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## Through the Editor's Specs

BY BAB

I read that an English clergyman has denounced Santa Claus as a perversion and has invited him to go back to the North Pole and remain there. What the good vicar is complaining about, of course, is the commercial emphasis on Christmas, the big business that has developed out of the gracious and wonderful custom of giving gifts to express our affections and symbolize the supreme Christmas gift of all time.

Now it would be a wonderful thing, indeed, if we could have a Christmas season free of any taint of greed and selfishness, but human nature being what it is, we must put up with its faults in order to realize some of its good qualities. Any time there is money involved or a prospect of profit, some of the baser instincts of the human character are going to be stirred up.

But if business or the profit motive are bad when they are utilized to give expression to the Christmas spirit, then they are bad for every day and purpose of the year. Our commercial system and the spur of profit making are the means by which we provide the goods and services which are essential to our very existence, and the economic system we have developed has done a mighty good job of making this old earth a habitable and, on the whole, a pleasant place in which to live.

I think it is quite a tribute to the organization and character of our commercial system that it has made possible such a wonderful opportunity for expression of the Christmas spirit through the giving of gifts. There is nothing wrong with a person spending his hard-earned money to express his love or affection for someone else, and it would be a mighty poor Christmas indeed where no organization existed to provide the gifts and the means of giving them. That is a purpose of the commercial system we have and it is doing a pretty good job of it. As a matter of fact, I doubt very much that Christmas would be the happy, glowing season it is without the efforts of the business men to make it a season of generous giving. For their profit, of course, but also to make possible the happiness that blooms in the hearts of people when they experience a real sacrifice in expressing their love for others.

It is not our business men who should be criticized, but rather those human faults and greeds which are ever present and against which humanity has been struggling throughout its long, long march toward the perfect day. And I do think that these greeds and faults are made a little less evident, and the human heart a little cleaner and better by the so-called "commercialized" giving. After all, Christmas gift giving is not all profit making—just as much of the spending as goes into the till of business to finance the vast economic machinery of gift making and selling, goes the other way—out of pocket and out of till to carry a good wish and an expression of love to someone or others.

There is no monetary profit in that. The profit is of the sort for which the good vicar appears to wish, a spirit enriched with love and a heart warmed with good will for humanity. It is not a bad thing, for all its faults, which makes it possible to light a candle in the hearts of men, a glow of enchantment in the eyes of a child, and a spirit of generosity in a world, which, I admit, becomes so often enamored of its means that it loses sight of the real ends of life. There is much to blame humanity for, much to regret and even to become somewhat despondent over—much of debris and unsightliness upon the surface. But if the good vicar

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## Winners Named In Pecan Show

### Honor Rolls at Elementary School Are Announced

The following students made the "A" and "B" Honor Rolls at the Rising Star elementary school during the second six-week period, according to an announcement by Principal J. M. Crump.

Students on the "A" honor roll—those who made all "A's" in their studies during the period—are, by grades:

Eighth Grade—Harry Heflin, Shirley Hageman, Johnny Jones, Linda Koonce, Bonnie Nelson, Sharon Starks, Carol White;

Seventh Grade—Bonnie Chambers, Don Donham, Mike Fisher, Kay Lewis, Joy Morrow;

Sixth Grade—Dinah Groce, Sandra Scaramelli;

Fifth Grade—David Bills, Bonnie Byrd, Frazier Clark, Virginia Clark, Virginia Cook, Linda Duggan, Donnie Fraley, Rhonda Frasier, John Gerhardt, Terry Geyer, Harlos Guyton, Sherry Jones, Jolene Nelson, Sharolyn Roach, Joyce Rumley, Sharon Stewart, Sandra Teague, Charlene Vermillion;

Fourth Grade—Larry Crump, Sharon Lewis, Julia Watkins;

Third Grade—Mary Frasier, Pamela Geyer, Karen Sue Harris, Roxie Smith, Danny White;

Second Grade—Gwinn Summers.

Students on the "B" Honor Roll, who made no grade lower than "B" and made an "A" average are:

Eighth Grade—Sue Burns and Maria Geyer;

Seventh Grade—Tommy Alford, Carol Burns, Ted Cawley, Trudy Crawford;

Sixth Grade—Sharon Donham, Linda Harris, Cherry Maples, Lynda Marrs, Wanda Nelson, Jimmy Smith;

Fifth Grade—Christine Creech, Tommy Darnell, Vickie Hardwick;

Fourth Grade—Larry Burns, Roy Gene Burns, Lee Anna Chalk, Douglas Fisher, Davy Jones, Marcia Lee, Don Mack Needham, Becky Nowlin, Franz Pittman, Ray Rumley;

Third Grade—Johnna Abbott, Gwen Eberhart, Jill Harding, Kay Nunnally, Sally Ann Medford, Robbie Richberg, Mike Donham, Mike Stroebel, Marcelene Roberts;

Second Grade—Peggy Burns, Ronnie Cotton, James Gerhart, Grant Poyner, Mickey Ratliff, Paula Rios, Shirley Smith, Mary Street, Billy Turner, Beverly White;

First Grade—Mike Garry Cain, Elaine Hamilton, Dennis Weaver.

### Annual Scout Meet At Brownwood Friday

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., will be the inspirational speaker at the Annual Meeting of Comanche Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, on Friday, December 13, in Brownwood at Hotel Brownwood. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 o'clock on the Roof Garden.

"The occasion is to do honor to Den Mothers, Cub Masters, Scoutmasters, and Post Advisors who serve over 2200 boys in 108 Scout Units in the eight-county Comanche Trail Council," stated Rio Cox, Council President, who will preside. This is Ladies Night so it is expected that wives of all Scouters will be present.

The annual business session for Executive and Council Board Members will be held at 5 o'clock while the ladies will be given a reception and special program. Both of these meetings will be in Hotel Brownwood.

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Jenkins at Houston, Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. a daughter, Julia Ann. The baby weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have two sons. Mrs. Jenkins is the former Mary Lou Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Conner of Rising Star, and Mr. Jenkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jenkins of this city.

An exhibit of Mahan pecans entered by E. A. Walker of De Leon won the Grand Champion award among more than 250 entries in the Eastland County Pecan Show at Cisco Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. W. J. Herrington of Ranger, formerly of Rising Star, took reserve champion honors with his exhibit of Western Schley pecans.

The show, fifth in the series and largest of all shows so far held, was judged by pecan experts from Texas A and M College. Officials of the Texas Pecan Growers Association said it was the biggest and best pecan show that has been held in the State and praised it unstintingly.

The following list of winners in the pecan exhibits was announced at the conclusion of the judging Saturday:

Success—A. R. Westfall, Cisco; Buck Wallace, Ranger, and Frank Hightower, Eastland;

Squirrel's Delight—A. R. Westfall, Cisco; Doss Alexander, Rising Star; Bill Eyley, Ranger;

John Garner—Lee Lieske, Cisco; Bill Eyley, Ranger; R. L. Taylor, Cisco;

Burkett—Kent Word, Cisco; Dr. N. A. Brown, Cisco; Mrs. A. C. Underwood, Carbon;

Mahan—E. A. Walker, De Leon; C. D. Simmons, Gorman; J. W. Sittion, Cisco;

Western Schley—W. J. Herrington, Ranger; Mrs. Barton Philpott, Cisco; B. B. Freeman, Ranger;

Eastern Schley—Doss Alexander, Rising Star; R. W. Bell, Ranger; W. D. Thurman, Cisco;

Texas Prolific—B. B. Freeman, Ranger; Mrs. A. C. Underwood, Carbon; Frank Hightower, Eastland;

Stuart—Frank Hightower, Eastland; A. R. Westfall, Cisco; Womack's Nursery, De Leon;

San Saba Improved—Doss Alexander, Rising Star; B. B. Freeman, Ranger;

Delmas—George Goss, Rising Star; C. E. Smith, Rising Star; Frank Hightower, Eastland;

Curtis—B. B. Freeman, Ranger; Ellis Cooper, Ranger;

Named Seedlings—D. J. Jobe, Gorman; Doss Alexander, Rising Star; C. D. Simmons, Gorman;

Unnamed Seedlings—J. L. Rainey, Brownwood; A. Z. Myrick, Cisco; Doss Alexander, Rising Star;

Kincaid—Doss Alexander, Rising Star; J. W. Sittion, Cisco; E. F. Todd, Gorman;

Onliwon—J. L. Rainey, Rt. 4, Brownwood; Doss Alexander, Rising Star;

Halbert—C. E. Smith, Rising Star; B. B. Freeman, Ranger; George Goss, Rising Star.

### Dr. Hob Gray Presides At National Meet

Dr. Hob Gray, a brother of Raymond Gray and Mrs. Blanche McGaughey and a brother-in-law of M. D. Gibson of Rising Star, and who is now director of the Teacher Placement Service at Austin, presided at the annual meeting of the National Teacher Placement Ass'n at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2-7.

Dr. Gray completed a year as president of the association.

Before joining the University of Texas staff in 1933, Dr. Gray taught at Texas State College for Women, Denton, and Daniel Baker College, Brownwood. He also has served as superintendent, principal or teacher in Eastland County and Brown County schools.

Dr. Gray has been active in a number of professional organizations and has published articles and monographs on topics in his field.

He is married and has two children, Mrs. Allison Gray Kimberlin and Robert Winston Gray.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The choir at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood will give the annual Christmas program on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Miss Pauline Roberts, a voice student at Howard Payne College, sings with the choir.

Mrs. Olice B. Jones returned Monday from St. Joe, where she visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Phillips, who are teachers in St. Joe public schools.

## Tournaments Occupy Local Cage Teams

Two tournaments are on the schedule of the High School girls and boys basketball teams this and next week, and in addition the Junior High teams will take part in an invitation tournament at Cisco this week end.

The High School teams will go to May this week end for a round of invitation play in which they will start participation Thursday afternoon at 3:15 when the girls meet the Blanket High School girls on the May court. The boys will follow with an engagement with the Blanket boys at 5 o'clock. Further participation in the tournament will depend upon the results of those initial clashes.

Tuesday evening of next week both boys and girls will start play in the Cross Plains invitation tournament, the girls meeting the Baird girls at 5:45 p.m. and the boys playing the Baird boys about 7 o'clock.

Meanwhile the Junior High teams furnished the only home entertainment this week when they engaged teams from Cross Plains Junior High. The Rising Star girls winning 34 to 12 and the boys losing 24 to 18, but showing a great improvement over their previous play when they were swamped by the Junior Buffs. At the half the Cross Plains boys led by two points, indicating the close play throughout the contest.

The Rising Star Junior girls won handily, with Sherry Aaron racking up 17 points to lead the field in scoring.

This week end the Juniors go to Cisco to participate in an invitation tournament in their class, the girls meeting the Baird Junior High team at 5:15 p.m. Thursday and the boys following with an engagement with a Baird Junior boys quint at 6:15.

Coaches of the high school teams are Sam Jones, of the girls, and Marvin Chambers for the boys. J. M. Crump is coach of the Junior boys and Miss Jay Childress of the Junior girls.

### Former Rising Star Man in Nuclear Study

Major Charles M. Barnes, Veterinary Corps, USAF, has been assigned to the Directorate of Nuclear Systems, Det. No. 1, Hq. Air Research and Development Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Major Barnes is responsible for the Radiobiology Research Program for the Air Force's Nuclear Propelled Bomber. Veterinarians have been particularly useful in the study of the effects of irradiation upon animals which are similar to man.

Major Barnes was reared in Rising Star, and is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George T. Barnes. He graduated from Rising Star High School and formerly practiced Veterinary Medicine in Cisco, Texas.

He is a graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M College in 1944, and holds the Ph. D. degree from the University of California in Comparative Pathology. His military assignments have included Base Veterinarian's duties at Lackland and Sampson Air Force Bases, Research at the Hanford Atomic Products Operation, Richland, Washington, and the Pacific Proving Grounds of the Atomic Energy Commission.

### Association Has Christmas Meeting

Thirty-two men attended the meeting of the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church Monday evening at the Church recreation building when a turkey barbecue was served. The event was the annual Christmas meeting.

R. E. Holly, president of the Brotherhood, presided and John Lee was program chairman. After a song service and devotional, the inspirational message was brought by the Rev. F. E. Suttle, pastor at May.

The pastor, Rev. Ed Jackson, and the associational officers expressed themselves as well pleased with the attendance of the members.

## She's Eastland County Pecan Queen



Miss Anna Little, daughter of Mrs. Denman Burns, Rising Star, who was selected Queen of the Eastland County Pecan Show at Cisco last Friday night, and Oscar Schaefer of Rising Star, president of the County Pecan Growers Association, who presided at the coronation ceremonies. Miss Little, who was queen of the Free Fall Fair last September, was the representative of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce at the Pecan Show. (Photo Courtesy Abilene Reporter-News).

## Anna Little Is Eastland County 1957 Pecan Queen

Miss Anna Little, daughter of Mrs. Denman Burns of Rising Star, was selected 1957 Eastland County Pecan Queen at the Eastland County Pecan Show at Cisco Friday and Saturday. Miss Little was crowned in ceremonies at the Cisco Junior College auditorium Friday evening. Large crowds attended the ceremony and viewed the more than 250 exhibits of pecans on display in the former Home Supply Building in downtown Cisco. Exhibits in both the pecan show, sponsored by the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association and the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, and in the products division set records for the five-year-old show, according to County Agent J. M. Cooper and Miss Sandra Kirkland, County Home Demonstration Agent, who expressed themselves as well pleased with the results.

Oscar Schaefer of Cook, president of the pecan growers association, presided at the Queen's coronation and crowned Miss Little. As winner Miss Little will go to the State Pecan show at Texas A&M College to represent Eastland County in the state queen contest.

### Nine in Contest

Others in the queen contest were: Olene Colwell of Okra, Ann Toombs of Eastland, Bobbie Spink of Nimrod, Betty Jo Beyer of Gorman, Sondra Norvell of Cisco, Paula Coats of Bluff Branch, Glenda Agnew of Pioneer, and Carole Hogan of Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. J. E. Stancill of Cisco was named as the grand prize winner in the cake division of the bake contest. Other winners in the cake division were: First place, Mrs. Irene Wende, Cisco; second place, Mrs. Clint McCain, Eastland; and third place, Mrs. Vergie Hale, Pleasant Hill.

Candy division winners were: first place, Mrs. Leonard Wragg, Cisco; second place, Mrs. Lee Lieske, Nimrod; and, third place, Mrs. W. D. Hazel, Cisco.

Winners in the cookie division were named as: first place, Mrs. A. Y. Ball, Cisco; second place, Mrs. Vergie Hale, Pleasant Hill; and, third place, Miss Willie Word, Cisco.

Winners in the nut bread division were: first place, Mrs. Lee Burkhead, Rising Star; second place, Mrs. W. D. Hazel, Cisco; and, third place, Mrs. Henry Hagaman, Cisco.

### Booth Exhibits

In the adjoining room to the exhibit booth were several booths set up by the clubs of the area. The exhibits based on the theme of the club were:

past year. The Lake Cisco Home Demonstration Club presented a booth showing the main food values in one cup of the various kinds of milk and also several refreshing drinks that can be made from milk.

"Preparedness Avoids Panic" was the theme of the display of the Word Home Demonstration Club. This display was on civil defense. It showed how to protect a car in case of attack and what supplies to take to a shelter and how to prepare them. It also gave the four methods of purifying water as chlorination, boiling iodine, and purification tables.

The Pleasant Hill Club had a booth that concerned insurance protection, especially life insurance. It listed the four kinds of life insurance as: straight life, group life, ordinary life, and family life.

"Managing Your Bank Account" was the theme of the display of the Flatwood Home Demonstration Club. This display showed how to make out deposits, write checks, record signatures and endorse checks. It also told of the different kinds of banks.

The Nimrod Neighbors Progress Club decorated the window at the fair with cedar and Christmas decorations surrounding all sorts of baked products decorated with pecans.

### Edmiston to Start For Cowboys Tuesday

Doyle Edmiston, former Rising Star basketball and football star, will be in the starting lineup of the Hardin-Simmons University basketball team when the Cowboys open their home season at Abilene next Tuesday evening.

Doyle, a 6-foot, 7-inch 225-pound junior is one of the mainstays of the Cowboy cagers just as he was an outstanding and all-district player with the Rising Star teams of two or three seasons ago.

His picture appeared in the Tuesday, December 10, morning issue of the Abilene Reporter-News. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edmiston of Rising Star.

### IOOF-Rebekah Xmas Party Thursday

The Oddfellow-Rebekah Christmas party will be held at the American Legion Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 12. Dinner of baked chicken and dressing will be served in the Legion dining room and there will be a program of carols and Christmas songs.

New officers recently elected by the Rebekah Lodge are Inez Teague, Noble Grand; Micky Dillard, Vice Grand; Laverne Maynard, Recording Secretary; Frances Jones, Financial Secretary, and Janette Starb, Treasurer.

## Santa Claus To Visit Next Week

Old Santa Claus appearance in the district of Rising Star of next week to visiting stores and of business and children of Rising Star surrounding communities.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the old representative of the Christmas season, will appear in community Christmas Monday evening, December 23, at the City Market Building, to assist in the distribution of gifts of fruit and candy to the children of the community and trade area.

The party, an annual event presented by the Chamber of Commerce as an expression of good will and Christmas wishes on behalf of the merchants of the community, is open to all children in the Rising Star area. Mrs. Louise Weber is the chairman of the committee which directs the party. She is being assisted by members of the Saturday Club and High School senior girls.

The party will begin at 7 o'clock.

### SCHOOLS TO DISMISS FOR CHRISTMAS DEC. 20

Rising Star Public Schools will dismiss their students for the Christmas holidays Friday afternoon, December 20, and resume classes on Monday, December 30. Classes will be held Monday and Tuesday and the school will then dismiss for a one-day New Year's holiday, Wednesday, January 1, and Thursday, January 2. Supt. Sam Jones said.

## Jim Lewis Named Semi-Finalist in National Contest

Jim Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis of this city, has been named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. The local student is listed among the 7,500 high scorers on the Scholarship Qualifying Test, a nationwide college aptitude examination given in 14,000 high schools on October 22nd.

The semifinalists outscored 300,000 fellow seniors and thus moved a step closer to the four million dollars in Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the 1958 program.

The semifinalists now face a rigorous 8-hour College Board examination, to be given in testing centers throughout the country on January 11. Students whose high scores substantiate their earlier test performance will become finalists in the competition.

The finalists' group will be made up of some of the most able youngsters that America has ever produced. Approximately 800 scholarships will be available to the high scorers.

The Merit Scholarship Program is now in its third year. It was established in 1955 through grants of \$20.5 million from the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

The Merit Scholarship is designed to search the nation for those students most able to benefit from a college education, regardless of means. Once discovered in the national talent hunt, the students are supported in college by funds provided by sponsoring companies. About 1,400 Merit Scholarships have been awarded in the two years of the program, and there are now enrolled in different colleges.

The competition is open to public, private or parochial school in the United States, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands; and any high school senior may enter. The 7,500 semifinalists named today represent half of one per cent of the national senior class, and each is represented according to high school population.



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## THE LAW

### Buyer Assumes Mortgage

Henry had a mortgage on his house, with a balance of \$10,000, and the buyer suggested that Henry permit him to take over the mortgage payments, paying Henry the difference of \$5000 in cash. This, argued the buyer, would save him the trouble and expense of getting a new mortgage himself and so Henry agreed.

Several years after the mortgage was closed, Henry received a letter from his bank advising that the payments on the mortgage were far in arrears and that he would have to pay or a lawsuit would be filed.

Henry was surprised to learn that he was still liable on the original obligation, and that if the property could not be sold at foreclosure to bring enough money to pay the mortgage balance and the costs, he would have to pay the difference.

Of course, Henry might have sued his buyer for his loss, but the chances would be that the buyer is insolvent and "judgment-proof", so that Henry could not collect a judgment against him.

When a mortgage is assumed by a purchaser of real estate, the financial institution still holds the original note which was signed by the seller. If Henry had contacted his bank and obtained a release of liability, Henry would, of course, have been cleared of all further responsibility of the obligation.

Henry's bank, however, would have no reason to release Henry and might be reluctant to do so unless the bank's investigation

## Soil Test First Step to Good Lawn or Garden

COLLEGE STATION—A soil test is the first step in getting your garden or lawn off to a good start next spring.

Fertility—of the right kind and amount—is necessary to keep lawns growing good and to keep gardens producing plenty of good vegetables. This can be determined in a laboratory test.

Taking a soil sample for testing to determine its fertility needs is easy, said William F. Bennett, supervisor of the Soil Testing Laboratory at Texas A. & M. College. If it is from a lawn dig about the first three inches of soil from about 10 different places mix them together and then take about a pint to be used for testing.

If it is from a garden use the same procedure, but dig about the first six inches of soil, Bennett said. One sample normally is enough for most lawns or gardens, but if the type soil differs from one part of the lawn to another a sample from each of the various types should be taken.

A soil test cannot be used to determine whether a plant has died from root rot or some other

## ABOUT YOUR HEALTH



A weekly public service feature from the Texas State Department of Health.  
HENRY A. HOLLE, M.D., Commissioner

Ridding school lobbies and cafeterias of soft drink and candy vending machines would be one

disease, he said. Neither can the test be used to determine presence of soil insects or other effects not due to a lack of soil fertility. However, if samples are taken to help determine plant growth difficulties, complete information on how the plants have grown and symptoms of the disease should be included with the soil sample.

After a soil sample is collected an information sheet should be obtained at the county agents' office and completed to accompany the soil sample to the Soil Testing Laboratory at Texas A. and M. College. The length of time required to test the soil sample is usually one to two weeks.

of the most important contributions school officials could make toward better dental health for children.

While the full relationship between diet and dental caries has not yet been firmly nailed down, researchers are in agreement on this: sugar—including that in candy and soft drinks—is a distinct factor in the process of decay.

Practically all pastries and confections contain quantities of sugar. A candy bar may have five to 20 teaspoonsful; a piece of cake has 15; a bottle of pop three to five.

We Americans consume 10 times as much sugar per person as our great-grandfathers did 100 years ago. We use three times as much as we need for energy requirements.

Not only does sugar intake provide fertile food for acid-pro-

ducing bacteria, but it also spoils the youngster's appetite at meal time.

Saliva furnishes a buffering action against ordinary amounts of sugar taken into the mouth at meal time. But if a person nibbles on candy or cookies several times daily between meals, saliva cannot cope with acid build-up.

This applies to adults as well as to children but it is more meaningful to youngsters since

habits they learn in youth carry over into maturity.

The significance of a diet in refined carbohydrates has been pointed out in recent university studies. Dental patients kept on such a diet for a certain period of time show a sharp reduction of acid-producing bacteria in the mouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith are now living at 508 West College Street.

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Change in December Calendar

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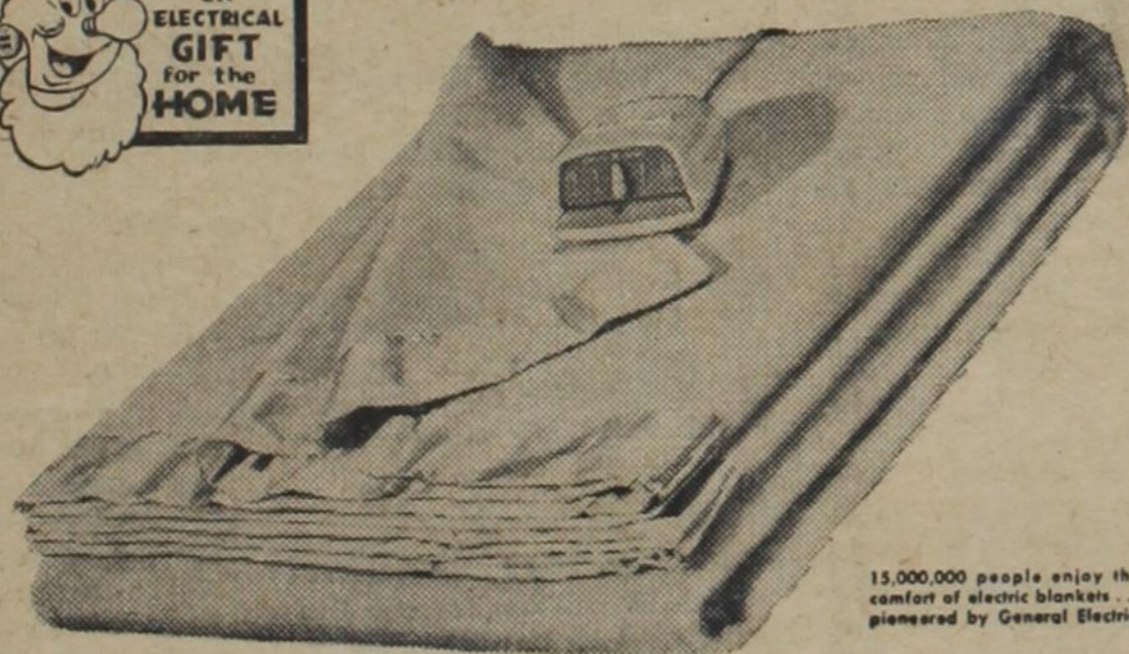
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halls of learning" looking my patient teacher squarely in the eyes; but my mind which was supposed to be drinking in the knowledge that he had previously imparted, was slipping away into thoughts of other things. After reminiscing the events of the previous day, the Thanksgiving holidays, and the shattering recollection that a test was scheduled for the next period, my finite mind began trying to foresee the future. As I cast a glance around the classroom, I wondered whether or not the plans of my fellow schoolmates for the future were as incomplete as mine. I had suddenly become aware of the nearness of the things which I considered to reach far out into time—graduation, college, a visit with Uncle Sam. Oh, how vague were my ideas of a chosen vocation—one which would supply money so necessary for comfort, happiness, and security; one which I could use my God-given abilities; and one which would be respected.

As I was thinking, I began to realize how little I knew, but how very important an education is in today's world of competitiveness. Becoming apparent is the fact that one must be a skilled workman or a

trained specialist to secure a desirable position. The demand is more and more for highly educated men to keep our shaky, complex world in balance.

As the teacher was trying to convey to the class some of his learning, I was thinking how wonderful it would be for the world of the future to be free from the threat of war, and its people not be filled with awe when the leaders of the nation hit a snag of disagreement. Marvelous would be the time when countless millions of dollars spent to "keep up" or "stay ahead" could be used for the relief of the needy, medical research, the promotion of peace and good will, and most important—Christianity. Yes, the clerical cry is right. The future will be dark and gloomy unless our nation seeks help from the Great Peacemaker soon.

Frowning a little now, as I thought, I could see that my generation held in its hands the destiny of tomorrow. I saw myself as a pebble on the beach trying to hold off the waves of ignorance, pride, hatred, greed, and on and on; but then I saw myself joined together with many other pebbles, who, like me, will be striving to make a strong wall against these perils

of the future.  
 Jack Smith

**THANKS FROM THE SENIORS**  
 We would like to take this opportunity to offer a great big "Thanks" to each and every one of you who bought Christmas cards from us. The money we make from the cards will be used for our Senior trip.

Six Senior girls are strutting around with new basketball suits. The suits are certainly pretty. Seniors receiving suits were: Jaynel Edmiston, Jane Key, Nancy McKinnerney, Martha Walker, Patsy Howard, and Martha Duggan. Senior boys on the traveling squad are: Billy Rucker, Jerry Aaron, Carl Weathers, Lester Harris, and Donald Crisp.

We are certainly happy to have Robert Needham back at school. He and Gary Maynard both had their legs operated on at Abilene. Welcome back, Robert, and we are still looking forward to seeing Gary.

Everyone enjoyed the snow we've had lately even though some of the girls did get their makeup smeared—how about that, Martha Walker?

Jaynel, what were you and Bill Rucker talking about the other day? Could it have been

the football banquet?  
 Say, Nancy McKinnerney, Mary Reed, and Martha Duggan, what are those little shiny objects you are wearing on your left hands. Are those engagement rings? I suppose the seniors are going to have to start wearing shades to keep from being blinded.

Jerry Aaron, where did you get the nickname, "Arat" and "lick-e-face"?

Why did you drop shorthand, Bill, was it because it was too hard?

Say, what do I hear new? Charles Steel must have false teeth the way he is always chomping his plates together in English.

Until next week, this thought be with you; There is good in everybody and everyone is your friend until he proves otherwise

ing Star High School. ing handsomeness; he is dark, wavy hair and —make him a pleasure. Truly, we are proud of you, Kenneth.

Karen Steel—What about Katie Lee? Beautiful Girl—these of her many accomplishments. Quite a few for a senior are certainly very prominent and hope she will be with us. I am her my "pal".

We are lucky to have classmate, Judy B. us from Bangs would like to grant a tunity to give a "come" to Judy. We happy for new arrival Judy, I hope we will feel at home in the class.

"Friends, Romans, men, lend me your ears to bury Caesar, I am him"; thus, the of the famous character, Mark A. the study of "Julius the jubilant Sophs.

**THE WISE PHILOSOPHER'S CORNER:** "Correction does much, but encouragement does more."

**From the Editor's Scrapbook**  
 "Certainly, there are lots of things in life that money won't buy, but it's very funny—Have you ever tried to buy them without money?"

"Nature is God's; Art is man's instrument."

"Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue in order that they should see twice as

much as they say."  
 "New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, but because they are not already common."  
 Last Thought: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things he possesseth." (Luke 12:15)

**Editorial**  
**THE FUTURE—YOURS AND MINE**  
 One bright morning not so long ago, I sat in "the silent

**JUNIOR CHATTER**  
 This week we are going to draw back the curtain and ask some question which might reveal some secrets of some juniors.

Rita, did you have a lovely time on Wednesday night?  
 Barbara, can you tell us the plot of the show Saturday night?  
 Eugene, are you as bad about locking doors as I hear you are?  
 Larry, do you have a bad memory or do you dislike your English book?  
 Delwin, what have you been dreaming about?  
 Kenneth, what's this game you are so set on playing?  
 Bill, do you really think you look like Clark Gable?  
 Alice, why are you afraid to let us know what you did after the May football banquet? Did you say 3 a.m.?  
 Judy A., we didn't really think you were so reckless as you said you were on Thursday night.  
 That's all for this week.  
 Nosey Carol  
 P. S.—"Lest ye forget"—only ten more shopping days until Christmas?  
 P. S.—And that reminds me—only six more school days—until Dec. 20th—Oh, Joy!

**F. F. A. NEWS**  
 Part of the boys of Abilene Star Greenhand Club were to Stephenville, Monday, December 2, to a Chapter Conducting and Quiz Contest. They won first in the Quiz Contest and fourth in the Chapter Conducting Contest. The four boys that won were Gary Jones, Beryl McKinnerney, Tommy Byrd, and Billy Cook, who will all go to an Area Contest Saturday, December 7.  
 Beryl McKinnerney

**FRESHMEN NEWS**  
 With the special reports in last weeks news, you are fairly well briefed on what's going on in the different classes. We will try to inform you every other week on what's happening in our studies. We are going to have two plays in English. With some luck and a lot of help and advice from Mrs. Shook we hope to do fairly well.

The Freshmen Girls Basketball team is really busy lately. We have played in two tournaments and made a good showing. We really are glad to have Mrs. Chamber as our coach.

Everyone is working with leather or making dolls and mail in Homemaking. We wonderful Christmas Party last week at the Home Ec cottage.

I'm signing off until next week. Surely do thank you, Jetta, for writing the news last week and I'll see you next week.  
 Reporter

**THE ANNUALS MAKE NEWS**  
 There is a lot of commotion still going on within the annual staff. The enthusiasm of producing an annual continues the year around. First, we sell ads, then sell annual down-payments; the final payments are due, at last, we receive our annuals. Finally all the work is over and the fun begins—annual signing.

As you probably know, the birthday calendars have come. We thank all of you for buying our calendars and putting your names on them. We still have some extra calendars; and if any of you would like to buy one, they are only one dollar. Some have bought these calendars for Christmas presents—why don't you? You can get them from the annual staff day or night!

We are taking down payments now for the annual and by the way they are coming in, we are going to sell an extra large amount of annuals—more than ever.

Last week we voted the following persons for these honors as "Who's Who Around RSHS": the most beautiful girl, Karen Steel; most handsome boy, Jack Callaway; friendliest girl and boy, Jane Ann Key and Jodie Wallace; girl and boy most likely to succeed, Pat Howard and Charles Steel; and the best all-around girl and boy, Jan Ann Key and Robert Needham. These honors were selected by the student body at RSHS.

The annual staff signing off with a great big thank you for all you do—we need your assistance.

**BAND NEWS**  
 The Rising Star Wildcat Band was one among a number of bands who participated in the marching contest at Winters last Saturday. Our band was on the field about six minutes, entering from the south end with a fanfare and a snappy step-off and playing "Little Champ". About half way down the field, we did a left flank. Other movements included a column left and counter-march. In front of the judges, we halted, formed an arena, and presented a Latin America bullfight. Jack Smith directed the band, while our drum major, Karen Steel, played the part of the matador. After an exit from the field, we waited with our hearts in our throats for the judges' verdict. In the meantime, we enjoyed a delicious supper at a nearby cafeteria. We reached home about 6:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the band proudly presented the second concert of the year. The proceeds will go toward a possible trip for the band to the San Antonio Festival, which will be in the near future.  
 Reporter

**WE—THE SOPHS**  
 Carolyn Perry—A sparkling, good-natured person; Carolyn is a good and wonderful person. If ever anyone needs help, no matter if it is a bit unpleasant at times, you only need call on Carolyn; she is willing to help. We girls all wish we had her mother to make us such beautiful clothes.

Ruby Sagehorn — Her laugh gives one the impression of a trickling mountain stream, so that it is a pleasure to have her around. Ruby has beautiful, long, dark brown hair and dark eyes. What goes very well with Ruby? One certain C. P. boy will know.

Kenneth Sevaldsen—New to us in Rising Star this year, Kenneth is a welcome asset to

W. J. Herrington, of Ranger, a former merchant of Rising Star, was in town Wednesday.

Joe Groce, wife and boys of McCamey spent the week here with his parents, Mrs. M. R. Groce, parents, Mr. and M. Turner.

Lydia Mauldin, who is attending Loretta Academy in El Paso, has been here for the Thanksgiving holidays, with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Groce.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. have been ill with a virus, but they

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Security benefits aren't "live on," is the most common complaint voiced to social security administrative personnel, according to R. R. Tubilene, district manager. Tubilene acknowledges that since the Social Security Act of 1935, more than ten million social security beneficiaries have been paid from an average of \$100 a month for a single person, and \$200 a month for a family of four. The average payment for multiple dependents is \$300 a month. The total cost of the program is \$10 billion a year, and the total number of beneficiaries is 40 million.

But that when Congress passed this Federal Social Security Act, it was designed to provide a foundation for a reasonable contribution to the national economy. This philosophy has been maintained and improved with each Amendment to the Act since 1935.

There are several reasons for the increase in the number of beneficiaries. The first is the fact that the Social Security Act was passed for entirely by the workers, and their employers, and the self-employed, plus earnings from the invested social security trust fund. By providing for only basic or foundation payments, social security taxes are kept within the reach of all working people, and a real incentive given to individual thrift in keeping with American traditions. It is believed that by providing basic or foundation protection through a Federal insurance system, our society is more adequately fulfilling our Constitutional obligation to each other, and to ourselves to "provide for the general welfare."

Tuley has called attention to the fact that since social security payments provide only the foundation for adequate retirement, disability, and survivors protection, one must use other means to provide for adequate or generous retirement income and for such family income maintenance in the event of his death. He should endeavor to provide this during his working lifetime through the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds, insurance annuities, non-government stocks and bonds, rental real estate, other investments, or live with adequate income in retirement, or if he is to provide adequately for his family in the event of his death, he must remember that the social security system will do no more than provide the foundation of his and his family's financial protection, Tuley concluded.

Mrs. Clara Cain left Sunday for a visit with her son and daughter, James and Virginia Irby, in Austin. She expects to be gone about three months.

### WILDCAT TALES—

From the Editor's Scrapbook.  
SOMETHING INTERESTING

"Among the well-known myths of Greece is the story of a Sphinx, a strange monster that guarded the city of Thebes, allowing no

one to enter unless he could answer this riddle: "What is it which has four feet in the morning, two at noon, and three at night?" The answer was a shield against the monster's terror and opened the gates to the city. It meant death to tell another the

answer, which was—Man . . . as a babe, he creeps on hands and knees; in mid-life, walks on two feet; in old age, totters along with the aid of a cane or a third leg."

### The Trouble Jar

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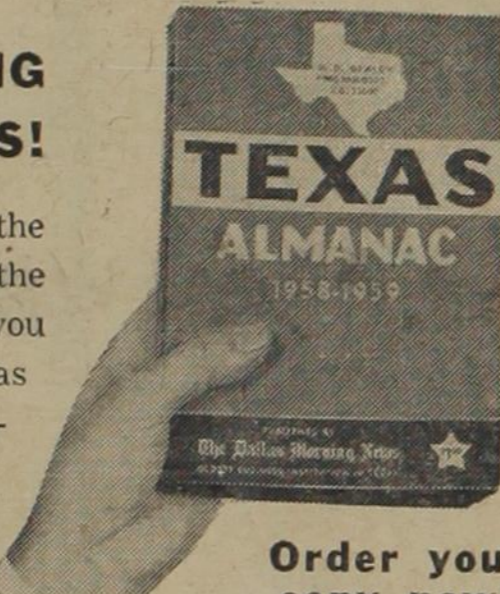
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Lee Jones of Breckenridge, is a brother of Mrs. C. M. and a brother-in-law of Olice B. Jones, has suffered a stroke and is quite ill in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Mary A. Stovall had as her visitors over the week end, her daughters, and their husbands; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moates of McCamey and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boiles of San Mar-

Mrs. Jack Jackson, Mrs. O. R. Shults and Mrs. A. T. Shults made a business trip to Brownwood Monday.

### Rice-Navy Clash To Climax Gala Cotton Bowl Events

DALLAS. — A gala Cotton Bowl festival of entertainment and sporting events will lead up to the climactic New Year's Day football classic here pitting Navy and Rice.

There will be a bigtime stage show, carnival attractions, parade, New Year's Eve ball and other activities for the public. Tennis and bowling tournaments, a peewee football game and professional, college and high school basketball games are scheduled.

The Cotton Bowl Revue in State Fair Music Hall Dec. 27-31 will feature singing star Georgia Gibbs, comics Joey Adams and Al Kelly and an array of top-caliber specialty acts backed by a 20-piece orchestra.

The million-dollar Midway at State Fair Park will be in full operation for a fun-filled Cotton Bowl Carnival Dec. 28-Jan. 1.

The Minneapolis Lakers will meet the St. Louis Hawks in a professional basketball game Dec. 30 at the SMU Coliseum. The Elks college basketball tournament Dec. 26-28 at Fair Park will pit eight outstanding teams. Thirty-two teams of schoolboy cagers will compete in the 18th annual high school basketball tournament sponsored by the Dr. Pepper Company Dec. 26-30.

A free peewee football game in the Cotton Bowl Dec. 28 will match the Security Benefit Life Mustangs, North Texas Peewee Football League champs, against the undefeated Guardian Angels of Cincinnati, peewee champions of Ohio. Regional and national bowling stars will take part in the fifth annual Cotton Bowl Singles Classic at the Hap Morse Bowling Alleys Dec. 14-Jan. 1. The first annual Cotton Bowl junior indoor tennis championships will be unreeled Dec. 28-31 at Fair Park.

New Year's Eve will be a busy and exciting time in Dallas. A colorful parade through downtown Dallas at 11 a.m. will include bands, floats, the Rice and Navy football teams, the Cotton Bowl Queen and her princesses. There will also be a Neiman Marcus style show for the ladies and the annual Texas Sports Hall of Fame luncheon. That night, the glittering Cotton Bowl Spectacular in the new Dallas Memorial Auditorium will present Ray Anthony and his famous orchestra playing for a festive New Year's Eve dance.

And at 2:30 p.m. on New Year's Day the Southwest Conference champions, Rice, will tangle with Navy, champions of the East, in the gridiron classic in the Cotton Bowl.

Mrs. Tommy Lewis was in Brownwood Saturday, on business.

### HOME MAKERS

#### Views and News

Sandra Kirkland Home Dem. Agent Nancy Weathers Asst. Home Dem. Agent

Although the remains of the Thanksgiving Turkey are still in the refrigerator, Christmas lights are in the sky. As we mature, we feel an increasing sense of happiness in giving to others. With Christmas comes the culmination of the giving of material gifts in our nation. Most of us have only a certain amount of money to spend on these gifts. Our desire to give to those we love can be more nearly satisfied if we make some of these gifts.

What would be more welcome than sweetmeats from the kitchen gaily wrapped and tied with Christmas ribbon?

One-pound fruit cakes and larger, decorated with candied fruits and nuts, and wrapped in cellophane are beautiful and most acceptable. A box of homemade jams, preserves or jellies put up in uniform jars and wrapped in holiday attire would be hard to resist. Fill a clever cookie jar with luscious homemade cookies—decorated or plain.

If you're good at baking yeast breads, make some Holiday Tea Rings—Jule Kaga and loaves of bread. Wrap attractively and presto—your next door neighbor and other friends welcome your thoughtfulness. Aluminum foil is attractive for wrapping and protects gifts of food.

Pack cookies in decorative tins or gaily wrapped boxes. They will be gratefully enjoyed throughout the yuletide season.

Homemade candies always make a hit. Make them several days ahead of time and pack in tin boxes.

Bottles of homemade salad dressing are another idea for Christmas giving.

If you have a pressure canner, can fruit cakes; then wrap cans and label. They'll wish they had another can before it is gone.

Gala popcorn balls of popcorn and peanuts wrapped in colored cellophane and tied with bright ribbon are good gifts for children.

Plum pudding is a traditional Christmas goody. Include with

### Guests of Keels During Holidays

Those visiting in the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keel, Allen Keel and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. R. and sons of Houston, and Mrs. B. D. Russell and children of Jayton. On night they all met at the of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fra a singing and showing of picture films. Other ent there, were Marvin of Rising Star, Mr. Olin Willis of Comanche and Mrs. J. H. Ingram, family of May and Mrs. of Rising Star.

Mrs. Beryl Heath was for a group of friends of Mrs. Bess Rachel on Friday, Dec. 6.

dinner was served to Mrs. Rachel, Mrs. Mrs. Myrtle Angel, Rachel, Mrs. Heat, a wonderful hostess, as by her friends.

Mrs. W. G. Reed, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. and her sister, M. Riddle of Brownwood, visited their brother, Lee Sunday. Mrs. Mary Horton is 95 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Davis and Jerry were here Saturday. Oral is teaching in De Leon High School and Jerry is a student in Tarleton State College. The Davises still own their home here but are now living in De Leon.

the pudding suggestions for serving, plus a recipe of hard sauce to serve with the pudding. An idea for baking the plum pudding is to fill individual custard cups or a large casserole with the pudding mixture, and bake. The folks will eat the pudding in a jiffy, but the cups and casseroles will pop bake in their tables for years.

Other ideas for Christmas gifts are wooden bowls with Texas pecans and a nutcracker; a Mexican basket filled with colorful fruits and homemade sandwich spreads in little pottery jars.

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**Hazel Butler and Friends Hostesses for Saturday**

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Christmas motif was carried in the refreshments, which consisted of coffee, Christmas nuts and pecans served in Christmas napkins and Santas were placed on the table.

Mrs. M. Crump has accepted membership in the club. Mrs. D. Clark renewed her membership.

**Bonnie Glyn Steel To Wed McCamey Girl**

Announcement of the betrothal of Miss Ellen Ann Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Verner Glover of McCamey, to Bonnie Glyn Steel, son of Mrs. Allie Steel of Cisco, has been received. The wedding will be solemnized on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the First Methodist Church in McCamey.

Bonnie Steel was reared in Rising Star. Ellen Glover's father was a former teacher in Rising Star school. They are now both students in Southwestern University.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubbard of Mason visited her sister, Mrs. Leonard Harris Sunday and they were accompanied to Fort Worth by Mrs. Leonard Harris. They returned late Sunday.

**Methodist WSCS Meets December 9**

Mrs. Raymond Gray, program leader, discussed the World Federation of Methodist Women at the meeting of the First Methodist Church WSCS on Monday, December 9.

The program opened with a hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and Mrs. Gray read the Scripture lesson from I. Corinthians 13; Mrs. O. D. Carver led in prayer.

"Women in Singapore Area," was discussed by Mrs. M. S. Sellers. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison to close the program session.

A business session followed and then the group was dismissed with the regular Society benediction.

The next meeting of the WSCS will be held in the home of Mrs. Marshall Groce on December 16 with Mrs. Mabel Ellis as leader.

**WMU Meets in Circles Monday, December 9**

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church met in circles on Monday, Dec. 9. Each circle is named for a missionary who is now on a foreign field. The Wana Ann Forte Circle met with Mrs. Jimmie Fridge with eight members present. Those who gave parts on the program were: Mrs. Lee Clark, Mrs. H. L. Geye, Mrs. J. R. Bucy and Mrs. Raymond Turner.

The Jaxie Short Circle met with Mrs. Will Ware where nine members answered roll call. The program was given by Mrs. Clark Crowover, Mrs. Will Ware, Mrs. Maudie Woods and Mrs. A. T. Shults.

The Estelle Freeland circle met with Mrs. J. D. W. Jones. Those on program there were: Mrs. C. M. Cox, Mrs. Granton Adams and Mrs. W. G. Reed.

Each circle observed the Christmas program that is outlined in Royal Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eakin have moved into the home they purchased from Mrs. J. I. Foster. The home is on West Austin Street. We heartily welcome the Eakins.

**Amity News**

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds

(Editor's Note—The following letter arrived too late for publication in last week's issue.)

Mrs. Claude Griffin and DeWain went to Temple week end before last to visit Mr. Griffin, who is in a hospital there for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Stodghill were called to Haskell Friday, November 29, to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Pauline Williams, who was seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beard of Abilene were recent visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. Bob Landreth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pugh and daughters of Seagoville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. West during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henderson had business in Brownwood Friday, November 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mullis and Jimmy visited relatives at

Bangs Wednesday night, Nov. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henderson, Mrs. O. J. Reynolds, Bob and Bonnie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Landreth Sunday, Dec. 1. We carried dinner and helped to celebrate his birthday. We were a week late on account of the snow on Sunday before last, but everyone there enjoyed the visit very much.

Mrs. Ray Woods of Shiloh and his mother, Mrs. West of May visited Mrs. Bob Landreth Friday, Nov. 29.

Mrs. O. J. Reynolds and Bonnie spent part of the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Willie Cosper in Rising Star.

Martha Haynes was at home from Tarleton College for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hicks and Mary Haynes Wilson of Midland have also been visiting their parents here.

Alton is now a member of the fire department in Arlington, and has bought a home there and is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mauldin and daughter Marsha, of Quari, Venezuela, South America, will arrive in Dallas today, and will be met there by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Groce. The Mauldins will spend the Christmas holidays here.

They will be joined here by their daughter, Lydia Mauldin, who is a student in Loretta Academy at El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gray visited their son, Wilbur Gray, who is quite ill, in a hospital at Albany.

Second Lieutenant Joe Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miley Wilson, has received his discharge

from the Armed Services in France, and is now visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Miley and sons, Joe and Johnny, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Wilson's sister in Coleman.

Mrs. Ethel Barnes has returned from an extended visit with her children in Fort Worth and Dallas.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Larkin and children of Arlington, spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. P. C. Larkin and with his aunt, Mrs. Bertha McKinney.

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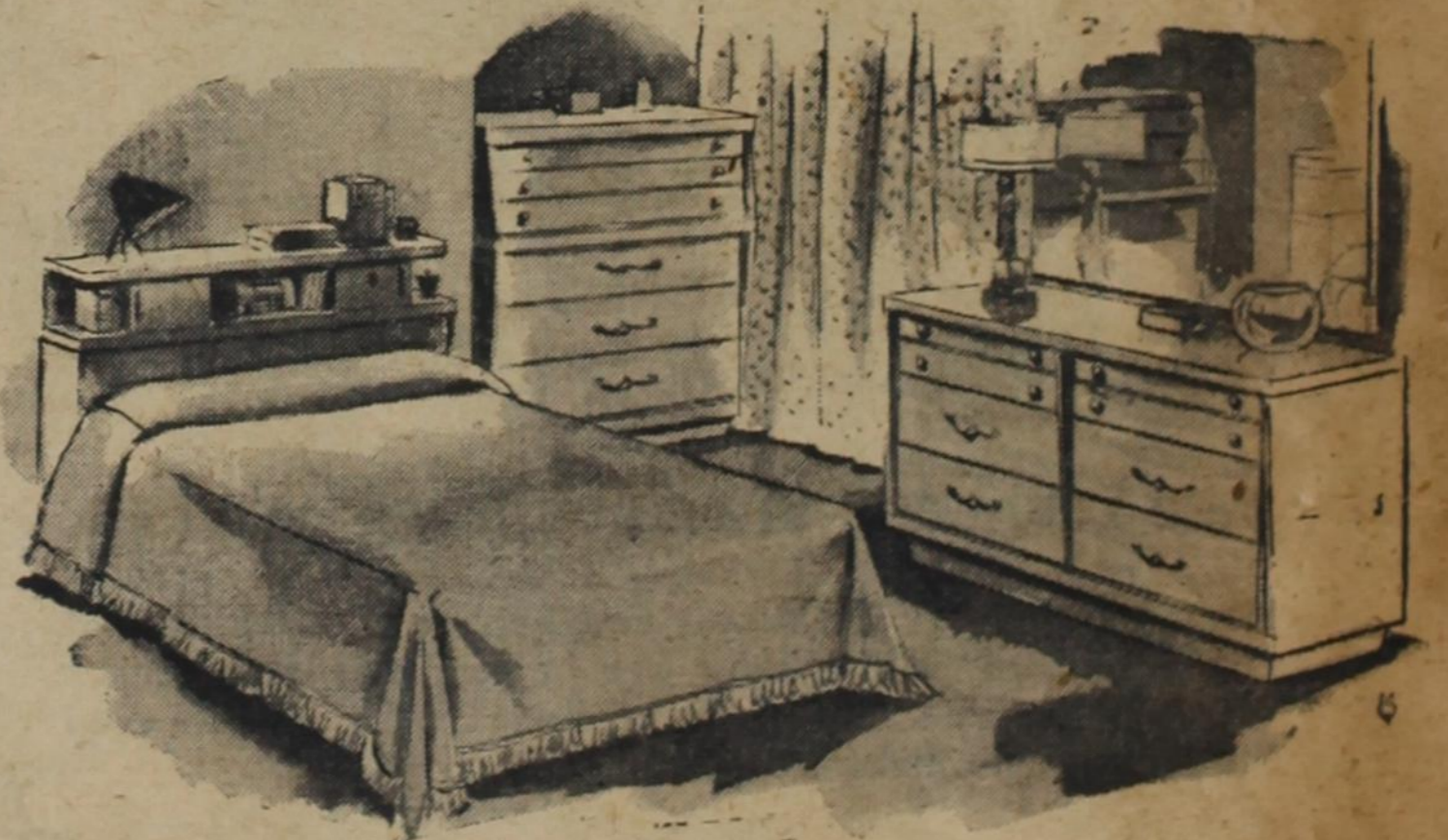
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### Books of Samuels and Kings Studied By Bible Class

The lesson for the Ladies Bible class of the Church of Christ on November 7 was II Samuel. The book features the reign of David over God's chosen people. The first seven years he was king over Judah, only, then king over both Judah and Israel 33 years. David made Jerusalem the center of political and religious power. He broke up the local shrines of worship and turned all toward Jerusalem. He extended the borders of the kingdom from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River, thus fulfilling God's promise to Abraham of which we read in Gen. 15:18. David subdued the nations

that hated Israel. Nevertheless, he experienced defeat at times because of his failure to trust the God of the armies of Israel to lead. Again we find the Bible recording not only the good, but the bad also—in relating David's conduct. Chapters 10-18 tell of his great sin and its consequences. In Chapter 12, we read of Nathan's rebuke for this sin. David took flight from Jerusalem when his own son, Absalom, conspired against him. In deep humility and deep grief, David repented, God accepted his repentance and forgave, and David was restored to the throne. David planned to build the temple, but because of the wars and shedding of much blood God denied this to him, promising that his son, Solomon, should build it.

On November 21, I Kings was studied. The book gives the account of the death of David,

Solomon's reign, the building of the temple, and the division of the kingdom.

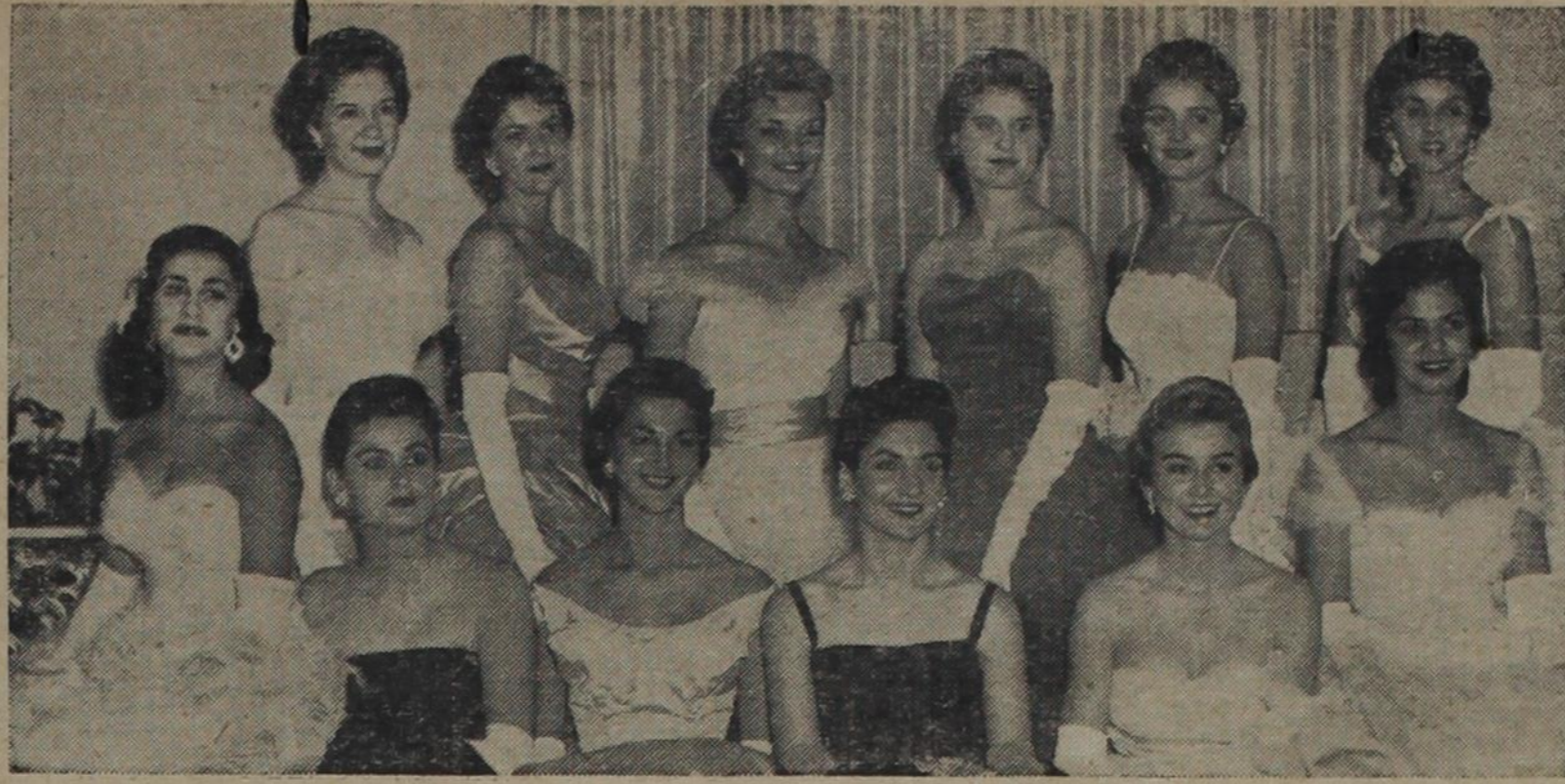
Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, was anointed by Jaddok, the priest, to succeed his father as king. Afterward David gave Solomon a very strict and touching charge concerning the future of Israel, and Solomon's responsibilities as king. Then King David "slept with his fathers".

According to God's promise to David, Solomon's reign was peaceful, whereas David's had been filled with wars. In a dream God said to Solomon, "Ask what I shall give thee". Solomon asked for an understanding heart to judge God's people, and to discern between good and evil. Because of this wise request, God promised Solomon wealth and honor, as well as wisdom. His wisdom is demonstrated in many ways. The Queen of Sheba, hearing of his greatness, visited him, and after "proving him with hard questions" exclaimed, "The half has not been told!".

Solomon reigned 40 years. The building of the Temple, in the early part of his reign, established Jerusalem as the center of worship for the nation. Notwithstanding all the greatness of Solomon in building the Temple and the king's palace, extending commerce, making the nation strong, and gaining great favor and wealth, his decline came about as the result of vices that crept in. These vices were due to the influence of the foreign wives whom Solomon acquired, in violation of God's plan for His chosen people. Dur-

ing the last part of his reign, Solomon, because he had turned from the true worship, realized that his influence over Israel was greatly weakened. At his death his son, Rehoboam, succeeded to the throne. At the beginning of Rehoboam's reign, he refused to lighten the burden his father had placed upon the people—to support his extravagance. Ten tribes revolted, thus dividing the united nation into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Rehoboam was king over the Southern Kingdom—the Kingdom of

### North Texas State Yucca Beauties



Judges have named these co-eds as Yucca Beauties for 1958 at North Texas State College in Denton. They will be pictured in the school yearbook next spring. The winners are (front row, left to right) Gayle Monsour, Longview; Carole Miles, Dallas; Marcia Juday, Garland; Joy Maness, Jacksonville; Genevieve Williamson, Fort Worth; Joan Burden, Dallas; and (back row) Clo Richardson, San Angelo; Virginia Clarke, Fort Worth; Danna Karlen, Dallas; Barbara Evans, Dallas; Paula Graham, Childress; and Judy Bone, Dallas.

### Many Landowners Now Eligible for Security Benefits

Farm landlords over 65 have started filing for their social security benefits according to R. R. Tull, manager of the Abilene security district office. A number of such claims will peak early in 1958, although others have filed their 1957 returns, he declares.

The 1954 law which self-employed farmers with 1955, did not provide for any landlord rental income from land, according to Tull, meant that many landlords whose sole business was farming operations and who actually took the protection of the security Act. To remedy this Congress in 1956, changed the law so that a landlord arrangement with the share-farmer takes part in producing a crop and whose ties significantly affect the amount of the crop, will have his net income from this activity credited to his social security account.

This means that the farm landlord over the age of 65 who has been helping his tenant in the production of a crop by helping with the work, contributing machinery or money and actively managing some of the operations, during 1956 and 1957, may be qualified for a social security benefit.

The social security office has leaflets and booklets explaining in more detail what things are taken into consideration in determining whether the landlord's activities constitute material participation. If the landlord meets the requirements, then it is necessary that he file a Schedule F along with his regular income tax form and pay the social security tax on his net income from this farming activity.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morris and daughter, Bennie Sue, visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allgood, in Eastland Sunday.

properly.

A total of 49 boys and girls from virtually every one of the 4-H Clubs over the county were present at the initial meeting of the county 4-H Council held in the courthouse in Eastland on Saturday morning, Nov. 16. Two boys, J. B. Tankersley, Eastland, and Warnie Kanady, Nimrod, were named vice-president and treasurer respectfully. Other officers elected were girls.



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Roland Ziehr has been named president of the Cisco Junior High 4-H Club. Roland, who lives in the Pleasant Hill Community, south of Cisco, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ziehr. Roland raised some turkeys as his project this past summer. He also has a Jersey heifer that he is developing.

Other officers named at Cisco

Junior High included Clifton Clarry, vice president; Bobby Price as Secretary-Treasurer and Park Plambeck, Jr., as Reporter.

Johnny Bob King, Ranger Junior High 4-H club member recently got himself a 4-H club sign with his name on it from the Chicago office of the National 4-H Club Committee. The sign was secured through the County Agents office in Eastland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny King, Ranger. His dad has worked for Lone Star Gas for many years.

Now that the football season is over Don Massingill, Eastland, plans to really get down and teach his Hereford steer, "Maverick", to lead and pose. "Maverick" will be shown at the Calhoun County Show at Baird and at the Eastland County show next spring.

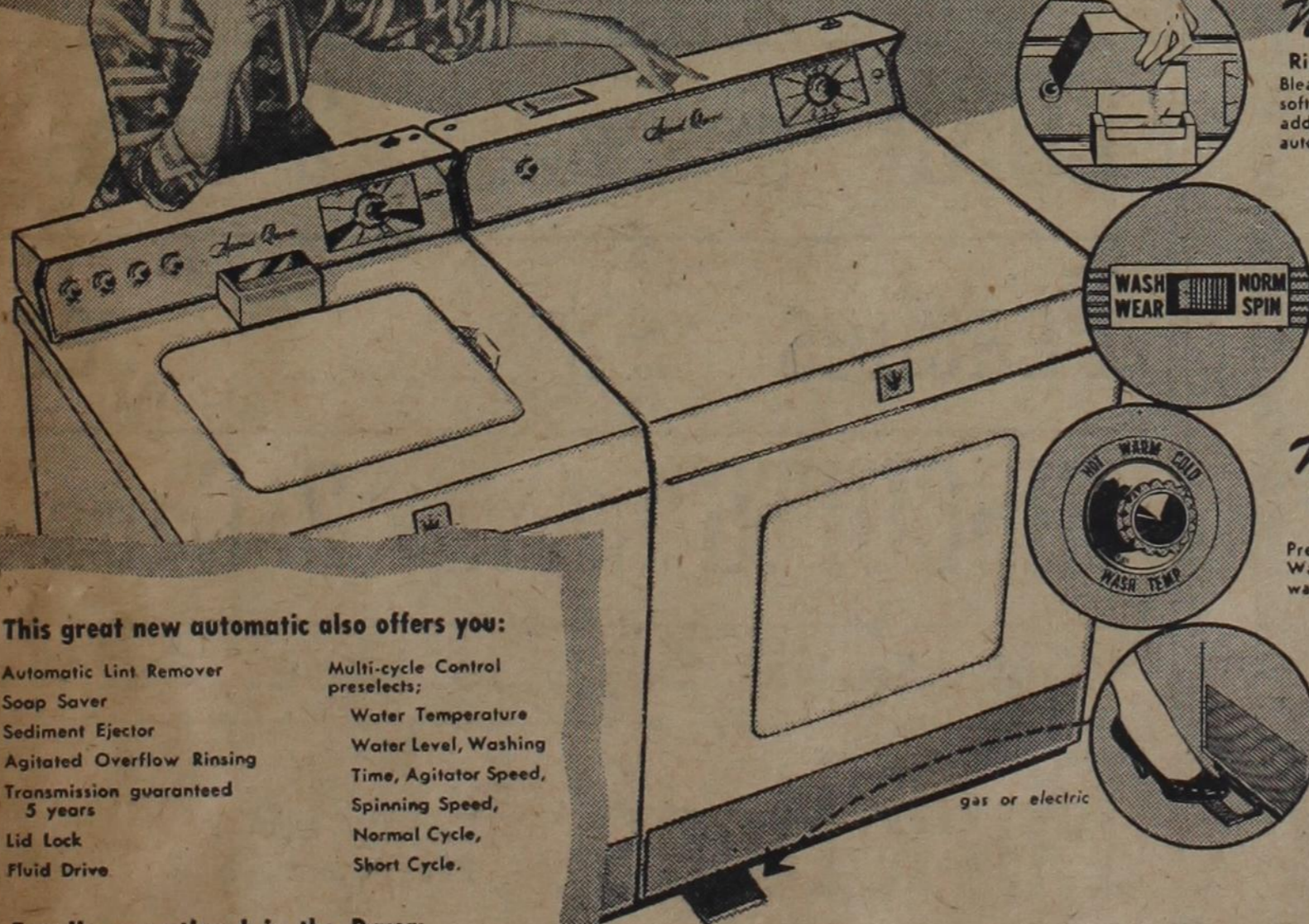
Members of the Olden 4-H Club recently named David Dunn as president of their club. Edward Haynes was selected as the vice president, Tommy Fonville, Secretary-Treasurer and Raymond Fox as the reporter. Billy Horn was named to be the 4-H Council Representative. The group also named James Horn as adult leader of the group.

Walter and Baylis Pope, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pope, Nimrod, recently brought home their registered Rambouillet ewes that they purchased from the Louis Tongate ranch in Brown County. The boys are considering showing their sheep at the San Angelo show if they develop

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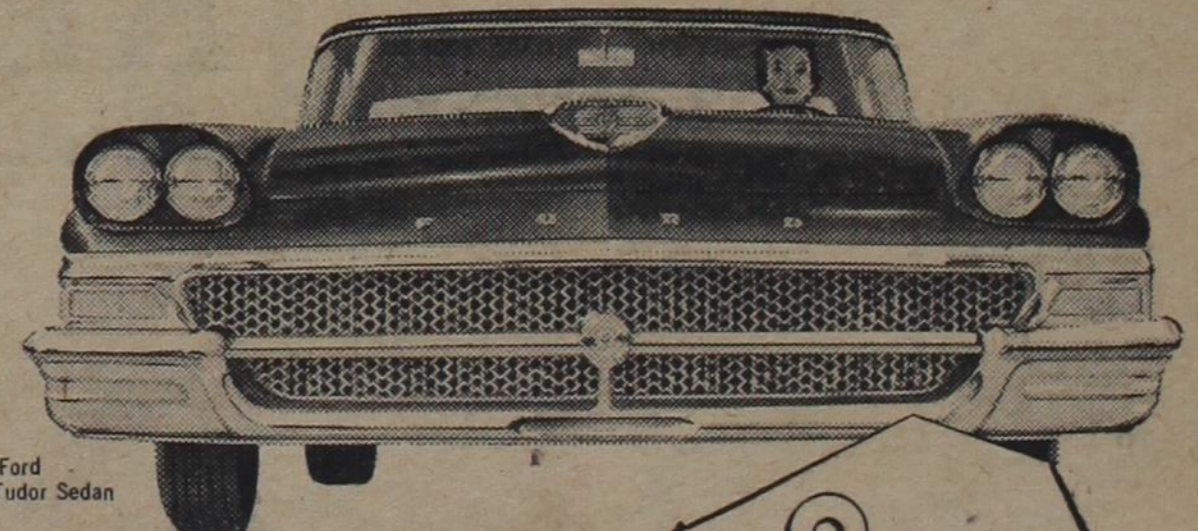
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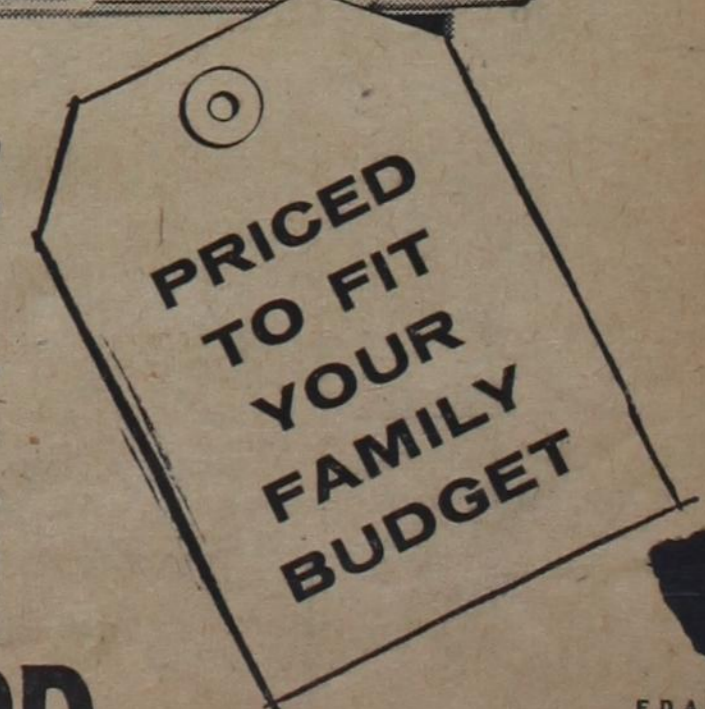
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and others who criticize old Santa Claus as a symbol of a perverted Christmas, would take a dig beneath the surface and they would certainly find a lot of good rich people who make it possible for the spirit and meaning of Christmas to flourish despite all the bills that flesh is heir to.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Crump Monday this week were her parents, and Mrs. E. F. Holamon and her brother, of Pine Bluff.

**Demand for Beef Has Increased In United States**

COLLEGE STATION. — Beef producers in Texas and the nation have seen consumer demand for their products steadily increase for the past several years. Roy W. Snyder, extension meats specialist says beef consumption on a per capita basis in the United States reached a peak of 83.5 pounds in 1956. He says the figure is expected to be only slightly smaller in 1957 with the decrease due to reduced beef slaughtering. The 1957 per capita consumption, however, will still be well above average figures. He credits the rise in beef consumption to a number of factors but chief among them is the favorable competitive position beef has been holding in comparison with other red meats. To further emphasize this point, Snyder says consumers ate more beef in 1956 than all other red meats combined, about 51 percent of the 163.5 pounds consumed per capita was beef. This total figure was also a record.

Promotion and advertising are also cited by the specialist as factors in the increase. Special attention has been called to the nutritive and economical values of the lower priced cuts with beef organizations playing a big part in this promotion. To further focus public attention upon the Texas beef industry, Governor Price Daniel has proclaimed the week of December 1-7 as "Beef Week in Texas". The Texas Beef Council and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association are climaxing the observance by sponsoring the fourth annual "Beef Supper" in Fort Worth the evening of December 5. The sponsors, Snyder says, use this occasion to spotlight the Texas beef industry and the part it plays in the total agricultural economy of the state.

J. H. Wilson, who has been treated in a hospital in San Angelo is much improved and is able to be at his home on Pioneer Street.

Miss Dixie Respass of Midland spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. F. W. Respass.

**Amity Club to Plan Christmas Program**

The Amity Progress club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Community Clubhouse to plan the annual club Christmas party. Every member of the club was urged to be present.

**Christmas Tree Program at Okra**

There will be a Christmas tree program at the Okra Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:15 to which the public is invited, it was announced this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Congleton of Abilene were visitors here Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Harris of May has been a patient in the Rising Star Hospital but is improved.

Mrs. Ora Walker of Lubbock has been visiting her brother, George Brown, in his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morris have returned to their home in Andrews after a visit here prolonged from the Thanksgiving holidays by Mr. Morris' illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Franks of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Cisco were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cannon Sunday.

A Christmas card has been received from Sgt. and Mrs. Weldon Jaynes and Danny who are with the Armed Forces in France.

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