to new highs since 1929! This will merely be a continuation of the uptrend which began in 1932. Frankly, I do not consider the 1937-1938 recession as anything more than a temporary, but sharp, interruption of the upward swing.

Spending to Go On

As a result of my recent poll of reader opinion on the Patman Chain Store Bill, I predict its defeat. The defense program will go ahead full blast after a strong debate in Congress, but I doubt if any special taxes will be levied to support it. There will be a drive to abolish the big Social Security reserve fund and put the program on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. The only change I see in this program, however, is the stepping-up of the benefit maximums and the applying of the Act to more people.

Because of the heavy defense program, the spending faucets at Washington will be wide open. Although the average citizen wants economy, his wishes are not heeded by Congress or state legislatures. I think that public extravagance is one of our three biggest long-term problems. History proves that, once spending starts, it is almost impossible to stop. Our experience so far bears this out. A balanced budget is not in sight. By the end of the next fiscal year—on June 30, 1940—our national debt may reach \$42,000,000,000 compared with \$16,000,000,000 in 1930!

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Indications now are that production of farm products, while less than last year, will again be above average. So barring drought or other abnormal weather conditions, farm income may jump 10 per cent above 1938. Farmers' profits will be somewhat better than this year even though the goods which farmers must buy will cost more. Because the outlook is only moderately better, I see no reason for farm land values to change greatly.

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BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS OF THE BANNER

The Week's News of Brown County Rural Communities

BANGS

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Riley entertained the faculty of the Bangs school with a Christmas party and dinner Wednesday evening. Yuletide decorations were used throughout the house. After dinner, games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Those attending were: Messrs. and Mesdames A. C. Smith, J. S. Lewis, Howard Harris, Manley Sikes; Mrs. James N. W. Taylor, E. R. Vestal, Amos Caldwell; Misses Delma Martin, Maxine Durham, Rosella Barron, Atteila Muller, Goldie Mathews, Elizabeth Lovelace and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Riley.

Mrs. F. R. Early presented her pupils in a recital at her home Saturday afternoon. The house was decorated for the Christmas season. After the very interesting program, refreshments were served to about thirty parents and friends who attended. Pupils presented included: Bobby Minton, Glenna Bruton, Bette Jean Harris, Mary Helen Newton, Nadine Adair, Mayesie Mathews, Paula Riley, Noallita Greer, Virginia Dunson, Mary Lou Yarborough, R. E. Stephens, Bob Browder, Joyce Eoff, Alwilda Harris, Nina Marie Weems, Marjorie Triplett, Juanita Rochester, Janette Strange, Kathleen Harris and Merlene Oden. To conclude the program the guests and pupils sang, "Silent Night."

School dismissed for the holidays last Thursday, the primary and grammar school rooms each having a tree loaded with gifts for the children and teachers.

Annie Marie Hall, Quinton Mathews, Ebert Pierce, Ben Sullivan and Dorothy Jane Porter are home from their respective colleges to spend the holidays with their parents.

The faculty enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the cottage Friday night.

Miss Ruth Garms, who teaches at Wilson, came in Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Garms, and other relatives.

Bobbie Lee Dowdy of Houston is visiting her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Garms.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Garms and Bobbie Lee Dowdy; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Sailors of Paint Rock, spent Christmas with their sister and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hoskinson and family at Corpus Christi.

The girls' S.S. Class of the Baptist Church, Miss Goldie Mathews teacher, was entertained with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hardwick Wednesday night. Games were enjoyed until a late hour, after which refreshments were served to: Misses Doris and Iris Stacy, Anna Bess Stacy, Dorrae Wilson, Verna Lee Pike, Della Morgan, Juanita Browder, Dorothy Mae Allison, Aloyce and Doroce Hardwick, Ruby Lee Price, Maxine Durham and Goldie Mathews.

N. W. Taylor, E. R. Vestal and Miss Atteila Muller left Thursday afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents at Commerce.

Miss Maxine Durham is visiting her parents at Hamilton.

Miss Helen Hardwick became the bride of Lawrence Foster Sunday evening December 18, in Ballinger. After a short wedding trip they will make their home in Meridian.

Mrs. Mattie Rainey is visiting in the home of her niece, Mrs. O. B. Kitehen, in Coleman.

Turkey and all the fixings were served Christmas Day by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garms at their home in North Bangs. The following children were present to enjoy the day with them: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Garms and small son, Bobby Carroll, of Sterling City; Mr. and Mrs. Debs Garms and small son, David Charles, of Wichita Falls; Miss Ruth Garms of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stacy and son, Darwin Stacy, daughters, Doris and Iris Stacy; Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Harris and daughter, Alwilda, of Bangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lockett and daughter of Eden spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. N. B. McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Garms and baby son of Sterling City, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Garms and other relatives.

Mrs. Etta Galyea and daughters, Ina Dell and Roma Dell, of Fort Worth, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Bruton and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Harris and vilda Harris, were dinner guests his father at Clear Creek Monday, all his children being present enjoy the day with him.

If your next change in glasses see Dr. R. A. Ellis, Optometrist.

EBONY

The most important event at Ebony this Christmas is the first ball Saturday and Sunday, and especially, without second, putting a "good season" ground. Thanks to the Giver good gifts. Congratulations to entertainers of the rain came. He says he learned how to sing from the women. If he knows how they learned light read about the im-

PORTUNATE WIDOW

Though Ebony is a quiet place, almost devoid of youngsters, the oldsters valiantly holding down the farmsteads being its principal inhabitants, its school house as vacant and still as Whittier's which sat so still by the side of the road, yet at Christmas its homes are merry with the laughter of grandchildren and of girls returned from college or from work.

Guests at the Tippen home this Christmas were Clayton Egger home from Howard Payne College, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cutberth and children from Houston, Bud Tippen and Everett Philen from Galveston.

At the C. L. Mashburn home, Evelyn was home for two days from her work in Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ketchum and Alva June were with them for Christmas dinner.

On account of inclement weather, Bro. Green did not get here for preaching Sunday, but a few met for Bible study and worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Egger spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Egger at Brownwood.

Gene Day of Shreveport spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Reeves and Charles Stanley spent Christmas at Brownsville visiting Mrs. Reeves' sister, Mrs. Hawkins White. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Mildred R. Roberts, of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reeves and baby Joe Hubert spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Reeves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Guthrie, at Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Reid were hosts to members of their family Christmas Day this year. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Wood Roberts, Miss Odene Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Billie McNurten and children, Norville and Loyd Gene, Charlie and Darwin Roberts, Mrs. Hattie Whittenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Charn Whittenburg and baby Clint.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen and baby of Sonora are Christmas guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Haynes.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Billie McNurten had a Christmas tree for members of their family. Other guests besides close members of the family were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Egger and Yvonne, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Egger and J. B. and B. V. Beeman.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Singleton left Saturday to make their home in San Angelo. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Singleton, Mrs. Irene Reeves and J. R. Reeves who spent Christmas there.

Gene Egger, who spent several days in the hospital last week with a serious throat trouble, was able to be brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Egger, to spend Christmas.

Austin Cawyer of San Angelo Junior High School joined Mrs. Cawyer and Edna Beth for Christmas at the Dwyer home.

Oll Dwyer is able to go about some now, but has some backward days when he does not feel as well as he does on others.

The Wilmett home has all the children home for the holidays. Marie from Jasper, Lillard from Dallas county, Bernice from Indian Creek School, Gene from A. & M. Lucille from her school near Springtown is also a guest there.

Grandmother Wilmett is much improved this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Mitchell and children Marilyn and Carol Jean, of Henderson are guests at the Briley home.

Miss Dolly Reynolds spent Christmas Day with the Roy Reynolds family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Stephens, son Billie and daughter Addie Belle of Mexia spent Christmas Day here

SALT CREEK

Santa Claus really did come—and brought us a billion dollar rain. Of course, Mr. White will claim a part of the credit, but we have never stopped believing in Santa, so we're giving him a big share of the gratitude.

There was a nice crowd at the Christmas tree at the Baptist Church Thursday night.

Luther Henderson and family visited their son, Dalton and family and other relatives in Austin during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Conoway of Westbrook visited her mother, Mrs. Dikes and other relatives during the holidays.

Dick Withers and family from West Texas visited his mother, Mrs. Sam Keeton, and others last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byrd and daughters, Era Nell, Mayis, Stella and Louise, and son, W. H. Jr., of Lometa, spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horton.

Floyd Henderson, who works at Coleman, spent Saturday night at home.

Lois Henderson visited Mrs. Horton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bates and niece, Genita Rodwine, of Winters, spent Christmas with her father, Mr. Thomas and sister, Mrs. C. H. Price.

Mr. Thomas seems to be improving some.

R. A. Dunsworth worked for Mr. Horton Tuesday.

This week will be moving week for several of our community.

Comfort and Satisfaction in glasses fitted by Dr. R. A. Ellis.

EARLY HIGH

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fortson visited with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tongate in Brownwood Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King Jr. and little son Jerry of Georgetown spent the Christmas holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Burns and son Ted of Fort Worth spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Miss Lydia Skiles is visiting in Georgetown this week with her sister, Mrs. Charles King.

Bill Kirksey, Sam McLaughlin, Joe Goates, Christine Wyatt and Virginia Belle Connell enjoyed some domino games Monday night in Brownwood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Goates.

Doek Chrano and family visited relatives at Dallas from Friday of last week until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Fort Worth spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Quince Wilson.

Mrs. Cull Earp visited relatives at Colorado, Texas, from Saturday until Monday night.

A dance was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Rishner. A large crowd attended and a lively time was had.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Vernon and Conrad Jr. of Temple spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Fort Worth spent the weekend here with their parents.

Mrs. J. A. Parker visited at the bedside of her little grandson, Gathery Perry, at Zephyr Sunday. He has been seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beal and two children of O'Donnell spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Betty Beal.

Mrs. J. R. Goates, son Arnold and daughter Carmelita, Jannie McLaughlin and children, Charlie Goates and family, Perry Wyatt and family all had Christmas dinner with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goates.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Stephens, son Billie and daughter Addie Belle of Mexia spent Christmas Day here

BLANKET

Mr. and Mrs. John Page of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Alph Page of Big Spring spent the weekend here with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ray Crossman and family.

Jack Earp of Colorado, Texas, came in Monday night and he and Carmelita Goates were quietly married at the home of Rev. W. I. Newton, he speaking the solemn words that united them as man and wife. They will return to Colorado by the first of January where he has a position with the Texas Gas Company. The community wishes them much happiness and success.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Green of Owens spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Anderson had as their guests Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Andrews, Jeff Hutcherson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yancy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pedigo.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lusk of Roswell, New Mexico, recently visited here in the home of Mr. Jim and Miss Liza Clements.

Miss Bernice Hutcherson is visiting in the home of her father Jeff Hutcherson at Indian Creek this week.

Friends here of Mrs. Jennie Allen Waits of Comanche who has been quite ill for the past eight weeks will be glad to learn she is greatly improved. Her childhood home was in this community.

Visitors all day Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goates in Brownwood were Mr. and Mrs. Cull Earp and Mrs. Bertha Melton. They were treated to turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Miss Mattie Ella Craven of Denton was a guest in the home of Mr.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Christian and Mrs. W. E. Brown were guests Christmas Day in the home of Rev. Christian and family at Cisco.

Ernest Allen Jr. is here from the State University at Austin spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen.

W. F. Chenault of Lynchburg, Va., is spending the holidays here visiting his family.

Mrs. Linley H. Nix and son, Reason, of Washington, D. C., arrived last week and will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Margaret Levisay of May, Evelyn Levisay of Iredell, Frances of Brownwood and Thomas of Brownwood are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Levisay.

Rev. Chester A. Wilkerson and family are spending the holidays with relatives at Winters.

Mrs. Edd Faulkner has returned from Fort Worth where she spent several days visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gregory of Laredo were here recently visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Curry of Jacksonville were here last week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Curry and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bettis and family of Olney, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bettis and son of Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Shaw and daughters of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McAlpine and son of Abilene and Miss Blanche Dabney of Comanche were guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dabney for the holidays.

Miss Mattie Ella Craven of Denton was a guest in the home of Mr.

and Mrs. W. D. Hobson Monday.

Mrs. Lee Stewart returned recently from Shreveport, La., where she spent several days visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Entriaken and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bolton spent Christmas Day in Brady, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rudder.

Mrs. Edd Barnett of Quanah is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Reeves are spending the holidays in Graham, visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Spangler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lacy and family of Wichita Falls are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Underwood of Doole, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Bird and daughter of New Mexico, Miss Cleo Bird of DeLeon and Roy Bird of Beaumont are holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cobb were guests of relatives in Mullin Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Davis of Merton and H. D. Lightsey and family of San Angelo, were holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lightsey.

Miss Johnie Wilson of Ft. Worth is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Edd Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hays of Graham are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Crisp.

My eye examination different. Try Dr. R. A. Ellis, Optometrist.

BROOKESMITH

Mrs. Jewel Ivy of Mullin visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Hull Friday and Saturday.

Everyone is rejoicing over the good rain in this community.

Miss Fay Allen is visiting her father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Allen.

Misses Camille and Eula Kate Avlinger and Clara Ruth Mathews were home Thursday and Friday from Shannon Hospital in San Angelo.

Harvey Hennegan is home for the Christmas holidays.

R. L. Estes and Beulah Dice were married December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Boyd from Talpa visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Woodley Saturday.

Aubrey Avinger made a business trip to Kerrville last week. He attended the dance given at the Powers Clubhouse while there.

Jesse Godfrey of Menard, Floyd Godfrey of Dublin, Paul Godfrey of Whitesmith and Mrs. Tom Jacobs of Brooksmith and families visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Godfrey Christmas Day.

Mrs. Ed Featherston of Trickham is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Martin this week.

We had no Sunday school Sunday but everyone resolved to start the new year by being present the first Sunday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Churchill and son, Kenneth, went to Brownwood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mathews, Jr. and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Nerling from Brownwood visited in Brooksmith Monday.

Your eyes should have the best. See Dr. R. A. Ellis, Optometrist.

My eye examination different. Try Dr. R. A. Ellis and see.

Other observances were dinners given for friends and relatives that came in to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Perkins and Forest Perkins, Bruni, Maybelle Perkins of Novice and Wayne Roberts took dinner Sunday with the Tom Perkins family.

Mrs. Mae Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Thompson and children enjoyed the spirit of a Christmas tree and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Loyt Roberts and baby Loyt Aaron Saturday night.

Homer Rowlett who has been driving a school bus from Seallorn to Goldthwaite is taking holidays with home folks.

R. D. Egger who has been working in an oil field at Bruni returned home for Christmas.

Wood Roberts spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Rowlett and Norma Sue visited Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and family of Jordan Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones are enjoying the Yuletide with relatives in San Angelo.

We will soon be ringing out the old year and ring in the new. Let's also ring in a "new self," by laying aside our mistakes of the past and meet the coming year rich with opportunities refreshed and renewed.

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As 1938 passes into the limbo of dead years, the Humble Company, its employees, service stations and dealers extend to their fellow Texans every good wish for a happy, prosperous 1939. . . The Company appreciates the patronage it has received from you during the past year; and it hopes that it will continue to merit, through the service that it renders and the quality of its products, your friendship in the years to come.

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Daniel Baker Invitation Basketball Tournament

All High Schools in Brown and neighboring counties are urgently invited to participate in this annual event, to be held in Brownwood January 5, 6 and 7. Entrance fee \$1 per team. Suitable cups and other trophies to be awarded winners are now on display in Rosenberg's Store. Individual gold basketball awards for members of all-Tournament team.

Coaches are urged to notify Coach I. E. Ransom, Daniel Baker College, immediately of their intention to enter so the schedule can be perfected.

DANIEL BAKER HOME SCHEDULE

The Daniel Baker Basketball Schedule for the season follows:

- January, St. Mary's University
- January 20, Southwestern University
- January 26, St. Edward's University
- January 30, Abilene Christian College
- February 6 or 7, Simmons University (tentative)
- February 11, Trinity University
- February 15 and 16, Austin College
- February 20, McMurry College
- February 24, Texas Wesleyan College

All games in Daniel Baker College Gymnasium. Admission Adults 40c, students 25c. Games begin at 8 p.m.

ON AND OFF—

Sporting Fields

Hopes are dim in the Texas Aggie basketball camp as far as prospects for this year are concerned but with a glint in their eye the Aggie boys have their eyes on that '39-40 season and they may have something up their sleeves. This year's team is built around one letterman, while no other squadman has more than twenty-six minutes of conference experience. By the way of looking ahead—the Aggies have another boy who should smash all scoring records next year when he begins his varsity career. Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson, of Houston, who broke all scoring records in that city last year, is now with the Aggie Fish and to date has made his past records look sick. Early this year, in intramural play, "Jitterbug" scored an amazing total of 104 points in two games, which would be remarkable even if he were the only man on the floor—104 points in 50 minutes. He has often sunk shots from the opponent's foul line without the use of the backboard. When the Fish played Allen Academy recently, "Jitterbug" slowed down to 38 points in 35 minutes. So, with a capable group of running mates for this year, the Aggies may have something there next year.

While on the subject of A. & M., word also comes from the Aggie grid camp, closed now for winter, that two local boys are apparently making good. They are James "Tommy" Thomason, halfback, and Tommie Vaughn, center, both of Brownwood, who won varsity letters in football. Both are sophomores and have two more years of varsity play ahead of them.

Amber Shaw, All-District 25-B guard the past season, and Betsy Jarvis, hard-running little halfback, were elected co-captains of the Brady Bulldogs for the 1939 season, the choices of the nineteen lettermen being announced at the annual football banquet given by mothers of the bi-district championship grid squad.

It is a bit odd to us that the erstwhile great of the tennis world, red-haired Donald Budge, himself fresh from the amateur ranks, should rank little Betsy Grant of Atlanta as far down the list as tenth in his list of the world's finest amateur players. It will be remembered by the racket game followers that on more than one occasion during the past few seasons, the Atlanta mite gave the former top-ranking amateur plenty of trouble. He named as plenty of trouble: 1. Bunny Austin, England; 2. John Bronnwich, "Australia"; 3. Bobby Riggs, Chicago; 4. Roderich Muzel, Czechoslovakia; 5. Sidney Wood Jr., New York; 6. Gene Mako, Los Angeles; 7. F. C. Cehar, Czechoslovakia; 8. Adrian Quist, Australia; 9. Hauer Henkel, Germany, and 10. Bryan Grant, Atlanta. Next week, Budge makes his professional tennis debut against Ellsworth Vines, top ranking play-for-pay racketeer, to decide a question long in the minds of sporting fans. Betsy is supposedly near his top in form and Budge is last year's top ranking amateur. Professional against amateur—but who?

Playing in weather that should have proved a great advantage to the Lubbock Westerners, a machine-like squad of Buccaneers from Corpus Christi braved unusually cold weather and downed the Westerners 20 to 6 and returned to South Texas with the school-boy grid Gladiators of Texas Intercollegiate League. A box of 21,000 fans cheered and shivered in the Cotton Bowl contest at Dallas Monday afternoon. Lubbock had its Walter Webster, with reserve star back Howard Martin in addition, but the zeff squad had its "big three" in Emery Nix, Bill Dolan and Ken Mathews, which was too powerful a combination of leadership for the Westerners. Nix passed to Jesus Garza from the six-yard line for the first counter. Garza dropped back in the third period and his aerial found the arms of Pat Hall for second scoring and Dolan smeared the center of the line for eighteen yards and the final counter in the final period. In the third, Webster plucked the ball across from the three-yard line after determined drive from the Lubbock 28-yard line. Despite the score the game was evenly fought from the statistical standpoint.

In way of climbing out on the proverbial limb, and probably getting set for a fall, we are going to do a bit of prognosticating on the outcome of five "howl games" over the next weekend. Far be it from us to play traitor to any of the southern teams so, win or lose, we are ready to string along with them. Starting in the original bowl, the Pasadena, California, Rose Bowl, we see the Duke aggregation winning a close one over Jones' Southern California Trojans. Near home, we pick New Mexico to win over the Utah University eleven in El Paso's Sun Bowl. In Dallas' Cotton Bowl, Texas Tech's Red Raiders will beat St. Mary's Texas Christian University's. Horned frogs will remain the great team that it is to down Carnegie Tech's

representatives. As two Southern teams do battle in the Miami, Florida, Orange Bowl, we are forced to pick the Tennessee greets to overpower the Soomers of Oklahoma.

Annual Daniel Baker Collee's Brown County Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held in the Hill Billy gymnasium January 5, 6 and 7. Many Brown county quintets are expected to have representative teams in the tourney. Trophies for winning teams are in the Gus J. Rosenberg Store for Men window. Members of the all-tournament team will be given individual awards.

The local "rasslin' card" for the Memorial Hall's weekly matches, pits Count Tony Marilla vs. Wild Cat Roy Reynolds in a 90-minute limit, two out of three falls; in the semi-final two out of three falls with a three-quarter hour limit, Irish McGee will meet Joe Morillo, and in a special one fall with a twenty-minute time limit, Benny Mathis will battle Ace Abbott. Matches are scheduled for 8 o'clock Friday night. Ladies will be admitted without charge.

Babson

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lower. Electric light and gas rates will continue their long-term downward trend. Home furnishings, in general, will cost more. Adding up all these various items, my estimate is that by next Christmas we may find total living costs 5 to 8 per cent above present figures.

Higher Wholesale Prices
Before leaving living costs, industrial commodity prices should be mentioned. They have been trailing recovery to date. In fact, they are actually lower on the average than they were when business started to skyrocket last June. So an advance in the cards for prices of such raw materials as hides, leather, rubber, gray goods, zinc, lead, lumber and the like. These gains mean that retail prices during 1939 will reverse their long down-trend. That is why I predict that home furnishings and clothing will cost more next year.

A jump in retail prices—and in household bills ordinarily means cutting into consumer purchases—but the 1939 increase in payrolls and farm income should offset them. Consequently, I expect merchants, wholesalers and jobbers to have a better year than in 1938. Dollar retail sales ought to average 8 to 10 per cent above the last twelve months with the best comparisons coming in June and October. Unit sales will not rise quite so much because of the higher prices.

Store profits should increase even more than dollar volume of trade because there need be no stock write-downs in 1939 as there have been during the past twelve months. A heavy demand for luxury and semi-luxury merchandise is logical. Charge account business will expand and, while I do not like to forecast it, I think that installment sales will probably increase faster than cash business. With the outlook for higher retail prices, wise shoppers will stock up during early '39 "clearance" sales.

Good Year for Salesmen
While 1939 looks like a good year for merchants, it can be a boom year for salesmen. As one prominent business man recently put it, "1939 is going to be a salesman's year if it is going to be anybody's." Big things are ahead for salesmen who have been patiently doing their spade work through the last four or five years. Many jobs and orders that were killed by the Recession should "break" in 1939. Salesmen in the automobile, machinery, building materials, air-conditioning, advertising, real estate, household equipment and other lines can look forward to a real year.

Best sales areas should be the industrial sections. Cities like Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Birmingham, Toledo and Buffalo may show the biggest percentage gains, but trade in the agricultural sections should also be brisk. The Southeastern and Southwestern farm areas look particularly favorable. I advise stepping up advertising budgets and sales quotas by at least 15 per cent. In reaching 1939's good markets, advertising managers should not forget that newspaper coverage is still the best and cheapest medium.

Building to Pace Industries
Nearly all industries can look ahead to better business in 1939. A possible 25 per cent gain in building (with costs creeping slowly upward) will be the most important. A sharp increase—around 40 per cent—in auto assemblies will stimulate activity in many related industries. Railroad material and equipment buying should improve as the current upturn in carloadings continues.

Gasoline consumption, electric power output, and aviation manufacturing will hit all-time records. Steel operations should average around 90 per cent of capacity for the year. Textile mills, mines, shipyards, office equipment plants, building supply houses, rubber goods and tire factories should

GROSVENOR

Everyone was glad to get the rain which fell this weekend.

The community of Grosvenor sponsored a community Christmas tree at the Baptist Church Christmas Eve. All children received a bag of nuts, fruit and candy.

The regular church services were held early Sunday morning as many of the parents wanted to spend Christmas away from home.

A "Boy Scout" troop sponsored by the Grosvenor High School was recently organized by Scout Commander Quirl of Brownwood. J. Weldon Bailey, T. V. Pearson and J. Floyd Williams Sr. have been named as local committeemen, who, in turn elected Worth Gaines as Scoutmaster.

all be from 15 to 25 per cent busier than in 1938.

Stocks to Rise

With industrial activity rising, it is only logical to expect higher stock prices. Increased business, better earnings, pressure of idle cash, healthier trends at Washington should all help to strengthen the market. How far the advance will go, I am not prepared to say. There is an outside chance, however, that the March, 1937 Recovery highs can be broken during the coming year. Naturally, transactions on the various exchanges should be much more active than in 1938.

Readers ask that I name those stock market groups which I feel have the best outlook. I do not like to do so, but will mention the chemicals, oils, electrical equipments, rail equipments, building, machinery and steels as having good prospects. For ten years, I have never recommended a railroad common stock and I do not intend to get messed up in this sick industry now. However, I believe that the rails may have the best chance of all groups in 1939 for percentage gains. This especially applies to certain defaulted bonds.

Sharp Profit and Dividend Gains
During early 1939, I would prefer to buy securities of companies in strong financial condition, without funded debt if possible. But no security can be put away in a safe-deposit box and forgotten. Sharper control over operating costs, brought about by the Recession, should produce the best profits since 1929, excepting only late 1935 and early 1937. Only higher taxes and labor costs will prevent earnings from being the best since the Boom. With a big step-up in profits, investors can expect many pleasant dividend surprises as the year progresses.

The same factors which will help stock prices will also rule bonds. Second-grade issues may be the sensation of the market. Force of capital seeking investment can keep high-grade bonds steady—but by year-end the pressure will be on the downside. I forecast no material change in 1939 in our abnormally low money rates. We are one year nearer the time, however when those investors who have over-concentrated in low-coupon, high-grade, long-term corporate and government bonds will be very sorry!

Peace Prospects Gloomy

I urge investors to leave foreign bonds alone because international relations will continue in a turmoil. The Munich Pact merely postponed war—for how long, no one knows. I am more optimistic than most observers, but I am not willing to predict—as I did a year ago—that there will be no war in Europe during the New Year. I feel, however, that Great Britain, France and the United States will get twelve months more of peace. Despite unsettled foreign relations, our overseas trade will be better than in 1938, but not as good as in 1937. The biggest gains will be with Great Britain and the Dominions. The improvement in South American commerce will also be considerable. Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade agreements and the recent Latin-American talks at Lima, Peru, should further these trade gains. Germany and Italy will remain poor markets and our trade with Japan will suffer.

Long-Term Outlook Uncertain
The above is a good outline of what I figure the New Year has in store for us. While 1939—and perhaps 1940—should be better, readers must not think that I believe we are out of the woods. Our standards of living must sooner or later be readjusted to actual conditions. Subsidies and other forms of government relief must some day cease. Many communities are now living in a fool's paradise. Ultimately, we must get back to fundamentals.

I am convinced that we cannot have any lasting prosperity in America—nor peace throughout the world—until we have a rebirth of character, a revival of unselfishness, and a renewal of our love for our fellowmen. When this takes place we will have truly "happy New Years."

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WOLF VALLEY

The farmers are jubilant over the 1.44 inches of rain that has fallen recently in this section, according to the government rain gauge in Gus Bowden's pecan orchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nichols were expecting all their children during the holidays.

Millard Chambers of California is here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Chambers Sr.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bowden and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Courtwright during the holidays were Mr. Bowden's sister, Mrs. Rosa Hull and her son, Bud, and wife, of Stanton; Rev. Harry Hames and wife, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swayne of Rising Star; Mrs. Ed Newton and N. W. Weatherman of Cherokee, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Robison and sons have moved to the Charlie Smith farm to make their home for the next year.

Mrs. Edwina Bailey and children and Mrs. Nora White of Bakersfield, California, are here visiting relatives. Mrs. Bailey is a sister of Thomas H. Taylor of Brownwood and Mrs. White is a sister of Mrs. Jim Spence and the Bailey boys, Sol, Non and Jim.

Grady Hardy of Gladewater was here last week visiting his brothers, Sam, Tom and John Hardy, and his sister, Mrs. Gus Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kelly of May, Mr. and Mrs. Homer McBride of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lester and children spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hardy.

Troy Ray and son, Waymon, made a business trip to Blanket last Wednesday.

Cecil Courtwright was in Brownwood Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Morris and daughters, Virginia, Yvonne and Bettie Jo of Carleton spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris of Sidney, and then had 6 o'clock dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardy have moved from their former home here to the old homestead formerly occupied by Mrs. Hardy's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Sunderth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mubie have moved away to West Texas, we think, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lest have moved into the house with his mother, Mrs. George Lester.

Troy Willett of Bakerfield, California, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Willett.

The work on the church and community center building is almost completed except painting, papering and leveling of the grounds. A new metal roof was put on, and when complete, will be a serviceable and attractive building. The construction was under the supervision of Joe Davidson, assisted by practically all the citizens. The building is used by the Bethel Methodist Church membership and is pastored by Rev. Barnes of May.

It is also the meeting place of the Wolf Valley Agriculture Co-operative Association, organized about fifteen years ago. Joe Davidson is president and Mike Spence is secretary. Its membership is composed strictly of men and boys and has been of great benefit to the entire community by buying seeds and fertilizer collectively and also by studying our laws affecting agriculture and conducting experiments. They meet every Friday night in good weather during the first half of the year. Visitors are always welcome.

INDIAN CREEK
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dixon and daughter, Earlene, of Midland, California, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dixon, and other relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen and son, Raymond Douglas, and Winston Allen of Sonora, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allen.

Dudley and Weldon Boyd of Port Neches, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Boyd, during the holidays.

A much-needed rain fell during the weekend.

Miss Edna Merle Smith of Alexander spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker and children spent Sunday at Owens with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. DeHay.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson and children of Spur, Mrs. Pauline Rowlett, Miss Anna Maye Sowell, Wayman Dickey and Charlie Cooper of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Sowell, Christmas Day.

Miss Ann Inesen has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Inesen at Galveston.

Rheuben Cooper visited friends here several days this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Norman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholson of Cedar Point on Christmas Day.

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Miss Barbara Sowell is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Pauline Rowlett and Miss Anna Maye Sowell, at Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ratliff of Woodland Heights spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allen.

OWENS

Everyone is rejoicing over the nice rain even if it did come on Christmas followed by a real cold norther.

Tom Wilson accompanied by Mrs. Jane Williams spent Christmas Day with relatives at Stacy Christmas. Grandma Pittman has been on the sick list for a few days.

Moving has begun in this community this week. Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Bell have moved from the J. H. Kennedy place to the W. D. Pierce farm. Earnest Myrick moved in the house vacated by Elzie Bell.

Norman Busby of West Texas spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Will Alford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roe had supper with Mr. Roe's brother in Brownwood Tuesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. John Ehrke and family spent the holidays with relatives in San Antonio.

Willard Conaway of Westbrook was in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Rice of Brownwood had Christmas dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Ellen White Christmas Day were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Campbell and family, Mrs. Verice Anderson and her son and wife of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. George Gregg of Early High.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bagley and family had Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Henderson of Brownwood.

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SALT BRANCH

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree and program at the Methodist Church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller announce the arrival of a son born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Poe Reager and son, Wayne of Abilene, spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mrs. Maude Lee Chatem of Bellville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wallace are the proud parents of a baby girl, Frances Louise.

Guy McMurtry returned to his home here Friday after a three months visit in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cole and sons visited relatives in Brownwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Yarborough and daughter spent Sunday night and Monday with relatives at Bangs.

Miss Lucille Harris of Natalia is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Storm attended a family reunion at Shiled Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cole visited relatives at Early Sunday.

Misses Pauline and Lysia Boenke of Brownwood attended the Christmas tree and program Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilson and daughter spent Christmas Day with relatives at Bangs.

Delbert Storm of Brownwood was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Storm Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreg Wilson and children of Trickham attended the Christmas tree and program Saturday night.

Messrs. and Mesdames W. I. Cole and daughter, Tom Cole and sons, Tom Wilson, Morris Harris and family of Brownwood, and Laham Cole, Santa Anna, were present for the Christmas tree and program Saturday night.

Mrs. John Koch spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Wallace and family at Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pruitt and family of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Shields Saturday night.

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The continued success of Cake Flour during the past forty-four years is a reminder that there is resting upon us a tremendous obligation of gratitude for your patronage which has enabled the manufacturers of this flour to serve you for so long a time. Our wish for the New Year, therefore, is a genuine one, founded upon the conviction that we all prosper or suffer together, and that the welfare of others is inseparably associated with our own.

As we look back upon the year now closing we find it has been a good one for us, due to your patronage, and it is with real satisfaction that we mark off another twelve months in which Cake Flour has given complete satisfaction to so many thousands of users.

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Allred Advocates Civil Service

IT IS CHARACTERISTIC of Texas government and politics that outgoing Governors almost invariably recommend important reforms which incoming Governors fail to undertake.

Texas people are genuinely interested in improving the efficiency of the state government, because inefficiency costs a great deal of money.

Like many other states—but not all—the spoils system controls the situation here. Successful candidates for office, from the Governor down, are permitted to name hundreds of important state employees, and appointees of these elected officials in turn select other hundreds who are attached to the state payrolls for indefinite periods.

Civil service is working in several states, including New York which adopted the system half a century ago, and it has been discarded in only one state that gave it an experimental trial.

The Department of Agriculture has announced that 37,000,000,000 eggs were laid last year. Exclusive of course of theatrical productions—Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph.

BACKSTAGE IN AUSTIN

By D. B. HARDMAN and Alex Louis

Austin, Dec. 29.—Any professional politician will go out of his way to hold the friendship of women leaders.

Amateur-in-Politics Germany last week was in hot water. He had made a political blunder of the first magnitude.

BACKGROUND: The Legislature last year doubled the size of the committee, making provision for equality between men and women members.

But Germany seemed to think that Mrs. Edmondson's position was merely honorary, and he wrote her a letter to that effect.

NY: Charming Mrs. Edmondson, daughter of the first governor of Texas, is no amateur in protecting women's rights.

Babson Looks Ahead

ROGER W. BABSON is by all odds the nation's best known business statistician. For many years he has charted the trends of business, finance and industry, and with remarkable accuracy has forecast major events prior to their arrival in the visible economic world.

The great esteem in which Mr. Babson now is held rests principally upon his fidelity to the truth as his graphs present it to him. No matter what his politics may be, he pictures conditions as he sees them and he sees them as they are represented in actual facts and figures assembled by his large staff of assistants.

This makes Mr. Babson's opinions as to the trends of business and industry very valuable. Last year, for instance, he issued January 1 his forecast for 1938, pointing out that during the year there would be a sharp upward movement; and through the year the prediction has been fully justified.

This newspaper has arranged for the publication of the 1939 Babson forecast, this week. Ordinarily, weekly newspapers do not undertake to handle such matters, but The Banner has much confidence in Mr. Babson's ideas as to business, and believes that his analysis of the situation will be generally helpful.

No Home-Work Schools

COMMENTING upon the "no home-work" plan of teaching originated by Arthur L. Maberry in the Bangs public school a few years ago and now widely used in Texas, the Columbia (S. C.) State observes: "Home work is not only unnecessary, but actually is wasteful, both of the energies of the child and of the ability of the teacher."

Home work wastes the ability of the child and of the teacher, no doubt, but what it does to the parent is positively dreadful. This observer is now making the third grade again, which isn't so bad—but what is he going to do when he encounters algebra and geometry and English literature and chemistry and others of the courses of study which young America must master before earning a high school diploma?

Home work is designed to increase the efficiency of the pupil and relieve the teacher of a lot of work, but it reacts against the homelife so distressingly that if the matter were left to popular vote there wouldn't be an adult in the country who would mark his ballot for it.

Inate parent is hailed before court for spanking daughter who came home at 12:01 a.m. The switching hour of midnight.—Dallas News.

in the Democratic Party, she had Sen. Franklin Spears of San Antonio, author of the bill increasing the size of the committee, request a ruling from Attorney General William McCraw on Germany's pre-arrangements.

This gave the situation an ironical twist. Here was McCraw, a contender in the governor's race last July, called upon to arbitrate a serious difference of opinion between Germany, an O'Danielite, and Mrs. Edmondson, who supported Ernest O. Thompson for governor.

SIGNIFICANCE: This meant Mrs. Edmondson has as much right as Germany to represent the state committee at conferences with party leaders in Washington, Chicago, or wherever they are held.

Although the women had won a singular victory over Amateur-in-Politics Germany, their fight apparently was not finished.

As chairman or as member of any executive committee of a political party.

The MARCH OF TIME

A BANNER Feature by the Editors of TIME, The Weekly Newsmagazine

Hope On Hours . . .

WASHINGTON—On a talking tour from Manhattan to Seattle and back, Wage and Hour Administrator Elmer Frank Andrews last week found businessmen worrying most about overtime pay for their higher-salaried employees.

Off-hand in press conference he indicated that he would accept an amendment to the law, perhaps a plan to remove restrictions on the hours of employees who get over \$150 a month, have guaranteed annual vacations and other privileges.

Bankhead's Plan . . .

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana—Alabama's farm-minded Senator John H. Bankhead, in New Orleans to address a convention of the potent American Farm Bureau Federation, last week proposed a plan for disposing of an estimated cotton carryover of 3,600,000 bales.

The plan: to get farmers to reduce their estimated 1939 production of 12,000,000 bales by 4,000,000 bales, in return for being given 4,000,000 of the 7,000,000 bales the Government now holds for cotton loans.

Four To One . . .

WASHINGTON—Growers of dark and burley tobacco, 240,000 strong, just week voted on AAA's proposal to impose compulsory marketing quotas on their crops for 1939. Results: 61% Yes for burley, 60.5% Yes for dark, both short of the two-thirds approval necessary for the quota.

The best all-around AAA could give for this score was that tobacco men, who accounted for three of the defeats, needed compulsory quotas least—because as a result of this year's quotas tobacco prices are relatively better than those for any other major crop.

More FHA Money . . .

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt last week raised from \$2,999,000,000 to three million dollars the amount of mortgages which FHA may insure. The total insured as of Dec. 1 was \$1,585,900,000.

WPA Quiz . . .

WASHINGTON—President David Lasser of the Workers Alliance of America last week set out to show the Administration and Congress that instead of cutting WPA rolls the U. S. should furnish more jobs at better pay.

David Lasser hoped his performance would influence Messrs. Williams and Harry Hopkins to influence Franklin Roosevelt to influence Congress to put up more relief money.

Second Stocking . . .

WASHINGTON—"Don't kid me boys. This is the Christmas season and I'm accepting anything."

So said Harry Hopkins one day last week after a Cabinet meeting which, though no member, he had attended as usual by Presidential request.

The first part of this prediction had now come true. Secretary Roper's resignation was at last announced, and a Big Business chorus arose to head off the Hopkins appointment.

New Weatherman . . .

WASHINGTON—The U. S. got a new No. 1 weatherman last week when Commander Francis Wilton Reichelderfer, U. S. N., was appointed chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau to succeed Willis Ray Gregg, who died last September.

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When Gregg took charge of the Bureau in 1934, it was struggling along on \$3,700,000 a year, was generally considered out of date. Today the Bureau is getting ahead.

Help and Humiliation . . .

LONDON—Continuing its efforts to rescue 75,000 Jewish children under 17 from Nazi clutches, the British Committee for the Care of Children from Germany last week found temporary shelter for 500 waifs in a holiday camp, where they will be taught English while permanent homes are found for them.

England's opinion of German refugees depends upon your behavior." SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain—Former King Alfonso XIII of Spain last week had the curious but pleasant sensation of becoming a citizen of his native country.

Citizen Bourbon . . .

By a decree of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, himself, the 72-year-old Alfonso, now living in Italy, were restored (so far as insurgent Spain could do so) the rights he lost after he fled the country in 1931 and was "tried" in absentia before the Republic's Parliament.

BOND REFUNDING FAVORED

County officials are in favor of refunding outstanding road bonds in an effort to reduce interest costs, according to action taken at a meeting in Palestine.

ROY SCOUT NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are going forward in good shape for the Comanche Trail Annual Meeting to be held January 20 in Hotel Brownwood, Brownwood, Texas.

NEW TROOPS

Citizens of Groesvenor organized a Boy Scout Troop last week, to be sponsored by the Groesvenor schools. Worth Gaines is Scoutmaster of the troop.

CHRISTMAS

Boy Scouts of Brownwood repaired 2,000 toys for children and delivered 300 baskets to needy families in Brownwood as their Christmas "good turn."

With Our Wildlife

By JOHN R. WOOD State Game Warden

Hunting Season Draws to a Close

Many who ventured into the fields this past hunting season returned fairly well satisfied. But human nature makes most of us feel bad if we return with less than the bag limit of all species of game.

Deer and turkey season will close December 31. Hunters who put their deer and turkey on cold storage within three days after the season closes will not be limited to the time that such game is kept there.

Season on ducks, geese, and Bryant will close on December 29 at 4 p.m. Hunters will have three days to put these species on cold storage.

A few hunters in Texas had the good luck in killing a bear this year, but they were few. Of course this season also closes December 31.

Remember, quail hunters, while you are in the field, don't hesitate to kill that wild house cat, a quail's worst enemy.

By virtue of an Order of Sale in the case of Jas. W. Wayman vs. C. L. King et al., No. 54026 on the docket of the District Court of Galveston County, Texas, 10th Judicial District, to me directed from the clerk of said Court, dated the 2nd day of December, 1938, Pl. Fa. No. 22202, I have, on the 7th day of December, 1938, levied upon, and will proceed to sell, without appraisal, for cash, to the highest and best bidder on the first Tuesday in January, 1939, that being on the 3rd day of January, 1939, at Public Auction at the Court House Door of the County of Brown in Brownwood, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 p.m., all the right, title and interest of C. L. King and wife, N. M. King, as it existed on the 10th day of April, 1931, or at any time afterwards in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

An undivided fifteen-sixteenths (15-16ths) interest in and to 152.3 acres of land more or less out of Brown County School Land Survey No. 367, Abstract No. 109 in Brown County, Texas, described in three tracts, as follows: First Tract: 70 acres, known as Subdivision No. 110, Second Tract: 10 acres, known as Subdivision No. 109, and Third Tract: 72.3 acres, known as Subdivision No. 108.

By Sheriff of Brown County, Texas, By Chester Avinger, Deputy, December 7th, 1938.



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the gadget we invented when our favorite son was a very small baby and was given to much weeping and wailing. We invented a little windmill and placed it on the cradle, so every time he cried he made the windmill turn, and this rocked the cradle and put him back to sleep.

BOYS and girls from the Promised Land some times wander far from home, but they never forget it. A letter comes from Mrs. Gretta Evans Ware of Bakersfield, California, who was one of the two little Evans girls when we lived at Zephyr and all of us played in Bee Branch. Her husband is also a Brown county boy. T. I. Evans was the town's principal merchant in those far away days, operating a drug store and buying 10-cent cotton and doing most everything that needed doing.

Since Mr. Evans passed away, Mrs. Evans has been living with her daughter in California, while the other daughter, Mrs. J. C. Van Beber, continues to live here. The Evanses are among the pioneers in this county. The family was large, and there are many representatives of the various branches still here and herabouts.

THE AUTHOR of this uplifting column is not addicted to poetry, but he does appreciate the esthetic and pays homage to the beautiful. Consequently, when he stumbles onto poetry he recognizes it; and curiously enough, he found some of it the other day in an unlikely place—at the bottom of one of the rural news letters in this great old weekly journal, Mrs. Clementine Wilmeth Briley, correspondent at Ebony, wrote:

"No autumn colors bedecked our hills this fall, as worms had stripped the leaves from the post oaks. No rain to speak of has fallen since the floods of July. Winter presents a landscape almost melancholy in its drabness. But hope, the bulwark of the farm folk, makes our hearts warm, and happiness abounds as we turn for beauty to bare boughs etched against a sunset sky."

THE RURAL news letters are peculiarly the outstanding feature of the weekly newspaper, for they are to be found nowhere else in all their simplicity, their neighborliness of spirit or their fidelity to the duty of evaluating properly the small incidents of life. This newspaper is proud of its large staff of rural correspondents, and in all sincerity wishes for them a gorgeous Christmas. And this Mrs. Clementine Wilmeth Briley—did we not attend school with her in the long, long ago? We did, without a doubt.

Hitherto, to wit: for the past twenty years, we have expressed our admittedly prejudiced opinion about the prevalent custom of women smoking cigarettes. Our idea is that they have a full and social right to do it, I shouldn't on account of it is pretty. The gold and enamel swastika, however, goes to a lady we saw the other day. She was rolling her own, from a sack of Bull Mixture, and seemed adept in the art.

BIRTHDAYS for this week are rather scarce, but the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitehead on December 27 was an important occasion and tomorrow will be a similar occasion in our household although not of quite such far-away origin. December 31 will be the 81st birthday of Henry Millhollon, and he has spent almost all of his four score and one years in the Promised Land. Zeno C. Ingram, operator of the Magnolia station down the street, shares the birthday with him.

New Year's Day will be the birthday of A. J. Williams, W. A. "Uncle Billy" Butler and A. H. Westerman. It rained before Christmas but we still want a Banner in every mail box.

JACKSONVILLE PROJECT

JACKSONVILLE — A National Youth Administration Work Project is now underway at Jacksonville. Youths assigned to the workshop maintained by the C. are helping construct and repair furniture and recreational equipment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1939

A NEW COURSE of study is begun with this lesson, the first of a quarter to be devoted to consideration of "The Life and Work of Peter." The second quarter will be given to study of the "Life and Letters of Paul." The third quarter will take the student back to the Old Testament for a three month review of Israel's leaders from Solomon to Isaiah; and the last quarter of "The Kingdom of Heaven," as it is defined in Matthew's gospel.

Peter first was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ by his brother, Andrew, who became the "finder" among the twelve. Andrew apparently lacked the qualities of leadership which made Peter chief of the disciples, but he was always available to find whatever the Master needed, whether it be a disciple or a lad with a bit of food with which to satisfy the hunger of a multitude.

The hope that came into Peter's life at this first meeting with his Lord would be imagined. A study of the remainder of his life reveals, of course, the terrible weaknesses of character which plagued him for a long time, but justifies the estimate placed upon him by Jesus who knew his heart and understood how the real strength of the man was to be fully developed.

lettered, rough-mannered fisherman who so terribly denied his Lord became indeed and in truth the Lord's Disciple. If God could work such wonders in the life of Peter, he can work them in the life of any man or woman.

That Peter and his companions did not immediately lay aside everything else and devote their full time to following the Lord Jesus Christ is revealed in Luke's gospel, when he reports the call extended by the sea of Galilee to "come after me and I will make you to catch men." The ready response of Peter to this call followed his soul-stirring experience of the power of the Lord. He had only the vaguest of ideas as to what Jesus meant by becoming a fisher of men, and indeed seems not fully to have understood a great many things Jesus told him until after he had looked into the empty tomb on resurrection morning. Certainly, he did not understand that he was being called into a life of service, self-sacrifice, privation and persecution such as that which lay ahead of him. If he had known, he still probably would have responded to the call. He was at this period of his life a reckless, impulsive individual who did not count the cost. Later he became the calm, conservative follower of the Lord Jesus who was

able to reckon the cost and was willing to pay it. For the present-day Christian perhaps the most important thought in connection with the beginning of Peter's work as a disciple is that God's call is invariably a call to service. It doesn't always involve leaving one's vocation and giving his full time and attention to propagation of the gospel, but in every instance it means that one's whole life must be dedicated to fruit-bearing for God. The unprofitable servant is like the barren branch which is plucked from the tree and burned. Service of God means utilizing every resource of mind, body and soul to honor the Father and expand his kingdom. It was to such a life that Peter was called, and the record discloses clearly the glory of it.

ENOUGH, SAYS SADLER

Jerry Sadler, railroad commissioner-elect, has received 12,000 applications for jobs since his election. Since August he has spent most of his time interviewing job-seekers, he says, but now he is through. He will not see any more. When he takes office Jan. 1, he will assign the task of interviewing job applicants to a personnel officer.

The highest point to which a human being can ascend without involving danger to life is 16,500 feet.

Why Go To Church?

BECAUSE when you do not go, your offering does not go and the financial affairs of the church suffer. Nobody should go to church merely in order to make his contribution to the support of the Lord's work; but financial support is necessary if the Lord's work is to be done, and experience has proved that an overwhelming percentage of the money contributed to finance the church work is given by those who are regular attendants. Church members who are absent from church services, and therefore do not place their contributions in the treasury of the Lord, may be responsible for embarrassment of the church when it is not able to meet its financial obligations. Surely, every member wants to have at least a small part in the work program of his church, and when he does not attend the worship services he denies himself the privilege even of giving his money to aid in carrying the program forward.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND—
Interests of Women

ADAMS CASH AND CARRY EMPLOYEES ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. Bluford Adams entertained the employees of the Adams Cash and Carry Grocery store Thursday night at dinner. The home was very attractive with Christmas decorations. A four course dinner was served. Games were enjoyed during the evening.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Manning announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Mr. Beryl Lee Sumalier Thursday, December 22, at Newton, Texas.

COOLERATOR CLUB PARTY

The Coolerator Club held its sixth annual Christmas tree Wednesday night in the office of the City Ice Delivery. Gifts and baskets of fruit were distributed among the employees.

JUNIOR HI STUDENTS COUNCIL PARTY

The Students' Council of Junior high school was entertained with a Christmas party Monday night at the home of Miss Pat Craig. The evening's merriment was directed by the sponsor, Miss Ruth Cole. Dainty refreshments were served.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Dudley, 701 West Anderson, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Friday.

A luncheon was served at the noon hour. Only a few close friends and relatives were present due to the illness of Mrs. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley were married fifty years ago in Gonzales. They have made their home in Brownwood for the past forty-nine years.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR HS. ORCHESTRA

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thompson, Jr., entertained the High School orchestra with a Christmas party Friday night at their home on Durham street.

Games were enjoyed and Christmas carols sung and musical selections were given by the "washboard swingers." Gifts were exchanged after which refreshments were served to about twenty-five.

SEVENTH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Lee Earp assembled a few little friends Wednesday afternoon to honor the seventh birthday anniversary of her daughter, Bobby Lois.

The home was decorated for Christmas and offered a merry setting for the occasion. Various forms of games were enjoyed. The decorated birthday cake with seven lighted tapers was cut and served with other dainties. Candy walking canes were used as favors.

The guests included: Patsy Fleming, Vivian Brady, Laura and Virginia Duzan, Mary Ann Linesberry, Billy Jo Boyd, Lucille Weatherman, Don Earp and the little celebrant.

Mrs. Earp was assisted by Miss Carmelita Goates.

HERMAN-McCURDY WEDDING

Miss Helen Herman and Mr. Carl McCurdy were quietly married Sunday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Chandler.

The Rev. Dr. Chandler read the marriage service in the presence of a few close friends.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. J. H. Herman and a graduate of the Brownwood High School.

Mr. McCurdy is also a graduate of the Brownwood High School and attended Daniel Baker College. He is employed by the Hanlon Oil Company in Breckenridge, where they will make their home.

NORTON-HUBBERT MARRIAGE

On Christmas Eve Miss Ruth Hubbert and Mr. Russell Norton were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fowden with Rev. C. P. Owen, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

Miss Margaret Norton and Mr. Ellis Evans were the attendants. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. W. H. Hubbert of Brownwood. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Norton of Route 1. He is employed by H. P. Evans, oil operator.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mrs. L. T. McBurnett announces the marriage of her niece, Miss Ola Mae Traylor, to Luther McWilliams, son of the late J. P. McWilliams of Coleman. The marriage occurred in Coleman Christmas Day.

The bride is a recent graduate of the Brownwood High School and is now employed at Roy Byrd's Tailor Shop. The groom is employed with the Shotwell Construction Company.

Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams will be at home at 209 West Adams Street.

GIBBS-JEFFERIES MARRIAGE

The marriage of Miss Alice Jefferies, daughter of Mrs. Emily Jefferies, to Mr. O. H. Gibbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Gibbs of Winters was held on Christmas Day with Rev. W. I. Newton officiating at his suburban home. The bride is a graduate of Brown-

wood High School and later attended Daniel Baker College. She had held a position with the accounting department of the Southwestern States Telephone Company for some time.

The groom is manager of Neithercut Dress Shop and Shoe Department in Hobbs, New Mexico. Until recently he was employed with Bettis and Gibbs in Brownwood.

BROWNWOOD DELPHIAN CLUB

Mrs. Stewart Hopper entertained members of the Brownwood Delphian club at their annual Christmas party.

Roll call was announced with Christmas stories after which Mrs. J. L. Hammond gave Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Gifts were exchanged from a brilliantly lighted tree.

In the dining room the table was covered with a red cellophane cover, with a snowy feather Christmas tree and snow scene reflected in a mirrored plaque. Mrs. J. G. Dickinson presided over the coffee service and was assisted by Mesdames D. L. Connally and D. S. Pumphey of Mercury in serving the Christmas dainties.

KINDERGARTEN PARTY

Miss Anna Dobbs entertained members of her Kindergarten class with their mothers at a pre-Christmas party Thursday morning at her kindergarten on Cottage street.

Miss Dobbs directed various games and an exhibition of the children's work was given. The children gathered around the manager scene to sing "Away In A Manger."

The mothers were given gifts which had been made by the children in their kindergarten work.

Miss Dobbs' classes will begin January 2.

WALKER-SMITH TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Walker-Smith Company has issued invitations to friends to visit Pecan Valley Lodge, Lake Brownwood, Sunday afternoon, January first. The hours will be from 2 to 4 and from 4 to 6 o'clock.

EARP-GOATES MARRIAGE ON MONDAY

Miss Carmelita Goates and Mr. Jack Earp were quietly married on Monday night, December 26, at the rural home of Rev. W. I. Newton.

The Rev. Mr. Newton performed the ring ceremony in the presence of a few close friends.

The bride was very attractive in a dress of blue crepe with all accessories in wine color.

The marriage is a culmination of a romance started when both attended Early High School where they were members of the 1934 Graduating class.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Goates of Brownwood.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Earp of the Early High Community. He is in the employ of the Texaco Gas Company in Colorado, Texas.

After spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earp will leave January the first for their home in Colorado.

MRS. McBURNEY HOSTESS IN ZEPHYR

Mrs. Murrey McBurney entertained members of the Home Demonstration Club and their husbands on Thursday evening at her home in Zephyr.

The home was aglow with gay Christmas decorations. Forty-two was enjoyed in diversion. Gifts were distributed from the attractive Christmas tree.

Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mesdames W. F. Timmins, R. H. Scott, Ward Driskill, Harvey Kesler, R. C. Vanzandt, Earl Reasoner, W. M. Reasoner, D. F. Petty, M. N. Cobb, J. A. Cunningham, A. B. Dabney, Hubert Roach, Carl Belvin; Mesdames M. L. Smith and Lanie Kesler.

MR. AND MRS. J. J. TIMMINS HONORED

Mrs. Lida Parks Dildy and Mrs. Neely Prater entertained Christmas Eve to honor Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Timmins of Austin.

The attractive home of Mrs. Dildy offered a beautiful Christmas setting. The guests were greeted in the living room by the hostesses and honor guests. The room featured the brilliantly lighted Christmas tree. Pine cones and holly ornamented the mantle while mistletoe and silver bells hung over doorways.

Mrs. R. L. Miller and Miss Estelle Duren directed to the dining room. A silver bowl of brilliantly colored balls centered the reflector on the Irish lace covered table while red tapers burned in candleabra at either end of the table. Mrs. Samuel C. Lee and Mrs. Clay Parks Carey presided at the services. Christmas dainties were served to a large number of friends.

MRS. BALIE GRIFFITH CHOSEN ARTIST-OF-MONTH

The Brownwood Art Association recently named an outstanding artist member of the local association as "Artist-of-the-month." Mrs. D. S. Camp was given the initial honor as being the first local artist to be selected.

The second to be selected is Mrs. Balie Griffith, art instructor of

Howard Payne College. Mrs. Griffith is a native Texan; was born and reared in Brownwood. She has studied with Xavier Gonzales, Will Stephens, Olin Travis, Adele Brunet and Harry Anthony De Young.

OPEN HOUSE HONORS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Locks held open house Christmas afternoon to honor Miss Mavis Douglas of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Firman Smith of Tyler and Miss Lois Honea of McAllen.

The home was very attractive in Christmas decorations. The guests were informally greeted by the host, hostesses, honorees and Mr. R. L. Williams.

The dining table was centered with a Yule log surrounded by silver pine needles, burrs and sweet-sum balls. Tall white tapers perched from the Yuletide log.

Mrs. L. J. Honea presided over the coffee service and Mrs. Leta Shelton served dainties. Mrs. R. L. Williams also assisted in the dining room. About sixty called during the afternoon.

NAIL-TOWNSEND MARRIAGE SUNDAY

On Christmas morning at the hour of ten, Miss Ruth Townsend and Mr. Wesley McCoy Nail were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse A. Townsend, 508 Sixth Street.

The bride's father heard the marriage vows in the presence of a few close friends and relatives.

The bride is a 1938 graduate of Brownwood High School.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nail of Novice, attended Howard Payne College and is now teaching in the public schools in Crews, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Nail spent a few days in Brownwood before going to Crews to make their home.

MRS. STALLINGS BRIDGE HOSTESS

A delightful bridge courtesy of the week was on Thursday when Mrs. Henry Stallings was hostess at her home on Austin Avenue.

Christmas decorations were featured throughout the game rooms. The dining table was centered by flickering tapers. Mrs. Hervey F. Mayes and Mrs. J. N. Weatherly seated at the table served the tea dainties.

MOTHER HONORS DAUGHTER

Mrs. J. W. Taber entertained a number of friends on Wednesday night to honor her daughter, Mrs. Earl Jones, of Alexandria, La.

Christmas decorations afforded a brilliant setting for the evening. Informality was the keynote while games were offered upstairs, in rooms attractively floral.

The lace covered tea table was centered with a floral arrangement. Mrs. John T. Yantis and Miss Mayes Malone alternated at the coffee service. Christmas dainties were served in refreshment.

The personnel included members of the Mariposa Club, the Two Table Bridge Club, with their husbands, out of town visitors and a few close friends.

BRIDGE TEA HONORS MISS CROSBY

Mrs. G. S. Howard honored her guest, Miss Marie Crosby, of Enid, Oklahoma, with a bridge tea on Wednesday at Hotel Brownwood.

Christmas decorations gave gay touches to the game rooms. The tea table was centered with a bouquet of early spring flowers.

In bridge Mrs. R. L. Miller scored high for the club members and Mrs. E. J. Heaslip scored high for the guests.

A luncheon course was served. The personnel included Wednesday Bridge Club members and a few friends: Mesdames R. L. Miller, E. J. Heaslip, J. F. Renfro, J. H. Grove, George Kidd, Chapman Bradford, E. B. Henley, John H. McKee, E. E. King, J. R. Stone, C. E. Boyett, Henry Stallings, E. L. Maxwell, John T. Yantis, J. W. Tottenham, Burt Hurlbut, Eugene Dunphy of Evanston, Ill.; Misses Pink Noel, Roxie Grove and Hattie Noel.

TEA HONORS VISITORS

Mrs. Hervey F. Mayes and Mrs. Fred S. Abney honored Mrs. Abney's two daughters, Miss Genevieve Abney of Evanston, Ill., and Mrs. Eugene Dunphy of Evanston, Ill., and her sister, Mrs. John H. Harrison, also of Evanston, Ill., with a tea Tuesday at Hotel Brownwood.

In the bridge rooms on the mezzanine floor the guests were greeted by the hostesses, honorees and house party. The lace covered refreshment table was handsome ornamented with roses with all appointments in silver. Mrs. T. C. Wilkinson and Mrs. Leta Shelton presided at the silver services.

In the gold room the guests were again greeted and seated by the house party of twenty four young matrons and misses, friends of Miss Abney and Mrs. Dunphy.

Tall silver baskets of silvered leaves guarded the motion picture screen, while small yellow chrysanthemums graced the piano.

Jimmy Frances Crenshaw favored with a tap number and Martie Snyder entertained with a delightful toe dance number. Miss Mavis Douglas of Chicago, delighted with a group of vocal selections.

Mrs. Harrison, who has travelled extensively and has generously brought pictures of principal places in the foreign countries to her friends here, again on this occasion

delighted with scenes taken in South America while she was on her recent cruise around the world. Mrs. Harrison gave very interesting comments about the pictures, in technical, all of which were very interesting and very instructive, taking the guests on a picture travel from Jamaica, through the Panama Canal, down the west coast of South America and ending at the island of Trinidad.

About two hundred guests were included in the personnel.

KYZAR-TURPIN MARRIAGE

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ellie Turpin to Tommy Kyzar Saturday evening, December 24. Rev. D. L. Barnes officiated at the First Methodist church in May.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turpin of May. She is a graduate of May High School and for the past eighteen months has been a student nurse in the Brady Hospital School of Nursing Education.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kyzar of Brady. He attended a college in Abilene. He holds the position as bookkeeper for Roddie and Company, Brady.

After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Brady.

News Briefs

Students of the Chapel Hill School will present a play "Everybody's Getting Married," Friday evening beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

C. A. Tunnel, Medina Valley, was in Brownwood on business Wednesday morning. Mr. Tunnel, a former city editor of the Brownwood Bulletin, left this city in 1914.

Brownwood Rotarians in their weekly luncheon meeting last Friday heard Mrs. Wendell Mayes tell the history of Christmas and the methods of celebrating the holiday in various countries of the world.

One-half of the enrollees at Lake Brownwood CCC camp were absent five-day Christmas leaves last Wednesday night. Enrollees living the greatest distance from Brownwood received the Christmas leaves while the ones living in and near Brownwood will be given five-day New Year leaves.

Henry H. Ingram, 1908 Ave. E, is one of twenty-two outstanding salesmen to be honored at the sixteenth annual Salesmen's Banquet at Hotel Texas Friday evening. "Distinguished service" emblems will be presented to each of the men, who have been selected because of sales achievement during 1938.

The new car of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rice, 403 West Adams, was burned Saturday when the couple were making preparations to leave for Greenville to visit Mrs. Rice's family. Damage was estimated at fifty per cent. The car was insured. The Rices, however, were able to make their visit when a friend loaned them a car in which to make the scheduled trip.

Miss Jeffie B. Queen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Queen of Brownwood, has been elected as teacher of music and art in the South Ward school, to succeed Mrs. C. W. Davis, who has resigned. Miss Queen, graduate of Howard Payne College, has resigned her position at Strawn, and will begin her work here with the opening of school following the Christmas holidays, January 2.

Confirming the term "leeger" in bootlegger, local officers uncovered the "new wrinkle" here last week. Submitting to a search after J. D. Pelphrey, state liquor board agent, Constable W. O. Weems and Deputy Constable O. M. Smith halted him in an automobile chase, the officers found a pint of whiskey in a section of automobile inner-tube strapped to his leg.

Mrs. Charlene B. Underwood, formerly of Brownwood and now living in Wichita Falls, recently published an illustrated volume of children's verse, "Of Impossible Things," published by the Mathis, Van Nort & Co. of Dallas. Mrs. Underwood, while living in Brown-

FROM CENTRAL TEXAS NEWSPAPERS—
NEWS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

BRADY: McCulloch county received a Christmas gift from the State Highway Commission, the contract having been let at Austin last week for the paving of Highway 23 from Brady to the Brown county line. Upon the successful low bid of \$128,875, Morgan Construction Company was awarded the contract, which calls for 25.3 miles of flexible base, double asphalt surface treatment.

BRADY: Evans J. Adkins has been elected president of the McCulloch County Wildlife Planning Board, and M. J. Benefield, secretary with the officers to call a meeting shortly after the first of the new year to discuss a specific program of wildlife conservation for this county.

BRADY: Work on the Brady Creek and Colorado River watershed flood report is progressing satisfactorily, and it will be in shape to present to Congress when it convenes January 1. Capt. B. C. Clarke, chief engineer of the survey division of the United States Army, Galveston, assured local officials last week.

STEPHENVILLE: According to information released by G. A. Tunnel, project supervisor, the Rural Electrification Administration has given preliminary consideration to an application of the Erath County Electric Co-operative Association, Stephenville, for an additional loan of \$30,000 to extend the rural power lines 100 miles to serve some 290 farms in Erath and Comanche counties.

STEPHENVILLE: The Erath county team of State Highway Department employees won first place over seven other teams in this district's first aid contest of the department, conducted at Fort Worth Saturday by D. H. McAnally of Austin, chief safety instructor, Anthon Lezion, of the local construction office of the State Highway Department, was

wood during 1930 to 1933, conducted the department of vocal music in Daniel Baker and Howard Payne colleges.

Ernest Jones of Brownwood has been named chairman for the Plain Peoples Jackson Day dinner which will be held at the Baker Hotel, Saturday, January 7, it has been announced. The Hon. Jerry Sadler will be principal speaker at the gathering and arrangements are being made for the new Railroad Commissioner to speak at the overflow meeting as well as at the Crystal Ballroom gathering.

Invitations to a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee to be held at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas January 7, have been received by Dr. Mollie Armstrong and Harry Knox Jr. of Brownwood, members of the committee.

One of the world's longest suspension bridges crosses the Delaware river in Philadelphia, Pa.; it has a span of 1750 feet.

the coach of the Erath county team.

STEPHENVILLE: January 3 has been set as the date on which city taxpayers will vote at a special election to determine whether or not a small amount may be appropriated by the city in order to assist financially the Stephenville High School Yellowjacket Band.

HAMILTON: W. P. Lawson will establish a seed testing and treating station in Hamilton county, the first of its kind in Hamilton county. He will have everything in readiness for the treating of cotton seed in the spring. He will also treat corn and sorghum seed and later will be equipped to treat oats and wheat.

HAMILTON: Hamilton's band will attend the Cotton Bowl football game at Dallas January 2 and in a mass concert there. The invitation came last week and Leo F. Rendessy, director, accepted.

RANGER: Friday afternoon at 3:45, the siren atop the Ranger Fire Station blew three times, the steam whistles at the Eureka Tool Company's shop and at the Ranger Steam Laundry blew calling attention to the cornerstone laying at the Boy Scout cabin. A large number of notables from this part of the state and from Austin and Fort Worth were present. It is being built by NYA labor. The structure will be 20 by 40, with a large porch extending down one entire side. Lockers for scouts and their entire equipment will be built-in in such a manner as to leave a large assembly hall for indoor scout activities. The building will be the first unit of a park program.

KERRVILLE: The Heart of Texas Mountaineers' Club at Texas A. & M. College has selected Kerrville as the site for its annual dance, which will be held Thursday, December 29, at the Power Club, officials of the club announced today. The club has a membership of about 250, all students from the West Texas area attending Texas A. & M. Counties represented are Brown, Kerr, Llano, San Saba, Coleman, McCulloch, Concho, Tom Green, Menard, Kimble, Sutton, Schleicher, Edwards, Real, Bandiera, Gillespie, Mason, Blanco and Kendall.

FREDERICKSBURG: P. E. Workman of Dallas was found to be the successful bidder on the construction of Fredericksburg's new municipal Distribution and Power System when bids were opened Workman's successful bid amounted to \$122,682.84. The plans for the system include a citywide distribution system to all residences in the city limits, as well as special lines for large power consumers.

GOLDTHWAITE: A record movement of cattle by truck was set here last week when eleven large trucks moved 200 fat steers from E. J. Ward's ranch south of Goldthwaite to the E. C. Richards' ranch at Jacksboro. The steers which averaged 585 pounds were coming two-year olds. Wilbur Fairman sold 143 head earlier in the week.

SNYDER: At least 67,000 acres of Scurry County farm and ranch land had been terraced up to Wednesday of last week, with lines run on approximately 10,000 acres, as the county agent's office made final plans to get as much as possible terraced before January 1.

COMANCHE: Approximately 9,500-10,000 pounds of peanuts were weighed at the Denny Public Scales at Comanche this season, according to D. F. Denny, public weigher. Five concerns bought most of the peanuts sold here this fall. The Southwestern Peanut Growers Association bought over four million pounds. At an average of eighty-five per bushel, the largest crop of

peanuts in history brought farmers of this vicinity \$275,000. Mr. Denny states that only 250 bales of cotton have been weighed this season, compared to approximately 3,500 ginned last season.

COMANCHE: E. G. Boswell of Comanche is gaining wide recognition as a breeder of fine dogs and his high class swine are a demand among other breeders from a wide range in this section of the state. Last week W. A. Morgan, vocational agriculture teacher at Lawn h Taylor county, purchased six registered Poland China pigs and one gilt from Mr. Boswell for his FFA boys.

COMANCHE: The Comanche High School Band under the direction of Pat Howard has been invited to attend the Cotton Bowl football game at Dallas on January 2 and to take part in the pregame parade in the downtown section of Dallas and to play in concerts before the game and between the halves. The band mothers have voted to sponsor the trip.

COLEMAN: The Works Progress Administration has approved an allotment for \$38,000 for the construction of a dam at Mud Creek, near Santa Anna. The project is for the construction of a dam and perform work incidental and appertenant thereto for water conservation purposes. The project is now eligible for operation at the discretion of the State WPA office under the sponsorship of the Central Colorado River Authority.

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Nacogdoches will move another step forward educationally early in 1939 with the erection of a \$330,000 junior-senior high school building and remodeling of existing buildings at a combined cost of \$400,000.

DUBLIN: A whole half block of business houses and businesses was destroyed by fire Friday night, December 16. The fire alarm was turned in at 1:30 o'clock during the early hours of Saturday morning. The Robbins Wholesale Grocery, the Home Ice Company and Bradberry's Truck Line offices were completely destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$60,000 including all equipment and buildings.

DUBLIN: The opening of the Tom Hughes trench silo last Monday afternoon was attended by a large crowd of farmers and interested parties. The silage was found to be in good condition.

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RURAL BROWN COUNTY AND-

Central West Texas Farm and Ranch News

POULTRY AND EGGS IS BROWN COUNTY'S GREATEST INDUSTRY

According to figures compiled by County Agent C. W. Lehmburg for his 1938 report, more cash is derived from poultry and eggs than from any other industry in Brown county.

Income from turkeys alone during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons amounted to \$226,000. Added to this, the money derived from the sale of chickens and eggs easily brings the total cash income of farmers and ranchers to a half million dollars annually.

Ten poultry demonstrations and 27 4-H Club demonstrations were conducted during the year under supervision of the county agent's office. The total number of birds in the adult demonstrations were 2,800. Average egg production per hen was 187 and the average profit per hen was \$1.15.

The twenty-five 4-H Club demonstrations produced 2,475 pullets and cockerels which yielded a profit of \$890.

The county agent culled forty-seven flocks, treated sixty-four flocks for various diseases, selected thirty-two turkey breeding flocks, furnished plans for fifty-eight brooder houses and twenty-one poultry houses, furnished ration formulas to 179 and 198 spraying rations, at the same time having 658 bulletins.

AERIAL MAP OF BROWN COUNTY MADE FOR USE IN LOCAL ACA OFFICE

For the use of the Brown county ACA office in measuring land to check 1939 crop program acreage compliance, an aerial map of Brown county has been taken by the Karl Aerial Surveys, Ltd., San Antonio for the United States Department of Agriculture.

Proofs of the map sections have been received at the county agent's office and will be followed soon by enlarged scale photographic map sections which will provide a complete aerial map of the county.

With instruments used in connection with the aerial maps, exact measurements can be made as accurately as though the tract of land being measured with the map were measured on the ground.

Similar maps are in use in the AAA program throughout the county and have proved an unerring and invaluable aid in the work.

The photographs were taken from a plane flying over the county in a systematic manner during the latter part of last September and the first of October. Cameras used in the work automatically snap a picture every two and half minutes. These, when connected and trimmed, make a complete map of the county to exact scale.

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

BROOKSMITH 4-H CLUB

The Brooksmith Girls' 4-H Club met Wednesday, December 14. Two members of the club withdrew. We were sorry these girls had to resign from the club activities. They were Miss Wilson, sponsor, met with us we discussed the making of Christmas presents and fixed patterns for our tea towels. Miss Wilson gave us Christmas treats. We had a very enjoyable time.—Doris Bratton, reporter.

Heat will not crack if they are dampened with cold water before being dropped into the boiling water.

Texas Farm and Home Programs of Interest Scheduled for Next Week

E. N. Holmgreen, state administrative officer of the AAA, will discuss "County AAA Farm Work" for farmers over the state of Texas on the Texas Farm and Home Program next Tuesday morning. These daily programs are broadcast from 12:30 to 11:45 a.m. over stations WTAW, WFAA, WOAI and KPRC. The daily schedule for Farm and Home Programs during the coming week follows:

Friday—"Agricultural Experiment Results." A. D. Jackson, Experiment Station; "Animal Husbandry Notes." D. W. Williams, head of animal husbandry department. Saturday—"Book Review." Mrs. P. L. Thomas, College Station; "The Extension Service Year." H. H. Williamson, director of extension service.

Monday—"Agricultural Education Notes." Henry Ross, head agricultural education department; "Rural Education." W. E. Driskill, deputy state superintendent.

Tuesday—"County AAA Farm Work." E. N. Holmgreen, state administrative officer; "Know Your Soils." Dr. D. W. Thorne, department agronomist.

Wednesday—"Poultry Notes." D. H. Reid, head poultry department; "Agricultural Economics Notes." Tom D. Cherry, agricultural economist.

Thursday—"Agricultural and Home-Making Resources of South Texas." Miss Bennie Campbell and O. G. Tomlinson, extension district agents; "1939 Prospects for Dairymen." E. R. Eudaly, extension dairyman.

170 4-H CLUB BOYS OF COUNTY RECEIVE \$11,006 IN RETURNS

Returns on labor and investment of the 170 4-H Club boys in Brown county who completed demonstrations for 1938, according to County Agent C. W. Lehmburg, was \$11,006.97.

Types of demonstrations, number completed and returns on labor and investment, have been tabulated as follows: corn, eight, \$328.89; grain sorghums, eighteen, \$635.21; peanuts, five, \$411.60; cotton, twenty-seven, \$1,229.75; orchards, four, \$96; game preserves, twenty-three, \$225; poultry, twenty-five, \$890; dairy heifers, four, \$290; baby heaves, twenty-two, \$1,775; sheep, seven, \$38.22; swine, eleven, \$75; farm engineering, sixteen, \$5,912.

Total number completing, 170; total units, 6,653; total returns on labor and investment, \$11,006.97.

Ten clubs were organized during last January, each with a full set of officers and local club leaders. These clubs have received hearty cooperation of county and community councils, the Brown County Livestock Improvement Association, Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and service clubs of Brownwood.

Members of the 4-H Clubs participated in four community fairs, one poultry show and two baby beef shows during the year, making 127 exhibits and winning premiums amounting to \$217.50. Sixty-three club members attended the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and forty-six attended the State Fair in Dallas.

"Assistance rendered these boys by the Extension Service of the Texas A. & M. College has been of inestimable value in laying a solid foundation for future citizenship, made them more efficient in profitable production of field crops, livestock and poultry and has enabled them to add the sum of \$11,006.97 to the productive wealth of Brown county." Mr. Lehmburg said.

MANY HEAD OF BEEF CATTLE ARE BEING FED OUT IN COUNTY

A total of 1,640 head of beef cattle are being fed out in Brown county by eight adult demonstrators, twenty-three co-operators, twenty-four 4-H Club boys and fourteen agricultural students, C. W. Lehmburg has announced.

Five adult demonstrators who fed out 155 steer calves have completed their demonstrations. Total initial weight of the 155 steer calves was 62,465, while the total final weight was 119,950 pounds, making a daily average gain of two and a half pounds. The total feed cost was \$2,623 and the total cost was \$6,310. Total profit was \$2,222 or an average profit per head of \$14.10. Value of the calves at the beginning of the feeding period was figured at \$20 per head.

Three adult demonstrators still have sixty-three calves on feed. These will be finished within the next thirty days.

Sixteen of the twenty-three co-operators feeding out 512 head have completed their projects. The total initial weight of the 512 head was 290,192 pounds and total final weight was 338,452 pounds for an average daily gain of 2.2 pounds. Total feed cost was \$9,216, and total cost was \$22,528, making a total profit of \$4,136, or an average profit per head of \$8.66.

Seven of the co-operators are still

feeding 244 calves which will be ready for market in forty days.

In all of these feeding demonstrations, home grown feeds were used exclusively. The only feed bought was cottonseed meal. By using home grown feed, the demonstrators and co-operators sold their corn in the form of finished beef for 73 cents per bushel, oats at 58 cents, barley at 78 cents and roughage at \$17 per ton.

600 TONS OF PEANUTS ARE MARKETED HERE

Six hundred tons of peanuts were marketed this year by the Brown County Peanut Growers association for a gain of \$8,289 resulting from members of cooperative receiving twenty-three cents per bushel above the street and field prices, according to County Agent C. W. Lehmburg. The average gain per member for the 215 members was \$38.50.

The Brown County Peanut Growers Association was organized last August 24, with J. H. Buzbee as president and O. L. Pierce secretary-treasurer. Organization was under the direction of the county agent. Purpose of the association is to market peanuts, grown by its members cooperatively through the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association.

In Australia, about 1,000,000 pounds (or \$5,000,000) are spent annually controlling rabbits.

139 SILOS IN COUNTY CONTAIN 12,070 TONS OF WINTER ENSILAGE

Enough ensilage has been stored in Brown county this year to feed 1,000 cows thirty pounds a day for two years and two months, according to figures compiled by County Agent C. W. Lehmburg for his annual report.

The statistics showed that 12,070 tons, or 24,140,000 pounds of ensilage were stored in 139 trench silos, four upright and five pit silos in the county during the past summer. Of the 139 trench silos, fifteen were built in 1936, a total of forty-seven last year and sixty-eight this year.

Figured at \$5 per ton, the ensilage is worth \$72,350. Average cost of building trench silos was \$27.50.

A number of ranchers and stock farmers are carrying their breeding ewes through the winter on this feed and cottonseed meal.

Farm Self Supporting Unit Has Advantages Says Extension Head

COLLEGE STATION—Many question marks face the Texas farmer in relation to his 1939 income prospects, the outlook report of the USDA Bureau of Agricultural Economics shows.

The agricultural income is influenced primarily by consumption or market demands, H. H. Williamson, director of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, points out, and the farmer can exert very little individual influence on the expansion of domestic and foreign markets.

"The Texas farmer does have a big opportunity, however, to develop what might be termed the kitchen market," Williamson declared. "The opportunity lies in producing, storing and preserving an adequate food and feed supply to operate his individual farming theory, for food and feed for home use will not only make for healthier and happier families, but it will conserve the too limited cash income for use in the purchasing of other necessities."

The director estimated that if this No. 1 market, free of tariffs and handlers' charges, were developed in Texas to its full possibilities, it would have a monetary value of 250 million dollars a year, or the equivalent of 6 million bales of cotton at 8 cents a pound.

Williamson pledged the aid of the Extension Service, through its county agricultural and home demonstration agents, to farm families in encouraging the expansion of production, processing, and conserving food and feed.

"In addition, it will also lend its aid in the program of expansion of domestic and foreign markets for farm products as a means of enlarging farm income," he said.

BANGS ONE-VARIETY COTTON ASSOCIATION TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Bangs One-Variety Cotton Association will meet Wednesday, January 4, in the Bangs school building at 7:30 p.m.

All members and others interested in ordering Rowden certified cotton seed are urged to be present. If enough orders can be secured for a carload, a great saving can be realized.

All who will participate are invited to come in with the association.

Texas Agricultural Workers Association Meets in Fort Worth

COLLEGE STATION—Agricultural and industrial handicaps, additional sources of farm income, agricultural education, and the contribution of women in soil conservation are some of the subjects that will be discussed by nationally known agricultural leaders at the twelfth annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers Association in Fort Worth, January 13-14, according to Maurine Hearn, district agent of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service and secretary of the organization.

The two morning sessions will be given over to general discussions while Friday afternoon will be devoted to more technical phases of work.

A feature will be the presentation of the annual distinguished service award to the Texan who has rendered the most notable service to the agricultural development of the state. This program will be broadcast over KTAT at 8:15 p.m., January 13, and a presentation of the history, objectives, and work of the association will go on the air over WBAP January 14 at 9 a.m.

Speakers include Dr. Helen M. Strong, head, educational relations, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, Professor of History, Texas University; Lewis W. Morley, executive secretary, American Jersey Cattle Club, New York; Rosam McCrary, president Texas Cooperative Council; D. M. Clements, federal agent, Agricultural Education, Washington, D. C.; Jack Turner, secretary Texas Hereford Association, and F. M. Simpson, head, bureau of agricultural research, Swift and Company, Chicago.

Officers of the association are: Louis P. Merrill, regional conservator, Soil Conservation Service, Prescott; Eugene Butler, editor Progressive Farmer, vice president; Maurine Hearn, secretary; and W. O. Cox, director, agricultural department of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, treasurer.

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Cameron Siddall Is Appointed to Staff

COLLEGE STATION—The appointment of Cameron Siddall to the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service staff of specialists as assistant entomologist in charge of cotton insect control work has been announced by Jack Shelton, vice-director and state agent.

"Director Williamson feels that the condition of the Texas cotton situation makes it advisable to add an additional entomologist to our staff," Shelton said. "Reduced acreages of cotton make it necessary that farmers get the biggest possible returns from their plantings." Siddall's appointment is effective January 1.

"Texas made great strides in 1938 in the improvement of the quality of her cotton, but farmers will have to fight the boll weevil, boll worm, flea hopper, leaf worm, and other insects as never before if they are to make a living wage from their cotton crop," Shelton declared. He admitted that the spread of the pink boll worm to new areas was also a cause of considerable concern.

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JANUARY 8-14 WEEK IS PROCLAIMED SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK

COLLEGE STATION—Texas could stop her disastrous floods and halt the silting of reservoirs within the next 10 years by holding rainfall on individual farms and ranches. C. (Dutch) Hohn, specialist in soil and water conservation with the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, said in commenting on Governor James Allred's proclamation, made December 27, creating January 8-14 as Soil and Water Conservation Week.

"The conservation job in Texas is already more than a third finished as far as the crop land of the state is concerned, and the runoff of water and loss of soil is much greater on cultivated land than on pastures and ranches," Hohn pointed out.

"The 20,000 dams built by farmers and ranchmen during the past two years as water reservoirs for cattle alone have a capacity of more than 200,000 acre feet of water, or over one-fifth the capacity of the great Buchanan dam," he declared.

"Texas, one of the last states to realize the value of protective measures against loss of soil and rainfall, has been a leader in conservation work since the Extension Service began conservation work in 1910, Hohn said. County agricultural agents, vocational teachers, AAA workers, civic organizations, commissioners' courts, the Soil Conservation Service, and farmers have combined to protect Texas land through terraces and contouring at the rate of some 3 million acres a year for the past two years. Some 18 million acres of crop land remain unprotected, he estimated.

Local Markets

Action on the local market remained quiet this week with the only changes in cream which rose two cents.

Growers' prices were quoted this afternoon as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Grain (Hard Winter Wheat, Soft Red or Mixed Winter, Durham Wheat, White Corn, Yellow Ear Corn, Mixed Ear Corn, Barley, Milo, Oats, Choice Johnson Grass Hay) and Poultry and Eggs (Light Hens, Medium Hens, Heavy Hens, Springers, Roosters, Bakers, Fryers, Eggs, No. 1, Eggs, No. 2, Turkeys, No. 1, No. 2, Old Toms, Old Hens).

UTILITY BUILDING PROJECT CLARKSVILLE—Approximately 60 NYA youths have begun part-time work helping build a Utility Building for the City of Clarksville.

MORTUARY

HAY—John D. Hay died after a short illness at the home of his son, Ronald Hay, in Waco, Friday afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Dublin Saturday afternoon with Rev. Mr. Dobson officiating.

Mr. Hay was born September 9, 1864. He was preceded in death by his wife last August.

Survivors include four sons, C. C. Hay, Houston; Ronald of Waco; Desmond Hay of Dublin, and T. T. Hay of Brownwood.

Interment was made in Dublin cemetery with Austin-Morris in charge of arrangements.

WOOTEN—Silas M. Wooten died at a Brady hospital Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the family residence with the Baptist minister officiating.

Survivors include two sons, Silas and O. L. Wooten, and a daughter, Miss Vera Wooten, all of Brady.

Interment was made in Brady cemetery with Austin-Morris Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

ARMSTRONG—After an illness continuing for seven months, W. M. Armstrong, forty-eight years a citizen of Brown county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. P. Kilgore, 1908 Cognin avenue, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Van Zandt county March 16, 1855, being 83 years, nine months and seven days of age at his death. He was married October 18, 1877, to Emma Miller, in Johnson county, who preceded him in death March 12, 1918. Born to this union were eight children, six of whom survive as follows: J. E. Armstrong, Star; Mrs. E. P. Kilgore, Brownwood; W. W. Armstrong, Rising Star; A. E. Armstrong, Olden; W. L. Armstrong, Lubbock, and Mrs. W. H. Kilgore, Mission.

Mr. Armstrong moved with his family in 1890 to the northern Brown county where he resided the rest of his life. He was tenderly recognized by a host of friends as "Pattie." He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at an early age and was active in the work of the church throughout his life. He is survived by twenty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Methodist church in Rising Star. Interment was made in Blake cemetery.

NEVILLE—Baby Betty Jane Neville died last Wednesday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Neville, 1703 Fort Worth St.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Pentecostal church on Bell Plain with Rev. H. A. Tarkington officiating.

Betty Jane was seven months old. Besides her parents, the following survive: sisters, Evelyn Lucile and Barbara Sue; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Neville; aunts and uncles, Messrs. and Mesdames Mac Neville, William Neville, G. I. Neville, R. T. Neville and Lavell Slaughter.

Interment was in Greenleaf cemetery with Melnis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

WOODS—W. R. Woods died Thursday morning at the home of his daughter near Sweetwater. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at Holt, Texas, with Austin-Morris Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Woods is survived by his daughters, Mesdames Pete Bowen of Hermander, Lee Hagen of Gainesville, Eva Bowden of Abilene and Edith Rowell of Richland Springs; two sons, V. H. Woods of Brownwood and A. L. Woods of Thrifty.

WHEELER—William D. Wheeler died at his home in Woodland Heights Thursday morning. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Melwood Avenue Baptist church with Rev. Ben Morrison officiating.

Survivors include his sons, Wiley, Henry and Clyde Wheeler of Brownwood, and Jesse Wheeler of Joshua; one daughter, Mrs. H. V. Groves of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

His wife preceded him in death several years ago. Interment was in Greenleaf cemetery with Austin-Morris Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

NEVINS—C. J. Nevins Jr. died in an automobile accident on the Bangs Highway a little after midnight, December 27. Funeral services were to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Nevins was born at St. Cloud, Minnesota, November 15, 1914. He had been in Texas about six months.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. C. J. Nevins Jr., son, Craig; parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Nevins of Milwaukee; and sister, Muriel Weber of Minnesota.

White and London Funeral Home had charge of local arrangements.

SMITH—Hugh Lawson Smith, 81, resident of the Holder community for the past forty-one years, died Saturday, December 24, at the family home near Owens after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Christmas Day at Pleasant Valley with Rev. D. Barnes officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Valley cemetery.

A native of Knox county, Tennessee, where he was born March 3, 1854, Mr. Smith came to Texas in 1880 and settled in the Blanket community. He was married to Miss Ellen Couch in 1888. Mrs. Smith died January 31, 1929. Mr. Smith had been a member of the Methodist church since young manhood.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Stella Davis of Owens, and one grandson, J. R. Davis of Owens.

White and London Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

McLEOD—Funeral services for Hulda Jane McLeod, 54, were held Tuesday at the Cox cemetery, Milburn. Mrs. McLeod died December 26 in a Brownwood Hospital.

Mrs. McLeod was born June 15, 1884, at Milburn.

Survivors are her husband, C. A. McLeod, and the following children: Mrs. Nettie Copeland of Coleman, Marvin Lewis of Rotan, Mrs. Dee Copeland of Rising Star, Mrs. Lula Lucas of Olney, Mrs. Anna Bell Singleton of Mercy, Leonard Lewis of Harlingen, Mrs. Lola Smith of Santa Anna, Mrs. Linnie Baker of Winchell, Hubert Lewis of Winchell. Nineteen grandchildren, four brothers and three sisters also survive.

White and London Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

PAGE—Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the White & London Funeral Home for Thomas Charles Page, 64, of Winchell. Mr. Page died Monday afternoon at the family residence at Winchell. Interment was in Cox cemetery with Mr. Cooper officiating.

Mr. Page was born September 12, 1874. He was a member of the W.O.W.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. T. C. Page; two daughters, Hazel Page of Winchell and Mrs. W. A. Head of Brownsville; two brothers, L. E. Page of Trickham and Berry Page of Winchell, and two sisters, Mrs. Will Brown of Mercury, and Mrs. J. R. Smothers of Winchell.

CATHEY—Funeral services were held Monday at Mt. Olive for David R. Cathey, 18, 709 Home street. Interment was in the Mt. Olive cemetery with Rev. Jasper Chambers officiating. He was born May 24, 1920, in Coryell county.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Cathey of Brownwood; three sisters, Mrs. Allan Hodges, Geneva Cathey and Yvonne Cathey of Brownwood; one brother, Miles Cathey of Brownwood; grandparents, Mrs. Lena Cathey of Kileen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bille of Kileen.

White & London Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

KELLEY—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Thomas Patrick Kelley, 65, at the family home, 1419 Avenue C. Mr. Kelley passed away Christmas Day.

Rev. C. E. Moore of Lockhart, a former pastor of Mr. Kelley, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. W. Anderson, pastor of the First Christian Church of Brownwood.

Mr. Kelley was born July 3, 1873, in Alabama. A carpenter and contractor, he had lived in Brownwood for the past twenty years, and was a member of the First Christian Church here.

Interment was made in the Comanche cemetery with Austin-Morris Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Lois Alexander; four sisters, Mrs. A. M. Eubank of

Dallas, Mrs. George Rousseau of Arlington, Mrs. Tom Buchanan of Bowie and Mrs. Jennie Smith of Dallas. Six nephews and three nieces also survive.

ALLCORN—Clarence L. "Jack" Allcorn was born January 28, 1893, in Brown county, Texas. His physical death occurred on December 3, 1938. His remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery in Brownwood, Texas, on December 5, 1938. He had been a constant sufferer for some two years and passed away following an operation in an effort to prolong his life on earth.

The writer of these lines has been a close friend of Jack Allcorn for a number of years. It is from this close friendship that some beautiful facts have been discovered about his life. He was a man of profound convictions about the essential matters of man's beliefs and faiths. He hated sham, but had a very high regard for the genuine.

He believed in God, in Jesus and in Immortality. He believed in home, children and the purity of manhood and womanhood. Perhaps few men have surpassed him in his love for his sons. He was a citizen of whom any community might well be proud.

Jack is survived by his companion, Mrs. Edna Allcorn, and four stalwart sons. They are: J. C. Jr., Hugh, George and Billy. He is also survived by four brothers and two sisters. They are: J. J. and H. L. of Bangs; E. H. of San Antonio; J. B. of Comanche; Mrs. Bessie Stokes of Bangs, and Mrs. Lilly DeClark of Portland, Oregon. Other close survivors are Mrs. J. C. Allcorn Jr. and baby.

A good friend has passed from earth. Another good man has gone from our midst. And yet, we know that such personality and character shall be glorified and perpetuated.—Robert L. Butler, his friend.

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Several business firms operate in the Model Home prize which will be financed by the public on easy terms at low interest rates.

Details of the project, which is hoped will spur interest in home building, will be announced from time to time after the first of the year.

EASTERN STARS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FORTY CHILDREN HERE

Departing this year from a Christmas custom generally observed for several years, the Brownwood Eastern Star chapter lost none of the pleasure attending a Christmas party for about forty children who otherwise would have had little to expect in the stockings from Santa Claus.

The members of the chapter for several years drew names and exchanged gifts, a custom that they decided that while each should give a gift as before, all the gifts should go to underprivileged children of this city.

Before going into the lodge hall in the Masonic building where the Christmas tree awaited them, the children were served ice cream and cake in reception rooms. A short program was opened with a child's prayer by Mrs. Gus Rosenberg, worthy Matron of the chapter, who presided over the evening's activities.

After going into the hall for the gifts, the invited children themselves joined heartily in a program of songs and speeches. As a special feature there were songs by the children's choir of the First Presbyterian church under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Williams.

Mrs. C. P. Owen at the piano, with the children guests ready from the tree a nice gift, with addition of fruit, candy and popcorn.

KOSSE PROJECT PROGRESSING

KOSSE—Construction of a small building at Kosse under a NYA Work Project is progressing rapidly. J. C. Kellam, State Youth Director, has been advised. Twenty-five boys are helping build the lodge of pine logs and handhewn shingles, which will be used as a community center by local youth.

SITE IS CHOSEN FOR FHA MODEL HOME HERE

Site for a model home to be built in Brownwood for the purpose of directing attention of the public to the desirability and practicality of low-cost home ownership, has been chosen, Smith Bell, FHA chairman for Brown county, has announced.

The site is in the 1700 block on Fourth street. Plans and specifications for the model residence are now being prepared. It will have five rooms and bath, with separate garage.

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Ernest G. Glibreath, Milburn, Miss Maggie Mae Williams, Milburn.
Floyd S. L. Bolton, Coleman, Miss Stella Pauline Post, Coleman.
Marvin Rogers, Brownwood, Miss Mary Elizabeth Petty, Brownwood.
O. V. Painter Jr., Mercury, and Miss Ruby Elizabeth Beakley, Mercury.
W. C. Goodson, Brownwood, and Mrs. Georgia Goodson, Brownwood.
Robert Lee Estes, Brooksmith, and Mrs. Beulah Carroll, Brownwood.
James Thomas Shirley Jr., Brownwood, and Miss Willie Lou Bell, Eden.
Louis Walker, (col.) Brownwood, and Ocie Allen, (col.) Brownwood.
Philip Barnhart, Harlingen, and Miss Dorothy Ragsdale, Brownwood.
Boyd Hart, Mullin, and Frances Alene McCrea, Mullin.
H. McWilliams, Brownwood, and Miss Ola Mae Traylor, Brownwood.
Lesley M. Nail, Talpa, Miss Beulah Townsend, Brownwood.
Theodore W. Norton, Brownwood.

WOOD, and Miss Loveta Hubbard, Brownwood.
E. R. Reasoner, Zephyr, and Miss Doris Williams, Mullin.
Jimmie Hagley, (col.) Brownwood, and Lillie Thomas, (col.) Brownwood.
George W. Cameron, Brownwood, and Miss Tisha Hobbs, Elgin.
John R. Moran, New Orleans, La., and Miss Mary Dean Smith, Brownwood.
Charles B. Brinkley, Itasca, and Miss Sarah Elizabeth Byers, Coleman.
Olen Teague, Brownwood, and Miss Neil McGlothlin, Brownwood.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Abney & Bohannon, Inc., to H. F. Mayes, part lot 4 in block 24 of Coggin addition to Brownwood, \$600.
Anton Arczie to Mrs. Amelia Arczie, 100 acres of Osburn Dalton survey 26 and 2 1/2 acres of W. T. White survey, \$5.
W. V. Churchill et ux to D. K. Woodrige, 122 acres of Anselmo Arrendondo survey 149 and Matias Currier survey 141, \$1.
Jewel Tankersley et vir to D. H. Bagley, 50 acres of R. A. Hefflin survey, \$62.50.
H. C. Glenn, receiver for Temple Trust Co., to George C. Allman et ux, part of lot 1, block 1, East End addition to Brownwood, \$1,500.
The United Savings Bank of De-

troit to C. A. White, part of block 11 of Rankin's addition to Brownwood, \$1,500.
Homer T. Melton to Betha B. Melton, 106 acres of Brown County School Land and 40 acres of James L. Duff survey, consideration of cancellation of lien.
Brownwood Building & Loan Association to Henry Mount, lot 4 in block 5 of Sweet's addition to Brownwood, part of lot 1 in block 1 of Ford's addition to Brownwood and part of outlet 73 in City of Brownwood.
Greenleaf Cemetery Association to D. M. Reid, part lot 37 in block 1 of first addition to Greenleaf Cemetery, \$25.
Greenleaf Cemetery Association to J. G. Atkinson, part of lot 14 in block 29 of first addition to Greenleaf Cemetery, \$10.
Myrtle Lee Bettes to W. F. Chenu, lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in block 28 of City of Blanket, \$900.
Brownwood Building & Loan Association to J. F. Mansfield, part lot 6 in block 7 of Grandview addition to Brownwood and part of lot 8 in block 2 of Grandview addition to Brownwood, \$1,900.
Dora Dickson Wilson et vir to Roy C. Jones et ux, part lot 4 in block U of Coggin addition to Brownwood, \$850.
D. F. Petty et ux to Walker-Smith Co., lots 3 and 4 and part of lot 2 in block 3 of school addition to Zephyr, \$600.
H. G. Storey to Mrs. Ida Viola White, part of lot 1 in block 14 of Coggin Park addition to Brownwood, \$200.
Ida Viola White to H. G. Storey, 98 acres of P. B. Martin survey 135 and 50 acres of William Patton survey 25, \$1,000.
J. H. Seward et ux to Seaborn Jones, 56 1/2 acres of various surveys in Brown county, \$125.
J. A. McDowell et ux to Thad M. Mauldin and Thelma M. Mauldin, 108.4 acres of Mary Osburn survey 130, \$1,800.
B. E. Duncan et ux to Seaborn Jones, 100 acres of Brown county school land, \$1.
H. C. Glenn, receiver for Temple Trust Co., to H. R. Hess et ux, part of lot 4 in block 19 of Coggin's addition to Brownwood, \$1,750.
Brownwood Building and Loan Association to C. Y. Early, parts of lots 7 and 8 in block 3 of Southside addition to Brownwood, \$1,800.

OIL AND GAS LEASES

D. W. Davis et ux to L. L. Shead, 220 acres of Sarah Trull survey 63, \$1.

OIL AND GAS ASSIGNMENTS

C. J. Thomas to Mrs. Ruth Thornton, 20 acres of W. B. Travis survey 145, \$1.
C. Newburn to Grady H. Culp, undivided interest in 24 1/2 acres of David Cole survey \$1, \$1.
E. L. Thomas and W. W. Robinson to J. C. Hunter and H. L. Graham, 160 acres of section 158 of ETRR Co. survey, \$1.

MINERAL DEEDS

C. D. Stone et ux to Arthur Roth, undivided 1/4 interest in 165.5 acres of land in Brown county, \$10.
Herbert J. Lee to Mrs. Dora E. Lee, 1-32 interest 140 acres of HT&BRR Co. survey 1, \$10.
Le Palma Petroleum Co. to E. L. Smith, undivided 1-256 interest in 143.8 acres and undivided 1-256 interest in 130 acres of land in Brown county, \$10.
Le Palma Petroleum Co. to R. L. Wheelock, undivided 1-256 interest in 143.8 acres and undivided 1-256 interest in 130 acres of land in Brown county, \$10.
Le Palma Petroleum Co. to Blake Smith Jr., undivided 1-256 interest in 143.8 acres and undivided 1-256 interest in 130 acres of land in Brown county, \$10.
Le Palma Petroleum Co. to J. L. Collins, undivided 1-256 interest in 143.8 acres and undivided 1-256 interest in 130 acres of land in Brown county, \$10.

NEW CARS REGISTERED

Eula McFarland, Brownwood, Mercury sedan, Weatherby Motor Co., 136-876.
William L. McDavid, Brownwood, Buick coupe, Brownwood Motor Co., 136-877.
E. D. Hutton, Grosvenor, Plymouth coupe, Patterson Motor Co., 136-879.
R. G. Liles, Fry, Dodge sedan, Abney & Bohannon, 136-874.
G. F. Bunnell, Brownwood, Ford coupe, Weatherby Motor Co., 136-875.
H. M. Thompson, Brownwood, Oldsmobile sedan, Southwest Motors, 136-887.
Fairland Farm Dairy, Brownwood, Chevrolet sedan, Holley-Langford Chevrolet Co., 213-729.
Ben. D. Vincent, Brownwood, Studebaker sedan, Ball & Ball Motor Co., 136-880.
C. E. Eatica, Brownwood, De Soto sedan, Patterson Motor Co., 136-881.
Ivy E. Fowler, Brownwood, De Soto sedan, Patterson Motor Co., 136-882.
J. C. Gober, Brownwood, Plymouth sedan, Patterson Motor Co., 136-88.
J. F. Renfro, Brownwood, Oldsmobile sedan, Southwest Motors, 136-884.
Clem Longley, Brownwood, Dodge sedan, Abney & Bohannon, 136-891.
Vernon Halloman, Brownwood, Chevrolet truck, Holley-Langford Chevrolet Co., 213-731.
Carrington Ezra, Blanket, Ford pickup, Weatherby Motor Co., K5-741.
B. U. Ross, Brownwood, Stude-

baker sedan, Ball & Ball Motor Co., 213-728.
H. & H. Food Store, Brownwood, Dodge commercial, Abney & Bohannon, 213-730.
H. M. Thompson, Brownwood, Oldsmobile sedan, Southwest Motors, 136-887.
Mrs. R. L. Flack, Brownwood, Dodge sedan, Abney & Bohannon, 136-888.
Mrs. Dean Martin, Brownwood, Plymouth coach, Harris Motor Co., 136-889.
Lloyd French, Brownwood, Buick sedan, Brownwood Motor Co., 136-890.

PERSONALS

P. H. Charnquist spent Christmas in San Angelo with relatives.
Wayne Sellers of Rising Star spent Wednesday in Brownwood.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Griffin spent the holidays in Corpus Christi.
Mrs. Roland Curry visited in Corpus Christi during the holidays.
Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift and baby of Fort Worth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rowland.
Miss Kathryn Anthony of Dallas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anthony.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murphy spent Christmas in San Antonio with relatives.
Mrs. Guy Davis and daughter Marianna are visiting relatives in Coleman.
Mrs. Donald Hunter of Kilgore is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glidden Wilson.
Mrs. Frank Bucy and children spent Christmas with relatives in Monroe, Louisiana.
Mrs. Joe Young of Coleman spent Tuesday in Brownwood with relatives.
Mayor Wendell Mayes spent today in Abilene attending to Park Board business.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grady, Jr., and daughter of Mt. Vernon, Ill., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Grady.
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clark of Austin spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark.
Mrs. James P. Harris and son, James, have returned to Dallas, after a visit with Mrs. J. N. Arvin.
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bane and children spent Christmas in Sherman with Mr. Bane's mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons have returned from San Antonio where they spent Christmas with relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jones spent Christmas in San Antonio in the home of Mrs. Jones' mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson of Amarillo are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson.
Miss Mary Emison of Dallas spent Christmas in Brownwood with relatives.
Mrs. R. K. Shelton and son, Jerry, of Austin, are guests of her daughter, Mrs. J. Hervey Mayes.
Miss Leona Watson of New Orleans is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. McKie.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lea of Dallas were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McKie.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harlow and daughter, Dorothy, spent Christmas in San Antonio.
Winston Brooks of Fort Worth spent Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. R. Kent Hallum.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Freeland and son, Ewing Jr., of Sherman are holiday guests of Mrs. Ada McLaughy and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. John D. McNeill, Jr., of Corpus Christi were Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill.
Miss Genevieve Abney will leave Sunday for Evanston, Ill., after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Abney.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howard spent Christmas in San Angelo visiting Mrs. S. C. Thorne and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Glidden Wilson spent Christmas in Kilgore with their daughter, Mrs. Donald Hunter.
W. H. Gifford and son Bill Gifford have returned from San Antonio where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Posey.
Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and sons of Kingsville were holiday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCulley.
Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Evans and two children have returned to San Antonio after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mayes.
Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Dutton of Austin spent Christmas with Mrs. Margaret Dutton and Mrs. Houston Mayfield.
Misses Betty and Priscilla Boyd and brother, Ellis Boyd Jr., of Fort Worth, are holiday guests of their grandmother, Mrs. John G. Lee.
Hubert Fields of Lubbock spent Christmas here with Mrs. Fields and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fields.
Mrs. A. C. Johnson and brother, Harris Charnquist, spent Christmas with relatives in Georgetown and Taylor.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emison of Dallas visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emison, Christmas.
Mrs. James McCartney and son, James, of Fort Worth, are visiting in the home of Judge and Mrs. C. L. McCartney.
Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Arvin and daughters, Misses Betty and Josephine, spent Christmas with Mrs. Arvin's parents in Livingston.
Mrs. George C. Brooks, Misses Elizabeth and Mavis Brooks of San Antonio were guests of Mrs. R. Kent Hallum on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood of Beaumont spent Christmas with Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Guthrie are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Bryson, in Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelton spent Christmas in San Angelo visiting Mrs. Shelton's mother, Mrs. J. P. Wilkinson.
E. E. Kirkpatrick left Wednesday for Tulsa, Oklahoma, after spending Christmas with his family in Brownwood.
Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones and daughter have returned to Mineral Wells after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rathiff.
Miss Charlene Collins has returned to Coleman after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins.
Mrs. Will V. Herndon has returned to San Antonio after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnett.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anthony Jr. and son of Denver, Colorado, are guests of Mr. Anthony's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anthony Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bird of Hobbs, New Mexico, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird in Blanket.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Underwood of Doole were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird in Blanket on Christmas.
Roy Bird of Beaumont and Miss Cleo Bird of DeLeon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bird in Blanket on Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Eaton, accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Betty McIntosh, spent Christmas in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Rev. Thad Son, pastor of the Methodist Church in Maypearl left today for his home after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Son.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith have returned to their home in Tyler after spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Honca and Mr. and Mrs. Urban Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Reed have returned to their home in Amarillo, after a visit here with their sisters, Mrs. Ada Leonberger and Mrs. R. Q. Harris, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. McGilvray of Dallas spent Christmas with Mrs. Muse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McKie, and other Brownwood relatives.
Miss Marie Crosby plans to leave Monday after a holiday visit with Mrs. G. S. Howard. Miss Crosby is an instructor in Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma.
Mrs. Lowell N. Smith and children have returned to their home in Rio Vista after a visit with her mother, Mrs. L. L. Brown, and sister, Mrs. B. Port Budworth.
Mrs. Lindsey Thompson and daughter, Shari Ann, of Lubbock are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. L. Brown and sister, Mrs. B. Port Budworth.
Mrs. R. B. Rogers and Miss Hattie Tannehill have returned from Houston where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Rogers' daughter, Mrs. T. J. Bettes, and family.
Mrs. Ward Vinson, Miss Lena Vinson and Truett Vinson spent Christmas in Big Lake with Mrs. Mark Wilson, Mrs. Vinson's daughter.
Miss Roxy Grove, head of the music department of Baylor University, Waco, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Grove.
Ned Snyder, Jr., student in the University Medical College in Galveston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ned Snyder.
Mrs. John H. Harrison plans to leave Sunday for her home in Evanston, Ill., after spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Fred S. Abney.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hayes of Houston were holiday guests of Mrs. M. L. Brown and Mrs. Port Budworth.
Mr. Hayes has gone to Wichita Falls for a short business trip.
Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans have returned to their home in San Antonio after a Christmas visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wendell Mayes.
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and baby have returned to their home in Taft after a visit with Mr. Davis' mother Mrs. E. E. Davis and brother, Edwin Davis and wife.
Mrs. Julius Posey of San Antonio is visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Simmons and father, W. H. Gifford. Mr. Posey will spend the week-end

in Brownwood.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arvin have returned from Harlingen, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Arvin's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Ashcraft.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson have returned to their home in Fort Worth, after spending Christmas with Mr. Wilson's sister, Mrs. M. Romines, and other relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Betts and daughter, Jennie, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, spent Christmas with Mrs. Betts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. French.
Miss Louise Hooper of Austin, formerly with the editorial department of The Banner, spent a few hours in Brownwood Saturday en route to her home in Abilene for the holidays.
Miss Myra Lea Duffer is visiting in Fort Worth and Dallas. In Fort Worth, Miss Duffer attended a reception given by Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Terrell and also a luncheon given by Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Terrell.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denman Jr. of De Leon will arrive Friday night to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denman Sr. They spent Christmas in Beaumont with relatives.
Mrs. Louis E. Walker and son, Evans, returned Wednesday night from Mercedes where they visited relatives during Christmas. Mr. Walker, who accompanied them, returned home Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard, Morris left this morning for their home in Amarillo after spending Wednesday night with Mrs. Morris' sister, Mrs. Louis E. Walker. They have been visiting relatives in Mercedes.
Lindsey Dublin has returned to Burnett after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dublin. He is connected with the Texas Power and Light Company in Burnett.
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Little Rock, Arkansas, spent Christmas with their son, Walter Nelson Jr. Other guests in the Nelson home were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Strickland of Oklahoma City and Miss Carrie McCain of Reudo.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boswell and daughter, Marinel, have returned to their home in Gatesville after attending the funeral of their uncle, Mr. Pat Kelly. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Kelly who will spend a few days in Gatesville.
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Evans and daughter, Miss Jeanne, spent Christmas in Weatherford with Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Singleton. They attended the Edgar-Steakley wedding in Cleburne Saturday before going to Weatherford.
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Denman and daughters, Ruth Carolyn and Maureen, of Conchas Dam, New Mexico, arrived Wednesday night to visit in the home of Mr. Denman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denman. They have been in Victoria, Miss., visiting relatives.

THEATRES

LYRIC

The Lyric starts the week with "There Goes My Heart," starring Fredric March and Virginia Bruce, Friday and Saturday. A special midnight show will be given Saturday night only, with "There's That Woman Again" featuring Melvyn Douglas and Virginia Bruce.
"Men With Wings," starring Fred MacMurray, Ray Milland and Louise Campbell, will be the feature attraction Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
Luise Rainer is starred in "The Great Waltz" Wednesday and Thursday.
Lew Bray of the Lyric Theatre announced today that Rufe Davis, popular comedian who was here early in December, will return for two days, Jan. 6 and 7. Special arrangements will be made to provide opportunity for all school children to see and hear him Saturday, the 7th.

GOOFY GIFTS GRACE GALA CHRISTMAS TREE IN COURTHOUSE PARTY

When the public officials and employees of the Brown county courthouse held their Christmas tree last Thursday evening, many queer little gifts graced the tree in the county clerk's office.
Miss Estelle Durin, deputy county assessor-collector of taxes, was twice startled. She received a jack-in-the-box snake and a live o'possum in a box.
L. D. Hillyer, court reporter and inventor of the "Hiliter-Tiliter," received a toy model of his unique invention made of a spool, matches and a rubber band. Luther Wilson, district clerk, who until recently had no telephone in his office and was often called to other phones on the courthouse second floor, received a toy telephone set.
Peace Justice Perkinson, a stock farmer, received a toy Hereford bull and a doll bride-and-groom outfit.
Other officials and employees received amusing gifts. County Judge A. E. Nabors distributed the gifts from the tree with the aid of a flashlight as the electric lights went out during the party.

1,400 TEXAS YOUNG PEOPLE FOUND WORK

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—More than 1,400 Texas young people between the ages of 18 and 25 were placed in private jobs during the past month as a result of the placement program operated jointly by the Texas State Employment Service and the National Youth Administration, J. C. Kellam, State Youth Director, said.
A total of 1311 jobs for young people were filled during November by the four Junior Placement Offices. As a consequence of the youth's own efforts or the assistance of NYA Representatives, more than 150 other young people, assigned to NYA Work Projects, obtained private jobs.
Preliminary reports for December revealed that many Texas boys and girls received private jobs during the holiday season.
The four Junior Placement Offices are operated in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The employment service also assists young people through its regular offices in other towns. Their services are available not only to the 15,000 youths assigned to the NYA Work Program but to any youth who wishes to register.

NYA LABOR FOR PROJECT CROCKETT

—An NYA Work Project has been approved for construction of a Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture Building at the Post Oak Negro School. Thirty Houston County NYA boys will be employed on the project.

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