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## FROM THE EDITOR'S WINDOW

**Former Printer Visit in Baird**  
Mr. Mont Somes, who was a printer for The Baird Star fifty years ago, visited the Star office this week, at a time when The Putnam News editor happened to be there, this week. Mr. Somes is now associated with the New York American, which position he has held since 1928. Mr. Somes taught Miss Eliza Gilliland, present editor of The Baird Star, to set type when she was a small girl. From Baird Mr. Somes went to Waco, where he spent about 30 years in the printing business. In 1926 he located in Florida, always in the same business.

Mr. Somes stated that he visited in Putnam many times during the "horse and buggy days," attending parties of square dancing and other games. He stated that Foy's General Merchandise was the only store in Putnam at that time. Several farmers had located nearby.

Mr. Somes states that there are 3,000 employees in the building at New York where he works, and that 700 of them are printers for the famous Hearst's publications, which issue the New York American, Journal and Mirror daily. At the present time, he is recuperating at Pecos, Texas but plans to return to New York as soon as his health is improved sufficiently.

In asking Mr. Somes whether he preferred New York or Texas, he stated, "I prefer Florida, because of the climate, however, I like New York and Texas." He stated "Young ambitious workers have excellent opportunities in New York, and oftentimes Southerners are given first preference because they have a general name of being unusually efficient. Southern printing establishments are considered among the best." Mr. Somes stated he noticed little difference between the people of New York and the people here, that people were about the same everywhere. He stated that the New York Americans are very friendly. Mr. Somes seemed to feel at home at the Baird Star office after these many years. Pleasant memories of the past are a great thing.

### Advertising Pays

From the Cisco Daily Press of January 9: "L. C. Moore had a unique experience the other day, and a very pleasing one for his store. A party of tourists from New York on their way to spend the winter in California came in and ordered a bowl of chili, saying that parties in New York who had accidentally stopped in Cisco on their journey to and from New York and California had told them to stop at Moore's Drug Store in Cisco, Texas, and eat some of their famous chili made by 'Doc,' the colored porter, who most certainly knew his chili. The group did so and related to Mr. Moore: 'Not bad.' We are always glad to give our friends these little notices.

### Putnam Plans Program for President's Birthday

The Putnam committee for the sponsoring of a celebration honoring President Roosevelt's birthday, the proceeds of which will be used to further the cause of preventing infantile paralysis and of assisting victims of the disease, plan to have a Spelling Bee and program, for which a small sum of admittance will be charged. The program will be held on the night of January 30th.

Fifty percent of the funds raised will be held in trust for the counties in which they were raised. The remainder of the money will go to the National Foundation to be used for scientific research. Mrs. M. C. McGowan is chairman for Callahan county. R. F. Webb is chairman in Putnam to be assisted by E. C. Waddell, R. D. Williams, Fred Heyser, Mildred Yeager.

We are certain that the citizens of our county will cooperate to make the President's Birthday celebration, the banner event for suffering humanity. Members of the committee feel that it is a privilege to help intensify the national drive for funds to stamp out the dread disease and to bring happiness and health to thousands of afflicted children, stricken by the scourge of infantile paralysis.

### B. A. U. PROGRAM SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- Part 1—Mr. M. Tatom.
- Part 2—Mr. De Shazo.
- Part 3—Mr. Chester Allen.
- Part 4—George Brown.
- Part 5—Rev. Rushin.

In the election held last Tuesday in Putnam, voters gave their approval to the city council to proceed with proposed plans to connect the city with the Clinton springs about 2 1-2 miles south-east of Putnam.

### PUTNAM MAN'S FATHER ILL

T. K. Maynard, father of L. D. Maynard of Putnam, is ill at the home of his son. He has been ill several days. Another son, Lee Maynard, who formerly was employed by the Roy Williams Grocery, is with him also.

### MRS. B. HERRING HOSTESS FOR PARTY

Mrs. Brady Herring was hostess to a group of friends at her home Thursday night, January 5th, at which time forty-two and Chinese Checkers furnished the diversion. Refreshments of rainbow sandwiches, olives, date loaf cake, coffee, and mints were served. Those playing forty-two: Mmes. Fred Cook, John Cook, R. D. Williams, Wiley Clinton, Clyde Dean, W. H. Norred, Neil Norred, B. Herring. Playing Chinese checkers were Mmes. R. F. Webb, E. C. Waddell, Misses Myrlene McCool, Gladys Poe.

### GROUP ENJOYS CANDID CAMERA PARTY

Miss Eloise Norred of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Neil Norred of Putnam were hostesses to a group of young people in the home of Mrs. W. H. Norred during the holiday season. As guests entered fake pictures were taken of each. Strings of cellophane ribbon were given each, which were terminated in lamps, venetian blinds, etc. A slip of paper was attached designating a stunt to be performed. Reverend Bailey won the prize in the contest. "It's a snoot" contest was then given, with Wilma Pruet winning the prize. Tongue twisters were then attempted with Rev. Bailey and Velma Eubank as leaders of two sides. Miss Eubank as leader of the losing side auctioned her streamers as dolls. A contest of making words from the letters of photographs was had. Old songs were then sung. Refreshments of ice-box cookies and hot tea were served. Those present were Reverend and Mrs. J. Morris Bailey, Wanda Wood, Mary Alice Burnam, Inez Allen, Frances Lunsford, Mary Lou Eubank, Velma Eubank, Zada Williams, Mary Douglas Williams, Wilma Pruet, Willie Grace Pruet, Edward Sunderman, Earl Sunderman, Chris Sunderman, Franklin Shackelford, R. D. Brown, Doyle Lee Brown, Roy Lee Williams, Dolpha Hull, Doyle Gunn, Glenn Burnam, Stella Mae Ramser, Bill Brandon, Jack Everett, Jodie Isenhower, Edward King, Mildred King, Hugh Vernon Smith, Mrs. S. M. Eubank, Mrs. W. H. Norred, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Norred, Eloise Norred.

Miss Maud Slaughter left Monday for Eastland where she will resume her work. Miss Slaughter has been employed at Eastland for the past year. She left her subscription for The Putnam News.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank every one for their kindness extended us in the illness and death of our darling baby. May God bless each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan and Children.

### PEP INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM

- January 15
  - Part 1—Wanda Merle Lowry.
  - Part 2—Estelle Lunsford.
  - Part 3—Jocile Kelley.
  - Part 4—Douglas Kelley.
  - Part 5—Jarrell Allen.
  - Part 6—Mary Alice Burnam.
- January 22
  - Part 1—Special program on Alcohol.
- January 29
  - Part 1—Wanda Merle Lowry.
  - Part 2—Douglas Kelley.
  - Part 3—Jocile Kelley.
  - Part 4—Mary Alice Burnam.
  - Part 5—Jarrell Allen.
  - Part 6—Margaret Lawrence.
  - Part 7—Estelle Lunsford.
  - Part 8—Stanley Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. James Collins and Grady Wiggins of Tuscola spent last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. DeShazo.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Maynard are parents of a baby daughter, Mary Anna, born during the holiday season. The baby is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Maynard and Mrs. Mollie Springer of Putnam.

### BUCHANAN INFANT BURIED SATURDAY

George Donald Buchanan, 7 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan of Kilgore, was laid to rest in the Dennis Cemetery Saturday afternoon, with the Reverend Cole Jackson, Church of Christ pastor of Baird, officiating. The baby's death was attributed to intestinal influenza. He is survived by two sisters, Virginia and Irene, his parents. The Buchanans were visiting relatives in Putnam and the Union community at the time of the death. Mr. Buchanan is on a leave of absence. They expect to return to Kilgore in the near future where he is engaged in the oil industry. Mrs. Buchanan is ill at the present time.

### ATTENDED JACKSON DAY DINNER

Postmaster E. C. Waddell attended the Jackson Day dinner at Dallas Saturday night at Hotel Adolphus. He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Waddell and daughter, Aura Frances, and Mrs. Sol Gattis of Scranton. On the return trip the group visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bigler and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coulter of Lancaster.

### DAMON TWINS ARE HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Jamie and Kelley Damon, twin son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Damon, were honored with a birthday party, Thursday night at the Damon apartment. Games of Chinese checkers, hunting contests, etc., were enjoyed. The group also enjoyed playing and singing. Edward King sang Alexander's Ragtime Band, accompanied by Bobby Clinton. Ice cream and the birthday cake with fifteen candles were served. Those present were: Bobby Clinton, Louise Lambley, LaJuan Gunn, Edward King, Theodor Byr, Allen Nelson, Marian Pearl Damon, Jamie Damon, Kelley Damon, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Damon.

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### Baptist Calendar

- Sunday, January 15th:
    - Sunday school, 10:00.
    - Sermon—11:00.
    - B. T. U.—6:15.
    - Sermon—7:15.
    - W. M. S. Tuesday, 8:00 evening, 7:15.
- F. A. Hollis, Pastor.

### Crippled Children Get Laugh From Texas Tech Grid Stars



Physically deformed youngsters at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children got a cheery laugh from the visit of Texas Tech grid stars, who will play St. Mary's of California in the Cotton Bowl January 2. Shown here with two of the little unfortunates are Frank Guzik of Sherman (left), husky center for the Red Raiders, and A. B. Murphy of Beaumont, star tackle. Funds to provide treatment for infantile paralysis victims, crippled as are these little fellows, will be raised on January 30 at celebrations throughout Texas of President Roosevelt's birthday.

### Scouting News

The Scout hut formerly used by the troop as their regular meeting place, just east of the football fields, has been turned down and will be moved to the Doc Isenhower tank, just a little west of the WTU hill, where there will be three lean-tos erected and used by the troop on over-night hikes. Each lean-to will be large enough to house 8 scouts comfortably. Building of the lean-tos will begin as soon as the material is placed on the ground. A number of troops in the local council have them for the same purpose that ours will be used for.

Plenty of water and wood for cooking and other purposes will be handy. We as a troop are grateful to Mr. Isenhower for the permission to build on his land. Every precaution will be taken for the safety of his pasture. The troop met on the high school campus Monday night for its regular meeting. A potato race and a foot ball game played with ropes was enjoyed by the scouts. Then the troop was assembled together for their regular business period. They elected Bobby Clinton as patrol leader of Patrol No. 1, Hugh F. Smith, Jr., patrol leader of No. 2, and Stanley Butler, patrol leader of Patrol No. 3. Then the leaders chose their patrol members. Stanley Culwell registered with the troop for this year, making a total of 15 scouts up to this time. There are others to register. We are expecting to have at least 25 scouts registered by the time we have our parents and son banquet that will be held on Feb. 10th at the school building. You parents of scouts please help us out by each of you preparing the meal. As stated before, the troop will put on a program for your pleasure. A court of honor will probably be held also.

### SENIOR B. T. U. PROGRAMS

- Jan. 15
  - 1. Preble Stewart.
  - 2. Mrs. S. M. Stewart.
  - 3. Artie Cook.
  - 4. Miss Smith.
  - 5. Miss McKemie.
- January 22
  - 1. Doyle Lee Brown.
  - 2. Preble Stewart.
  - 3. Oliver Davis.
  - 4. Lucile Wood.
  - 5. W. S. Jobe, Jr.
- Conclusion—Roy Lee Williams.
- January 29
  - 1. Dorothy Roberson.
  - 2. Roy Lee Williams.
  - 3. Mrs. R. F. Webb.
  - 4. J. W. Harrison.
  - 5. Mrs. S. M. Eubank.

### Citizens Vote to Go Ahead on Project

When I was elected your mayor in the April election, the issue was the refinancing of the \$32,000 bonds that are in default by several years and to make an honest effort to give the people of Putnam a good wholesome water supply. I have been working on both propositions since I was elected. When I found out it was impossible to build a lake as we were unable to finance it, I went to work on the proposition we have which in my opinion is a better water supply than any lake. And the vote in Tuesday's election is very gratifying to me to think such a vast majority of the people of Putnam gave a vote of appreciation, of the efforts that have been made to give Putnam a good water supply, and make the town a better place in which to live.

I think I know what the people of Putnam want. They want a good clean water supply, and are not so particular whether it be a lake or wells, and I am not prejudiced or biased on the subject. If the people who favor a lake can and will show the council how it can be financed, I am still willing to talk about a lake; but unless they can show us how it can be financed, it would be useless to delay going ahead any longer.

We believe the people who voted against going ahead with the Clinton project were just as honest and sincere in voting against the proposition as we were in voting for the project. Now that the election is over and the people have expressed themselves with a big majority in favor of the proposition, and with no ill feeling towards anyone who voted against the project it is hoped that everyone will cooperate with us in trying to make Putnam a better place in which to live. J. S. Yeager.

### Heart Disease Major Health Problem

AUSTIN. — "The steadily increasing rise in deaths attributable to heart disease represents a major health problem. That certain childhood infections such as scarlet fever, diphtheria, rheumatic fever, and even measles frequently are responsible for undermining the heart and thus causing it to weaken in later life is generally recognized," states Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer.

"The well directed efforts by physicians and health officers to reduce the number of these serious afflictions of youth through the application of preventive methods, early diagnosis, quarantine, and proper care during illness and through convalescence, all should have a marked influence eventually in reducing heart disease from those causes. Syphilis, which also is one of the main, if not the greatest heart-crippler, is being waged against energetically," Dr. Cox further states.

"However, in spite of the public health problems associated with heart disease, and the successful attacks being made against them, many of the premature deaths caused by ailments of this vital organ could be eliminated if the factor of intelligent personal cooperation were more generally applied.

"One's life habits sometime influence the heart. For example, if stimulants are excessively used, and susceptibility to their influence is more than average, the effect over a long period of time can result in heart impairment. Again, over exercise or any other undue strain on the adult heart can affect it seriously. Moreover, too much fondness for food by those of middle-age or beyond who already are overweight certainly is no boon to the heart, and with other causes may be a contributory factor in embarrassing its action.

"Or to express it positively, the reasonable application of the rules of hygienic living aid in keeping the bodily mechanism, including the heart, in good condition. And if to a sensible routine of living be added an annual physical check-up by a physician (a procedure that frequently makes possible the early detection of weakness, if existing, and the application of cure or care) many premature cases of fatal heart disease could be avoided. Therefore, to keep the whole body functioning healthful, including the heart, is an objective in which every adult should be most interested.

### PUTNAM GETS FIRST GOOD RAIN FOR YEAR

Putnam received one inch of rain Saturday night and Sunday, the first good rain for 1939, which was welcomed by all classes. The rain fall measured about one inch.

People were beginning to get a little blue over the situation, as the ground was getting rather dry and the farmers were reporting grain drying in some places before the first showers, and many reported that what they had sown was not up. This rain will bring all of the grain up that is planted, and there is plenty of time to sow wheat, and make a good crop, and it is now coming time to sow oats. This will give everything a good start and produce plenty of winter grass that will be of great benefit to the stock men. However, the stock men are well supplied for feed this season, having put it up last summer.

### INTERMEDIATE B. T. U. PROGRAMS

- January 15
  - Part 1—Mary Lou Eubank.
  - Part 2—James Kennedy.
  - Part 3—Osie Stephens.
  - Part 4—(1) Inez Allen; (2) Willie Grace Pruet; (3) Dorothy June Kelley.
  - Part 5—Mrs. F. A. Hollis.
  - Part 6—Mildred King.
  - Part 7—Frances Lunsford.
- January 22
  - Part 1—(1) Dorothy June Kelley; (2) Frances Lunsford.
  - Part 2—(1) Mrs. F. A. Hollis; (2) Wanda Wood; (3) Zada Williams; (4) Inez Allen; (5) Mildred Lawrence.
- January 29
  - Part 1—Mary Lou Eubank.
  - Part 1—(1) Glenn Burnam; (2) Osie Stephens; (3) Willie Grace Pruet; (4) Zada Williams; (5) Mrs. F. A. Hollis; (6) Mildred King.
  - Part 3—Stories on China—Reverend F. A. Hollis.

### A FREE SHOW JAN. 13

There will be a free show and demonstration put on by the John Deere Plow company Jan. 18 in the Shackelford Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharp were Baird visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harper and children are moving to Pecos, where Mr. Harper is engaged in the Lease Brokerage business. Mr. Harper and Mrs. Ida Abbott of Putnam were married recently. Mrs. Harper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham.

### 100,000 to Welcome O'Daniel to Office at Gala Homecoming

AUSTIN.—Enveloped in gayest festivity ever accorded an incoming governor of Texas, Governor-elect W. Lee O'Daniel will take office January 17 while an anticipated 100,000 visitors gather in Austin to participate in "Homecoming" merrymaking of the common citizens.

Banners, flags, pennants, streamers of multi-colored lights studding a twelve block approach to the state capitol, scores of bands, and throngs of dancers will transform the entire city into an emblazoned replica of movie-screen triumph to climax the record-smashing victory that swept O'Daniel into office in the state primary in July.

A huge curved neon sign flashing "Welcome Gov. O'Daniel" will span the entrance to the capitol grounds. The governor's portrait has been pressed on cloth banners for use as a centerpiece in each decorative unit in the business section. Two blocks of Congress Avenue north of the capitol will be roped off and decorated for dancing the night of January 17.

Plans have gone forward to hold the inauguration ceremonies for O'Daniel and Coke Stevenson, lieutenant governor-elect, who takes oath of office with the new governor, in Texas Memorial Stadium, weather permitting, to accommodate the huge crowd. Local hotel managers report that reservation requests have already exceeded their capacities.

The mid-day inaugural ceremonies will be followed by a series of Austin-planned receptions for the new state officials.

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Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of respect, and any kind of endorsements where admission fee or other monetary consideration is charged, will be charged for at regular advertising rates.

**MOONEY GETS FULL PARDON**

Thomas J. Mooney of California, who was convicted in the San Francisco bombing in 1916, was granted a full pardon Saturday by Governor Olsen. This was one of Governor Olson's campaign pledges: to grant Mooney a full pardon if he was elected. Mr. Mooney has been in the State Supreme Court of California and to the United States Supreme Court two or three times to be refused a hearing. Mr. Mooney was convicted more or less on circumstantial evidence. We think that Mr. Mooney has been punished enough and that Governor Olsen did the right thing in granting him a pardon, as twenty-four years is a long time to be confined in a prison.

**GOVERNOR ALLRED ISSUED 4250 CLEMENCY ACTS**

A four year record of only 7.2 per cent of the 4250 convicts' clemency failing to live up to parole conditions was announced Sunday as the result of the pardon system invoked by Governor Allred.

During Governor Allred's four-year term of office, he has passed on sixty three death penalties, of which fifty one were upheld and the convicted persons executed. Twelve commutations were granted.

**FARM TAXES RAISED \$8,167,000 IN THE PAST SIX YEARS**

The John Deere Plow Company paid in Texas in 1932, \$616,000 against a tax bill in 1937 of \$8,788,000, or a raise of \$8,167,000 in six years. Inasmuch as they only manufacture farm implements, this tax is paid by the farmers. So the present administration has raised the farm taxes on farm implements sold by only one farm implement company.

**VALUES OF 38 CROPS**

According to a report of the United States Department of Agriculture, the value of the 1938

Texas crops was valued at \$309,567,000, compared with \$461,304,000 for 1937. The estimate, based on average farm prices received by farmers, represents the value of field crops, and is not to be confused with cash income to farmers. Total production in bushels unless otherwise noted, price and value of some principal crops are here listed:

Corn production, 75,648,000 bushel at 44c, \$33,285.00; wheat production, 35,000,000 bushels at 58c, \$20,327,000; oat production, 36,920,000 bushels at 25c, \$9,230,000; rice production, 13,005,000 bushel at 63c, 8,193,000; grain and sorghum, 49,951,000 bushel at 42c, \$19,719,000; peanuts, 133,650,000 bushels, 2.9c per pound, \$3,976,000; cotton production, 3,125,000 bales, 8.30, \$129,688,000; orange production 2,200,000 boxes, 50c \$1,100,000; grape fruit production, 15,000,000 boxes, 25c, \$3,750,000; pecan production, 19,845,000 lbs., at 7.4c, \$1,464,000; onion production, 2,402,000 sacks at 1.23, \$2,957,000; spinach production, 4,800,000 at 30c, \$1,440,000; tomato production, 3,333,000 at 71, \$2,376,000. Total of these 13, main crops, \$237,505,000.

We do not have the acreage planted to each crop, but there was considerable more acreage planted to wheat than there was to cotton in 1938, but still the cotton crop made up more than 55 percent of the total income of the 13 major crops in Texas. With all of the efforts of the department of agriculture, trying to teach the farmer how to raise his income by planting other crops, it is shown that cotton makes up 55 percent of all income of the Texas farmer on his major crops in 1938. Notice the income from the wheat crop which is only \$33,285,000 while the cotton income is placed at \$129,688,000, or the cotton brought in three dollars income for every dollar received from wheat. Can anyone figure out where the farm program has benefited anyone, with the exceptions of the politicians who are on the government payroll? They can not figure any benefits for the more than 3,000,000 tenant farmers and farm laborers who are on relief.

**IT IS UP TO CONGRESS**

It appears after six years that Mr. Roosevelt has found out that he is not the whole cheese around Washington, from his speech before Congress Tuesday, and the one delivered at the Jackson day dinner Saturday evening. He says now it is up to congress as they make the appropriation.

He says, "We have now passed the period of internal conflict in the launching of our program of social reform. Our full energies may now be released to invigorate the processes of recovery in order to preserve our reforms and to give every man and woman who

wants to work a real job at living wages. We want to get enough capital and labor at work to give us a national income of 330,000,000 a year. At that figure the federal revenues will be sufficient to balance expenditures on the basis of the present tax structure."

In other words the President's speech would indicate that he is willing to let congress do the devising of the machinery for the accomplishment of what the country needs. And there will be no more writing bills by the train trust that has been in Washington for the past six years, and bringing them over to the law making branch of the government with a "must" attached to each bill. To say the least, it is hoped that he will do what he outlined in his recent speeches, as if this had been during the past six years, there would not have been so many half baked laws passed, regimenting the American people.

**DIES COMMITTEE TO BE CONTINUED**

The Dies committee is to be continued. There has been a bill introduced in congress to appropriate \$150,000 for the continuance of the investigation for at least another year. Some of the New Deal leaders do not want to continue the investigation any longer than through 1939. We do not see why that any limit should be placed on the investigation of un-American activities in this country, as this work has been neglected too long already. Of course after 1939 we will be in another election year and possibly some of the members of congress are afraid the investigation will show up things that have been kept under cover, as has been done in Pennsylvania case of the chairman of the Democratic party, Mr. David Lawrence. He has been indicted by the grand jury in connection with the political scandals in the Democratic primary elections in 1938.

**COURTS PERMITTED THEM TO BACK UP**

About one year ago, NLRB directed the Fort Motor Company to rehire 29 men and to stop interfering with the self-organization of its workers. Then in April last year, the board sought to withdraw the order for revision. Ford attorneys, confident the courts would uphold the original order, tried to block its withdrawal; but the Supreme Court at Washington this week held that NLRB could back up for a new start.

**I GIVE YOU TEXAS. BOYSE HOUSE**

Profound bit of philosophy to start the day off right: "Big fleas have little fleas that bite 'em; And so on—ad li-fin-i-tum."

Seldom is a candidate's statesmanlike grasp of important matters so swiftly justified by the logic of events as has been the case with Judge Ralph Yarborough. Last spring, when Judge Yarborough opened his campaign for attorney general, he told of the iron industry that flourished near Rusk a generation ago and how it was crushed by monopolistic forces. Just the other day, a meeting of East Texas leaders was held and it would not be surprising to see that industry revived soon.

Chewing tobacco is something so essentially masculine that we never thought to see it touched by femininity. But the other day in a crossroads grocery, there was a box on "chawing"—and each plug was wrapped in cellophane! Time marches on.

Another favorite story: A negro was being pursued by a darkey who was armed with a razor. The wife of the pursued negro asked, "Wherefore is you runnin'?" He galloped around the block and as he breezed by, he yelled, "Don't stand there in idle conversation; have that front gate open de next time I comes by."

Second-hand book stores are as fascinating to many people as grog shops are to a sot. Recently I found a prize in the Arcadia Book Shop on Elm Street in Dallas, which a long-time friend, Gene Wagner, runs. It was a 24-year old magazine containing the original printing of one of the O. Henry's stories. It was one of his best, the one on which the play, "Alias Jimmy Valentine" was based. O. Henry enthusiasts will be interested to learn that the tale—entitled "A Retrieved Reformation" in the complete editions—originally had the quaint-sounding title, "A Retrieved Reform."

Biggest find I've ever made though was a copy of "Myself—to Date" by Irvin S. Cobb. The book deals with the famous short story writer's days as a reporter and it was autographed. The dealer asked twenty-five cents, which was cheerfully paid. Money is no object to a book collector.

**Free Picture Shows to Be Given Jan. 8 at Shackelford's Store**



Incidentally, this chornicler worked on a newspaper in Memphis, Tenn., with Cobb's younger brother—as small and skinny as Irvin is big and fat, but alike in that each has a sense of humor. Ludicrous, intentional mispronunciation was the younger Cobb's specialty.

"Was Zilch in the World War?" someone asked. Cobb answered, "Was he in the World War? Why, he was decorated for bravery by the French government; they gave his the Croix de Gooks"—(Croix de Guerre).

And my uncle, who was in the Spanish-American war, always boasted that he was where the bullets were thickest—under the ammunition wagon.

Tom Cooper, Lindale editor and former legislator, has a gift for memorizing. He knows a poem, 21 stanzas long, dealing with the Hoover administration. Former Senator Bob Stuart of Fort Worth can quote a poem, nearly as lengthy, supposed to have been a speech by a one-time member of the House from Cass county. These "pomes" can not be reproduced here on account of space limitations.

Anyone who has lost a close friend will read with emotion these beautiful lines from "Trail Dust," Douglas Meador's column in the Matadore Tribune:

"Sometimes when my heart hurts with a particular loneliness for his voice, I can almost hear the jingle of his spurs and the hoof-beat of his sorrel pony; his saddle-leather a-popping. If the night is clear and frosty, that thin, silver dust is perhaps his course, chasing a bawling calf back to the herd on the flats of the Milky way."

**New Warning Lines Painted on Highways**

Describing work of the State Highway Department in its efforts to make Texas highways safer for all motor vehicle operators and pedestrians, Harry S. Phillips, traffic engineer of that department, calls attention to the appearance of additional paint lines on highways throughout the state.

"Under a recent program—all hard surfaced roads on the state highway system have been painted with a center stripe," Mr. Phillips said. "The addition of one or two lines to the existing center stripe indicates a warning where single lines of traffic are essential." One additional line is used on curves and hills where sight distance is restricted, the traffic engineer pointed out. It is placed on the right-hand side of the centerline approaching a point of short sight distance and continues to a point from which the driver is able to see at least 1,000 feet ahead.

"In certain sections of the state where the highways have limited sight distance each way, warranting single line traffic in both directions, they are painted with three stripes," Mr. Phillips said, "and motor vehicle operators should never pass another vehicle in such locations. Not only does there exist a possible chance of meeting an approaching vehicle but frequently the curvature of the road demands a slower speed."

Four-lane highways have a continuous double stripe which should never be crossed, the traffic engineer cautioned, and traffic should stay on the outside lane except when passing, using the inside lane for passing only.

**COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN**

Orchard Pruning Demonstrations for next week are planned at Homer Shanks' farm north of Clyde Monday, Jan. 16, at 2 p. m. Fruit growers of Clyde and Midway are invited to this meeting, where pruning and orchard management will be discussed. Other meetings of similar nature will be held at Herschel Bryant's young orchard Tuesday, Jan. 17, for growers of that area, and of course all who are interested are invited to this meeting, which will start at 2 p. m. also.

**Terracing Testimonials**

Since this is Soil Conservation week several men that have had an opportunity to try out terraces (with the joint rows thrown in) were asked to make a statement about their terraces. Here they are:

Clint McInyre of Oplin says: "After using terraces for 11 years on my farm I would not take \$1,000.00 for them if I knew they could not be replaced. Since constructing those terraces 11 years ago ditches have filled up in my field that at the time a horse could not cross and the yields of crops have been more than neighbors, whose land has not been terraced, every year since then." And Clint laid off his own lines too after attending a 2-day terracing school given by Dad Short at Baird 11 years ago.

J. O. Connel of Denton reports that land terraced in 1938 made a third more than land contoured and that contoured land made twice as much as land not terraced or contoured. In an 11 year experiment conducted at the Spur Experiment Station terraced land returned an average of \$7.84 more per year than land not terraced. Another interesting thing about the experiment was that no water ran off the terraced field, but on the unterraced field an average of two inches ran off yearly, hence the difference in income from the two fields.

Ace Hickman reports that the yield from his terraced land in 1938 was enough more than on the unterraced land that he was well satisfied with the results.

R. L. McKinney of Putnam could have given a good testimonial but it was not possible to see him. He is a strong believer in terracing or a small acreage of new land he put in last year would not have been terraced before he put the first crop on it.

Tip Elder of Rowden reports that his terraced land in 1938 made five bushels of corn more per acre than corn grown on unterraced land. The same statements hold true for peanuts also.

Richard Thompson of Cottonwood reports that terracing helped the yield of peanuts on his farm last year by several bushels per acre.

Although the records kept by many farmers of the county are not exact more and more land in the county is being terraced each year. In 1933 reports show that 766 acres were terraced while in 1938 4,640 acres were terraced and in the 6 year period records show that 14,704 acres of Callahan county land was terraced.

**Committeemen for Farm Programs Elected**

Wallis H. A. Hart, Callahan county administrative assistant, reports that county committeemen have been elected for 1939 as follows: Lester Farmer of Eula, chairman, Clint McIntyre of Oplin vice-chairman, and Fred Slacy of Dressy, member. Community committeemen elected at recent meetings are: Plee M. Ray, Ed Hender-

son, and W. S. Jobe, to serve the area from Brooks' Store to Dressy or in a general way the eastern third of the county. A. E. Young, H. R. Tabor, and S. S. Harville were elected to serve the central part of the county, and John A. McKee, Joel Griffin, and C. T. King were elected to serve the Western third of the county.

"The Tuttle Tugger," Hollywood entertainment picture, and 4 other talking pictures will be shown on John Deere day at F. P. Shackelford's store, 2:00 o'clock p. m. This show is free to all farmers. If you haven't a ticket, ask for them.

Misses Mildred and Lera Fleming of Abilene spent Monday night in the home of their mother, Mrs. Lula Fleming.

H. L. DeShazo and sister, Mrs. Lucille Wood, spent Monday in Tuscola. Mrs. Wood plans to remain several days with her sister.

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# Local Happenings

Mrs. W. J. Biggerstaff of near Patnam is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Lambiey.

Mrs. S. M. Eubank has been on the sick list this week, being confined to her bed part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heslep and Happy Wagley spent the week-end in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heslep.

Mrs. Jno. R. Wilhite and little grandson, Malcolm Parsley of Mincola, have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George E. Biggerstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Norred attended the Cotton Bowl game between Texas Tech and St. Mary's of San Francisco at Dallas Monday, January 2nd. They remained in Dallas until Wednesday.

The four months son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Smith has been a pneumonia patient this week. He was taken to Cisco for treatment and is reported to be doing as well as could be expected.

Mark the date on your calendar, Jan. 18. F. P. Shackelford is presenting the "Tuttle Tugger," an all-Hollywood production, and four other talking pictures. It's a fee farmers' show. Ask for tickets.

NOTICE  
I am again urging payment of accounts due me. I can't pay what I owe unless I am paid for my services.—DR. B. F. BRITAIN.

Mrs. Bill McMillon spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the home of M. and Mrs. Will Walls of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kile and baby, Mary Evelyn, of Big Spring, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers and Mrs. Ida Rogers Sunday.

Mrs. E. N. Hull visited Mrs. W. M. Richards at the Ranger Hospital last Saturday. Mrs. Richards has recently undergone a major operation.

Mrs. William Lee of near Abilene was a visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kirkpatrick, during the week-end. Mrs. Lee is the former Miss Ruth Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Como Flack of Kaufman, Mrs. Dennie Jo Flack of Dallas, T. P. Spencer of Kaufman, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook of Putnam this week. They also visited their mother, Mrs. H. Flack.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hull and son Dickey of Longview spent from Friday until Monday of the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilkins and daughter, Clydell, of Cisco spent from Friday until Sunday in the Hull home. Other guests for Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mayhew of Cisco, parents of Mrs. Clyde Wilkins, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Richards of Olden, parents of Mrs. Aubrey Hull.

## GRIGGS HOSPITAL

Folly Settles, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Settles of Baird, who has been a pneumonia patient since last Friday, is improving.

Raymond Mauldin, highway employee who suffered a cut from a flying rock, entered the hospital last Thursday for treatment for infected leg.

Eva Dean Floyd, who was injured in the Bayou school bus accident last week, has been a medical patient since Friday.

Howard Johnson, 6 year old son of Lewis Johnson, principal of the Denton school, who has been a pneumonia patient for the past two weeks, returned home Monday.

Gail Walls, year old son of Will Walls of Baird, entered the hospital Sunday as a pneumonia patient.

C. T. Putnam of Rowden, who has been a medical patient since Thursday, returned home Tuesday. Mrs. John K. McKenzie of Baird had major surgery Wednesday.

## DAN HORN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and daughters attended services at Scranton Sunday morning.

Robert Starr returned from Odessa where he has been working in the oil field last week.

Walter King spent Saturday night with R. D. Donham at Dothan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglass have moved to the Sawyer place, Mrs. Honea and children to the Austin place.

J. D. Sprawls is improving at this time.

Mr. Bucy of Rising Star was here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and daughter, Frankie, visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Speegle Sunday evening.

The good rain that fell Sunday was very much needed here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lambrite spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Camp at Dothan.

Marshall Ervin, who cut his leg while cutting wood Thursday week is able to be up some.

Dan Horn Home Demonstration Club will meet in a call meeting Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 10, with Mrs. M. D. Speegle our new president.

Emory Hallmack has the misfortune of losing a milk cow last week.

Mrs. Charles Starr and sons have moved to her mother's, near Atwell. Mr. Starr is out West.

Mrs. Sam Bisbee, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Lester Horn and A. W. Brooks went to Cisco Monday to the auction sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore of Leuders spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Everett and Mrs. Janey Moore.

Roy Springer of Edmon, Okla., spent a few days in the home of his mother, Mrs. Mollie Springer, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Norred, Mrs. W. H. Norred, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarred Conko of Abilene Sunday.

Miss Lillian Cook left Monday for Dallas, where she is employed, after spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Odell and children of Baird spent Sunday with Mrs. Odell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shelton. Mrs. Odell is the former Miss Pearl Shelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard of Oklahoma spent Friday with Mrs. Howard's grandmother, Mrs. T. L. Hamlin. Mrs. Howard is the former Miss Roma Young.

Why not own your own home: The Home Owners Loan Association still has 2 homes for sale, \$85 down. Balance \$5.00 per month. Mary Guyton, agent, Mission Hotel, Putnam, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hull and Dolpha Hull were visitors in the Hannibal community Saturday with Mr. Hull's daughter, Mrs. Oscar Gordon and family and Mrs. Hull's sister, Mrs. L. B. Browning and family.

Charles Davis, who has been in the hospital at Fort Bliss for the past three months as the result of an infected hand, is reported to be improved. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis of Putnam and has many friends in the territory. He joined the army last year and suffered an injured hand soon afterwards.

Efficiency  
A retailer, on receiving the first delivery of a large order, was annoyed to find the goods not up to sample. "Cancel my order immediately," he wired the manufacturer.

They replied: "Regret can not cancel immediately. You must take your turn."

## SCRANTON

A good rain fell here over Sunday, filling tanks and cisterns, putting a good season in the ground which was greatly needed for wheat, and for the sowing of spring oats, and planting of early gardens.

Work on the gymnasium is progressing. The school board bought the Odd Fellow hall and that building was torn down and the lumber is being used for the gymnasium.

The all weather road from Scranton west, tripping the Putnam-Cross Plains road, is nearing completion. A new bridge was built across Battle Creek This road was badly needed and will be greatly appreciated.

There is also a bridge under construction on the north road from Scranton to Putnam-Cross Plains road.

I am sure that our editor and the ones who might be interested in news from Scranton will excuse your reporter when I tell you that Mr. Faires is in Fort Worth and has been for several days, where he had an operation on one of his eye lids. The operation was reported a success but his doctor kept him over there a week for observation. By the time I did my husband's work and my own too, hasn't been much time gathering news.

## PUEBLO ITEMS

George Donald, little son of Mr. and Mrs. George Buchanan of Putnam, died while his parents were visiting in the home of Mrs. Buchanan's brother, Carl Gunn, of this community. George Donald was ill only a few days, passing away Friday night, January 6. His remains were laid to rest in the Dennis cemetery Saturday of last week. Elder Cole Jackson of Moran conducting the services.

When once the little bud is plucked, it can't come back to father or mother, but as one of old has well said, "They can go to it."

Mrs. Rosa McCollum had the misfortune of having two ribs broken during the holidays, which have proven very painful.

There was no Sunday school at Pueblo Sunday on account of the rain, but we felt that the rain was a great blessing to the country.

J. C. Dyer is reported ill this week.

Gerald Allen of Colony spent last week-end with his cousin, Ford Green of this community.

Carl Gunn and family are moving to the Bluff Branch community this week. Mrs. Montie Gunn of Colony is moving to the place vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pence spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Odell.

Mrs. E. W. McCollum and daughter, Maurine, are reported to be ill this week.

Chuck Barr, operator in the oil industry of Putnam, returned Thursday from San Diego, Calif., where he spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Doctor Whitmore of Seymour has returned to her home after spending several days in the home of Sheriff and Mrs. C. R. Nurdyke of Baird, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Uln Peacock and daughter of Washington, D. C., spent Thursday in the home of Mrs. Peacock's aunt, Mrs. J. M. Shelton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fass and daughter, Martha Jo, of Cisco, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Little and family during the holidays.

Mrs. Fred Short has returned from Goldsmith where she spent the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Moore and daughter, Dorothy Marie. The Moores are former friends of Mrs. Short.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cunningham and children of Jal, N. M., spent from Sunday until Tuesday in the home of Mr. Cunningham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham.

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BLAINE RIDEOUT

DENTON.—By virtue of his magnificent showing in the featured mile at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day, Blaine Rideout, the larger of the famous North Texas State Teachers College cinderpath twins, won recognition as the second best miler in the nation this season and gained an invitation to run in the famous Wanamaker mile at the Millrose Games in New York City February 5.

Rideout finished one stride behind the great Glen Cunningham, world's record holder, at New Orleans. Cunningham's time of 4:10.7 was the fastest mile ever run in the South and the fastest ever run at this time of year out of doors. Rideout's time in the event was 4:10.8, as he finished a good 40 yards ahead of the third runner, Don Lash of Indiana.

Also invited to run at Millrose is twin brother Wayne Rideout, world's record holder in the two-thirds mile run, who will be entered in that event.

## Freight Rate Federation Is Organized

ABILENE.—Campaign of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for equalization of freight rates will be carried to the south-eastern district of the regional organizations far-flung territory with a meeting in Waco Monday, January 16.

Plans for perfecting organization of the Freight Rate Equality Federation, which was launched at a WTCC district meeting in Amarillo last month, will be discussed at the Waco session. The meeting will open at 2 p. m. in Waco Chamber of Commerce building.

Scores of Chambers of Commerce, agricultural and consumers groups, women's clubs and other organizations have joined the federation in the last two weeks. Hundreds of other organizations are expected to affiliate within a short time.

WTCC directors, local chamber of commerce presidents and secretaries, newspaper editors and leading shippers from all towns in district 10 and from nearby towns in districts 4 and 5 are expected to attend the meeting in Waco.

Freight Rates Higher  
Freight rate report recently issued by the WTCC traffic board, which charges that West Texas pays 72 to 85 percent higher freight rates than eastern zones of the United States, will be discussed and explained by H. S. Hilburn, Plainview, president, and D. A. Bandoen, Abilene, manager. Plan of organization of the Freight Rate Equality Federation, which has as its principal purpose the abolition of unequal rate zones, also will be explained.

The organization's freight rate report not only charges that rates are higher in West Texas than in any other region in the nation, but also declares that operating expenses to the railroads are lower in West Texas than in other areas, that West Texas commodity and class rates have increased 109 percent since 1914 and that "this discrimination is costing West Texas \$106,000,000 annually."

Remedy recommended by the report is complete overhauling of the entire freight rate zone policies and practices and a legislative mandate to the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring

equality in rates as between zones. This plan is expected to be considered by the present session of Congress.

## ZION HILL CLUB MEETS

The Zion Hill Home Demonstration Club met at the club house Monday afternoon, with Mrs. C. B. Kennedy, president, presiding. The program was on Gardening and Insects. Taking part on the program were Meses J. B. Brandon, C. B. Kennedy, R. B. Taylor, E. N. Hull. A short business meeting was conducted. Those present were Meses J. A. Heyser, C. B. Kennedy, R. B. Taylor, J. B. Brandon, W. S. Jobe, J. R. Morgan, E. N. Hull, Miss Lavada Standridge and two visitors, Meses G. W. Jeter of Putnam and Adolph Brandon of Abilene. Next meeting of the club will be January 23rd with Miss Clara Brown, home demonstration agent present.

## THINK THIS OVER

The fellow that does not make a mistake does not do anything. If Junior had a couple of ounces of energy with his nerve, the government would be borrowing money from him.  
"We set a depression, hatched out a recession; It grew to a conjection. Now we need a confession."  
There are so many different kinds of liars practicing so many different kinds of lying, that it is hard to believe an honest man when you know him.—L. G. Ball, Western Supply Co., Cisco.

## Doubting Thomas

The one-ring circus was visiting a town in the hills. The folks there recognized all the instruments of the band except the slide trombone.  
One old settler watched the player for quite some time then said:  
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 Sophomore Reporter: Wilma McMillan

## SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

The seniors have seen nearly half of their last school year come to a close with exams only one week off. This is a very important moment for the senior class, for if they pass their first half of their school term, it means that they will have a better chance to finish school this year.

There were eleven seniors who made their last year of success by lettering in football. The eleven seniors who lettered this year were: Buster Roberson, captain and outstanding back; Tommy Gunn, another outstanding back; Newt Steen, co-captain and outstanding back; Bennie Williams, back; W. S. Jobe, back; Dolpha Hull and Doyle Brown, ends; Herbert Sharp, Roy Lee Williams, tackles; Oliver Culwell, Melvin Crawford, guards.

The senior class is very proud of these boys and wish them luck through the coming years. So until next week we will say look for us for we will appear. Adios.

## JUNIOR CHATTER

The juniors are really getting down to studying, because next week is examination week and by the way it will be mid-term too. We are about to admit that lost time can never be found, for it seems that we just can't catch up with our work.

It seems that there is very much interest displayed in Inter-scholastic League work this year. There are about three girls and three boys working on debate, two girls and one boy working on extemporaneous speaking, and about three

girls and three boys working on declamation, so you see that we are kinda busy and have no time for meanness. We all hope to win many honors for "dear ole PHS."

Let us pause a few minutes, and think seriously (if possible) upon this question: "Which are you, Grouch or Cheer?" There are all kinds of people in this world. From these various people we find in this world let us think about Mr. Grouch and Mr. Cheerfulness for a few seconds. Mr. Grouch wakes up every morning with a frown on his face and an ill feeling in his heart for his fellow man. He walks down the street, and seldom speaks to anyone. There is an old woman who is very ragged and poor and who can hardly make her way through the busy crowded street and he doesn't even stop to give her a helping hand. Instead of thinking about someone else, he is feeling sorry for himself.

Let us leave Mr. Grouch and walk into Mr. Cheerfulness' home. He arises with a smile and a song. In his heart is happiness and love for his fellow man. As he walks down the street he speaks heartily to everyone and greets them with a cheery "hello." When he sees the poor old woman, he quickly lends her a helping hand. Mr. Cheerfulness has made a friend while Mr. Grouch has passed the opportunity by.

With a smile and a song the junior class bids you goodbye until we meet again.

## FRESHMAN GAD-ABOUT

As you all know (if you don't you should) the freshmen are still here, in fewer numbers but in a stronger attitude. We are studying very hard for next week's mid-term exams.

We are very glad to have a most distinguished ex-freshman of Putnam high school, Miss Jerry Abbot who is visiting our class and also members of various other classes (if you get what we mean).

Well, folks, the freshmen are so busy studying that we really didn't have time to write even this much, but we managed to get a few words in edgewise. Toodle-do until next week.

## ZION HILL NEWS

(Delayed)  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley and family of California arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. G. B. Taylor and children spent the Christmas holidays with her mother at Bell Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McCarver and daughter, Mildred Joyce, of Iraan, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jobe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ingram took dinner with Mrs. and Mr. Henry Weeks Sunday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan during the holidays were Harland, W. T. and Mary Beth Morgan of Throckmorton.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ramsey Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer and M. L. Tatom.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Odell and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday at Cisco with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harbor and children of Rochester spent Friday night with his sister, Mrs. E. V. Ramsey and Mr. Ramsey.

Shields Heyser of Wichita Falls spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. A. Heyser.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls were Abilene visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley and daughter of California spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Inmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Stewart and children of Wichita Falls spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mrs. Earlie Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shackelford attended the Christmas tree at Zion Hill Friday night.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A large crowd was present at the Christmas tree and program given Friday night at the Zion Hill club house.

After the welcome address a one act play was presented by the club members. Several readings were given, two accordion solos, a song and several musical numbers were rendered after which old Santa appeared carrying a big sack on his back.

He gave all the children a big sack of candy, apples and oranges. Then began to take the many presents from the large tree. After all presents were delivered he bid them good bye until next Christmas.

There was a large number from Putnam and Baird.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Salad greens may be supplied during the winter months by a frame garden, says Mrs. Chas. Holden of the Clyde H. H. home demonstration club. She built a frame from one by twelve inch boards, spaded the soil, added fertilizer, planted her seed, and used a cloth covering. Now is the time to build that frame garden to produce vegetables for table use before the spring garden is ready. Extension bulletin C-121 tells you in detail about the fool proof garden. Ask a club member or your home agent for one.

Jamie Lee Scott Denton 4-H club member, says that a hot bed is a paying proposition. She built hers in January last year and planted tomatoes. Her plants survived the late hard freeze and she had a sufficient number to sell to pay for all her garden seeds.

Jamie Lee's hot bed frame was built from scrap lumber, the frame being placed over an 18-inch pit filled with green manure and a layer of soil over this. The seeds were planted in rows. The plants were protected by a covering made of sacks.

## KRRC Radio Programs

Farm and Home program over radio station KRRC, Abilene, 11:30 to 11:45 each Monday morning during January:

Jan. 9.—Brooding Baby Chicks—Clara Brown, Callahan county H. D. agent.

Jan. 16.—Frame Gardens—Hattie Tucker, Taylor H. D. agent.

Jan. 23.—Garden Seeds—Ruth Ramey, Eastland county H. D. agent.

Jan. 30.—Poultry Breeds—Mabel Caldwell, Eastland 4-H agent.

## ATWELL

This community received one of the biggest rains Sunday we have had in a long time.

The farmers are all smiling over the much needed moisture and stock water.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pillans is real sick with pneumonia at Payne Hospital in Eastland.

Quite a number from here attended the girls basketball tournament this week-end in Cross Plains.

Atwell has quite a lot of interest in the ball team as several of our girls help make the Cross Plains team this year.

Clard Foster and J. C. Brashear made a business trip to Baird Saturday.

Frank Haley from Wichita Falls visited friends here a few days this past week.

## ATWELL H. D.C. NEWS

(Delayed)  
 Miss Clara Brown, Callahan county home demonstration agent, met with the Atwell club, women in an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. W. A. Lawrence Tuesday, January 3rd.

"Poultry must have the right care if one expects to make a success of raising it," said Miss Brown to the nine members present. She also discussed framed gardens and the advantages of having one made and it would not cost much to make one.

A new year book was given to each member.

Those present were Meses. Alton Tatom, G. T. Brashear, C. E. Foster, G. T. Brashear, D. C. Foster, J. B. Riffe, Otis Purvis, D. C. Foster, J. B. Riffe, Otis Purvis, D. L. Sessions, Miss Brown and the hostess, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. D. C. Foster's Feb. 7th, 1939. Everyone is invited.

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## Freakish Weather Causes Little WTU Interruptions in 1938

ABILENE.—Freakish weather in 1938 dealt misery to line and service men of the West Texas Utilities Company throughout West Texas, records in the general office here reveal. Although death and destruction, as well as humorous happenings, occurred along the company's network of transmission lines, relatively few interruptions of electric service were recorded.

Tornadoes, floods, wind, snow, sleet, and auto accidents all contributed to the woes of the linemen whose job it is to maintain service in the face of overwhelming odds.

Greatest toll of life and property was at Clyde where a tornado struck at dusk on June 10, claiming 14 lives and destroying 22 homes. WTU's 2,300-volt distribution line in the storm's center was left a tangled mass of wreckage. The company's emergency crew and truck was among the first of rescuers to reach the scene. Light were restored in the stricken town within 32 minutes after the tornado struck.

Earlier in the year a similar tornado struck at Mertzon, west of San Angelo, about 3 o'clock in the morning. The San Angelo Standard-Times quoted Mrs. John P. Lee of near-by Tankersly, from whose home news of the tragedy first was telephoned to the outside world, as saying:

"I want to say a good word for the West Texas Utilities Company. We appreciate them out here in the country. I think they got to Mertzon before anyone. The first crew sized up the situation, telephoned back for what was needed and we had lights and power on again in a very few hours."

Power Lines Damaged  
 The San Angelo paper also cites an example of damage done to power lines. "The electric light pole at the corner of the West Texas Wool and Mohair Association's headquarters, instead of being broken in two like many others, was twisted and twirled apart leaving a stump four or five feet high that but for its size looked like a chewed and whorled toothpick."

The year's worst blizzard early last April led the Donley County Leader of Clarendon to comment: "The patron may be resting snugly in a warm bed at the very time a WTU employe is freezing atop a high pole, depending upon rubber gloves alone to preserve life. It's all in a day's work, but how much the patron should thank those who maintain 'the service at all costs!'"

Flood waters in the hill country last July, which took a toll of lives and property from West Texas to the Gulf of Mexico despite flood control claims for Buchanan Dam, disrupted transportation and communication lines but did not interrupt electric service in the hard-hit towns of Junction and Menard, served by WTU.

"We sincerely want the West Texas Utilities Company to know how earnestly we appreciate the generosity shown in the town as a whole," wrote R. B. Boyle, former editor of the Heart 'O Texas

News at Brady who now is publishing the Albany News. A similar comment was made by Mayor B. A. Hallum, of Brady, after the utilities company had rescued the flood-swept city from darkness.

Rampaging waters inundated the Brady municipal light plant on the night of July 23. WTU linemen rushed emergency construction of highlines to connect the city's distribution system with the company's 33,000-volt transmission line. "Juice" flowed throughout the city again at 4 p. m. on July 24. The company continued to serve Brady until August 4 when the municipal plant had been "dried out."

Although water reached a depth of six feet in the WTU sub-station at Menard, service was not interrupted.

Cow-in-Cellar, Lightning, Etc.  
 Of minor importance were numerous other incidents. Doomed to become a legend among WTU linemen is the cow-in-the-cellar accident at Quanah last September. A cave-in, as she stood peacefully chewing her cud atop the cellar, dropped her unceremoniously into the depths midst a stock of crockery and fruit jars. Line Foreman D. R. Wells and his crew were rushed to the scene where a winch on his truck succeeded in rescuing the frightened bovine.

Near Quanah, also, a bolt of lightning struck a highline, flattening six poles in a row, skipping two, and then toppling over two more.

On a highway near Vernon a gravel truck ran wild, rammed into a power line pole, and then crumpled up in a barrow pit far beyond—all without injury to the driver. The pole, however, was snapped off in two places—at the ground and just below the cross-arm held taut by the wires. A transformer was shattered.

Last February a snub-nosed little army plane arrived at the Abilene airport on a day following heavy rains. The pilot missed the runway a few feet, setting her down on soggy sod. Mud gripped the wheels like a clamp and head over heels went the plane. The pilot climbed out unhurt. A WTU line crew and truck answered a first aid call to right the ship, using winch and man power.

More evidence that the elements must be thwarted in order to render constant, efficient electric service was seen at the big WTU power plant in San Angelo where for years a southwest wind has blown watery beads of chemically-treated water from a spray pond onto sensitive insulators at the sub-station, causing occasional flash-over or short circuits. Last spring the company was forced to erect a huge protective wall, 80 wide and 40 feet high, between sub-station and spray pond.

"These are a few of the problems and obstacles we meet each year," says Price Campbell, president of the pioneer concern which now is beginning its 28th year in West Texas. Operating conditions, as a rule, are favorable because West Texas has excellent year-round temperate climate. Freakish weather, however, can be expected anywhere. When it does happen, we do our best to main-

tain service at all costs during a time when it is needed most."

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