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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1957

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Frank Story, Pastor  
 Church School ..... 10:00  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00  
 Evening Worship ..... 7:00  
 MYF ..... 8:00  
 Choir Practice ..... 9:00  
 WSCS, Monday ..... 2:30  
 MYF Choir Practice  
 Wednesday ..... 7:00  
 Prayer Meeting  
 Wednesday ..... 7:30

Two activities highlight the program of the Church in the next two weeks. First is the annual Christmas program on Sunday evening at 7:30. This program will be given by the Youth and Children's divisions of the Church School and jolly old gentleman will make his appearance and dispense small tokens of goodies to the "children".

Secondly, will be the "Watchnight" service as a part of our year of evangelism campaign. This service should be of exceeding great value as we worshipfully watch the old year recede and the new make its entrance. This program is to be climaxed with a recorded message from Bishop William C. Martin and with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At the recent District conference plans were presented and adopted which will launch this district, along with all other districts in Texas Methodism, upon one of the greatest and most far-reaching evangelistic programs ever attempted in this area. This campaign will be directed by Evangelist Quay Palmer of Dallas, Texas. It calls for the mobilization of ministers, evangelists, and lay workers in all of Texas. Locally, the plan calls for the Local Church Commission on Membership and Evangelism to lead both in the planning and activity. Mrs. Bud Rucker is the local Chairman and also a member of the District Commission.

Last week the Annual Conference Board of Education met with Christian Education leaders from the Northwest Texas Conference at Asbury Methodist Church in Lubbock. All phases of Christian Education was studied with District leaders.

Two features of local interest came from this meeting. There will be a Junior Camp at Ceta Canyon in the coming summer. Also a new approach to Intermediate work was adopted. In this new approach there will be a rather enlarged Intermediate program. Rev. Frank Story is the Intermediate Director for the Brownfield District.

The Women's Society of Christian Service met Monday in the home of Mrs. N. J. Green. This meeting was the Christmas Social meeting. After the business and program, refreshments were served by the hostess and gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Travis White and several of our young people represented our MYF at the Sub-District meeting at Meadow Monday evening. A very beautiful Christmas scene

## Did Christ Actually Live!

A sermon delivered from the pulpit of a local church last Sunday morning told us that we should teach our children, first, the real meaning of Christmas — to tell them that we celebrate on that day the birth of Christ, the Hope and the Saviour of man — the ending of the curse brought upon the family of Adam by the sin of Eve, who was beguiled by the serpent.

That Christ lived and died and walked from the Tomb on the third day is one of the recognized TRUTHS of the ages.

We are reminded at this point of the story behind the writing of "Ben Hur" by Lew Wallace. Wallace was a close friend of Ingersoll, the infidel, and the story goes that the two men were riding on a train, and as they neared Chicago they noted the many church

spires. Ingersoll made the remark that he wondered how long it would be before people awoke to the fact of the falsity of their belief and come to realize that Christ never lived. During the conversation Wallace agreed to write a book exposing the Christ and marking Him as an imposter.

Wallace spent some seven years in research and then wrote the first four chapters of Ben Hur. Then he stalled — all the material he had gathered proved the existence of the Christ. He told his wife, "I now realize the Christ did live — I will have to change the first four chapters of the book." His wife said, "Thank God, I have been praying you would see the light."

After Wallace rewrote the first four chapters and completed his book, Ben Hur, it became a recognized world

classic.

Man has a tendency to doubt; man is born skeptic; man does not like to believe anything he cannot feel and see, yet there is that about the Christian religion which takes the skepticism from him and causes him to look forward to life after death. The actual promise and assurance of this lays in the birth and resurrection of the Christ.

On death-beds there are few who doubt — even the great Ingersoll wavered when asked by his daughter as he lay dying:

"Father, are you sure this is all?"

And he replied, "I don't know."

Yet, when in health he thought he knew, but the crying out of the living spirit, near the end, caused him to doubt his own teachings.

Just the other day we read

an article by a scientist who denied life after death. To prove his theory he took the anatomy of the human body, dissected it and said, "If there is an immortal being here, where is it?"

What he didn't take into account is that divine spark that God breathed into Adam and he became a living soul — what he didn't take into account was the proof after proof of the teachings of the Bible. We have found that most doubters are young men. As a man grows older and his wisdom increases he suddenly realizes that there is a God — a Being of love and mercy — he sees it in his every day life, it confronts him both morning and night.

If we did not believe in Christ there would be no point in celebrating Christmas.

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. John Cole, Pastor

This is the time of year for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. The Plate Offering next Sunday morning will be included in our offering this year. Our Goal for this special offering this year is \$1000.00. Anyone not prepared to take part next Sunday may give anytime this month or next month.

Our special Building Fund offering this year will be the 2nd Sunday in January. All of the offering received through the church the 2nd Sunday in January, unless otherwise designated, will be applied on our church debt. We owe about \$11,000 yet on our note at the bank.

We will observe what we call Bible Study Week the first week of the New Year. The Pastor will teach the Book of Hosea. A good way to begin the New Year would be to enlist in this study of the Word of the Lord.

The Church has selected several committees to assist in the church program during the coming year. A Flower Committee, whose duty it will be to carry out the church policy regarding ordering flowers is among these. Mrs. Otto Sims is chairman, and serving with her will be Mrs. Bill Berry and Mrs. O. V. Fuller. The church policy is to send flowers only in the case of the decease of one of the members of the church. We do not try to send flowers to the funerals of the relatives of the church members. Individual Sunday School classes or departments sometimes do this.

Our new Property Committee consists of the following men: Marshall Armstrong, Chairman; Marlin Rowland and Joe Lemon.

Mr. Gene Lewis is chairman of our standing committee on Nominations. With him on this committee are Haskell Grant and Mrs. A. M. Armstrong.

Our sincere sympathy to Brother Ollie Howard on the occasion of the decease of his mother, Mrs. Mary Lilly Howard, who was called to her reward the past week. Funeral services were conducted at 10 AM Saturday at the Whitharral Baptist Church. The final resting place was in Knox City.

We would like to wish one and all a very blessed Christmas season and happy New Year.

## AUBREY MAYFIELD IN HOSPITAL

Aubrey Mayfield, ginner for the Paymaster Gin, was rushed to a Lubbock hospital Tuesday where it is said he is suffering from an acute attack of bronchitis and asthma.

Aubrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayfield, and reports from his bedside Wednesday stated he was not much improved.

## NOTICE

If there is a date written by your name on the Plainsman, your subscription expired on that date. Please take note.

## What! No Santa Claus?

We have a little granddaughter who just had her belief in Santa Claus shattered. She was told there is no Santa.

But there is! He is the spirit of Christmas — the loving hands that reach out to make others happy — the forgetfulness of self in the helping of a less fortunate brother — the joy on the face of a child as it lights with fond anticipation at the sight of a Christmas

tree. The spirit of Santa Claus lives eternally within the breast of each succeeding generation and is passed on to posterity by those who believe. Perhaps, in the still hours of Christmas eve night you have heard the scrape of his sleigh and the ringing and tinkling of bells — perhaps, in the early morning of life these sounds have caused you to cover your head and seek sleep that would not come

because as long as you lay awake Santa would not visit.

During the Christmas holidays his spirit prevails — no matter how much the commercialism, the true Spirit of Christmas is still present — through the Goodfellows, through the good Samaritan, through the thoughtful Christian the hovel is touched and brightened as well as the mansion, by the hand of Santa Claus — not just one little man, but a combination of men and women

forming into one great and joyous personality, the Santa Claus of our heart — he never grows older, his laughter keeps him young and ageless — Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is no myth. Even as old as I am, I know Santa Claus is coming to see me. I am going to be very happy because my children and my wife have formed a composite to make Santa Claus as real today as he was when I was just a child.

## NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. Dan Jones, Pastor  
 The Ropesville Church of the Nazarene will be among the 4,500 congregations of the international Protestant church that will pray at special Watch Night services around the world on Tuesday, December 31, opening the denomination's golden anniversary year.

Our Youth Emphasis will be January 8 - 12, with Doyle Strother as guest speaker. Doyle is a student in Bethany Nazarene College. He comes well recommended, both as a preacher and a singer.

Starting with a union of 288 churches and 10,414 members in 1908, the Nazarenes have grown to 4,500 churches and 300,000 members in 1958, in the U. S., Canada, British Isles and Australia, and missionary work in 33 world areas.

The denomination stands for the spread and conservation of the Wesleyan doctrine and experience of entire sanctification, or heart holiness. Among U. S. Protestant denominations, it is 30th in membership, 15th in Sunday School enrollment, and 9th in its publishing house sales.

Nazarenes consistently have been among the first five denominations in stewardship or per capita giving. Members believe in and practice tithing and per capita giving in 1957 will exceed \$133.

The special watch night services will average from

## LIONS CLUB AND FIREMEN GIVE GIFTS

That the Spirit of Christmas still smiles with a benevolent face was forcibly demonstrated in Ropesville this week when on Monday night the Lions Club members and the members of the Ropesville Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday morning gave gifts to be distributed to underprivileged children.

The gifts given by the Fire Department were gathered at a breakfast for the firemen at Walt's Cafe which started at the hour of 6:15 AM.

The thoughtfulness of these two organizations will bring happiness throughout the community and will verify the fact that Santa Claus still lives.

## NOTICE

The Scout building is now open for sealed bids to be closed January 1st, 1958.

If you wish to bid for the building please place your sealed bid by then.

Signed,  
 Girls and Boy Scout Directors.

## STORES TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY

As far as we have been able to learn, most of the places of business in Ropes will be closed on Wednesday, Christmas Day.

## SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS

Supt. O. V. Fuller announced this week that the Ropes schools will close on Friday for a week's vacation before reopening.

On the 8th of January Mr. Fuller will attend the mid-winter conference of school superintendents in Austin.

## Pupil Guidance

High School Principal M. G. Hannaford told the Plain man this week that a program of "Student Guidance" was being inaugurated in the Ropes schools. Meetings are to be held once a month in which some phase of pupil guidance is being studied.

"Student Guidance programs," stated Mr. Hannaford, "are compulsory in school now. The larger schools hire special guidance teachers, but as the Ropes schools are not able to employ such a teacher, it has to be taken up by the entire faculty. We are not experts, but we are learning."

Following is an outline of the work being done by the Guidance Council:

- NOVEMBER:  
 1. Personnel  
 2. Trustees  
 3. Superintendent  
 4. Responsibilities of the Principal in the guidance program.  
 5. Responsibilities of the classroom teacher in the guidance program.

DECEMBER:  
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## BROTHER OF M. M. COLLINS PASSES AWAY

M. M. Collins received the sad information Sunday that his brother, Jesse, age 52, had passed away at Monohans. It is stated Jesse suffered a heart attack and never rallied.

Funeral services were held in Hamlin and were attended from this section by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Collins, Myles Collins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peterson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Redman, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theford, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Peterson, Jr., A. W. Jobe and family, and S. D. Buchanan.

## FATHER OF MRS. REDFORD PASSES AWAY THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Redford were called to Shamrock this week to attend the funeral of her father, who passed away at his home in Stratford.

The Redfords were preparing to attend the funeral of a cousin when the news came that her father had passed away.

## REV. J. JOHNS' VISIT HERE

Rev. Johnny Johns and family, who are now residents of Oregon, were visitors in Ropes this past week. He is a former pastor of the Ropes Baptist Church.

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**THE LEGAL COLUMN**

*Probate Laws Recently Changed*

Easier handling of the estates of deceased persons, and at less cost, will result from laws recently passed by the Texas Legislature.

During its regular session

in early 1957, the 55th Legislature enacted a number of amendments to the Texas Probate Code. The changes became effective on August 22nd.

Here are a few of the new provisions:

1. Some of the notices is-

sued in probate proceedings may now be served by Certified Mail. Formerly the law required service by Registered Mail, which is more expensive.

2. The amount of bond required of an executor or administrator has been reduc-

ed under some circumstances. The estate will thereby save on bond premiums. The old law required a bond to be double the value of all personal property in the estate, even if issued by a corporate bonding company. Now a corporate bond need only match equally the value of the property.

3. Sometimes it is desired to use a bond signed by individuals rather than a bonding company. The old law required these individuals to own real property worth double the value of the estate. Personal property could not be considered. The new law allows personal property to be used in qualifying as a bond signer. However, the two-for-one requirement is retained on this

type of bonds.

4. The old law providing for compensation of the executor at not less than 2 1/2% of the value of the estate has been eliminated. Now this compensation is left for the courts to fix on some reasonable basis — this will mean lower costs to many estates.

5. Where a husband or wife is adjudged mentally incompetent, the other spouse now acquires a full control of the entire community estate without any type of legal proceeding and without having to furnish a bond.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform — not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any

law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

*Some Christmas Gifts Taxable*

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However, the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000 — before the tax applies. The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift.

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# Greetings

Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness.



WEAKS GIN, 4 Miles Northwest of Ropes

Above all... may your Christmas joy go beyond all bounds... and may you reach new heights of happiness during all the days of the coming New Year.

FLETCHER GROCERY AT BUSTERVILLE



Just as candy canes and evergreens are symbols of Christmas, let this greeting be a symbol of our appreciation of your good will and patronage.

May you enjoy a full measure of good cheer throughout the Holiday Season.  
BUSTER'S GIN, Route 1, Ropesville

# Greetings

Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

PAYMASTER GIN, Ropesville

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the sparkle of Christmas cheer brighten every day of your New Year and bring you great happiness and good will.

PIERCE FARM SUPPLY



# CHRISTMAS Greetings

At this glad time of year, may you and all those dear to you be richly blessed with the deep, abiding joys of Christmas. And may the spirit of the Christmas story fill your hearts with happiness... with faith and hope for a future of "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."



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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO:

The Unknown Heirs and the Unknown Legal Representatives of J. C. George, deceased, and all persons claiming any interest in land under deed heretofore given to J. C. George of Hockley County, Texas, as grantee, said deed recorded in Volume 32, page 176, Deed Records of Hockley

GREETING:  
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, 27th day of January, A. D., 1958, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable

72nd District Court of Hockley County, at the Court House in Levelland, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of November, 1957, and Plaintiff's Amended Petition was filed on the 10th day of December, 1957. The file number of said suit being No. 3678. The names of the parties in

J. B. Taylor as Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs and the Unknown Legal Representative of J. C. George, deceased, and all persons claiming any interest in land under deed heretofore given to J. C. George of Hockley County, Texas, as grantee, said deed recorded in Volume 32, page 176, Deed Records of Hockley County, Texas, as Defendants. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff, J. B. Taylor, alleges that on the 1st day of November, 1957, that he was and still is the owner in fee simple of the following described tracts of land and premises located in Hockley County, Texas, to-wit:

East 70 feet of Block 3 and the East 70 feet of Block 6, S. S. Ripley Subdivision to the City of Levelland, Hockley County, Texas,

and that on November 1, 1957, the defendants entered said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and wrongfully withholds possession to plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$100.00 and plaintiff alleges that he has had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the lands and premises heretofore described, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years before the institution of this suit and plaintiff holds his said title under and by virtue of the ten year statute of limitation. Plaintiff asks for title and possession for damages and for decree removing cloud from title.

Issued this the 10th day of December, 1957. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Levelland, Texas, this the 10th day of December A. D., 1957.

Ruby Beebe,  
District Clerk,  
72nd Judicial District  
Court,  
Hockley County, Texas.  
(Seal)

METHODIST CHURCH  
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cross the choir loft made a worshipful atmosphere even as one entered the sanctuary. A very informative program and a most worshipful Christmas service was rendered after refreshments were served by the host church.

Many have been inquiring as to the condition and the address of Mrs. W. H. Still. She is recuperating nicely from her accident and is living at 2613, Pliantview, Texas at this report.

NAZARENE CHURCH  
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three to four hours in length around the world. Each local church will take part in other simultaneous services during the 1958 jubilee year.

Our regular services are as usual:  
Sunday School .... 9:45 AM  
Morning worship .... 11 AM  
NYPS, Juniors ..... 6:30 PM  
Evening service .... 7:00 PM

We wish for you, one and all, a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

Dan D. Jones, Pastor.

SCHOOLS  
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II. Background and information needed for and from the student.

1. How to obtain this needed information?  
2. What methods should be used?  
3. What type?  
4. Testing?

JANUARY:  
III. The testing program.  
1. What kinds should be used?  
2. How should they be used in the guidance program

of the school?  
3. When should they be used?  
FEBRUARY?  
IV. Records.  
1. What records needed?  
2. Accumulative.  
3. Who should compile them?  
4. Where kept?

MARCH:  
V. Individual Counseling  
1. What fields?  
2. How to approach pupils?  
3. How should the interview be conducted?  
4. Should we keep the records of interviews? Open? Or closed?

APRIL:  
VI. Remedial Reading  
1. Should it be compulsory or voluntary?  
2. How?  
3. When?  
4. Where?

MAY:  
VII. Follow up of pupils  
1. How long?  
2. How to obtain information?  
3. All pupils or Spot checks?  
4. How to use information obtained?  
a. For public relations?  
b. For school betterment?  
c. For helping current pupils?

THANKS  
I wish to take this means of thanking the folks of the community who so ably assisted me in building the City Jail. I am very grateful for the financial help. Remember, any way that I can serve you, in my official capacity or otherwise, please feel free to call on me day or night.  
JACK OGLE, Constable.

WALT'S CAFE TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS  
Walt Fraley, operator of Walt's Cafe, announced this week that the cafe will be closed for Christmas. The cafe will close Monday night and will not open again until Thursday morning.

MRS. HOWARD PASSES AWAY  
The mother of Ollie Howard, Mrs. Lilly May Howard, passed away last week. Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Whitharral, and interment was in Knox City cemetery.

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OR SEE ME WHEN I AM IN ROPES

**Christmas Joy**



We hope your prayers will be answered this Christmas with those gifts you cherish most...and may you enjoy them throughout the New Year.

MARY MEEK, County Treasurer

**Greetings**

Here's a wish to all of our friends that the wonderfully-exciting spirit of Christmas come to your house and remain throughout the New Year.

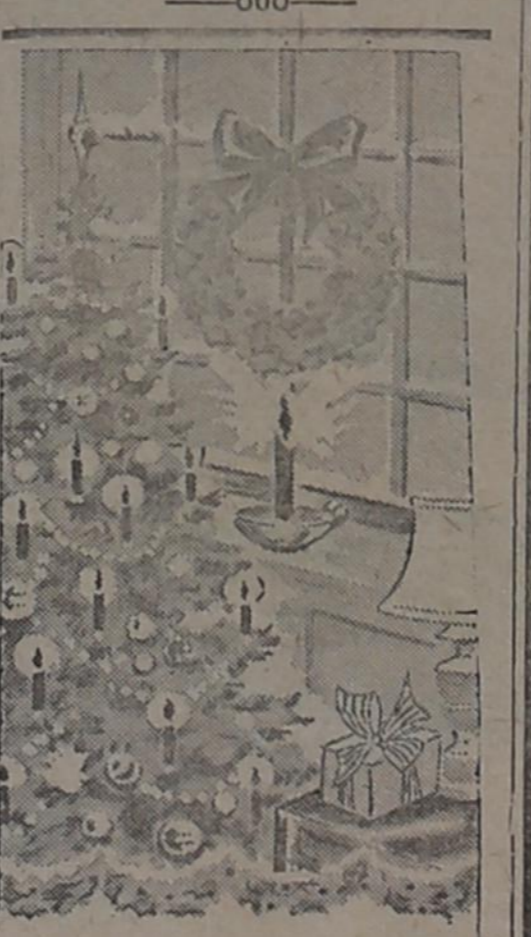
WALT'S CAFE

**GREETINGS**



Our very best wishes to all our friends for a happy Holiday.

CENTER GIN, 9 Miles West of Ropes



**CHRISTMAS Wishes**

Good health, good fortune and good cheer...these are our Christmas wishes for you. And may you enjoy each of them in increasing measure every day of the New Year.

**Ray Johnson Grocery**  
And Market

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Biscuits, can	.10
Potatoes, 10 lb. mesh bag	.49
Peaches, Hunts, No. 300, 5 for \$1	
Oranges, Fancy Naval, lb.	.15
Cake Mixes, Betty Crocker, 3-\$1	
Jello Gelatin, 3 for	.25
Oleo, Shurfresh, lb.	.23
Salmon, Suwanee, tall can	.39

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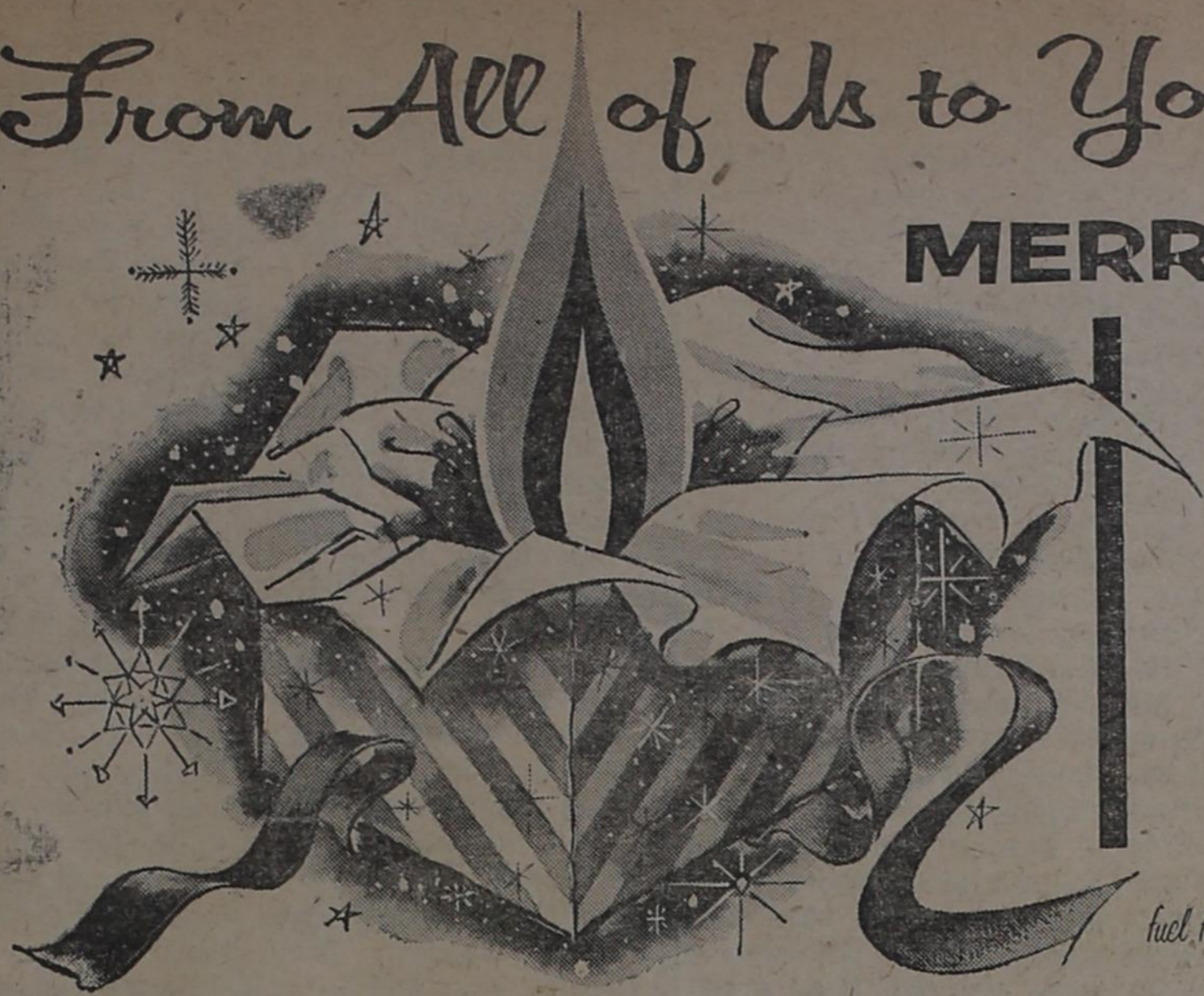
Slab Bacon, No. 1, lb.	.59
Chuck Roast, lb.	.49
Longhorn Cheese, lb	.49

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**TEXAS TECH NEWS**

Forty-eight Texas Tech students have been named winners in the annual Little International Livestock Show sponsored at Lubbock by the Block and Bridle Club.

The show, patterned after Chicago's International Livestock Exposition, is designed to give Tech students experience in preparing and showing animals. Students selected their animals from Tech herds.

Among the winners was Dale Burnett, of Ropesville, who was 2nd place Gelding winner in Quarter Horse entries.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS NOW UP**

While, perhaps, a little late, the Christmas lights are now strung across the street in Ropesville.

The lights this year were promoted and put up by Ralph Riojas, Tyree Martin, Robert Hall and J. T. Allen.

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOCKLEY SHERIFF'S SALE**

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of November, 1957, in Cause No. 116, in the District Court of Hockley County, Texas, wherein Pettit Independent School District of Hockley County, Texas and State of Texas in behalf of itself and Hockley County, Texas, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and Hockley

County County Wide Equalization School District, were Plaintiffs, recovered judgment against D. C. Prince, E. A. Henry and Prince and Henry Gin, a partnership composed of D. C. Prince and E. A. Henry, Defendants, for taxes, penalty, interest, and cost against the hereinafter described property;

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of December, 1957, by virtue of said judgment and the mandates thereof the

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It is not the intention of the Plainsman to cast erroneous reflection on the character of any individual, firm, corporation or group, and if through error we should, and same is called to our attention, we will gladly make correction.

"We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall Where They May".

Clerk of the above mentioned District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale commanding me as Sheriff of said county to seize, levy upon, and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property;

WHEREAS, by virtue of said judgment and said Order of Sale and the mandates thereof I did on the 14th day of December, 1957, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants the following described property, situated in Hockley County, Texas, to-wit:

3 acres of land more or less, part of tract no. 37, in League No. 77, of the Haskell County, School Lands, situated in Hockley County, Texas, more fully described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point north of the Southwest corner of said tract No. 37,

for the beginning corner of this tract

THENCE East 326.7 feet;  
THENCE North 400 feet;  
THENCE West 326.7 feet;  
THENCE South 400 feet to the place of beginning.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month of February, 1958, the same being the 4th day of said month, proceed to sell all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in and to said property at the Court House door of said county in the city or town of Levelland, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to the highest bidder for cash, provided, however, that none of said property shall be sold to the owner of said property directly or indirectly or to anyone having an interest therein or to any party other than a taxing unit which is a party to this suit for less than the amount of the adjudged value of said property or the aggregate amount of

judgments against said property in said suit, whichever is lower, subject also to the right of the Defendants to redeem same in the time and manner provided by law and subject also to the right of the Defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole.

DATED at Levelland, Texas, this the 18th day of December, 1957.

Weir Clem, Sheriff  
Hockley County, Texas.  
By Pat McCullah, Deputy.

(Seal)

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# The Eagles Claw

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**COMING ATTRACTIONS**  
 Dec. 19: FHA Christmas party at 7:00.  
 Dec. 20: Basketball game at 6:30, Meadow, here.  
 Dec. 20 to 30: Christmas holidays.  
 Dec. 31: January 2, 3, and 4, Ropes Tournament.  
 Teams entered in Ropes Tournament:  
 Boys are from Levelland, Tahoka, Post, Meadow, New Home, Smyer, Ropes and Spade.

The girls are from Grand Falls, Tahoka, Meadow, New Home, Smyer, Ropes, O'Donnell and Loop.

**SALUTING OUR SENIORS**  
 The paper staff is saluting Senior Patsy Robertson this week. Patsy was born

in Hobbs, New Mexico, on September 10, 1939. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Robertson.

Beginning her school years in the Ropes Public Schools, she has attended classes here for the past twelve years. Patsy started with the present graduating class. She is one of the few starters left in the present Senior class.

Patsy has held many honors during her school years. All of these honors are too numerous to name, but among some of the most important are her great work in the FHA (Club, holding various class offices, friendliest girl in RHS her sophomore year, and Football Sweetheart Attendant for two years. Patsy has been an active member of both the Annual and Paper Staff this year.

Popularity, for Patsy, is not only held among the students and teachers in our High School, but in our Grade School as well. Many of the teachers in the lower grades will tell you of the fine help and ability of Patsy as a student teacher. She had the privilege of helping these teachers in the spring of last year.

Patsy's hobbies consist of drawing, keeping a scrapbook, and collecting recipes. The latter will soon be her full time job because Sunday, December 22, is Patsy's Wedding Day. So you can see that Patsy's accomplishments are not in the school only, but in other walks of life, as well.

We, as students and teachers of RHS, hate to lose Patsy, but we realize that our loss will be the gain of Wallace Thrash, the prospective groom.

To Wallace and Patsy, all of us want to say, "Best of Luck, and may all of the happiness in the world be yours to enjoy."

**PATSY'S IDEAL BOY**  
 Hair - Wallace  
 Eyes - Glenn  
 Mouth - Wallace  
 Personality - Wallace  
 Hands - Wallace  
 Smile - Wallace  
 Physique - Johnny  
 Best dressed - Doodles  
 Best all-around - Troy.  
**DANNY'S IDEAL GIRL**  
 Hair - Joann  
 Eyes - Mary Ann  
 Mouth - Sandra Bain  
 Personality - Ann  
 Hands - Charla  
 Smile - Patsy Lou  
 Figure - Janice  
 Legs - Janice  
 Best dressed - Sandra A.  
 Best all-around - Sue Pettiet.

**BAND NEWS**  
 Friday we went to Lubbock to a band clinic. We were directed by directors from different schools. The following played: Clarinets - Linda Whitten, Carol Crawford, Sharla Biggs, Janette Jackson. Oboe - Sandra Ward. Bassoon - Sue Redford. Bass - Sammy Berry. Cornets - Curtis Means, Homer Myers, Terry Rucker. French horns - Paula Cole. Flute - Freda Pointer. Trombone - Bobby McNabb.

At 1:00 PM we listened to Tech play ten selections. Mr. Montgomery directed our band.  
 Reporter, Janette Jackson.

**THE HUMOROUS SIDE**  
 In Milwaukee, investigating the hanging of a 51-year-old man, Assistant Medical Examiner Joseph Damian found the shortest husband-to-wife suicide note in the city's police history: "You won." (Time Magazine)

In Brussels, Jean Louis Damon, 27, serving six months for robbery, got ten months more after he sent threatening letters from jail to holdup victims, ordered them to deposit money in his savings account. (Time Magazine)

In Huron, S. Dak., the Salvation Army borrowed from the State University Extension Division a 16-mm. educational film entitled "Let's Have Fewer Colds", returned it with a note "We were unable to use this film because of the flu outbreak in the corps. (Time Magazine)

In Filey, England, driving along the coast road, Mrs. Margaret Webster jammed on the brakes, jumped out of her car, rushed down onto the beach, dashed across the sand, splashed through the surf, dragged ashore two shipwrecked yachtsmen and helped haul the capsized yacht onto a rock, then staggered back to her car to find that she had been tagged for illegal parking. (Time Magazine)

In Blind River, Ont., after the town council booted out the chief of police, Mayor Albert Neil recalled that the chief had charged one council member with supplying liquor to minors, had booked another member for violating a dog bylaw, and that generally "the council feels the chief has shown lack of cooperation." (Time Maga.)

In Buffalo, Mary Lehigh was accused by her roommate of striking her "on and about the face with a beefsteak." (Time Magazine)

In Winnipeg, when police asked the occupation of Benjamin Monette, convicted of driving his car with faulty brakes, broken speedometer, defective lights and a clutch held together with a rubber band, he answered, "I'm a mechanic." (Time Magazine)

In Venture, Calif., Audrey Martin got a divorce on the ground of mental cruelty

after she told the judge that toward the end of their 25th year of marriage her husband Albert rarely spoke to her, proved by the fact that their parakeet's favorite saying was now, "Did you hear me, Albert?" (T. M.)

**A B C's of JUNIOR HIGH**  
 A- Athletic: Bobby, Sharla  
 B- Most beautiful girl: Kathy  
 C- Cutest: Bobby, Elaine  
 D- Daintiest girl: Diane  
 E- Most efficient: Bobby, Roseva  
 F- Best figure: Elaine  
 G- Best groomed: Ronnie, Elaine  
 H- Most handsome: Ronnie  
 I- Indifferent: Kerry, Nita  
 J- Jolliest: Bobby, Roseva  
 K- Kindest: Jimmy, Roseva  
 L- Best liked: Bobby, Roseva  
 M- Most mischievous: Curtis, Elaine  
 N- Noisiest: Curtis, Elaine  
 O- Most original: Bobby, Roseva  
 P- Boy with best physique: Ronnie  
 Q- Quietest: Kerry, Evelyn  
 R- Rowdiest: Ronnie Valentine, Elaine  
 S- Most likely to succeed: Bobby, Roseva  
 T- Most talented: Bobby, Roseva  
 U- Understanding: Carol, Roseva  
 V- Most valiant: Ronnie A., Sandra  
 W- Wittiest: Bobby, Roseva  
 X- Xanthippi (scolding woman): Sharla  
 Y- Yearningest: Carol, Sharla  
 Z- Zippiest: Bobby, Barbara.

**SOPHOMORE NEWS**  
 The sophomore class drew names for their gifts Friday. We all hope to have a very good Christmas.  
 We said our poetry in English today and that ends our poetry. We also have a line of spelling words on Friday now.

**FRESHMAN NEWS**  
 We drew names for the Christmas party which will be held Friday at the cafeteria.  
 Everyone is very happy over the victory in the Meadow tournament.  
 All of the freshmen have to have 18 points of book report in by Friday at 1:30 to

pass the first half semester in English.

Reporters, Mary Morrow, Doyle Crawford.

**7th GRADE NEWS**  
 In Math we are having a hard time. We are studying decimals and have to memorize a lot.

We are going to get our Christmas tree this evening. We will probably decorate it tomorrow. May everyone have a merry Christmas.

Reporters, Gloria Brown, Gerald Smith.

**4-A - Mrs. McKenzie**  
 We will be glad when Friday comes. There will be a lot of suspicious eyes. The mothers who are going to help with the party are Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Mrs. Tyree Martin, and Mrs. Glenn. We would like for all the mothers to come.

In Spelling we are proud of the ones who made 100. We are going to have a Christmas play called "Silent Night".

Reporters, Glenda Price, Charlotte Johnson.

**3-A - Mrs. Wallace**  
 We are busy getting ready for Christmas and enjoying every minute of it. We have finished the gifts for our Mothers that we made and are now decorating our room. We are also practicing on a short program for the Christmas party December 20. So many children have been sick that it has been hard to get up our program.

These children are back in school after being sick: Lee Boone, Gary Rucker, Mary Lynn Gresham and Dannie Fewell.

Fourteen children made 100 last week in Spelling.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 I want to express my sincere thanks for all the cards and letters Mike received while he was in the hospital and since he has come home. Mike is doing fine. Think of him in your prayers. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Thanks,  
 Betty Moss and Mike.

Happy Holiday

May all the joys of the Holiday be heaped on you and those you love. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



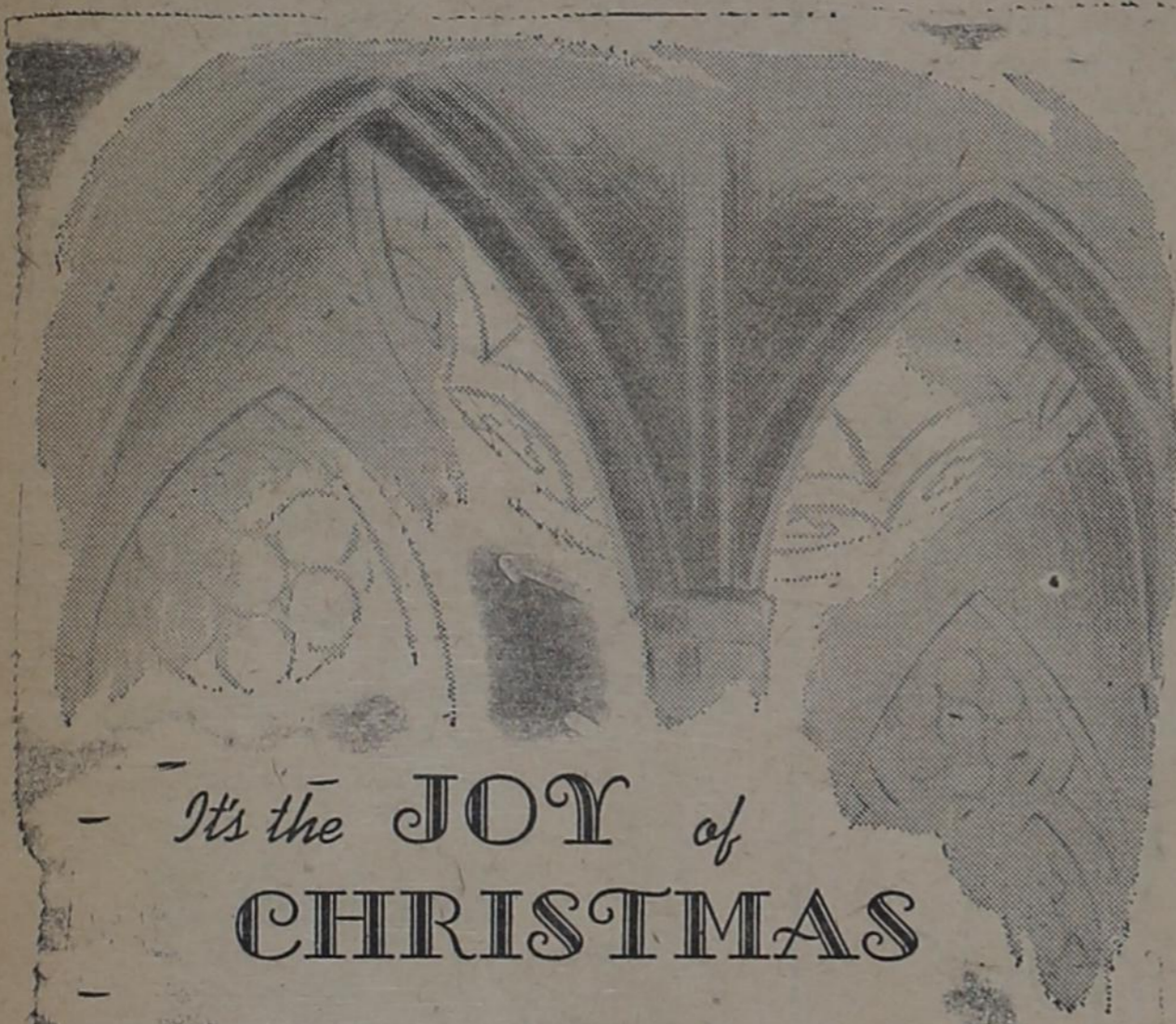
WEIR CLEM, County Sheriff

GREETINGS

Happily, do we follow a wonderful old custom of wishing all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000.)

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses

in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

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Henry Jones decided to sell his home for \$15,000 and when a buyer was found, the question arose as to how the buyer should finance the purchase.

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 loan himself and so Henry agreed.

Several years after the deal 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 lia-

ble 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 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 disclosed that the buyer was at least as credit-worthy as Henry. The bank may also have had additional problems concerning releasing Henry from the obligation if the loan was of the FHA or GI type.

The danger of permitting an assumption of your mortgage loan may, therefore, be considerable, especially in view of the fact that real estate markets may fall after a period of years so that the real estate itself may not be of sufficient value to pay the mortgage note in the event of a default by the buyer.

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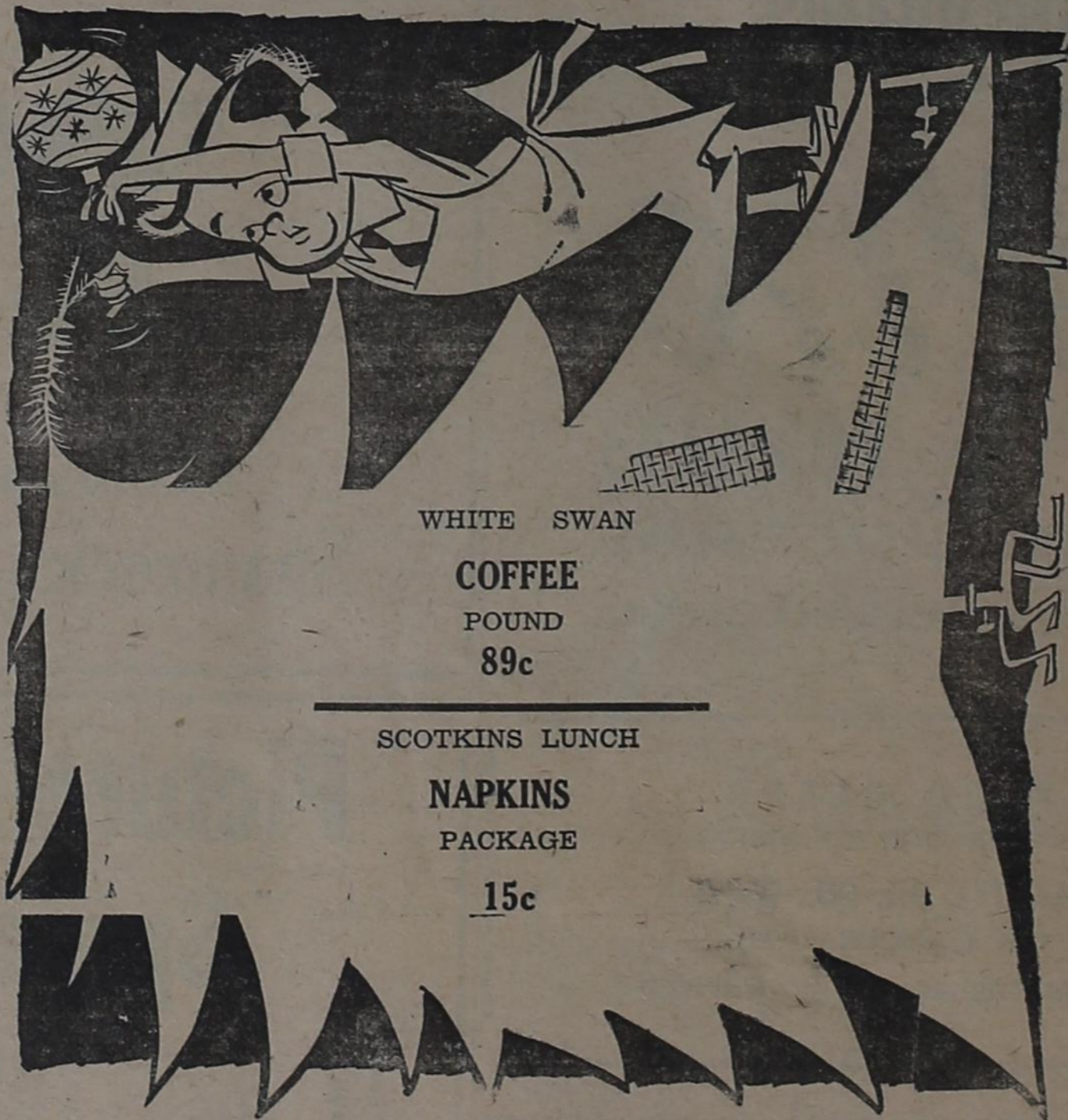
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