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Interesting Events And Accomplishments Of The Past Year

With the year 1962 drawing to a close and as we approach the beginning of the New Year, 1963, let's look back in a brief review of events and accomplishments occurring in our city and trade area during the past year.

The pride of everyone, the new fire truck, arrived during the Christmas and New Year week. In January the Wolverine Drive-in began enlarging and Hal Hudson received the honor of being named to the All South Plains Football Dream Team. The annual John Deere Day was held January 11 at Dent Farm Supply. The annexation of the new Hite Park addition took the spotlight in January. The land was purchased from Mrs. Lena Hite and the building of new homes continues at a steady pace by Highlight Homes.

In February, the FHA girls presented a style show and one act play "The Pajama Party". The FFA members competed in the County stock show, winning a number of top honors. Southwestern Public Service Company awarded a contract to Missouri Valley Constructors, Inc. for a 210,000 kilowatt turbine-generator unit, to be built at Plant X. Cecil Slover was elected President of the Lamb County Teachers Association.

The death of a pioneer citizen, R. E. Barton, was a sad event during the month of March. A double collision west of Earth killed one man and injured nine others. LaDon Messer and Julia Chance were awarded FHA state degrees. Earth City commission voted to call a bond election for the new City Hall. Mrs. Lola Sanderson was named Teacher of the Year. W. C. Stout was robbed and beaten by two Latin Americans.

April saw the bond issue passed and Earth was to get a new City Hall. Billie Sol Estes, a former Earth resident and area farmer was arrested on El Paso, spending four days in the El Paso jail. White's Auto and Sunset Drive in theater were burglarized for \$1,000 in merchandise. M. E. Kelley was recognized as Citizen of the Year. A scouting program for girls got underway. In May, the paving in the Hite Park Addition was completed. The Earth Memorial Cemetery Association received a charter from the state after five years of effort. Scouts and Cubs presented a ceremony at the Earth and Springlake Cemeteries on Memorial Day.

A skeleton was found in June on the Dub Hardin farm and officials decided it was that of an Indian buried long ago. The Springlake Elevator Farm Store scored a big success on their Grand Opening. White's Auto and theater are hit again by burglars. A fund was started to purchase a resuscitator to be used by city firemen in case of emergency. The Springlake Superette added improvements to assure more efficient service.

The month of July saw the new Post Office at Springlake dedicated. The Annual Earth Rodeo drew record crowds in the three performance event. The Grand Opening of the new Brown-White Equipment Co. was a big success. Two men were killed when their plane crashed in a cotton field west of Earth.

Citizens State Bank deposits showed an increase of \$413,781.30 over the 1961 total. Open House was held in the Bill Beasley and J. D. Chesney homes in the Hite Park Addition.

The city offices moved into the new City Hall to start off the month of August. Piggly Wiggly bought Paul's Super Mkt with Bill Beasley being named manager. The Springlake School campus and buildings were improved in preparation for the opening of the 1962-63 school year. A sad news highlight for August was the car-train crash near Shallowater which left 7 area teen-agers dead.

The Sabin Oral Polio Vaccine program was started in September, sponsored by the Earth and Springlake Lion Clubs. A total of 2436 persons received the initial dose. Earl Kellar produced the first 1962 cotton bale in Earth, with Oran Parish receiving the honor at Springlake. The Springlake School Bond election passed by a vote of 2 to 1.

October saw the completion of the new home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Berry in the Hite Park Addition. The prospects of a large

recreational and water reservoir in Lamb County was discussed by the Soil Conservation Service. The Earth News-Sun took on a new look October 18 when offset printing went into effect. Rev. M. B. Baldwin accepted the pulpit at the Earth First Baptist Church in November. Fire caused heavy damage at the Earth Elevator. Democrats were victorious in the November 5 election, with Springlake's Bill Clayton defeating Frank Ford for 91st District State Representative. The Springlake Wolverine Band won a first in performance at Jones Stadium and FFA members won first at Muleshoe. Fire caused heavy damage to the Adrian Food Store the latter part of November. Maize and cotton crops were estimated to be at a record high for the area.

December closes out the year with seven Wolverines being named to the all-district teams. Homer Hodge, long-time resident died and residents mourned the loss of a beloved citizen. The year 1962 has been a good one for many of us but for some it contains sad memories for which only time can help ease the pain. The hours, the days, the weeks and months are gone, no longer to be called back, for only in memory can we recall things that have happened to us and our loved ones.

Progress for our fair city and the surrounding area was greatly increased this past year and the promises for 1963 are even better.

Chamber Of Commerce Receives Invitation To 1963 Fat Stock Show

The Earth Chamber of Commerce has received an invitation to be honored on a special day on the 1963 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 25-Feb. 3.

W. R. Watt, Stock Show president-manager, said by selecting a "day" at Ft. Worth's sixty seven year old exposition the city would receive special recognition both at the show and over a wide area of Texas.

The invitation provides a block reservation of rodeo seats for advance sale locally. The delegation would be presented

to the Rodeo crowd in a spotlighted introduction during the performance. The local band is invited to play a concert on the Stock Show grounds and be the show's guests at the Rodeo.

The 1963 Fort Worth Rodeo will feature the unique arrangement of three major producers combining to furnish the roughest bucking stock in America--so voted by the cowboys themselves, Minnie Pearl, comedy star of "Grand Ole Opry" fame, will entertain Rodeo audiences along with three other comedy, trick riding and precision riding

attractions.

There also will be cutting horse, show horse and ranch girl barrel racing competition in the Fort Worth Rodeo. More than 10,000 entries are expected in the livestock division, which includes a new class for Galleno horses.

The city is invited as well to name a cowgirl sweetheart to ride in the Rodeo grand entry on the special day, or both.

The Southwestern Exposition is the nation's oldest major livestock show, and its Rodeo is the world's original indoor Rodeo.

Babson's Business-Financial Report For 1963

The business situation will vary with different industries, and hence with different cities. Some defense centers will boom; steel cities will still find the going tough, but better than a year ago. Considering the high level of the past ten years it will not be surprising for 1963 to show a moderate decline in business. If so it should come in the second or third quarter, with

recovery in the fourth quarter, followed by a good 1964.

Disposable personal income will remain high. With increased savings deposits and little change in the cost-of-living, the public should continue to spend freely, especially if merchants maintain their advertising outlays.

Inventories will remain about the same during 1963. But government spending will increase over \$3 billion -- largely on defense -- and \$2 billion on new roads. Whether manufacturers will hike their expenditures for new machinery in 1963 in view of the depreciation tax credit, I would not now forecast.

All this means that business and employment for your city in 1963 will depend largely upon the attitude of its leading businessmen. If they will be optimistic and spend more on new plants, advertising and salesmanship, we should have nothing to fear.

My father used to tell me, "It's okay, Roger, for you to make forecasts... but never put dates on them!" I forecast that the Dow-Jones Industrial Average will register lower sometime in 1963 and stocks will show an average yield of about 4%. Either dividends must be increased or prices of stocks must go lower. Both cannot continue forever so poorly adjusted.

The above comment refers primarily to industrial stocks. I forecast that both the gross and net earnings of utility stocks will advance during 1963 and for some years thereafter. The utility cumulative preferreds have reached a point whereby they will closely follow interest rates as determined by the Federal Reserve Banks. The utility common stocks should slowly rise in price provided they are

houses will decline in price during 1963.

The less attractive outlook for home building generally does not apply to government or public buildings, or to all commercial buildings. The real estate developers, however, must spend more on advertising in 1963 to meet the growing competition.

Naturally, there will be a seasonal lull in retail trade after Christmas and the mark-downs which follow January 1. That will be the time to look for bargains. Scan the advertisements well. This especially applies to merchandise that depends more or less on style,

such as dresses, coats, hats and shoes. Buy good-quality items that can be passed down to the younger children. Over all, I expect 1963 to see a somewhat higher level of trade than has prevailed in 1962.

Purchases made at real mark-downs could be good cause for opening a new charge account. But be very careful to build up a good name for good credit. You can arrange to pay some in 30 days, some in 60 days, and some at 90 days; but be sure to pay a little before your account is due. Good credit at a good retail store will help you and your husband (or wife) when you may need this credit later to buy real estate or start a business of your own.

I forecast that the Cuban problem will not be settled in 1963. It may extend until after the 1964 presidential election. The Russians have removed their missile installations and bombers from Cuba, in accordance with President Kennedy's demands. In return, Mr. Krushchev will undoubtedly want some concession in Berlin, or in Turkey--which now bottles up Russia in the winter due to Turkey's control of the Dardanelles.

Krushchev must placate his people at home by improving rather than reducing their standard of living. I saw this very clearly when I was in Moscow. He helped Castro only so that he would have something to trade with the United States, either in connection with Berlin or with our bases which we now have in Europe. Krushchev expected to later withdraw from Cuba when he first decided to help Castro. He knew Russia could continue to use Cuba as a base for Russian submarines. Now both Krushchev and Castro are looking to save face at home.

Some think the Cuban fracas will make President Kennedy much tougher with labor here in the United States, but I disagree. Labor leaders may be more reasonable in their demands, but they will continue to have friends at the White House.

The purchasing power of our dollar will gradually be less, but

Minor Damage Caused As Auto Wiring Burns

Earth Volunteer Firemen answered a call Tuesday December 18 about 8:30 when a 1956 Chevrolet driven by Johnny Collins caught fire in front of the Brown 66 Station.

The fire had been extinguished when the firemen arrived.

Minor damage to the wiring beneath the hood was caused when the carburetor flooded and the motor back-fired.

Arriving on the fire truck were several well-dressed firemen, Carroll McDonald and Jack By-lant, Sr., who were attending the Annual Lions and Lioness Christmas dinner at the Community Room, dressed in their Sunday best, hopped aboard the truck and like all good volunteer firemen, heeded the call to duty.

This statement applies also to the currency of all countries. If our dollar declines in value it will be the same for every nation. If we devalue the dollar or temporarily look prosperous by phony bookkeeping, the other nations will gradually follow suit and we will all wind up where we started.

The dollar will not be devalued in 1963, although the Wall Street and Lombard Street brokers will put out propaganda to the contrary.

Now, a final word with regard to gold. The United States will continue to lose gold on balance during 1963. The only way to prevent it in 1963 is for us to export more goods and import less. This would require certain sacrifice on the part of our people.

Since my trip to Africa, I have concluded that the answer is in producing more gold rather than leaving it underground. If gold had a free market, its production would increase naturally and it would then represent one of the safest and most profitable investments available today. Another one may be uranium oxide.

Of course, large quantities of gold may be found on the surface of the moon--which brings me to my final subject, which I hope readers will take seriously.

Nobody will reach the moon in 1963 or in 1964, but you will see more and more about it in the newspapers during 1964--or 1965. Do not think that the United States will be the only country preparing for this trip. Russia, England, France, Germany and possibly China are preparing today to go to the moon. With labor getting 15¢ for a twelve-hour day in China and with booster engines purchasable abroad, China may be

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Driver Blacks Out In December 18 One Car Mishap

A minor one car accident Tuesday December 18 at 11:05 p. m. at the intersection of Boston and Main resulted in approximately \$100 damage to a 1955 Pontiac driven by Claude Cecil Parks of Plainview.

The driver, traveling east, is reported to have blacked out, losing control of the vehicle. It struck the meridian caus-

ing damage to the front of the auto.

The driver was not injured, and no charges were filed.

The accident was investigated by City Marshall Clarence Hazlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Middleton and family will spend several days visiting in Holdenville, Oklahoma during the holidays. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. George Middleton, Ross's parents, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Day. They will also visit Polly's mother, Mrs. S. E. Holt and other relatives.

Andy Starkey Is Stricken At Home

Andy Starkey of Springlake suffered a stroke at his home about 11:15 a. m. December 19, and was taken to West Plains Hospital where he was reported to be in critical condition.

At first, he was thought to have died, and was taken to Parsons Funeral Home in Olton, where it was discovered that he was still alive. He was revived and rushed to the West Plains Hospital in the Parson Ambulance.

News Of Interest To Women

Study Club Holds Yuletide Party

The Town and Country Study Club held its annual Yule season Christmas party Thursday, December 13 at the L. Z. Anglin home.

A delicious salad plate and cake, topped with whipped cream was served with coffee.

The house was decorated throughout, featuring Christmas colors.

A Christmas program was held following the dinner.

The group sang carols and a skit "America At Christmas" was given by Mrs. Sam Cearley Mrs. Ray Kelley, Mrs. Wayne Rutherford, Mrs. John Laing, Mrs. J. L. Hinson, Mrs. Roy Neal and Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Jr.

Two Christmas stories, "The Three Chests" and "They Came From a Great Distance" were presented by Mrs. B. Campbell.

A benediction poem was presented by Mrs. M. E. Kelley.

Gifts were brought to be sent to the State Mental Hospital.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley, Dr. and Mrs. C. Thos. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Littleton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. James Winders, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sanders, The Mms. Wayne Rutherford, Johnny Fowler, E. R. Hawkins, Ann Hodge, Ray Kelley, Lena Hite, Carra Morgan, Roy Neal, Jane Beavers, Buford Price, Casey Jones, B.

Campbell, O.C. Fry, John Laing and the host couple.
Hostesses were Mrs. L. Z. Anglin and Mrs. C. Thos. Richardson, assisted by Mrs. H. S. Sanders Mrs. Sam Cearley and Mrs. J. L. Hinson.

Friendship Class Feted At Yule Party December 18

The Friendship Sunday School class members and husbands were entertained at a Christmas party Tuesday, December 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hinson.

The room was decorated with the Christmas theme carried out in red and green.

Refreshments of angel food cake, topped by heavenly hash, was served with coffee.

Games of 42 were enjoyed by the group.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Crill Bullis, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Wisian, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Willis White, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cearley, Mms. Gladys Goodwin, H. H. Hamilton, Ada Rudd, Ida Allen, Homer Salley Miss Ruby Jones and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Cecil Patish and Mrs. R. L. Drake were in Lubbock.

Wisian-Hawkins Vows Exchanged December 22 In Amarillo



MRS. CHARLES EDWARD HAWKINS

Miss Kathleen Wisian became the bride of Charles Edward Hawkins when they pledged vows, Saturday, December 22, in the Trinity Methodist Church in Amarillo.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Wisian of Springlake, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hawkins of Hardesty Oklahoma are the parents of the groom.

Officiating clergyman was Rev. Eugene Matthews.

Traditional wedding music was played by Wam Moore, organist and Christine Stanford was vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown fashioned of candlelight Bridal taffeta with re-embroidered alencon lace yoke and long petal-point sleeves. The bell-shaped skirt was complemented with a modified obi sash at the back waist line, ending in a chapel train. The white fingertip veil fell from a crown of pearls. She

carried a white Bible topped by white rose buds.

Mrs. Norma Claborn of El Paso served as Matron of Honor. Her dress was a Christmas red taffeta sheath with round neckline and elbow length sleeves. She carried a white long-stemmed rose accented with holly leaves.

Gena Wisian of Springlake was flower girl, and Jimmie Don Wisian was ring bearer. They are the niece and nephew of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Betty Gallo-way and Velma Burkham, both of Amarillo. They wore sheath dresses of red taffeta with round necklines and elbow length sleeves. They carried long stemmed white roses.

William John Banks of Amarillo served as best man. Ushers were Hilbert and Ralph Wisian, brothers of the bride and Glenn McMinn.

Groomsmen were James Miller and Jerry Dorsey, both of Amarillo.

The bride's mother chose a

beige wool jersey dress with beige and brown accessories, and wore a rose corsage.

The mother of the groom was attired in a dark blue dress with matching accessories and wore a rose corsage.

A reception followed in the church parlor with Becky Chism, Amarillo, Pat Banks of Amarillo, Wanda Phillips of Canyon and Eunice Adams of Springlake, serving as reception assistants.

The bride is a graduate of Springlake High School and West Texas State College, Canyon. She is a teacher in the Amarillo schools. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, Alpha Psi Omega.

The groom is a graduate of Hardesty Schools and Panhandle A & M, Goodwell, Oklahoma, and also teaches in the Amarillo school system.

PARTY LINE

Mrs. Lewis Faver and Streisa were in Lubbock December 18 where Streisa had a check-up.

Janice Hestand was a house guest of the Mike Dents last week while her parents were in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Myers spent the weekend in Amarillo visiting friends.

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JUNIOR HIGH SOUNDS OFF

The 7th grade classes of Mr. Eldon Davis and Mrs. Opal Davis

had a party Friday December 14 at the Jaycee building in Earth. As we came in the door, Mrs. Marvin Huff and Mrs. Oran Parish pinned on us a Bell, Christmas Tree or candle and gave us a red, blue, silver or gold bell. The first game we played was pin the bag on Santa Claus in which David Davis won. The next game was a game of introduction where the three ending up with the three gold bells were given a prize. The ones winning were Randy Washington, Randy

Clayton and Debra Parish. We had a very interesting story given by 7th grade students. The characters were: Mr. Whisker, Gary Kelley, Smitten, Mike Jackson; Mitten, Bill Gover; Eric, Jerry Hunt; Gretchen, Linda Barden; Amy, Karen Ward and six mice. We then played some folk games. We did the Bunny Hop, Grand March and the Little Brown Jug. We would like to thank our sponsors, Elizabeth Packard, Betty Parish, Helen Holt, Winnie Huff, Dorothy Washington, Mrs. Townsend, and Vivian Parish.

Mrs. B. H. Porter's son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Porter and family, visited in her home Sunday afternoon.

Sorority Meets December 18 In Taylor Residence

Members of Beta Sigma Phi, Psi Nu Chapter met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Sue Taylor. The members made plans to give food and gifts to a needy family at Christmas. Refreshments were served to eight members and one guest. Present were Ricky Taylor, Jackie Green, Bobby Simmons, Norma Cearley, Beth Cook, Doris Newberry, Linda Jones and guest Belva Taylor.

PTA Executive Committee Meets December 17

The Intermediate GAs met at the Earth First Baptist Church December 19. Forward steps were studied, followed by a Christmas party. Ann Kelley, counselor, was presented with a potted plant. Refreshments were served by the WMU. Present were Ann Kelley, Jill McCord, Joan Sanderson, Diane Jackson, Shirley Walker and Olive Pearl Waide.

Intermediate GA Elected at Party December 19

The Springside PTA Executive committee met Monday, December 17 in the Homemaking Department. Frankie Faver was elected to serve on the PTA nominating committee for next year's officers. She will be assisted by two other PTA members. Jane Kelley, finance chairman reported on plans for the Talent Show which has been scheduled for February 7. Those present were Norma Dawson, LaJuana O'Hair, Gayle Littleton, Rowena Clavinger, June Bliss, Jane Kelley and Bill Mann.

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Party Line..

The REA was host to employees and their families and board directors at a Christmas dinner held Friday night at the Muleshoe American Legion Hall. Santa Clause made an appearance and presented candy to the children, followed by the group singing Christmas carols. There were over 150 in attendance. Attending from the Earth area were Mr. and Mrs. Skeeter Brock, DeAnn and Chris, Skeeter is on the Board of Directors. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Coker and Vicki. Mr. Coker is a board director of the 5 area Telephone Company.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dyke have had their granddaughter, Donna McMakin, visiting in their home recently. Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McMakin of Needmore.



Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Jordan of Estelline visited December 14 with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parish.

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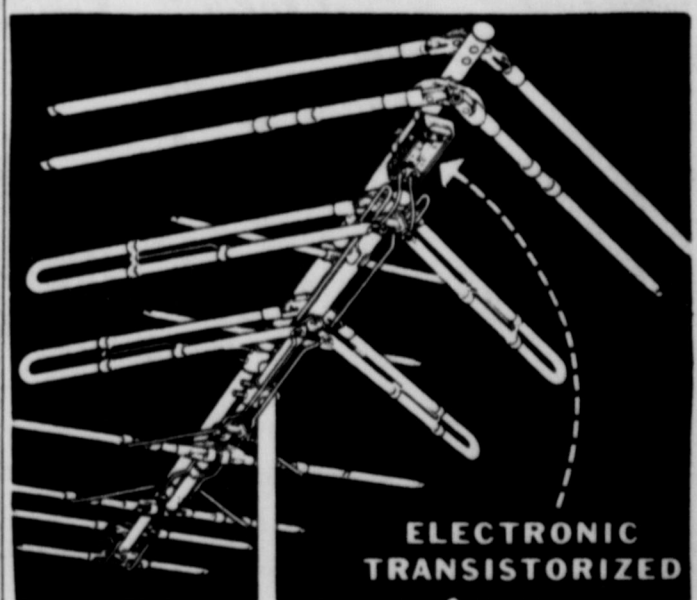
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the first to get to the moon. China does not need to be a member of the United Nations in order to send a rocket and three men to the moon and return. China's trip to the moon may be financed by foreign capital. China will win the territory it wants in India and ultimately get Burma.

Buying of "going to the moon" stocks may become a very active speculation. The original boosters will be paid for by some government, but their operation will be left for profit. The situation may compare with our great "gold rush" in 1849. However, it will not be limited to gold, but will also include diamonds, platinum, and perhaps other elements which are not yet in our chemistry books. My great-grandparents were all seafaring men taking people from New England down the East Coast of South America around the Horn and up the Pacific Coast -- a trip of two months. The astronauts say that they can make the trip to the moon easily in less than four days. One final thought: If the Kennedy Administration gets into too much of a jam between taxes and inflation, the promotion of trips to the moon may pull them out of their troubles. By enticing private

capital which is now in need of some attractive speculative investments, this might even bring about another big stock market boom in the late Sixties.

Readers should realize that the steel workers can reopen their wage contract after May 1, 1963. The settlement of this contract will be very likely to influence other labor disputes, depending largely on international conditions.

I feel that our country is becoming "immune" to crises believing that the cold war will continue for years to come. There, however, will be no nuclear war within our generation; and no international war of any kind in 1963.

Labor should begin to realize in 1963 that wages finally depend upon the employer's margin of profit. The year 1962 has seen many employers close down because of their slight margin. Small businessmen--both manufacturers and retailers must have a larger margin of profit in order to exist. There are too many mergers into bigger units and too many failures of worthy employers. Labor leaders are largely responsible for this unfortunate development and are slowly pricing themselves out of business. Sooner or later this can result in much unemployment. A tax cut



KNOW YOUR CLASSROOM. Mrs. Grace Hooley attended Southwestern State Teachers College, Weatherford, Oklahoma and Texas Tech. She is starting her tenth year at Springlake Elementary School. Pictured with Mrs. Hooley on the back row are, left to right: Leslie Haberer, Mike Cleavinger, Donnie Wheat, Eloy Moya, Gloria Castillo, Janie Ruiz, Chris Brock, Alberto Hernandez; 2nd row: Juan Fuentes, Connie Dent, Laura Martin, Jay Anderson, Joan Garcia, Carla Bills, Sylvia Garcia, Angelita Garza; 3rd row: Donna Kay Anderson, Marian Dawson, Weldon Eagle, Rene Monto, Stevie Hay, Darrel Carr, Rey Ruiz, Steven Randolph; 4th row: Cindy Berry, Danny West, Raymond Padilla, Robert Morroquin, Alfonso Delgrada and Johnny Cortez; Front row: La Donna Sigman, Darlene Cooper, Sharon Gowdy and Donna Lowery.

will not solve this difficulty.

Nineteen-sixty-three will see many basic commodities sell for lower prices. Despite domestic production cutbacks for many raw materials, world supplies will continue their uptrend. These surpluses in world markets will place additional downward pressure on commodity prices in the U.S. There will be exceptions in hybrid corn, Idaho seed potatoes, and other selected crops. Much depends upon the weather and the ability to hold over surpluses.

Prices of peaches, apples, citrus and other fruits depend principally upon the weather. Improvements in canning, freezing, and storage have been greatly advanced, while the big supermarkets have been beneficial in stabilizing prices. The hope of the fruit growers

will surely decline in price due to over-production and competi-

tion from imports. The U.S. Justice Department claims to be working for consumers in its fights with many companies such as the dairy concerns, but in the end supply and demand will determine the result and not legislation or court decisions.

Before the Kennedy Administration retires, I forecast that we will have either more taxes or more inflation. Neither, however, need come in 1963. The stock market may discount the expected inflation by temporarily continuing above 600 on the Dow-Jones Industrial Average. The November elections indicate that the voters want a "welfare state" and I believe this means more inflation, rather than more taxes.

The old saying, "We cannot have our cake and eat it too" is

certainly true today. The elections referred to above indicate that the majority of voters really believe they can have all these temporal benefits such as medical care for the aged, medical and hospital payments, more social security, etc., without having to pay the bill either through increased taxes or through inflation.

With all that is promised to young people in the form of free education, college scholarships etc., in addition to the above mentioned help, this means that the employed people, from ages 25 to 65, must carry the entire burden. Sometime they will re-

bel, but it will not be in 1963 although it might come at the next presidential election. Certainly the enactment of a "real" all-inclusive tax cut is no sure thing. It may look good to the "working man" but not to investors or employers.

Party Line

DeWitt Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kelley, arrived Sunday December 16 to spend the holidays here with his parents and other relatives. He is presently stationed aboard the USS Stoddard in San Francisco, California and expects to be discharged in March from the U.S. Navy.

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