

Ten Best News Stories Chronicled by the News Men Who Make World's Hot Spots

FORT WORTH, Dec. 21.—The duel between Communism and the free world dominated the news in 1953. At least that is the opinion of beginning newspaper people who are first-year students in the TCU department of journalism.

In a poll taken by Prof. Warren K. Agee, department head, students selected six stories dealing with the Red menace in their "Ten Best News Stories of 1953."

Far and away the first choice was the end of the Korean "po-see action." The death of Premier Josef Stalin ranked second closely followed by the coronation of Elizabeth II.

Altogether, 30 stories were nominated for the list by the students. Some that drew interest but failed to make the top 10 included such items as U. N. action and decisions, our experiments with the H-bomb, the Big Three meeting in Bermuda, the epidemic of tornadoes in the U. S. and the elections in West Germany.

The "10 best" list with typical comment was:

1.—End of Korean Conflict. The end of a war that was not a war with nothing gained or settled. Yet it proved to the Communists that the free world is prepared to fight for principles.

2.—Stalin's Death. Important for two reasons: It brought to an end his regime as symbol of a powerful movement and

opened the possibility of an internal eruption in Russia, leading to a change in policy.

3.—Coronation of Elizabeth. A postwar high spot for hard-pressed Britain, reminding of the crowning of the first Elizabeth in an era of great prosperity.

4.—Rosenbergs' Conviction and Execution. First instance of positive action by U. S. in combating Communism with extreme penalty.

5.—Harry Dexter White Case. American people shocked to find men of such doubtful allegiance in such high office; caused them to wonder about official laxity.

6.—Bobby Greenlease Case. Biggest kidnapping case since Lindbergh affair in 1930's.

7.—Reparation of POW's. Great human interest story of families reunited with most intriguing angle of the 23 who refused to be repatriated.

8.—Disappearance of Lavrenti Beria. Fall of Russian secret police chief caused world-wide speculation.

9.—Inauguration of Eisenhower Regime. As first Republican administration in 22 years, world was interested in possible changes of policies and direction of U. S. aims.

10.—Death of Robert A. Taft. Not only removed top political figure but came at crucial time in story of new Republican regime.

EDITORS, RURAL WRITERS SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS

The editors of the Record and all reporters, rural correspondents of clubs who have been writing news each week for the Record wish to thank all for the help the public has been in giving news for the paper. All of us, everyone, wish to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

It is our wish for each of you that the New Year will be good to all and that peace, health and prosperity will follow.

Be sure to keep up the good work and let's keep all the readers of the Record posted on what is happening in each community in our trade area.

—The Record Force and all correspondents.

Jack Rabbit Visits In Rising Star; Is Looking for Santa

According to Fred Roberts, one "mule ear" Jack Rabbit stopped in Rising Star one afternoon last week looking for Santa Claus. While no one questions the veracity of Mr. Roberts, he very readily proved his statement by producing the evidence of one "Mutt" Clark, a man of known truth and scruples, who said he saw the rabbit and it was the same one. These men were standing on the corner—why, no one is able to say—when Mr. Jack came a-lop down highway 36 on his way to Comanche.

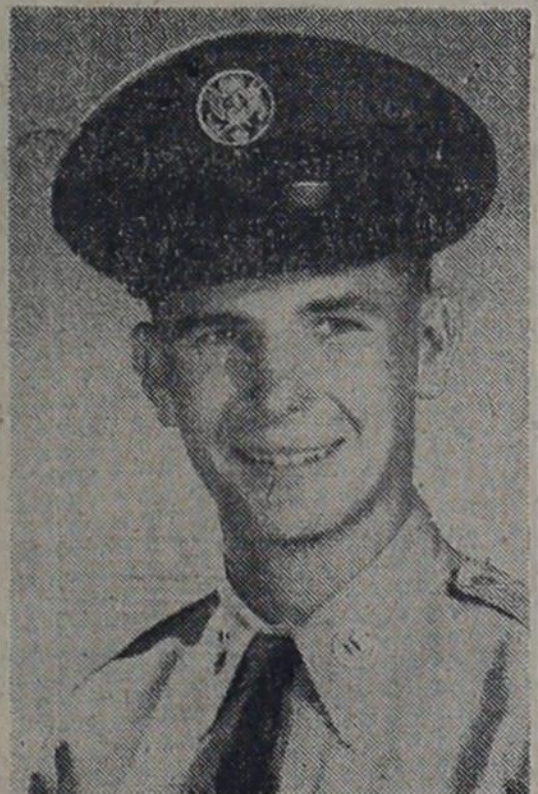
Clark said in backing up Roberts' statement, that the rabbit seemed to smell something in the nature of a dog and threw the gear into second and started a bit faster. About that time, one dog, belonging to the police department (it could be the police now have a bloodhound) set sail to see what he could do with the jack. But boy, said Roberts, you ain't seen anything yet—the rabbit sort of loped along and let the dog get a little closer and then all at once he threw the old rabbit machine into high and the last we saw of the jack he was turning the corner down the highway and did not even put out a thing to show in what direction he was going.

That was the last of Les Griffith's bloodhound. He came back where Roberts and Clark were standing, eyed a telephone pole and wagged his tail a bit as much as to say, what in the heck is the matter with you guys. If you want to run just take in after that rabbit.

By the time the dog could get this message over some man came by and said the jack was probably at Comanche by then.

Anyway you look at it—it seems kinda strange that these two men would come up with a story just alike and at Christmas time. We cannot account for it unless it was just the spirit of the times.

If you have a better story, let's have it. Merry Christmas to everyone.



A/B J. T. CLARK, JR. NOW AT LACKLAND AFB SAN ANTONIO

A/B J. T. Clark, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Clark of Rising Star and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Clark, Sr. at Richmond, Texas, who is now engaged in indoctrination training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. His father, J. T. Clark has been an army man.

The Brigadier General from Lackland base sent the Clarks a nice letter with the above picture, stating the ability of the boy to take his training in a helpful way.

J. T., Jr. will be remembered well in Rising Star as he formerly attended school here.

DR. RAMSEY REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION AT HENDRICKS HOSPITAL

Dr. E. H. Ramsey, who has been ill for the past several weeks was returned to Hendricks hospital, Abilene where he is reported in a grave condition.

His children, Lt. E. H. Ramsey, Jr., of Fort Hood and Mrs. Ted Waters of Cisco visited their father recently.

Dr. Ramsey is a dentist by profession and is well known in this area. Friends hope he will soon show improvement.

"BEHOLD, THERE CAME WISE MEN"—MATT. 2:1



The One Great and True Christmas Gift

Contributed by C. H. Johnson, Minister

In Luke 2: 11-15: For unto you is born this day in the city of David which is Christ the Lord.

12—And this shall be a sign unto you, ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger.

13—And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14—glory to God in the highest, on earth peace good will toward men.

The long looked for connecting link between man and God had appeared, and man could be reunited to God again, without this gift man was doomed.

There was a breach between man and God, only the one who could suffer and could satisfy could bridge, God could satisfy but he couldn't suffer. Man could suffer but he couldn't satisfy. Jesus was the son of God and the son of Mary, imbedded in him was divinity and humanity, he could suffer and he could satisfy. He only could bridge the breach between man and God. From the fall of man God has been directing the attention of the earth to this wonderful Saviour.

Blessed is the season that directs the attention of the world to this Saviour. Christmas should be the time when we leave all of our troubles, worries, and hard feelings at the door of the past, and look forward to a new and better year.

Those who have this gift, have all, those who do not have nothing. The joy of Christmas does not have to be artificial nor manufactured. The bells of the yuletide ring in every normal soul Christmas and every other day of the year. The saved have the greatest foundation for peace that has ever been or ever will be.

All peace is based upon faith and understanding, there can't be any real peace without it. All anger, pride and hatred are the enemies of international peace. These same factors are responsible for the absence of peace between man and God, Man and man today.

When we think of Christmas, our minds should not revert back to just childhood but to the star of Bethlehem. That great gift and great love is making its demands upon all mankind this Christmas, until we yield, Christmas means very little to us. It is impossible to have Christmas until it is Christmas time inside.

HOME TOWN BOY WRITTEN UP IN MARYLAND PAPER

A clipping from a Havre de Grace, Maryland, paper, names Tom Markham as a great chef in the "New Bridge Diner." He is especially noted for his wonderful steaks and well planned menu including cole slaw—"dreamy"—they say.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Markham of this city.

RECORD RECEIVES MANY BEAUTIFUL XMAS CARDS

Thanks to our friends and neighbors everywhere for the many beautiful Christmas cards with greeting messages and good cheer for the holidays. These remembrances are appreciated.

The cards have been placed in and around the Christmas tree at the Record office and the public is invited to drop by and take a look. Again the publishers and force at the Record office say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Mrs. J. B. Eberhart and daughter, Drusilla who teaches in Coleman, left Saturday for Woodstock, Ill. for a visit with the family of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Horace Sears.

HOSPITAL NOTES

HOSPITALIZED.

D. E. Bradley, City. Mrs. E. G. Harper, City. Mrs. W. C. Parsons, City. Mrs. R. O. Willett, Kermit. Mrs. Kate McCollum, Okra.

DISMISSED.

Mrs. W. L. Dupriest, Pioneer. William Larry Dupriest, Pioneer. W. O. Rachel, Pioneer. Allen Burton Dewbre, Cross Plains. Mrs. Paul Maxwell and infant son, Kermit. Mrs. Rose Michael, May. Betty Shoemaker, Pioneer. Mrs. Evelyn Zellars, Cisco.

Santa's Visit to Rising Star Big Success Say Kids

The huge Christmas tree, the singing of Yuletide Carols, the Wildcat band playing at their first Christmas party and with Santa Claus coming to town via the police patrol, a large and enthusiastic group of people, both oldsters and youngsters were on hand at the market building and legion hall to meet the old gent, who is visiting in and around Rising Star for the next couple of days. The kids were there and we don't mean maybe—Santa Claus did not disappoint them. All were given a present.

The Wildcat band, under the direction of Mr. R. H. Hornbeck rendered a number of selections.

Christmas carols were sung by various groups and greatly enjoyed by all.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Walter Smith of the city, displayed a wonderful array of fireworks of all sorts and kinds. The affair was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

If you failed to meet Santa Monday night, you can see him around town all day Thursday.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steel had as their week end guests: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Crow of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Paulk, Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Paulk of Waco. Mrs. Crow is the daughter of Mrs. Steel and the Paulks are her sons.

Another name for the swastika is fylfot.

Santa Claus Letters:

Dear Santa, I am a little girl five years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll bed with a storage drawer underneath. I would like some candy, nuts, and fruit. Do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Sharrie Lewis

Dear Santa, I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a toy sewing machine. I would like some candy, nuts, and fruit. Do not forget the other boys and girls. Love, Kay Lewis

Dear Santa, I am a boy eight years old and in the second grade. I would like you to bring me a pump action BB gun. Please bring some nuts, fruits, and candy, and do not forget the other boys and girls. Your friend, Randy Lewis

Dear Santa, We are two little girls: Bess is 2 and I (Marcia) am 5 years old. Please bring me a large doll, make-up set and cowgirl outfit. Bess would like to have a doll and tricycle. We've been good all year, so please don't disappoint us. Merry Christmas to you and all the children of Rising Star. We love you, Marcia and Bess Lee

SEND IN NAMES OF CHRISTMAS VISITORS

The Record would like to have the names of all visitors in your home at Christmas time. The people like to read about folks and all of us are part of that classification.

Just write down the names of your visitors and get them to the Record office in time for the paper that will come out on next Wednesday, December 30 as usual.

The New Year edition will be published on January 7 and a number will wish to have greeting cards in this issue.

JIM PALMORE VISITING HIS PARENTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Seaman First Class, Jim Palmore, who was injured in a ship accident in Hawaii in the summer and has spent much time in the hospital, is home for a holiday visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Palmore of May. Walking on crutches, the young seaman has an optimism that would make some ashamed of themselves. He is feeling fine, gets around well and when he gets his artificial limb will no doubt be almost as good as new.

Jim's friends were really glad to see him and all are so happy that he is able to be home for the holidays.

He hitch hiked his way home from the west coast and said he had more trouble in getting a ride from Cisco to Rising Star than anywhere else on the road. Jim will be home for 30 days.

He will report back to the naval hospital at Richmond for further around January 15. He attended school at Williams.

SCHOOL CENSUS TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

Superintendent Sam Jones is calling attention of the public to the fact that the school census will begin in January. It is very important that all students who will be six years old on or before September 1, 1954 be registered.

Mr. Jones and Ivan Sherrill will have charge of the census.

SCHOOL DISMISSED ON DECEMBER 23 TO TAKE UP AGAIN ON JANUARY 4

According to popular request and the fact that a number of teachers want to be away and there would be some slackening in attendance, Supt. Sam Jones announced yesterday that school would shut down on Wednesday, Dec. 23 for the holidays and take up again on Monday, January 4.

It is better to do this than have a lot of students miss school and cut down our daily average attendance he said.

Dear Santa, I am nearly five years old, and I'm a good girl most of the time. Please bring me a doll, and some dishes. Bring Kathy Lynn's daddy home for her, and bring Mackie home too. Don't forget Uncle John, Granddad, and Grannie, my mother and daddy, Eddie, Larry and Hazel, and all my friends. Thank you, Jill Harding

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike with two extra wheels in back, a wheel in front and a wheel in back and two of those things that you hold onto to guide it with. Bring my mother some house shoes with you. And all the little children what they need to make 'em happy. Bring my daddy a box of Mae Sellers. Hope you make it to our house. As ever, Bill Jackson

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS VIE WITH CHRISTMAS BELLS AS BOLANDS CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Boland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 20th. This celebration was held in the same house they came to on their honeymoon 50 years ago. The house has been kept up and is now as modern as any home in town.

The decorations were beautiful and in keeping with Christmas and the gold of mums and marigolds for the golden wedding.

The entrance door was wreathed in a Christmas wreath. The registration table held a green Christmas wreath centered with a gold candle.

Two granddaughter, Miss Sue Glenn and Miss Judy Kay Boland presided at the table where guests registered in the handmade book covered with a gold cover with the names, Lillie and Jesse. Mrs. H. V. Glenn, a daughter, welcomed the guests and presented them to Mr. and Mrs. Boland, who stood just inside the living room door. A beautifully-trimmed Christmas tree made a background for this stately couple. Mrs. Boland wore a handsome black dress with gold mums for a corsage.

The mantle also carried out the Christmas scene, greenery and lights.

The dining table, beautifully laid, was centered with a lovely arrangement of gold mums front—(Continued on page 4.)

Mistrial Reported in Third Trial of Ranch Foreman at Eastland

EASTLAND, Dec. 18.—Special. T. Clifton Clary, Ballinger ranch foreman, faced a possible fourth trial Friday for the murder of his wife.

Clary's third trial ended late Thursday in a mistrial, after only 11 jurors had been selected in four days and three nights.

District Judge Turner Collie ordered the mistrial on a defense motion, to which the state agreed.

"We've used four days and three nights and exhausted 119 veniremen," the defense said. "... in view of the circumstances, we feel that's only fair to the defense as well as the state to declare this case a mistrial."

Clary was convicted twice of the murder, but each time won a reversal on appeal. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison the first time and to life the second.

Mrs. Clary's body was found in the ashes of the couple's home in 1948.

Chas. Rutherford and Curt Smith were accepted as jurors from Rising Star in the above case.

VIRGIL CLARK AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP IN McMURRY

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clark have word that their son, Virgil, who has been serving in the Marines, has been awarded a scholarship in McMurry College and will play football. He played football while in the Marines. He was also one of Rising Star's star players in '48 when this school won every game and went to the regional championship.

Virgil has many friends here who are extending their congratulations and best wishes to him.

THE RISING STAR RECORD and the STAR THEATRE Have guest tickets for G. F. BRAUNER and one OF RISING STAR to see "Woman They Almost Lynched" FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 Present This Coupon At Box Office



Christmas

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TO YOU

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and Best Wishes to Everyone



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Again we welcome this traditional custom. It gives us an opportunity to express our sentiments, to renew our pledge made years ago, that our standard of service would be maintained on the Higginbotham level.

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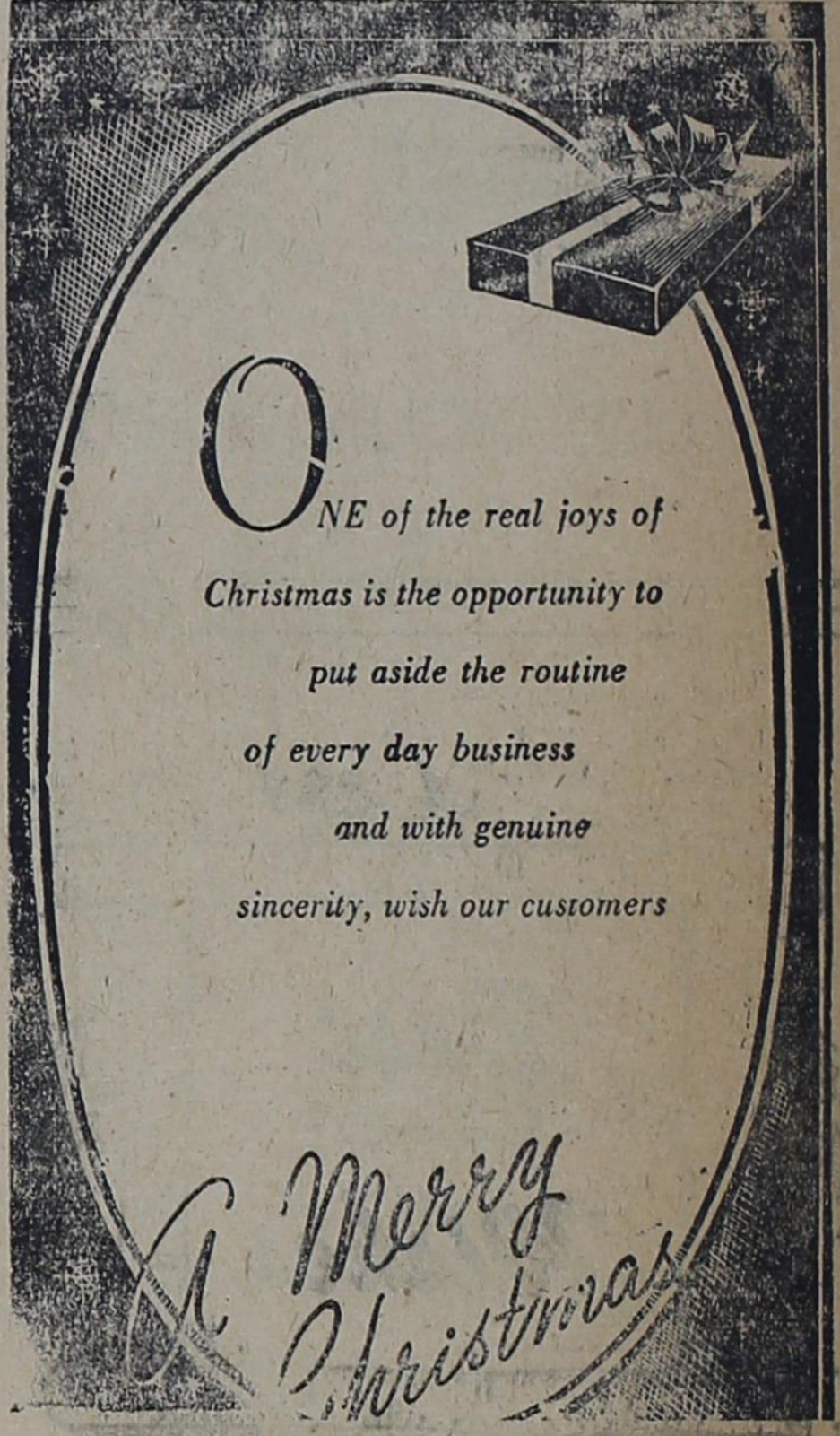


Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Joyce



SANTA CLAUS ASSEMBLY LINE — Four young patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, at Dallas, prepare Christmas presents on an assembly-line basis. With Christmas Thompson, 6, O'Donnell, Texas, and Mary Ann Board, 3, Mineola, Texas — are busily painting and wrapping clay mugs adorned with Santa Claus faces. The youngsters, who will send the presents home, are assisted by Occupational Therapist Elizabeth Graves at the Scottish Rite Hospital, which is supported by contributions from generous Texans.

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MAKE CONTRACTS SPECIFIC, AVOID DISPUTES

Nearly every day all of us are making agreements with our fellow citizens. Our whole system of free enterprise and trade is based, to a large extent, upon mutual agreements or promises to do something in the future. The important thing we need to remember is to make every agreement perfectly clear whether it is oral or written.

Generally speaking, you can enter into a verbal agreement that is just as binding as a written contract. Consequently, the great majority of contracts that we enter into are never put into written form. But exact terms of an oral contract may be difficult to establish if a disagreement arises, and a well drawn written contract will help to avoid the unfortunate disputes which arise from honest misunderstanding.

Not every written contract meets the test of clarity, however. Suppose Mr. Householder has a piece of paper on which is written the heading "Proposal" and which thereafter reads as follows:
 "We will build a garage for you on your lot for the estimated price of \$800, work to be done in a workmanlike manner. All of our work is guaranteed to your satisfaction. Subject to the conditions printed on the reverse side."

This is signed by the XYZ Company. Under this signature is the word "Accepted" followed by a line for the signature of Mr. Householder. His question is, should he sign it?
 Here are some of the misunderstandings that might arise from such an agreement: The company has agreed to build a

garage — yet nothing is said about the size or type of construction. It has not even been stated whether it is to be a single or double garage. There is no indication in the agreement as to where on the lot the garage will be built. It says nothing about when the work is to be finished. There is no agreement as to whether Mr. Householder is to pay in advance, in installments, or not until it is completed.

Further, they have not actually agreed upon a price. The agreement refers to an estimated price of \$800. They should be specific and make either a fixed price contract or an agreement whereby the builder is reimbursed for his expenses plus a definite profit percentage. Perhaps the XYZ Company feels that if their expenses are higher than anticipated, they will be able to charge more than the estimated \$800. On the other hand, Mr. Householder probably feels that \$800 is the maximum price he will have to pay.

The most important prerequisite of a clear contract is that it cover the essential elements of performance. This is not as difficult as it might seem. Here is a good rule to follow: As to the acts of each party determine what is to be done, when, where and by whom. See that these essential parts are included in your agreement.

In addition, remember that if a contract is worth signing, it is worth reading and understanding — all of it.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who know the facts, because the facts may change the application of the law.)

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. H. H. Shearrow, and children, Sallie and Laura, of Canton, Ohio are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams in the Williams community. They leave for Ohio this week. She is the former Roxie Williams and subscribed for the Record for another year so that she can keep up with home folks.



HARDIN CLEANERS



We love this town and its environs. We have grown up here and have come to regard ourselves as "a fixture." We have a great many friends, "but not a friend to spare," and at this time we want to thank them, one and all.

YES, CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR, SO IT BEHOVES US ALL TO MAKE THE VERY MOST OF IT. ON THE EVE OF THIS JOYOUS SEASON WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CHRISTMAS JOY AND HAPPINESS.

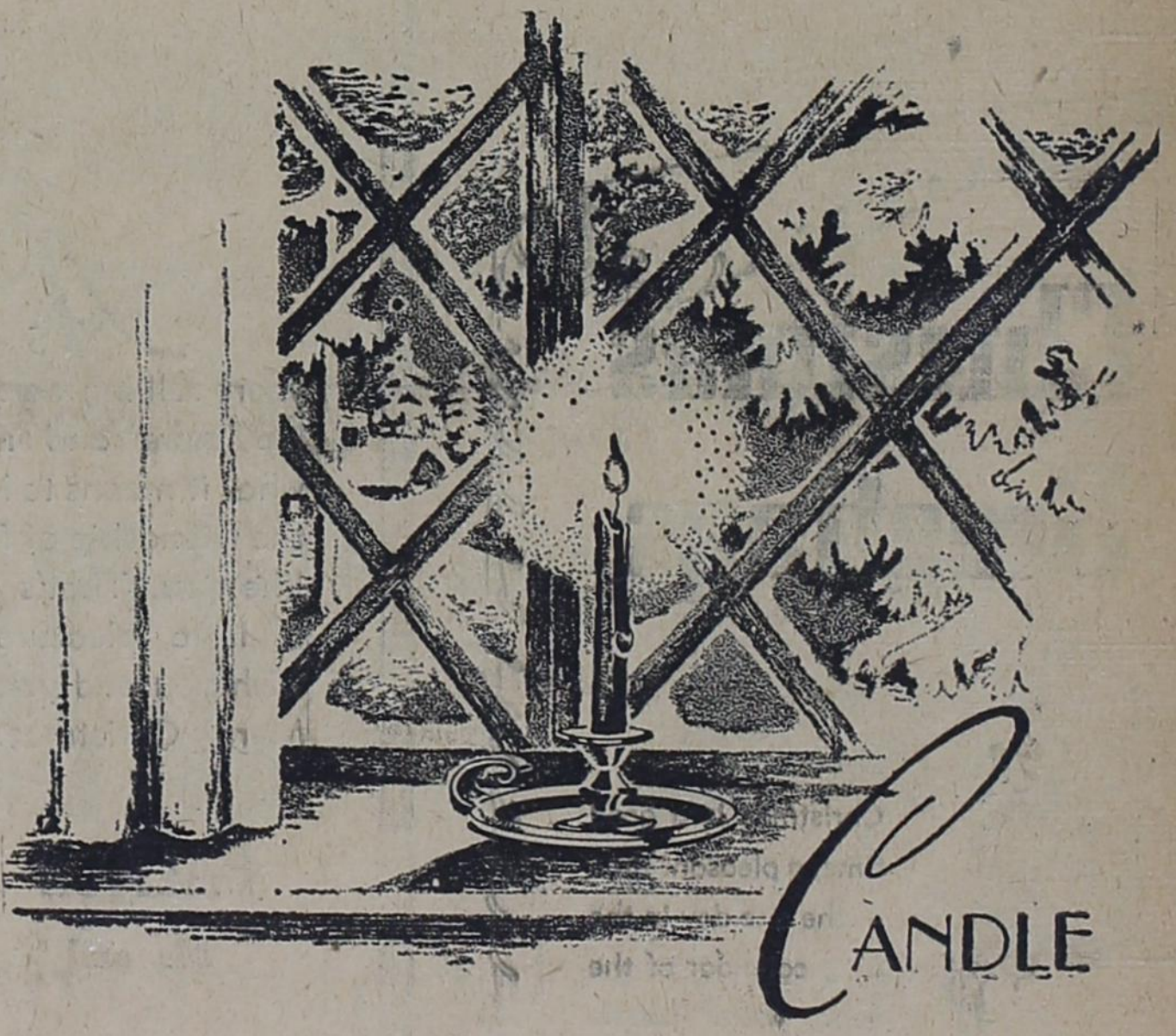
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happy smiling faces,
 holly wreaths and
 Yule logs burning
 All these signs of Christmas
 mean its time to say

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Down Memory Lane . . .

DECEMBER 20, 1928

The following received letters in football: Charles Falls, Gid Bowers, Stanley Gray, Alton Buchanan, Elmo Thompson, Ray Nunnally, Elton Gleaton, Malcom Wagner, Guy Shults, Bruce Taylor, Clovis Beasley, Rufus Jenkins, Paul Jacobs. Bill Shults and Annie Mae Bucy were awarded letters in behalf of the group of girls that aided the club.

List of officers of the School paper of Okra in 1928: Bob Smith, Bessie Marie Edwards, Charles Heald, Dixie Cox, Tommie Lewis, Mayme Carter, Robert Allen, Leon Pofford and Doyle Claborn.

Officers of Rising Star school paper: Chas. Coursey, Bill Shults, Elmo Thompson, Annie Mae Bucy, Bruce Taylor, Walter Tomlinson, Horace Schumake, Opal Buchanan, Mable Smith, Vivian Tomlinson, Miss Brown, advisor.

DECEMBER 22, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vaughn have bought the interest of Walt Carr in "Walt's Cafe" and will continue to operate it under the same name. With the exception of a few months, the Vaughns have operated a cafe here for more than 15 years.

Virge Foster, former sheriff of Eastland county, was sworn in Tuesday as chief of police of Rising Star, following the resignation of Mac Martin last week. Miss Childress gave her class a Christmas party at her home Wednesday night.

Those attending the Worthwhile class at the home of Mrs. Jim Ray Bucy were: Mesdames Charnel Erwin, Hubert Jones, Lee Clark, Joe White, J. D. W. Jones, Herman Evans, W. W. Barnes, Ella Wells, G. E. McDonald, M. G. Joyce, G. A. Hubbard, Newt Dillard, Love Shults.

Joe Small, A. D. Jenkins, and the hostesses D. E. Jones, Ben Landreth and Jim Ray Bucy.

AMITY H. D. CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 15

Mrs. Guy Taylor, Reporter

A very elaborately setting for the club party was in the home of Mrs. Buck Collins and mother, Mrs. Ethel Parker. Eleven members and the following visitors: Mmes. Walter Henderson, Beryl Heath, Dan Hopper, John Hopper and little Becky Nowlin enjoyed the afternoon very much.

The spacious living room was beautifully decorated. A large tree with lovely ornaments at one end of the room, with attractively wrapped gifts underneath. At the other end was the dining table, centered with a crystal bowl of gorgeous pink roses from the rose garden of Mrs. Vermillion. On the mantel was a unique miniature white Christmas tree, flanked with snow men and Santa Claus figures. Both trees were brilliantly lighted with multi-colored neon lights.

After all members and visitors arrived Mrs. Homer Smith, vice president opened the meeting. The president, Mrs. Tom West was unable to be present. A brief business session was held, after which the Christmas program was called for, in charge of Mrs. Guy Taylor.

Opening songs, "Joy to the World," by entire group. O Come, All Ye Faithful. All stood in meditation for the prayer. Bible references of "Gifts We Buy," Mrs. Fred Cook. "Associate with the Birth of Jesus," by six club members. "Silent Night" sung by Mmes. Smith and Caudle.

Poem, "It Must Please Him," Mrs. Tom Stewart.

Poem, "The First Christmas," Mrs. Fox.

"O, Little Tow of Bethlehem," Mmes. Caudle and Smith.

A humorous reading, Mrs. Smith.

Poem, "Green Christmas," Mrs. Oscar White.

All sang "Jingle Bells" and Mrs. Caudle, assisted by little Becky Nowlin, passed the gifts from the tree.

The club gift was a jelly dish from Mrs. Caudle and drawn by Mrs. Stewart. Mrs. Heath gave a hand-painted picture which was drawn by Mrs. Smith. The club sent Mrs. Tom West a peach colored luncheon set as an appreciation gift for her faithful service as president of the club for two years.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the refreshments—white Christmas pie, dainty sandwiches in the shape of Christmas tree, olives and coffee. The plate favors were small candy cane tied with Christmas ribbon.

Everyone was excited over the recreation period with games, contests and quiz games, led by Mrs. Caudle and Mrs. Collins. All left saying everything was perfect in every way.

Announcement will be made later in regard to our first meeting theme in the new year.

SATURDAY CLUB HAS
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Saturday Clubs met at the library Wednesday, Dec. 16 with Mrs. Hazel Butler and Mrs. Fred Cook as hostesses.

The theme of this meeting was "Thankfulness, Is Another Name for Happiness."

Roll call was answered by a

short story of Christmas.

Mrs. F. D. Hicks brought "A Christmas Parable" and Mrs. M. G. Joyce brought "Highlights of the Passion Play."

Christmas carols were sung to close the program.

Delicious refreshments of fruit cake and whipped cream, with candy santas and coffee were

served from a beautifully laid table with a gay red lace table cloth decorated with a Christmas wreath and tall candle. There were 15 members present to enjoy this Christmas program and social.

George Washington had no middle name.



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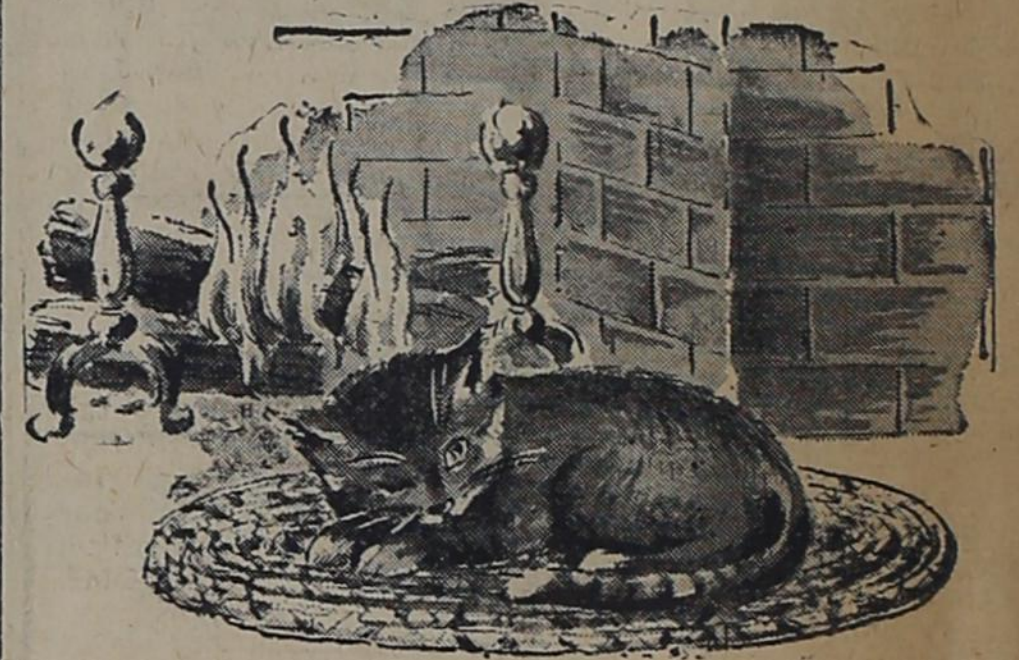
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Merry Christmas

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and a wealth of all
the things
that the finest season
can bring you

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Dell



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MERRY CHRISTMAS
Won't you?

STAR THEATRE

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Christmas Greetings



Christmas is a good time, a pleasant time—the one day in the long calendar of the year when people everywhere lay aside the cares of the every day world.

With gay tidings all around us and with the blessings of the Christmas season so greatly in evidence, let us all acclaim the Yuletide and welcome it with a sincere and heartfelt happiness.

May all of us in our own way observe the customs essential to a joyous and successful Christmas Season.

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Greetings
Christmas

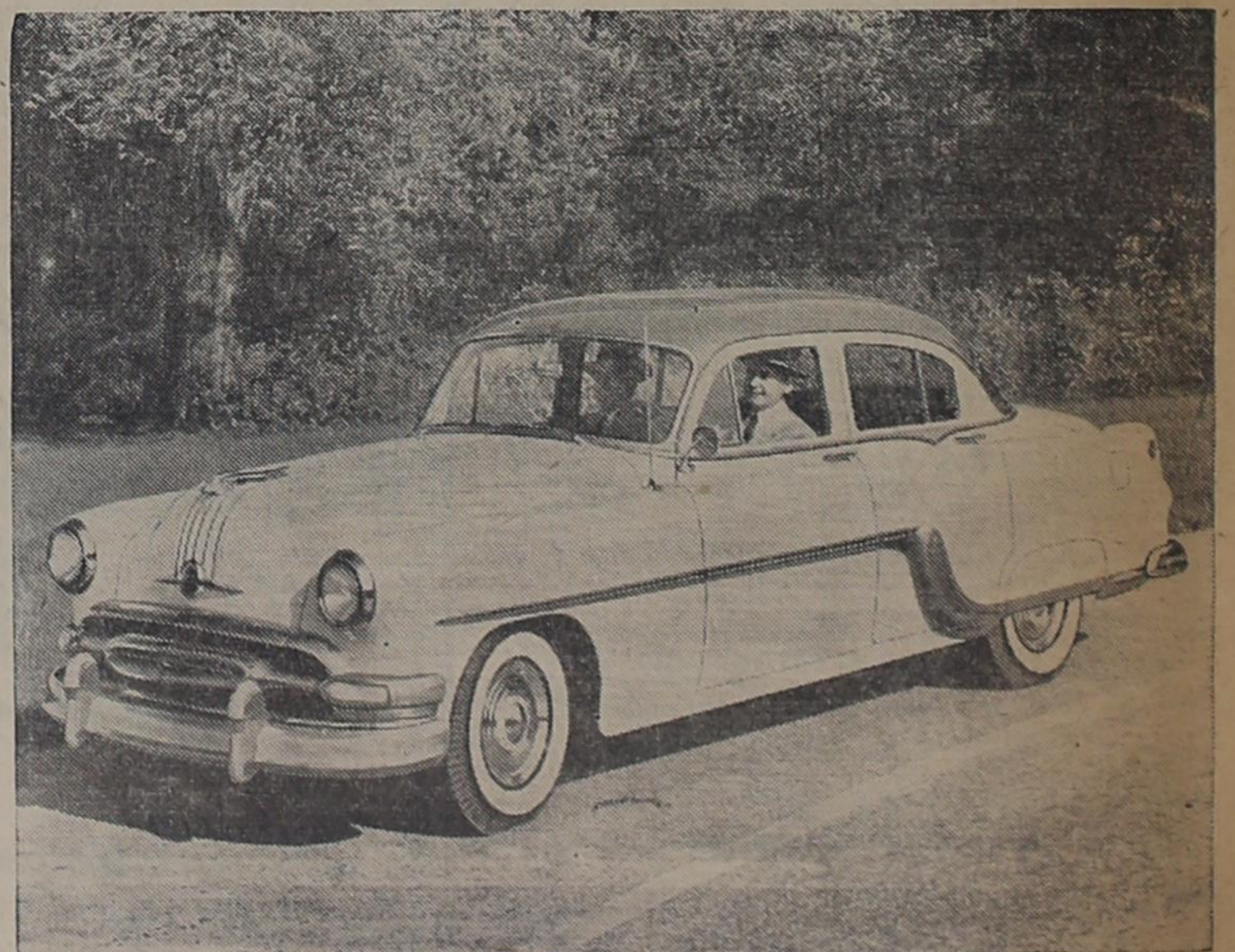
AND THANK YOU FOR ALL
THE SWELL PATRONAGE LAST YEAR.

We wish to express our thanks to each and everyone of our patrons for the past year. You have made our business a success throughout the year.

In addition to the business we have enjoyed your friendship which means so much to us. So in business and friendship we say "thank you" and will enjoy serving you throughout the new year.

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Season's Greetings



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Disaster Loans Will Be Continued Through The New Year

George I. Lane, supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration of Eastland County gave us this information today.

Authority to make economic disaster loans in all counties of Texas has been received by L. J. Cappleman, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration. The effect of the designation, Mr. Cappleman explained, is to continue the making of Production Disaster loans throughout the state during 1954 and to authorize the making, for the first time, of Economic Disaster loans.

There is a difference in Economic Disaster loans and aid in the case of a production loss. The farmer who has suffered crop losses because of drought, floods, insects or other natural causes is eligible for a Production Disaster loan if he is unable to obtain operating funds elsewhere. If the farmer is a sufferer from the effects of insufficient income and excessive operating costs he is eligible for an Economic Disaster loan if unable to get needed credit from local sources. Production Disaster loans were first made in Texas in 1949, following the disastrous freeze in the Rio Grande Valley and the tropical hurricane which swept the rice area in October of that year. Later, the loan authority was extended to the entire state because of drought, insect infestation, and adverse weather conditions. In announcing the new loan, Cappleman said that the \$11,850,000 fund allotted Texas for crop production loans is now practically exhausted, although \$3,000,000 was added in the closing days of November.

He pointed out in addition to the disaster and economic type loans that funds are available in the form of Special Livestock loans to established ranchmen to carry on their operations. Funds of this type already advanced to carry on their operations. Funds of this type already advanced to ranchers total \$7,800,000, he said. Ranchers, in addition to borrowing for operating expenses, may obtain funds to restock their ranches and replace herds depleted by effects of the drought.

Special livestock loans provide emergency credit at 5 per cent to ranch operators who are unable temporarily to obtain from recognized lenders the credit needed to continue their operations and have reasonable prospects of working out of their difficulties.

Applicants certify in writing the extent of damage they suffer and the fact that they cannot obtain the needed credit from other sources. Their eligibility is determined in all cases by a County Committee familiar with the conduct of farming and livestock operations.

Production loans are approved for a wide variety of purposes such as purchase of feed, seed, and fertilizer, or to meet other essential operating expenses.

Special livestock, disaster and economic loans are scheduled for repayment over the minimum period consistent with the borrower's ability to repay. They are secured for the full amount. Those secured by liens on cattle or other livestock are scheduled to be repaid as determined by the borrower's ability to pay, in no event longer than three years. Credit extended for crop production purposes or for feed ordinarily is scheduled for repayment when the income is to be received from sale of crops and livestock products produced with the aid of the loan. Funds are available and applications may be submitted at the office of George I. Lane, County Supervisor, located in the Petroleum Building in Eastland.

More Light Means More Eggs from The Barnyard Flock

COLLEGE STATION.—Laying hens need 12 to 14 hours of light daily to maintain top egg production, says W. J. Moore, extension poultry husbandman.

While the layers aren't especially concerned with the situation, Moore explains that light influences a secretion from the pituitary gland. This glandular stimulus makes the birds consume more feed and water. The result is extra eggs and a profit from the lighting system.

One 40-watt bulb for each 200 square feet of floor space is sufficient, Moore says. Shallow reflectors make the lights more effective. Commence using light now, he adds, and increase the lighting period as the days become shorter. Perches, feeding hoppers and watering troughs should also be lighted.

Good Lawns Just Don't Happen; It Takes Lots of Work

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 17. Good lawns don't just happen—they result from considerable time and effort. E. M. Trew, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says grass adapted to the area where you live is a major consideration.

Warm season grasses like Bermuda are most widely used in Texas lawns because they are adapted to climate and other conditions for growing. Bermuda grass is drought resistant and spreads rapidly. Resistant to most turf diseases, this grass when properly managed does not let weeds become a problem. However, Bermuda does not grow in shade, turns brown after the first fall frost and does not become green again until warm weather.

St. Augustine is a wide-leaved perennial that spreads by surface runners. Recommended for southern and eastern areas of the state, St. Augustine grows in shade and open areas. It remains green longer than Bermuda after frosts. With enough moisture and fertility, this grass forms thick, dense turf that usually crowds out other grasses and weeds, but is susceptible to certain diseases, mainly brown patch and leaf spot. Certain insects like chinch bugs, leaf hoppers and Rhodesgrass scale will attack the grass which needs more water than Bermuda and is killed by extreme cold.

Buffalo, Zoysia, and Centipede grass are adapted to certain areas of Texas. Zoysia includes Japanese lawn grass grown in most areas of Texas, and Manila grass which can be grown only in Central and South Texas. It forms a tough, dense turf which will grow in the shade and requires little mowing but grows slowly.

After the grass has been selected for your lawn, study the drainage, watering and fertilizing necessary for a good lawn. Information is available at your County Extension agents' office. Ask for B-203 THE HOME LAWN.

The carryover of cotton by the end of the present harvest season will be the largest for any postwar year. Cotton farmers will vote on marketing quotas

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THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BRINGS TO MIND HAPPY FRIENDSHIPS THAT WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF ENJOYING THE PAST 12 MONTHS. WE TRUST THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR TRUST AND CONFIDENCE AND THAT THIS HOLY SEASON WILL BE ONE OF MANY BLESSINGS.

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The City of Rising Star, Texas

SOCIETY, CLUB AND CHURCH

Mrs. F. D. Hicks, editor; Office Phone 94, Home Phone 226

DO YOU THINK?

Nora Lee Smith

In thanks and prayer, let us each celebrate the greatest birth-day of all— our Saviour.

WORTHWHILE S. S. CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Worthwhile Sunday School class met last Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. M. G. Joyce for a Christmas social.

Co-hostesses with Mrs. Joyce were Mesdames John Roach, F. D. Hicks, D. R. Phillely.

The receiving rooms were beautiful with Christmas decorations, pot plants and flowers. A small Christmas tree stood in the middle of the dining table and was surrounded by gaily wrapped Christmas gifts.

A Christmas program started the meeting. Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Maynard at the piano. Mrs. Lee Clark brought an inspiring devotional entitled "Lighting the Candles." Mrs. Hicks brought a touching reading, "A Christmas Parable." Mrs. Joyce brought "Highlights of the Passion Play." Mrs. Crisp was prayer leader.

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Phillely directed a guessing game that was exciting.

The Christmas gifts were then distributed by number to each guest.

The class presented their teacher, Mrs. McDonald, with a lovely stiele.

Delicious refreshments of Christmas fruit cakes, jello with whipped cream, mints, coffee and tea were served.

The hot tea was unique in that it was a special imported tea, "Bouquet of Spice" and very appropriate for Christmas. This tea was sent as a birthday gift to Mrs. Hicks from her daughter, Mrs. Dale Bordner, in San Francisco.

Everyone signed a Christmas card to Mrs. Linda Zellers in a Ranger hospital and one to Mrs. Jim Bucy, who was unable to attend.

Those present were Mesdames McDonald, Clark, Landreth, Morris, White, Crisp, Maynard, Ho, nea, Pringle, Little, Smith, Jones, Morrison, Mulloy and the four hostesses.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Hicks Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, January 21st.

BOOKS ARE EXCELLENT

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Three books published by the University of Texas Press have been cited for their typographical design and general excellence as examples of the bookmaker's art: "Big Bend," "Possums" and "The Tideland Oil Controversy."

They were among 14 books selected in the annual Southern Books Competition sponsored by

"THE OTHER WISE MAN" HEARD AT MAY STUDY CLUB

The Women's Study of May met in the home of Mrs. B. U. Ross with Mrs. Marion Wiggins presiding.

Mrs. Frank Taylor, guest speaker from Brownwood, gave "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke.

Mrs. B. U. Ross reviewed briefly an address given at the state convention by Mrs. L. E. Dudley, newly elected president of Texas Federated Clubs.

During the short business session, Mrs. Bill Gunkel reported on the "What America Means to Me" essay contest sponsored by Federated clubs throughout the United States. Through our local club and under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Shannan, high school English teacher, 98 students from May High School entered this contest.

Winners were: Dale Key, first place; Charlotte Shannon, second place and Betty Kertner, third place. The first and second place entries will be sent national headquarters.

The party rooms were decorated in a Christmas motif highlighted with a Christmas tree from which special guests received gifts. Unique boxed refreshments were placed under the tree and served to all present.

The guests included Mesdames Frank Taylor, Charlie Morrison, Bill Miller, Eva Smith, Myrtle Jones, Polly Newman, Sallie Brown, J. H. Lewis, J. E. Burlison and Lewie Newman. Members present were: Mesdames B. H. Bettis, O. C. Allen, Earl McMurry, Arthur McMurry, Roy Armstrong, Kathryn Ryle, H. V. Glene, Bill Gunkel, Marion Wiggins, J. B. Shannan, Misses Molly Jo Armstrong and Elizabeth Robertson.

4-H CLUB MEETS

The Rising Star 4-H Club met Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 12:30 in the school lunchroom. We had our meeting before the party. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Sturdivant, our 4-H leader and Mrs. Vernon Walker, our adult leader, met with us. Our song leaders, Sue Moore and Janis Jones led us in Christmas carols. The gifts were passed out and refreshments served. We want to thank Mrs. Walker for the cookies, candy and cold drinks. We also want to thank Miss Sturdivant for the wonderful party. —Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Spenny and daughter, Ann and Harriet, are enjoying a Christmas visit with homefolks and relatives in Indiana and Illinois. They left Sunday to drive through.

The Southeastern Library Association. Almost 100 volumes were entered by 21 publishers.

PIONEER NEWS

By A. O. (Slim) Harris

Greetings to all who are interested in my gossip column and the subscribers of this local paper, I am glad that I can when it is possible to get around to let out of town friends know a part of what is going on in this neck of the woods, and my wishes are that you all have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year with all the blessings that come in 1954.

Old Santa was at the Baptist Church as was scheduled last Sunday night to bring joy to the kiddies when he passed out packages of goodies of fruits, candy and nuts, also a lot of gifts for each one present. The program was enjoyed by everyone present, and when Santa left he wished all a happy new year.

W. O. Rachels was taken to the Rising Star hospital last Thursday night in very sick condition. An ambulance from Rising Star was called. The last report was that he is doing very well and expects to be home some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gober motored to San Antonio to meet their daughter, Mrs. Pauline Donati and Naomi Jo of Bishop. They will spend the Christmas holidays here. Mr. Donati will join them here later.

Buck Gibson, a student at Denton, and Gene, a student at A. & M. College at College Station, are home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gibson to spend the holidays.

Mrs. E. L. Tate, who is still confined to her home since she began having her teeth removed several days ago.

Bob Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delma Dean, arrived home from Germany last Sunday morning. He was released from the army at Camp Chaffee, Ark., December 19th.

Dale Mitchell is spending Christmas holidays with his cousin, R. L. Gobels in Abilene.

Corp. Lorenza R. Dean discharged from the army is home; Bob, as we call him states that he is glad to be home after spending about twenty months in foreign service in Germany. He left his company in Ellwangan, Germany on November 17. Port of debarkation for that sector was Bremerhaven, Germany. His ship put in at South Hampton, England to receive more of the boys returning home two days later. Then after a rough sea voyage that brought about some feeding of the fish, he landed in Hoboken, N. Y., was sent to Camp Kilmer, then to Camp Chaffee, Ark., for discharge on December 19. Mr. and Mrs. Dean and his wife, Nelda met him on Saturday of last week and brought him home arriving early Sunday morning. Bob said he sure was glad to be home, and back in God's country. He is hale and hearty beyond words of expression.

The children of W. A. Foster held a reunion at the home of J. W. Foster last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster and George Foster of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. M. E. Lindley, Mrs. Maud Charters of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Day of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cash of Abilene. A number of friends called in their home.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Continued from page 1. ed by a three-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom overshadowed by a white wedding bell. Mrs. Ray Todd, a granddaughter, served gold cake and Mrs. Charles Woods, another granddaughter, served punch. The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Boland, Mrs. H. V. Glenn and Mrs. O. B. Chambers, baked the wedding cake.

The many lovely gifts were either of gold or wrapped in gold and were displayed in the bed room.

Mr. and Mrs. Boland were married in the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richardson of the Shrum community by Rev. L. B. Owen of Comanche in 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Boland have two daughters, Mrs. H. V. Glenn of May and Mrs. O. B. Chambers of Brownwood, one son, E. H. Boland of Dallas. They lost a son, James Milton, who died in 1936.

They have had a long and happy married life with their life rooted to the soil where they have made 50 crops. Mr. Boland enjoys raising white-face cattle while Mrs. Boland specializes in fine white Leghorn chickens.

Their children were all present and the following grandchildren: Mrs. Ray Todd and family, of Danbury; Mrs. Charles Woods and family, Hale Center; Sylvia Sue Glenn, May; Judy Kay Boland, Dallas; Diana Kay Boland, Dallas; and grandsons

Lastland County Farmers Okay Crop Controls

Eastland county farmers joined others throughout the state and nation Tuesday in overwhelmingly voting for production and marketing controls on cotton and peanuts. Farmers in Eastland county favored peanut controls nine to one and cotton controls eight to one.

Peanut farmers in the county voted 491 for controls and 53 against. Cotton farmers favored the controls by a vote of 174 for and 45 against.

Texas farmers as a whole voted more than nine to one to continue controls. A final report from the state PMA committee in College Station showed 90.55 per cent of the farmers in 234 counties favored limiting cotton production to a specific number of acres in return for high support prices. The vote was 61,159 for and 6,386 against.

The state report on peanuts showed growers in 127 counties favored controls of the two crops by one-sided majorities.

Over the nation as a whole the voting favored controls by nearly 20 to one.

A majority of two-thirds was necessary to make controls effective for 1954. Peanut growers, already operating under controls, voted on continuing them for three years.

Only one polling place in the county failed to return the necessary two-thirds vote on cotton controls. All polling places gave vote.

Carbon voted 19 to 10 in favor of peanut controls, but the ratio was less than two to one. Carbon peanut farmers voted 56-13 in favor of peanut controls, however.

Eastland voters favored peanut controls 77 to 3 and cotton controls 22-8. Farmer's voting in Ranger cast 25 votes for and two against peanut controls and voted 14 to 3 in favor of cotton controls.

Cisco farmers voted 59 to 9 for peanut controls and 12 to 4 for cotton controls. Rising Star voting showed peanut controls were favored 99 to 15 and cotton controls 40 to 13. Farmer's voting in the Gorman polling place turned out the heaviest. They gave peanut controls a vote of 175 and 11 against.

Emmett Powell of the Eastland county PMA said he considered the vote good. He said it could not be termed heavy, but that it was as good, or better, than had been expected. He estimated 2,000 eligible voters in the county.

Powell said most farmers in the county are not pleased with present cotton acreage allotments. He said, however, that they hope to get relief from Congress.

"Two thousand more acres would set us up good," he said. —Eastland Telegram

Brown county farmers voted for peanut support and against cotton. In Comanche county the vote was heavy for all supports. The average over the nation was around 90 per cent for controls.

Comanche county farmers voted 638 for peanut supports to 32 against and 235 for cotton supports to 37 against.

CROSS CUT SS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Adult No. II class of First Baptist Church of Cross Cut enjoyed their annual Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams Friday night, Dec. 18th.

The tables were decorated with miniature Christmas trees.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Newton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baucom, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sowell, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stambaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Augst Garlitz, Donna and Elizabeth Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pape, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nelson, Wayman Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams.

Moore recommends early morning light. All night lights are satisfactory, he concludes, but egg production is not increased after 14 hours.

The Secretary of State is the only cabinet member who does not have to make an annual report to the President.

Wendle Glenn of Lake Jackson and Gerry Chambers of Brownwood.

The great granddaughter present were Barbara Carroll Todd and Deborah Kay Todd of Danbury, Martitia Ann Glenn, Lake Jackson. Mrs. Boland had a brother present, R. L. Richardson, Tahoka and two of Mr. Boland's brothers, Lee and Felix Boland of Scranton.

A hundred or more guests called to congratulate this fine couple and to wish them another 50 years of happiness.

OKRA NEWS

Mrs. Carl Burns

Our community was saddened last week by the passing of Mr. W. E. McClesky and Mr. J. H. Day. These two will be greatly missed in the community. Our deepest sympathy is extended to loved ones of both families.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marsh visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Revis Gregg of Cisco on Friday. Earl attended the livestock sale.

Douglas Burns and son, Larry and Author Wolf attended the sale at Cisco Friday.

Friends attending the McClesky and Day funerals were: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cox, Mrs. Charlie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parker, Mrs. Valliant, John Nunally, Bedford Morris, Luke Grisham, Bailey Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin West, Mrs. O. A. Alexander, U. Z. Aaron, Mr. and Mrs. Bee Creech and Martha Creech of Rising Star, Mrs. Delcie Qualls of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Ode Creech of Cook community.

Mrs. Otho Claborn visited Mrs. George Varner of Rising Star on Monday.

Mrs. Carl Burns spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Varner.

The Okra H. D. Club had their Christmas tree in the home of Mrs. Robert Burns Thursday evening at 2 p. m. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended. Our secret pals were made known at this time. Refreshments of prune cake, jello and cocoa were served to the following: Mesdames Horace Witt, John H. Burns, Roley Earp, Joe Butler, Paul Cawley, Douglas Burns, Carl Burns and the hostess, Mrs. Robert Burns.

The next club meeting will be Jan. 12, 1954 in the home of Mrs. Roley Earp.

Mrs. J. H. Burns, accompanied by an aunt of Cisco went to Snyder Friday on business.

Mrs. Robert Burns and Mrs. Douglas Burns spent Friday in Brownwood shopping.

Little Mark Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Adams of Odesa spent the week end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Adams. Young Mark's parents attended the ball game at Houston on Saturday.



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Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sutherland

of it was appreciated and it helped Santa Claus become a reality. A number of people carried packages and one man said he was delivering a dressed turkey. Rising Star people are a grand lot and always respond to any request when people are in need.



At this Holiday Season, we extend to you, not only as a customer but as a friend, the best of wishes for the Christmas occasion.

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THE RISING STAR HOSPITAL

Weekly Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1953

By D. R. PHILLEY, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Rising Star

"THY KINGDOM COME"

Read Matt. 6:9, 10; 28: 16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8; Rev. 11:15b.



D. R. PHILLEY

Although widely scattered and not definitely related to each other, the various portions of Scripture chosen for our study present many important lessons to us as Christians.

1. OUR DESIRE (Matt. 6:9-10). God has a spiritual Kingdom which is present now; the Lord Jesus Christ will have a literal Kingdom at some time in the future. In the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, He included a petition for the coming of the Kingdom. We believe it was the literal Kingdom He had in mind, for He knew it would not be established in the world at that time. It is petition which you and I may bring before the Lord again and again, and we are sure that it will be granted when His own time for it has come.

Why do we desire the coming of Christ's Kingdom? As members of the body of Christ we look for blessings far greater than will be given to the subjects of that Kingdom, and yet there are good reasons why we should long for its coming.

We desire it for the world's sake. Creation was perfect when it came from the hand of God, for God saw that all He had made was very good. But sin entered in and wrought great havoc. The sinful nature we have inherited, the tendency to commit sin; all the physical ills to which human beings are subject, sicknesses, accidents and death; the evils practiced by man against man, the dishonesty, the injustice, the oppression, the warfare — all these evils are marring God's creation and will only be removed when the Kingdom has come.

We desire its coming for Christ's sake. At his first coming, "His own received Him not." He had no place to lay His head. He was despised and rejected of men. Men did not want Him and finally nailed Him to a Cross outside the City of Jerusalem. But God has promised to give Him the nations for an inheritance, and when He rules as "King of Kings," and "Lord of Lords," the great purpose of God shall find its fulfillment.

We desire it also for our own sake, for we have the Lord's own promise that in that day we shall have a share in His reign. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." What a glorious age it will be when all the earth is filled with His glory, and justice and righteousness prevail everywhere!

2. OUR SERVICE (Matt. 28: 16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8). Until the coming of the Kingdom the Lord has given us a work to do. He sends His workers into the field just as the Father sent Him. The work was empowered on the Day of Pentecost and has continued down through the centuries. Many workers have been called home, and perhaps many more will receive the same call, but the work MUST go on until the Church is caught away from the earth to be with the Lord forever.

That this service is our duty is clear from the command of Christ. What He said to His disciples after His resurrection He has said to Christians of every generation—"GO YE." Nor has He left us in any doubt as to the places to which He wants us to go. In Matthew we have the command to "make disciples of all the nations (A. S. V.) in Mark we are told to go "into all the world, and preach the Gospel," in Luke we read that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem"; and in the Acts we have an outline of the program: "In Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The nature of the work is indicated in the various forms of the command. "Making disciples" means to lead people to become followers—learners—of the Lord Jesus. To "preach the Gospel" means the proclamation of God's provision of salvation for all men on the simple condition of faith in Jesus Christ. To preach "repentance and remission of sin" is another angle of Gospel preaching. It speaks of what men must do and what God will do when men hear and accept the Gospel. No work is

as important as this. A-MEN and A-MEN.

But such work is beyond the capacity of any ordinary man. God is aware of this and has made provision to supply this lack. The disciples still expected the establishment of the literal Kingdom at that time, but He turned their attention to the commission He had given, and then promised the endowment with power. It is the power of the Holy Spirit. It came upon the believers on the Day of Pentecost, and is available to all today. Without the power of the Holy Spirit our preaching will do nothing more than the uttering of certain words and phrases. We cannot convict men of sin, we cannot lead men to repentance, we cannot make men believe in the Lord Jesus Christ but we can proclaim the Gospel message and expect the power of the Spirit to do the work. The sixty-four dollar question is, ARE WE DOING IT?

3. OUR HOPE (Rev. 11:15b). The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is our Hope (1 Tim. 1:1), and therefore also all that pertains to Him.

Our "Blessed Hope" is the coming of the Lord into the air for the gathering of all His Saints. Then the dead in Christ shall be raised and the living translated into immortality, and from that time we shall ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:13-18). And when we see Him, as He is, we shall be made like Him. Then our works shall be judged before Him, and we shall either receive a reward or suffer loss, depending upon the kind of works we have wrought (1 Cor. 3:12-15). The marriage of the Lamb will take place, and the Marriage Supper will take place. We need not think of an actual wedding ceremony, but the Lord could find no figure more apt to illustrate the intimacy between Himself and the Church than that of the marriage relationship. According to the Word of God husband and wife are one flesh, and thus it will also be with Christ and the Church. We shall share with Him in all that He is and has.

The Revelation of the Lord Jesus will follow after these things, when He shall come to the earth in great power and glory, and when every eye shall see Him, even those that pierced Him. It is this that is in view in the portion of the verse used in our lesson: "The kingdoms of this world are become for ever and ever." This is the moment for which the Heavenly host are waiting, this is the time for which all creation is groaning, this is the day of which the Prophets of old spoke when they foretold the Golden Age to come, this is the day when those who have suffered with Christ shall also reign with Him.

But this glorious Kingdom will not be built up gradually through the preaching of the Gospel; it will be established by the power and the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. A-MEN and A-MEN.

Here are some PRACTICAL POINTS found in this lesson.

1. God's perfect will shall be done in all the earth only after His Kingdom has come.
2. The Lord Jesus meets with His disciples in order that He might send them out again on His behalf.
3. The command to evangelize the world was given after the disciples had obediently kept the rendezvous with Christ.
4. The command to make disciples of all nations is backed by all authority of Heaven and earth.
5. Teaching new converts to observe all that Christ commanded is just as important as winning them for disciples.
6. The promise of Christ to be with us always is appended to the command for world evangelism.
7. The Lord will be with us unto the consummation of the present age, but He will also go with us to the ends of the world.
8. Our command from Christ to evangelize the world is as definite, positive, and authoritative as the command He received from the Father.
9. Witnessing without the power of the Holy Spirit has no promise whatsoever in the Word of God.
10. Christ refused the kingdoms of the world and their glory at the hands of Satan; He will receive them from the hands of His Father.

For a further study of this lesson, we invite you to the Sunday School of First Baptist Church 9:45 a.m.



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parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dill.

Miss Bill Brawner of Fort Worth was a week end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Brawner.

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—1952 Cushman 5 HP motor scooter. Good condition. See Jerl Erwin. 12-17-2tp

JUST RECEIVED several editions of the 1954 Texas Almanac. Tells all about Texas. No library is complete without one of these late editions. The Record office. 11-19-tfc

SINGER SEWING MACHINE COMPANY—See these new Table models, desk models, portables and treadles today. Good used machines \$15.00 and up. Call or write. Phone 863 Eastland, Texas. 15-tf

FOR SALE—Baby parakeets. Right age to talk. Wonderful Christmas gifts. Deliver now or later for Christmas. Tom Lewis, Phone 54. 11-12-tfc

NO. 5489 THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND TO THOSE INDEBTED TO, OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF O. W. ACKELSON, DECEASED:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administratrix of the Estate of O. W. Ackelson, deceased, late of Eastland County, Texas, by John Hart, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 3rd day of December, 1953, hereby notifies all persons indebtedness to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence, 2000 Fourteenth Street, Brownwood, Texas, where she receives her mail, this 3rd day of December, 1953.

Nora Brooks, Administratrix of the Estate of O. W. Ackelson, deceased. 12-10-4tc

NOTICE—The McDonald Gin in Brownwood will be open and will gin every day until Jan. 1. Ginning 50 cents per hundred. Seed \$60.00 a ton. Bring us your cotton. 12-17-2tp

FOR LEASE

FOR SALE OR TRADE — For real estate around Rising Star, in Seminole, Gaines county: 1, three room house and bath in city; 1, twelve acre block with 3-room house, orchard, berries and lots of shade trees just outside city. All clear. W. T. Hill, Box 291, Rising Star, Texas. 12-24-3tp

To wish you
Every
Happiness
for this
Christmas
Season

Sanitary Barber Shop
J. M. HILL

Holiday
GREETINGS

As the years roll by
we realize more and more
how much it means to have
the confidence of folks like you.

It is a pleasure to wish you
a Merry Christmas.

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First and only low-priced car to bring you all these new features and advantages!

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Butler Chevrolet Co.

CHEVROLET SALES AND SERVICE

Bankers Stand Solidly Behind Agriculture Future

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 17. The nation's commercial bankers have confidence in the future of agriculture and expect to continue furnishing a large share of credit needed for farm production, says J. Wheeler Barger,

professor of agricultural economics, Texas A & M College.

Barger recently attended the National Agricultural Credit Conference in Chicago sponsored by the American Bankers Association. More than 400 bankers participated.

"Bankers are not unduly alarmed about the decline in price of cattle and other farm commodities," says Barger. Although current price reductions are painful to the producer, they are adjustments that stem from over ex-

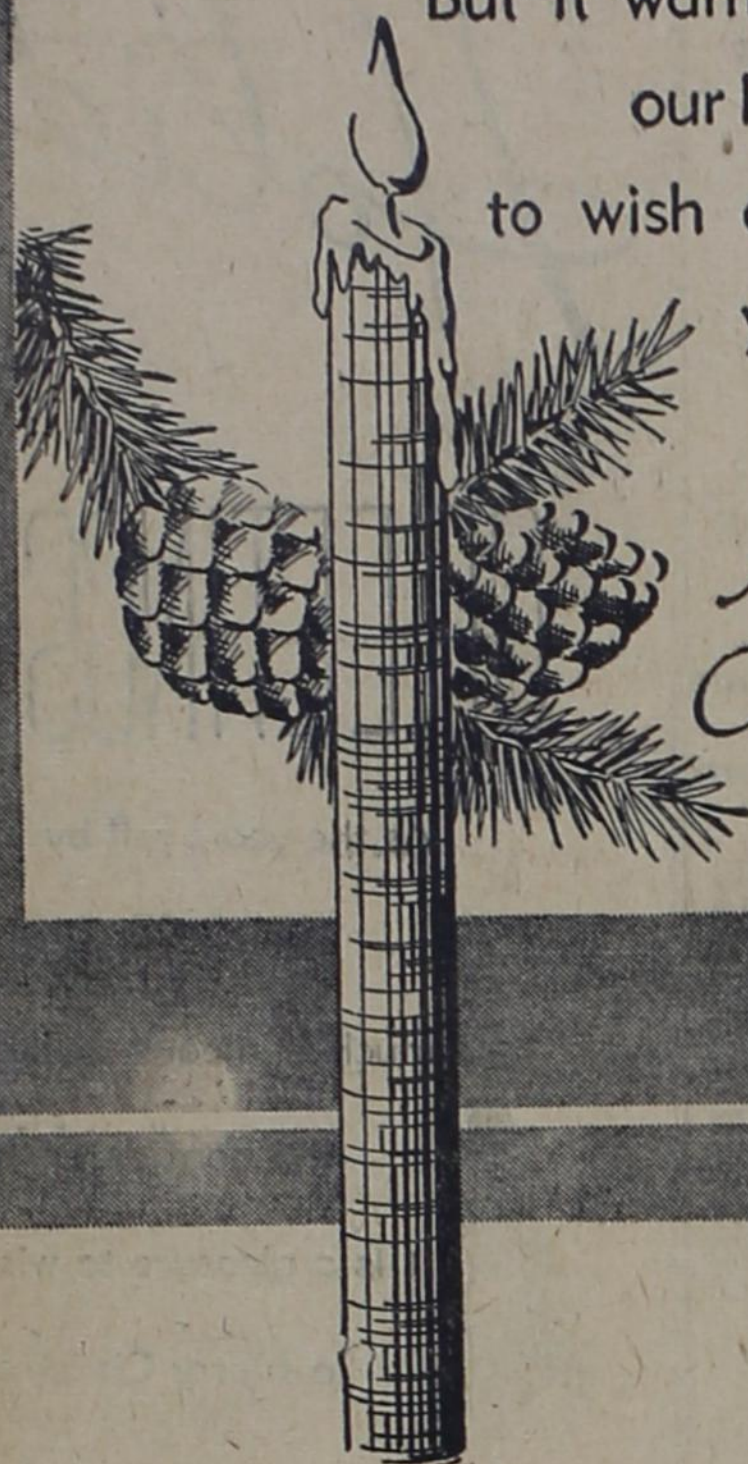
pansion in the cattle industry and a decline in farm exports due largely to curtailment of foreign aid programs.

"Bankers believe severe immediate adjustments have passed and agriculture's net income in 1954 will be within five percent of this year's farm income," the professor says.

They realize, however, he adds, that wartime and postwar prof-

its in farming have ended and farmers and leading agencies must be more cautious hereafter. Applications will be examined more closely to determine whether the borrower is a competent manager, has an economic size unit and a sound production plan. If these requirements are met, Barger, concludes, bankers may be expected to supply adequate credit.

IT'S an old and happy custom
But it warms our heart
to wish each of you a



Merry Christmas

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From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

and Happy New Year!"

West Texas Utilities Company

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

FROM THE FOLKS

In the Court House!

YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS



It is with grateful hearts that we say unto all

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

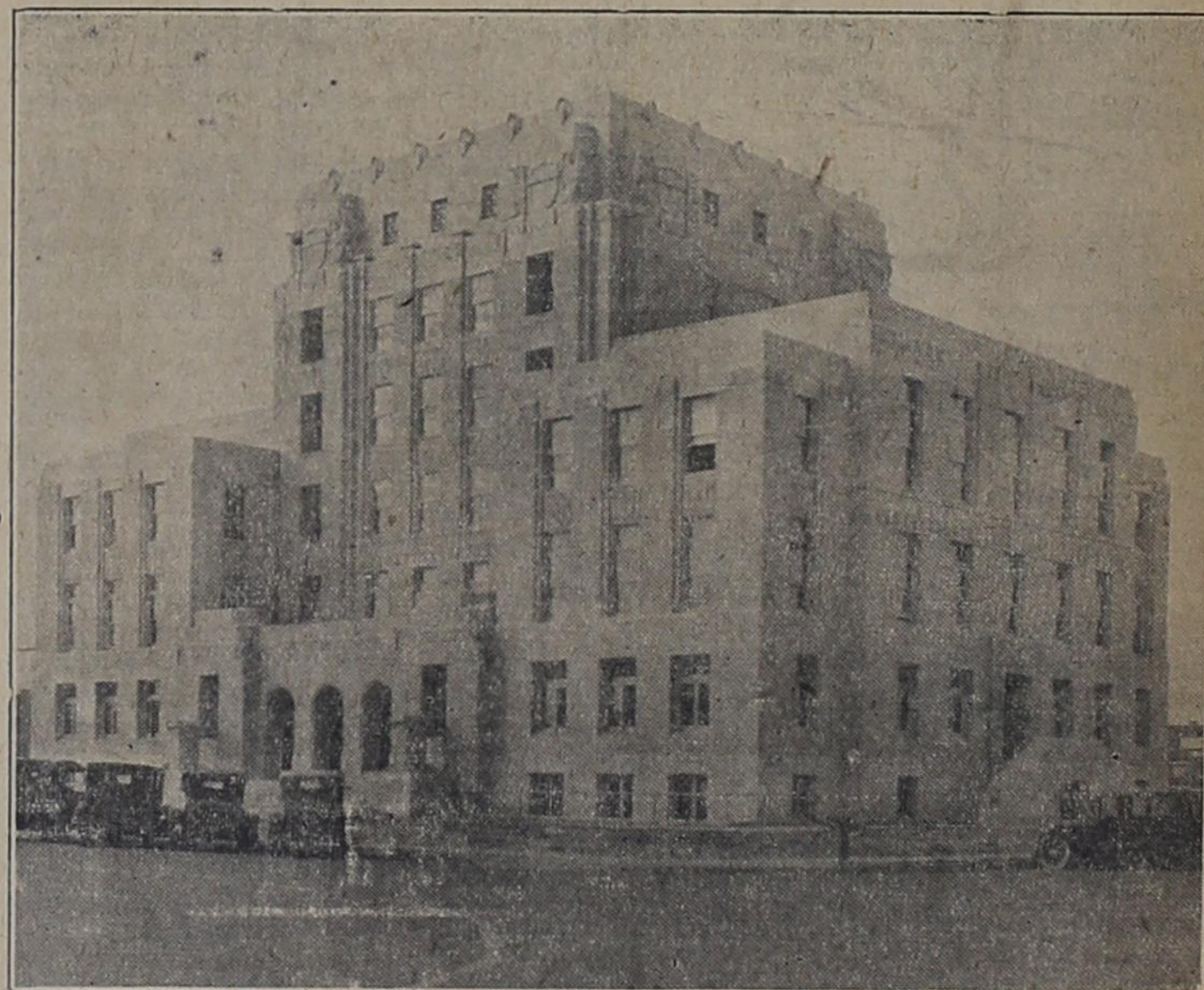
to each of you. May Santa Claus bring

just the things that you have worked for

so faithfully and now deserve. May the

New Year bring to all of us Peace,

Prosperity and Health.



EASTLAND COUNTY COURT HOUSE

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Milburn Long
Cecil Collings

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Representative 76th District

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91st District Judge

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District Clerk

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County Judge

J. M. Nuessle
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County Agent

Mrs. Mildred Crow
Home Demonstration Agent

Jimmie D. Sturdivant
Assistant Agent



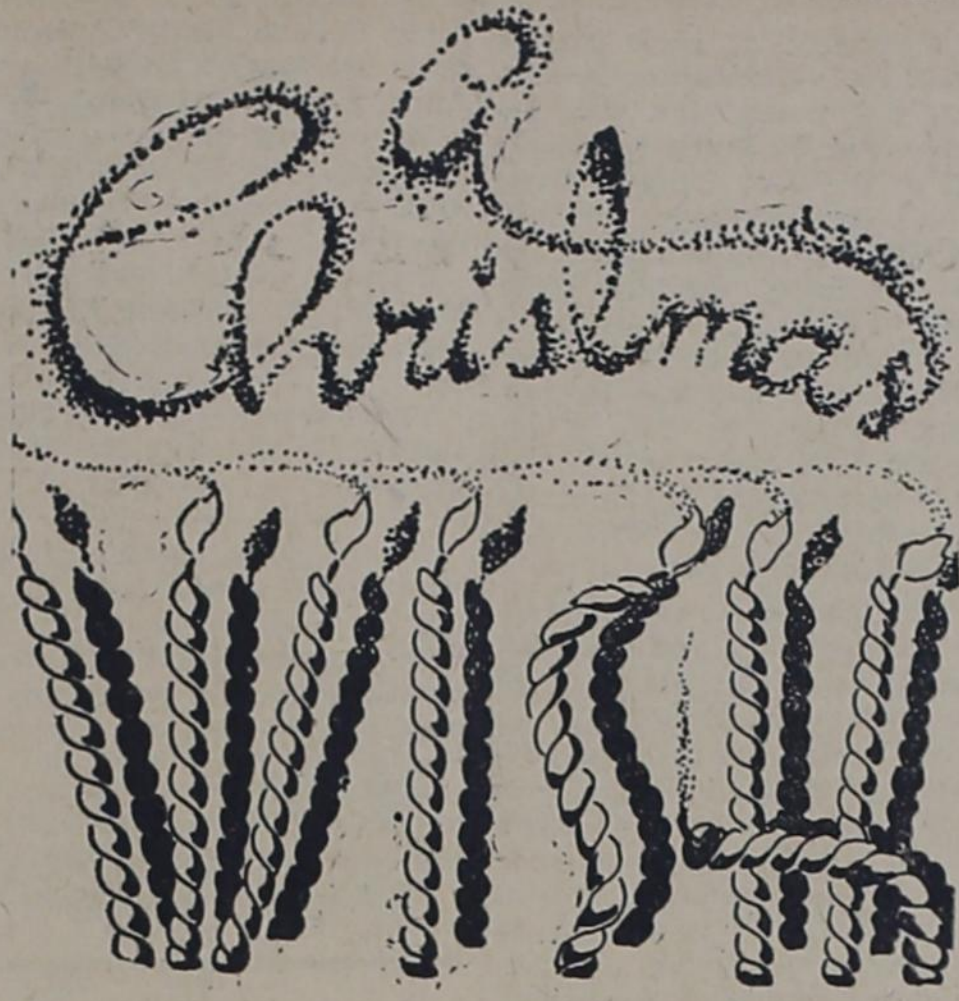
Compliments of the
Christmas Season
RUTLEDGE CABINET SHOP



To thank you as we would like to be far beyond us. For if we had no friends like you there would be no firm like ours.

Our sincere thanks for the association and patronage with which we have been favored.

J. F. ROBERTSON AGENCY
MR. and MRS A. D. JENKINS



The Christmas Season brings to mind the Many happy friendships that we have had the pleasure of enjoying during the past twelve months. We trust that we may continue to merit Your trust and confidence and that the season will be one of many blessings.

COX SERVICE STATION
THAT GOOD GULF GAS

More Livestock Sold Receipts Are Much Less

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 1.—Texas producers sold more livestock during 1952 than in 1951 but their gross receipts were down 13 per cent. The lower average price for cattle was a major cause; however, according to C. H. Bates, farm management specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, other factors also helped to cut the net returns to producers.

Feed supplies were short and the heavy expenditures for forage and concentrates "soaked up" much of the \$970 million received for livestock and livestock products during the past year, says Bates. During recent years, he adds, about 62 percent of the farmers' gross income has been spent for operating expenses and when prices for livestock and related items were high, these costs were less painful. But, it is a different story today.

Since, says the specialist, feed purchases take a big chunk of the total income, this item may offer possibilities for savings. It is doubly important this year, he adds, because the cost of items used in production are not likely to drop in price.

Growing much of the needed feeds on the farm or ranch offers perhaps the best possibility for cutting costs. Of course, points out Bates, moisture conditions will have to change very materially in many areas of the state before plantings can be made. Here are his suggestions: increase plantings of high-yielding forage and grain crops; use supplementary pastures such as small grain, sudan and legumes where conditions permit; use fertilizers and soil renovation practices when practical and build the necessary fences to permit rotation grazing of pastures and fields.

And finally, says Bates, no livestock business can continue to be profitable without storage facilities for reserve feed supplies. One of the cheapest and best is the trench silo. Silage can be kept, if properly stored, for several seasons without loss in quality. If storage facilities are available, considerable savings can be made by putting up a supply of hay during the harvest season when prices are lowest. The same is true, says Bates, for either purchased or home-grown grains.



May the Christmas Season please you with its good cheer and happiness and the friendliness of the Yuletide remain with you

MANGUM and MANGUM
ATTORNEYS



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The approach of another season brings with it our heartiest wishes for a season of good will and happiness.

REED IMPLEMENT CO.
YOUR CASE DEALER
W. G. Reed, Prop.

Plans for Farm and Ranch Homes in Lone Star State Styled to Suit Taste

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20.—Farm and ranch homes styled for Texas families includes special house plans adapted to climate and needs of persons living in this section of the country. Many of the plans collected by specialists for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, include expandable types. Based on experimental research, the new farm houses consists of basic living room, kitchen, closet space and bath, each big enough to fit a larger house as bedrooms are added. The family grows into bedrooms without growing out of the living room and kitchen by using the expandable type house plans.

One plan, No. 6513 shows a groing farm house for southern conditions with a floor area for the first building of 490 square feet, and details for the first addition of 705 square feet to have a completed house of 1,015 square feet of floor space. The porch on the first unit would be 25 square feet in size, and the first addition would grow to 240 square feet.

During the first two stages of development adequate space will be found in the kitchen for dining but when two bedrooms are added in the final wing, the original bedroom adjoining the kitchen might be converted into a dining room.

Plan 6511 is for a permanent dwelling of frame, stucco, stone, abode, or other construction. If desired, the first unit of 605 square feet may be built without bedrooms, and the living room used for sleeping quarters until the house is completed. Two large closets of the living room add much to its value, and the arrangement with all doors at one end of the room permits efficient use of the space.

If the first unit is to be used for several years before the bedrooms are added, the small bathroom with shower will be especially desirable. That space must be used for other purposes, however, and the bathroom fixtures moved when one or both bedrooms are added.

Other plans included in the publication B-172 PLANS FOR FARM AND RANCH HOMES IN TEXAS, vary in floor plan size from small to large houses. The specialists give general instructions to families when selecting a plan for meeting their particular needs, as well as a list of supplementary publications. County Extension agents' offices have copies of the publication upon request, and can assist families in getting working drawings for the recommended plans.

formal announcement would be made in this and all other newspapers of the 17th District the first week in January. Good luck Bill. There will be more about Bill's campaign later in the news columns of the Daily Empire.

UNIQUELY WRAPPED CHRISTMAS GIFT

One of the loveliest gifts we have received was from R. E. Kennedy, advertising manager of West Texas Utilities, Abilene. It is a small fruit cake in a foil box with a cellophane top exposing the goodies of the fruit cake. But over the foil box is an ordinary copper colored "chore girl" pulled tight and the end pulled on top into a rosette tied with a yellow ribbon.

The cake came from "Mary of Puddin' Hill", Greenville, Texas. Notice she has a copy right on her signature. "Thanks a million," Mr. Kennedy.



OUR SINCERE Good Wishes

As the Christmas bells ring out to herald the approach of another Yuletide, we are reminded of the many pleasant associations enjoyed during the past year. In appreciation of your friendships may we extend our very best Christmas Wishes.

Elgie Crisp Humble Station



J. R. BUCY, Public Weigher

BILL POTTER TO MAKE RACE FOR CONGRESS SAYS STEPHENVILLE PAPER


The following article was clipped from "I'll Tell the World" column written by Rufus Higgs, editor of the Stephenville Tribune:

Bill Potter, experienced in many of the ways of government and about as well posted as any man we know, dropped in Saturday morning ostensibly to pay a social visit. But before he left he made the unqualified statement that he would be a candidate for Congress in the forthcoming election. Well, that's have heard make such a definite the first avowed candidate we declaration. Bill said that his

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
and
best of good wishes



Clinton Crisp Texaco Station



May the peace and joy of Christmas remain with you always

H. S. Childress, Dry Goods

PAUL MAXWELL PASSES OUT FINE CIGARS

In honor of a seven and one half pound baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maxwell, of Kermit at the Rising Star hospital Wednesday afternoon at 2. The young man's father, Paul, stepping high, wide and handsome and all smiles, passed out cigars in Rising Star last Thursday to celebrate the occasion.

The young man arrived just a few days before Christmas and his maternal grandfather, Mayor Walter Smith was going down the streets Friday of last week whistling to himself.

Paul and his wife are both well known in Rising Star and will not return to their home at Kermit until after the holidays.

The paternal grandparent is Mrs. Marvin West and the maternal grandparents are Mayor and Mrs. Walter Smith.

The editor and force wish the young man a very merry Christmas. Both baby and mother are doing fine. At last reports it could not be learned just how the father was behaving.

CARD OF THANKS

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. N. N. Clark and children

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"



OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District

While returning to Washington from three weeks of intensive visiting over our Congressional District, I have had time to fully appreciate the pleasure of having seen so many friends and constituents. For all the invitations to speak at various functions and occasions, I am deeply grateful.

It has been necessary for us to return to Washington in order to get some "irons out of the fire" and put others in before the opening of the next Session of the Congress.

This being the Christmas season, this column will not appear again until after the first of the year. The response to these articles has been most encouraging and it is hoped that you will give me your reaction in the future. This column was started a year ago as an experiment. It has afforded me opportunity to contact the people whom I represent in Washington, and, from letters and personal comments, I am encouraged to continue it.

Since it is almost impossible to reach all our friends with a personal message for the Christmas Season, we hope you will accept this as the Season's Greetings and may we wish for you and yours the best of good things.

Each year there are a number of boys who apply to take the examination for West Point Military Academy or the Naval Academy at Annapolis. The competition for these appointments is very severe.

It has been my policy to have a preliminary examination conducted to determine the chances for a boy to pass the entrance examination to these schools. The mathematics and science requirements are very strict. A boy must also be in about perfect physical condition.

Little publicized, but, I think,

about equally important with the Military and Naval academies, is the United States Coast Guard Academy, which has its school at New London, Connecticut.

In February of each year a competitive examination is conducted for young men who are interested in becoming future officers of the United States Coast Guard. Qualifications for appointment are approximately the same as those for the other schools. For appointment, a boy must have reached his seventeenth, but not his twenty-second, birthday by July of the year which he enters school. The next Coast Guard examination is scheduled for the 23rd and 24th of February, 1955.

A boy who meets the preliminary requirements, and who successfully completes all parts of the examination, is placed on an eligibility list, and, if found physically qualified, is offered an appointment as a cadet in order of qualifying. It does not mean that every boy passing the tests will be admitted. It depends on the number qualifying and the number of vacancies available.

There is a booklet entitled "Your Career for Tomorrow," which summarizes the requirements and the history of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. If any boy is interested in the school and wants to make the Coast Guard his career, I shall gladly send him the booklet on request, and from it more complete information can be had.

It was my privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Coast Guard Academy for two years since I have been in Congress. I have visited the school and observed class-room instruction, and also the general conduct of the Institution. I can assure any boy and his parents that the finest atmosphere and influence exists at the school, and that able training and education is offered.

It has been my policy, since I have been in Congress, to attempt to find the finest possible boys for these military schools. One interested in any of the three should first make up his mind that he wants such a career. It is entirely a different life from any other profession or avocation, and everyone is by no means suited to it. When making a decision, there are many things to be seriously considered.

LOCAL GIRLS MEMBERS OF TARLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Two local students have become members of the O. W. L. S., girls' social club, at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. They are Mary Ann Barton and Anna Frances Jackson.

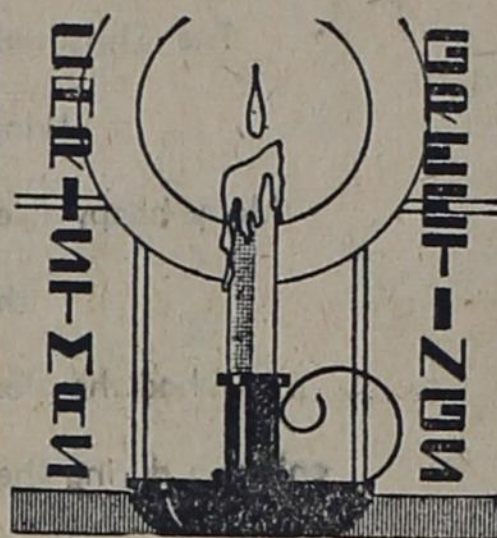
Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Barton, of Rising Star, is a freshman majoring in business.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, of Rising Star, is a freshman majoring in art.

There are five social clubs for clubs girls and five for boys at Tarleton.

Butter consumption per capita has dropped almost one-half during the past several years while milk consumption has increased almost 10 pounds per person per year during the same period.

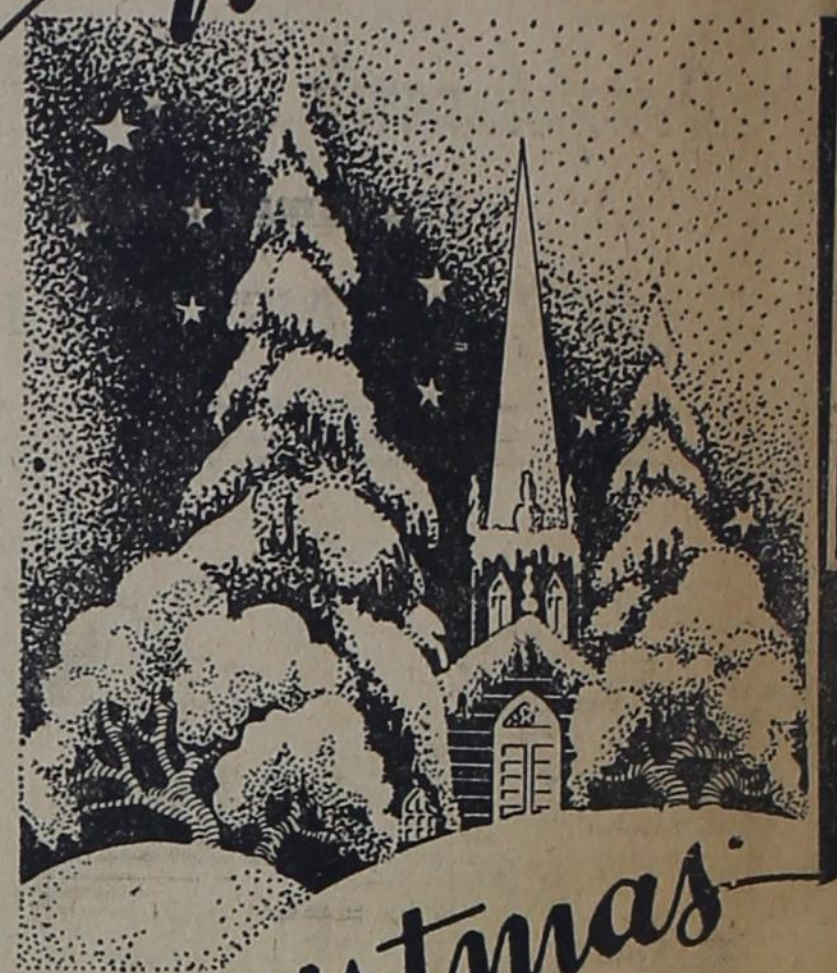
It would give me a pleasure to discuss these matters with any boy who may be interested, when I return home in about two weeks.



GENTLE WORDS, OPEN HEARTS, WILLING HANDS, SOFT MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP LOVE... THIS IS CHRISTMAS! MAY IT BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY BEYOND EXPRESSION...

COZY CAFE

Merry



Christmas

The quietness and peace of Christmas blends with the spirit of thanksgiving to remind us of the joys of associating with folks like you.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS WITH REGARDS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL

DAIRY SNAK TOM LEWIS



The Warm Glow of Christmas Candles

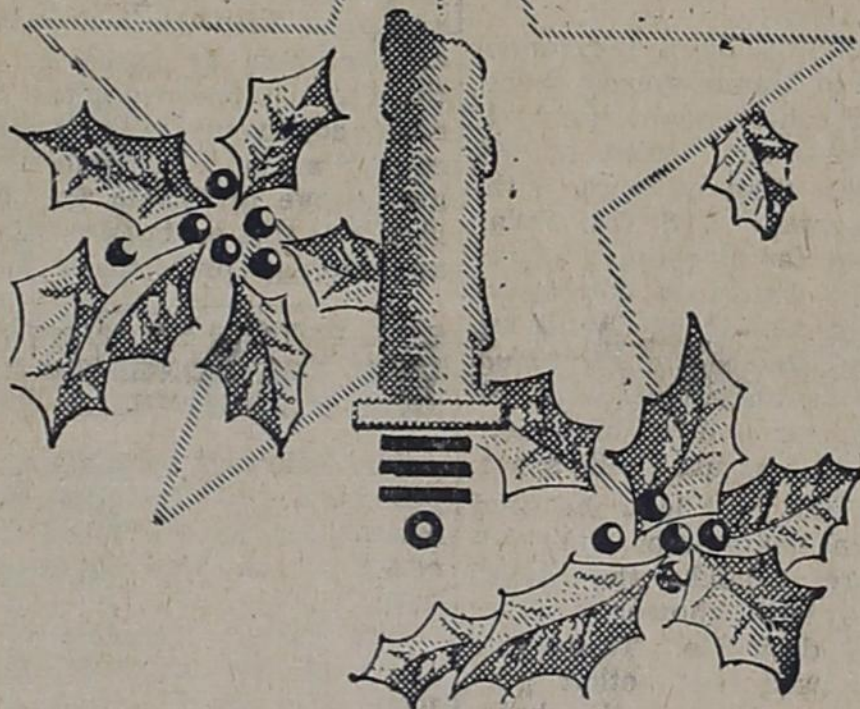
It is our fondest wish that you will enjoy the same warm friendships and associations of those about you on this, the greatest day of them all - - Christmas.



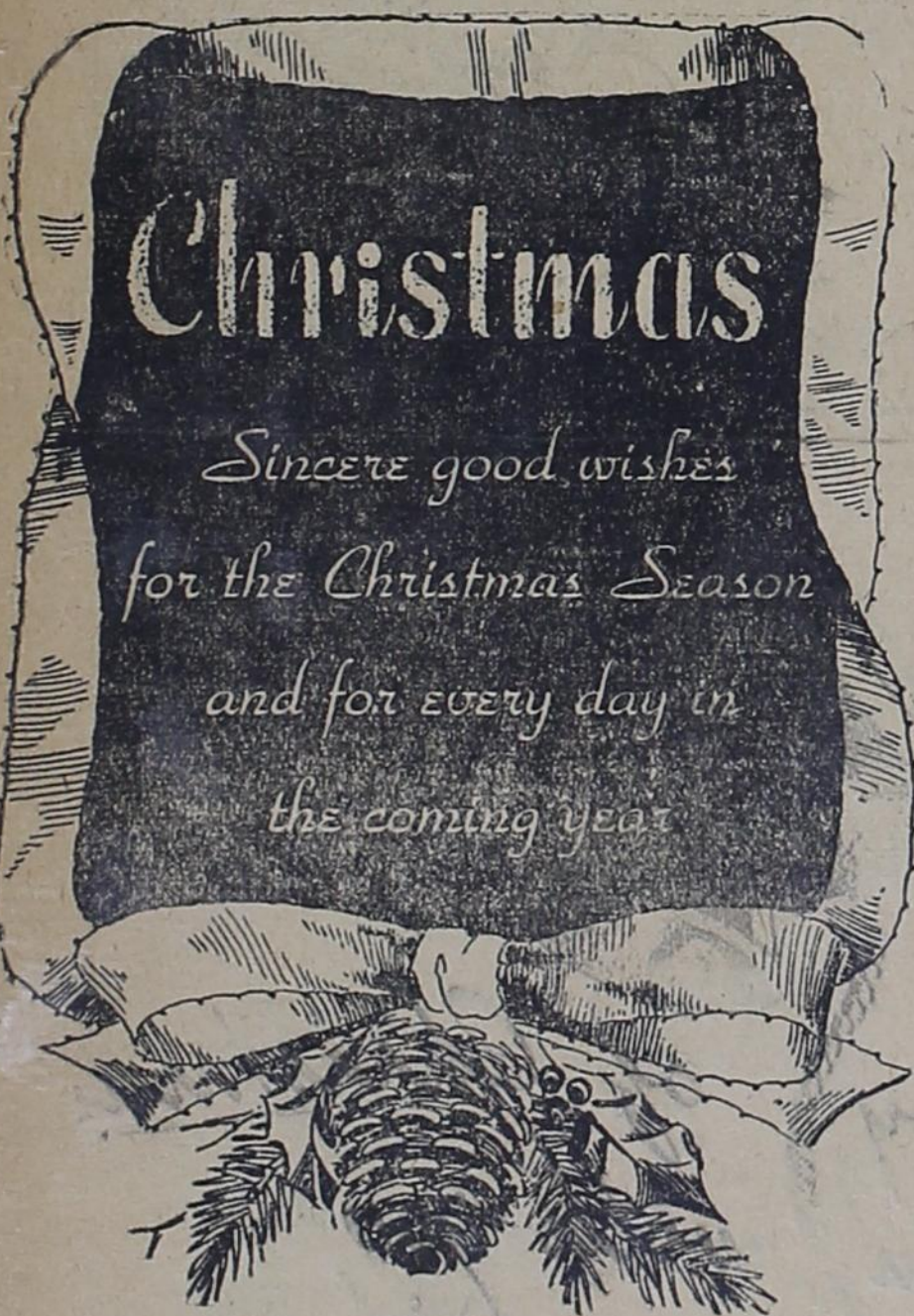
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



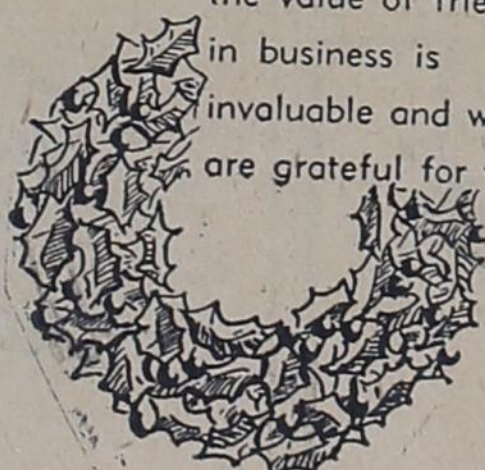
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Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

You can put your confidence in

GENERAL ELECTRIC

Monoxide Gas Is A Deadly Poison

AUSTIN.—There is no doubt that carbon monoxide — associated with gas heaters — is one of the most deadly and least publicized of all the poisonous gases, said Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer. Carbon monoxide is formed when there is not enough oxygen mixed with the burning gas, or when the design and operation of the equipment is faulty.

With a toxicity comparable to the gases that have been used in warfare not enough attention has been given to the deadly effects of prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide. This gas claims far more than its share of accidental deaths in Texas.

Dr. Cox makes the following recommendations for use of gas heaters:

1. Make sure the heater is properly adjusted.
2. Use metal tubing for connecting stove to gas line and check for leaks.
3. Always ventilate a room when the heater is burning.
4. Do not use any artificial gas in a heater designed for natural gas.
5. Never let the stove burn all night.

Carbon monoxide from automobile exhausts is a big health hazard warns Dr. Cox. He said many motorists have wrecked their cars and been listed as a highway death when carbon monoxide was the real killer. Cars should never be run in garages with the doors closed.

POLITICAL Announcements

The Record is authorized to announce the following names as candidates for the various offices of the state, county and district. Names will appear up to and through the first primary. A courtesy news story will be published at the time the announcement is first turned in to the paper. After that statements from any candidate will be charged for at the regular advertising rate. All announcements are cash with the announcement. No exception is made. It is too expensive to put on the books and mail statements.

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Congress	15.00
District Offices	15.00
County Offices	15.00
Constable	7.50
Justice of Peace	5.00

BUSINESS SEEKING A SOUNDER BASE

By Roger W. Babson

The volume of business, as measured by my Composite Business Chart, is yet 9% above normal. This, however, is a decline of 4 points from last month and 11 points from the high of the year. The all-time high for the volume of business was 32% above normal as of August, 1950. From that point business stepped down gradually until it reached a low of 4% below normal in August, 1952. It recovered quickly from that low point and reached 20% above normal in February of this year. The decline this year is in conformity with my forecast of last fall.

Failure of business activity to show the usual sharp rebound following this summer's seasonal slackness has spread of pessimism among businessmen and economists. This decline in business may continue into the second quarter of 1954. By spring or early summer of next year I look for the physical volume of business to begin a recovery. The recovery forces will take over with the Government straining every effort to revive business before the Congressional elections of next November. It is my belief that the year 1954

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Roger W. Babson

will be one when political decisions will be an important determining factor in business trends.

The present decline in business is due to the faltering of two major supporting industries: Automobile and building. The declining demand and increasing competition are already evi-

dent in these industries. There is excess capacity to build both automobiles and houses. Lower production in both these lines could cause a further drop in total business. Defense demand could continue to provide support to our economy. Social security, unemployment compensation and increased population will maintain a sustaining demand. However, with 13 years of prosperity behind us, it is a good policy to be on the conservative side.

A time and labor saver is the bumper gate. Plans for constructing such equipment may be obtained from your local county agent. Ask for plan 206-Bumper Gates.

Measuring Values Is Good Business —

... The average American like you and me drifts along from day to day without giving much concern to the question of values. We buy anything, go where we please (sometimes too fast), and enjoy an almost unrestricted freedom unknown in any other land, without thinking. But the folks who are getting somewhere today are beginning to consider and measure values for what they are. Modestly, we suggest you do this before buying real estate without an abstract. It's a step in the right direction.

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Greetings of the Season

◀ We wish for you every happiness that you may enjoy fully

▶ The Season of good cheer.

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NORTH MAYBEN TELEPHONE 138

Merry Christmas

Now that the Yuletide Season is here again, we find ourselves eager to express to you our good wishes for a Christmas long to be remembered in years to come as the most enjoyable of them all.



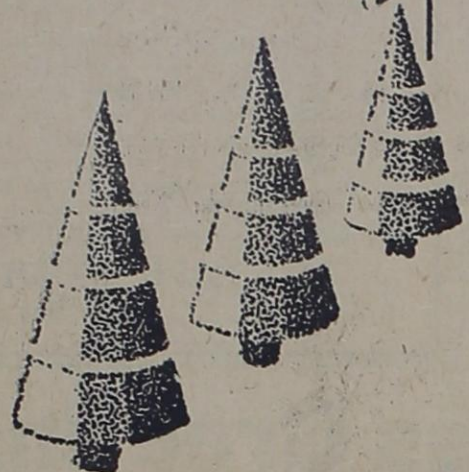
First State Bank

W. E. TYLER President
F. W. ROBERDS Vice-president
C. R. TYLER, Cashier



Merry Christmas

happy
holidays



TO ONE AND ALL

Pringle Grocery & Market

WE DELIVER — 109 S. MAIN — PHONE 27

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BLEAK DECEMBER!
Tis passing strange that this month which furnishes the least light out of doors, should furnish the most light within. It's the Spirit of Christmas, and the Merriest of Christmases to you!

CITIES SERVICE
DUTCH SHULTS, Distributor

Letters to Editor

Plainview, Texas
Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our check for our renewal for the Rising Star Record. We enjoy reading the Record very much as we were raised at R. S. and know lots of people there. We think you have improved it very much since you went there.

Will see you on our next visit.

Thanks,
Pete Grisham
501 E. 28th St.
Plainview, Texas

SAND TO BE INVESTIGATED BY INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTIN, Dec. 23—The Texas High Plains have deposits of sand, gravel and cement materials which may merit investigation by industry, the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology reports. Principal cement materials sources appear to be Lynn, Garza, Borden, Dawson, Hockley, Lamb and Bailey Counties; sand and gravel sources—Borden, Garza, Dawson, Lynn and Lubbock Counties.

The entrance to the Amazon River is about 200 miles wide.

CARD OF THANKS

My thanks and appreciation, which words cannot express to my friends who have been so thoughtful of me with visits, cards, flowers and gifts while I am in the hospital. The good cheer they have brought has helped me to carry on.
Mrs. W. C. Parsons and children

STAR THEATRE

WED. — THURSDAY
DECEMBER 23 - 24

"Take the High Ground"

RICHARD WIDMARK

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
DECEMBER 25 - 26

"Woman They Almost Lynched"

JOHN LUND

—Plus Special Featurette—
"BLACK FURY"

SUNDAY - MONDAY
DECEMBER 27 - 28

"Those Redheads from Seattle"

RHONDA FLEMING
Color by Technicolor

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 29

"Sweethearts on Parade"

RAY MIDDLETON
In Color

WED. - THURS.

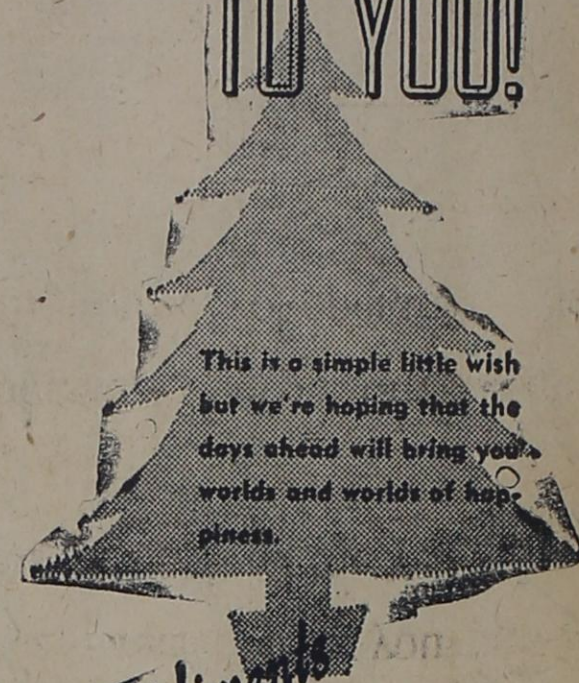
DECEMBER 30 - 31

"SO BIG"

JANE WYMAN

Merry Christmas

HERE'S
TO YOU!



WATKINS Food Market

A
Merry
Christmas

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

and with them our sincere thanks

WITH best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season. We extend to everyone our most sincere appreciation for your friendship and your business through all the years.

We will continue to devote our efforts and our facilities to the purpose of operating a better store in 1954.

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* It's just about time for that perennial paratrooper, Santa Claus, to start his friendly invasion. We just want to say we hope he makes a happy landing, right in your home, bringing you more Christmas cheer than you've ever had before.

MR. and MRS. CARL BOWERS

WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Mmes. Caudle, Fox and Taylor of Amity H. D. Club, attended the club council Christmas party and tree in Comanche Monday, Dec. 14.

Arthur Perry, who is stationed at San Antonio with the air force, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Allen and family left Wednesday for Kermit, Texas and from there to Loco Hills, N. M., where they will visit relatives.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the deeper meaning of the Christmas Season be strengthened by the memories it will recall. May it bring to you a genuine happiness that will add to the pleasure of this glorious time of the year.

While you are enjoying the pleasant moments the occasion affords, we trust you will pause a moment to accept our kindest wishes and sincere greeting of the Season.

Star Grocery & Market