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## Pecan Growers Re-elect Schaefer As President

(Eastland Telegram)  
Members of the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association last night re-elected all officers of the organization, then added four new directors in a meeting held in County Agent J. M. Cooper's office in the courthouse in Eastland.

Re-elected president of the fast growing organization which recently completed one of the outstanding pecan shows in the entire state, was Oscar Schaefer of Ok. Ellis Cooper of Ranger is vice-president and B. B. Freeman of Ranger will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer.



**HULLS**  
by Kernel Gene, aPe

Welcome home Albert Westmoreland and family.

Albert moved to West Texas several years ago, then moved to Eastland where he has been employed in the A&P Market. This week Albert leased the market in Ormsby's Grocery Store.

Albert said, "I have lived most of my life in Gorman and its good to be back home."

Finally got around to meeting the new editor of the Ranger Times. Nice fellow, trouble is he's a short hombre like myself, therefore I will leave the needing, if any, to Jerry.

Ray Swindell, formerly of Corsicana, comes from Marvin Nix's old stomping grounds up around Lufkin where he graduated from high school and later got himself a sheep skin with a BA degree from Stephen F. Austin State College in Nacogdoches. He has served time on the Sulphur Springs and Corsicana newspapers. His wife is the former Helen Louise Pool of Sulphur Springs.

Welcome west young man, but be careful on the draw.

Met with the Eastland County Pecan Growers Association Monday night. Told them about our Booth at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show January 24 through February 2. The group voted to take a page in the Eastland County Prospectus that will be given away. Ben Freeman, Route One, Ranger offered pounds of pecans to be used in the Booth. Thanks to our County Agent, J. M. Cooper, and members of the Pecan Growers Association, Eastland County is becoming one of the major pecan growing counties in the state.

On the highway to Fort Worth as you enter Cresson, large signs tell you that cookies can be purchased. Curiosity finally got the best of us and we drove by to take some cookies to the grandkids. I met the owner and asked, "how come a cookie company off the beaten path." He said "Cresson is my home and I have a friend in Oklahoma in the Bakery business. He taught me a lot and helped me find the equipment which I have installed. The business is growing and is giving work to several people in Cresson."

We bought four sacks of cookies and they were delicious.

There are lots of things that can be accomplished in Gorman if we could only forget personalities and begin thinking of our community once more.

Had it ever occurred to you what two hundred people could do by each putting \$2 a week into a joint fund. I have a screwball idea that we could re-open our theatre and also open a profitable business which I have heard about. Your money would be an investment not a gift.

Are you interested?

New directors named were Frank Hightower of Eastland and C. T. Barton of Rising Star, for two year terms, and W. D. Thurman of Cisco and C. E. Smith of Rising Star for one year terms.

Schaefer named three to serve on a planning committee to arrange the Spring Pecan field day trip. Cooper, Hightower and Mrs. A. C. Underwood of Carbon will make plans for the trip to orchards somewhere in the county.

Growers discussed crop conditions and most agreed the pecan crop this year was a good one. Demand for pecans was as usual, and most growers said they could have sold twice as many nuts as they did.

Members voted to take an advertisement in the booklet Gene Baker, publisher of the Gorman Progress, will print and distribute at the Fort Worth Ranch and Farm Show. Baker is heading a movement to have a county booth at the show. So far Cisco, Gorman and Rising Star chambers of commerce have agreed to assist financially.

## Duster FM Road Contract Awarded

A contract for the construction of grading, structures, base and surfacing on Farm-to-Market Road 588 in Comanche and Eastland County was awarded in Austin this week, Robert J. Milligan, District Highway Engineer at Brownwood has announced.

The firm of John F. Buckner and Sons of Cleburne submitted the low bid of \$160,754.81 on the project which runs from FM Road 587 at Duster, north to FM Road 8 in Gorman, a distance of 7.1 miles.

Resident Engineer Glenn G. Trotter of Comanche will be in charge of the project for the Highway Department, and it is estimated that the work will take 115 days to complete.

### CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express my deep appreciation for the kindness shown to me while I was ill in Blackwell Hospital. To those who sent flowers and cards, to those who visited me, and to the entire staff of Blackwell Hospital who gave me such wonderful care, I am most grateful.

May God bless each one of you.  
Mrs. Eula Caldwell

## Gorman Cagers Reach Semi-Finals In Indian Trail Tourney

### Pantherettes Win Consolation At De Leon Tourney

Gorman girls won and Gorman boys lost in the consolation finals of the De Leon Basketball Tournament last weekend. Sandra West, a guard on the Pantherette team, was named to the All-Tournament girls team.

The Pantherettes lost to Pottsville girls 43-28, in their first-round game. But in the consolation finals the girls outgunned Dublin, 36-25, with Annys Kate Blair hitting 12 points. The girls had to play only one game, the finals, in the consolation bracket.

The Panthers lost to Castleberry of Ft Worth, 50-21, in their opener. In the consolation bracket Ranger forfeited to put the Panthers in the finals. But De Leon edged the boys in Red and Blue, 42-39, to keep the consolation trophy at home.

### Grade School Teams Split Games With De Leon

In district games with the De Leon teams there on Monday afternoon, the Cubs lost by a score of 24-14. But the girls won, 26-12, with Mary Dell Thompson scoring 12 points.

### Announcements

The First National Bank will observe Wednesday, December 25, 1957, Christmas Day, and Wednesday, January 1, 1958, New Year's Day, as legal holidays and will not be open on those dates.

There will be a singing at the Bethel Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2 p. m. Everyone invited to attend.

A Turkey Shoot will be held Saturday, Dec. 21 from 1 p. m. till dark, 3 miles East of De Leon at Jess Stone Gravel Pit on the Dublin Hwy. Bring your "22" shells. You may use your own gun or we will have a few to loan. Single shot - open sight only. 4 shots for a dollar. The shoot is sponsored by Scout Explorer Post 25 of De Leon. Every one invited.

The public has a special invitation to our New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs. Come, bring your friends. Singing starts at eight o'clock. Sing the old year out and the New Year in. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Homer Richardson

Carbon's all-night Singing and New Year's Eve Celebration will be at Carbon Methodist Church on December 31st. Singing begins at 7 p. m. Refreshments at 9:45 till 10:30, then singing until 11:40. At that time Rev. Roger Butler, pastor of the Carbon Baptist Church, will deliver New Year's message. All singers and lovers of Gospel music are urged to come. We will have a good time together.

Pete Tyrone

### PVT. BOBBY L. TUCKER SERVING IN GERMANY

BOBLINGEN, GERMANY — (AHTNC) — Pvt. Bobby L. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Tucker, Route 1, Carbon, recently participated in "Autumn Rain," a week-long Seventh Army field communications training exercise in southern Germany.

The exercise tested the proficiency of personnel and equipment of the 160th Signal Group located at Boblingen.

Tucker, a pole lineman in the group's 585th Signal Company, entered the Army in March 1957 and received basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. He arrived in Europe last October.

The 23-year-old soldier was graduated from Carbon High School in 1953.

The Gorman boys and girls teams both won their first-round games and earned the right to play in the semi-finals of the Indian Trail Basketball Tournament this week at Gorman. The Pantherettes will play their semi-final game against the Dublin girls on Friday night at 6:30, and the Panthers will be matched with the Dublin boys in their semi-final game Saturday at 2:15 p. m.

Gorman boys and girls beat Scranton boys and girls on Tuesday night to gain the semi-finals. In an exciting game, the Panthers won, 44-43, with Jerry Warren ringing 14 points. The Pantherettes won in a walk-away, 53-17, with Annys Kate Blair singing 25 points.

In other first-round games in the boys division, Dublin swamped Strawn, 58-10, on Monday night and Ranger slipped by Blanket, 34-31, on Tuesday night.

In the girls division De Leon ripped Strawn, 39-10, and Dublin edged Comanche, 36-31, on Monday night.

The schedule for the remainder of the tourney is:

THURSDAY (Tonight)

7:45 - Blanket vs. Stpn'ville (G)

9:00 - De Leon vs. Comanche (B)

FRIDAY NIGHT —

6:30 - Gorman vs. Dublin (Girls)

7:45 - De Leon vs. Winner

Blanket-Stpn'ville (Girls)

9:00 - Blanket vs. Loser

De Leon-Comanche (Boys)

SATURDAY —

9:15 and 10:30 a. m. -

Girls Consolation Semi-Finals

1:00 and 2:15 p. m. -

Boys Championship Semifinals

5:15 - Girls Consolation Finals

6:30 - Boys Consolation Finals

7:45 - Girls Championship Finals

9:00 - Boys Championship Finals

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### Panther Bandsman In All-Region Band

Sara Beth Greer, Gorman senior band student, was selected after try-outs in Abilene Saturday for membership in the Region II All-Region Band. There were some 450 high school musicians trying out for the 90 piece band. Others from our band trying out were Carol Hatcher, Shar on Bennett, Fred Gray, and Kay Lynn Ramsey. The band rehearsed that afternoon and presented a fine concert Saturday night.

Miss Greer began her musical career seven years ago in the Lubbock school system as a clarinetist. She was formerly a member of the Tom S. Lubbock High School Band. She has been with the Gorman Band since last summer and is now serving as principal clarinetist.

We are very glad to have had her join our organization and are proud of the work she has done.

### "PLEASE"

Killed In War - 1775-1956 - 1,130,393

Killed In Accidents - 1900-1956 - 1,189,414 Americans Died On U. S. Highways

"A few weeks ago, I saw a little girl struck by a car as she tried to cross the street. I saw a father race toward her and hold her to him as she struggled in the agony of death. I saw all the plans he had made for her crumble, and I saw the look of despair that came over his face. I could only offer a prayer that such a thing might never happen again.

"Today, my daughter, who is six years old, started off to school. Her cocker spaniel, whose name is 'Scot', watched her leave and whined his belief in the folly of education.

"Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her, a girl with yellow curls, and about the boys across the aisle who makes faces; about the teacher who has eyes in the back of her head; about the trees in the school yard, and the big girl who does not believe in Santa Claus.

"We talked about a lot of things, some important, some unimportant.

"Now, as this is being written, she is sound asleep with her doll 'Paddy' in her arms.

"When her doll gets broken, or her finger gets cut, or her head gets bumped, I can fix them. But when she starts to cross the street, then Mr. Driver, she is in your hands.

"Much as I wish I could, it's not possible for me to be with her all the time. I have to work and pay for her home, her clothes and her education.

"So, Mr. Driver, please help me to look out for her. Please drive carefully. Please drive slowly past schools and at intersections. And please remember that sometimes children run from behind parked cars.

"Please don't run over my little girl."

### Hospital Report

Blackwell Hospital of Gorman reported the following listed as patients on Tuesday morning:

201 - Mrs. Nettie Rider, Gorman

202 - Mrs. J. M. Bufkin,

Marlow, Okla.

203 - J. D. Stanford, Ranger

206 - Mrs. C. C. Gilbert, Carbon

401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon

(No Visitors)

402 - J. D. Rodgers, Ft Worth

403 - Sue Clements, Gorman

404 - Mrs. R. G. Buckley, Gorman

405 - Mrs. Alma Cloud, Comanche

406 - Mrs. D. H. Hallmark, Dublin

408 - Mrs. Verna Niederer, E'land

410 - Mrs. O. J. Cox, Comanche

411 - Mrs. Della Brown, R. Star

412 - Mrs. B. M. Davis, May

415 - Mrs. W. F. Flatt, Gorman

416 - Mrs. Beulah Coan, Abilene

419 - L. N. Lewis, Alexander

### BIRTHS AT BLACKWELLS

Lance David Seabourn born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Seabourn of Cisco on December 11 weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

I am six years old. My name is Doris Thompson. I live on a farm six miles south of Gorman. Please bring me a doll and doll clothes, a set of dishes and a basketball. And bring my baby brother a teddy bear and rocky horse.

Love,

Doris Thompson

Larry Thompson

Dear Santa;

I am a little boy 6 years old. I have tried to be a good boy most of the time.

Santa, will you bring me a set of Wyatt Earp guns, a Superman suit and a Ft Apache Set, please. My sister, Joyce, wants a Tiny Tears doll.

Please remember all the boys and girls.

Love, Teddy Jordan

## Gorman Band Wins 2nd Division In Meet

On Saturday, December 7, the Panther Marching Band marched in its first band contest. The Texas Interscholastic League Regional Marching Contest was held in Winters along with the Regional Twirling Contest. The Gorman Band won the rating of second division. A second division rating is comparable to a grade of 87 to 94% perfection. Each band in the contest had to perform seven required maneuvers and stay on the field entertaining the audience for at least five minutes but no longer than eight minutes. There were forty-three bands from this region in competition. The band will also attend playing contest in Abilene in the spring and soloists will represent the school at the Solo and Ensemble contest in Snyder.

### Panther Band To Present Concert Sunday Afternoon

The Gorman Panther Concert Band will make its initial appearance of the year next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 when it will present its Annual Christmas Concert. The program will be light and entertaining and will probably last about 45 minutes or an hour.

Admission for the concert will be 35 and 25 cents.

### Band Concert Program

Sunday, December 22, 1957

3:30 P. M.

Along The Trail .....	March
The Levee Song .....	Light Overture
Talent Scout .....	Sax Solo
Kay Lynn Ramsey, Soloist	
Belle Of The Ball .....	Medley
Friends .....	Clarinet Duet
Sara Beth Greer and Sharon Bennett	
Tin Lizzie .....	Selection
Around The World .....	Waltz
Brasses To The Fore .....	March
Tiger Rag .....	Trombone Specialty
Jingle Bells .....	Variations

**M.Y.F. NEWS**

Carol Dean Hatcher, Reporter

nes, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Day, and Mrs. Haynes.

David Revels had the program, "Listen to the Music of Christmas." It was the 1st of a program in 2 parts about our beautiful traditional Christmas music. The program made us really think about the history and beauty of music, especially Christmas music. It was a very good program.

We closed with the MYF Benediction.

MYF at 6:00 p. m. Sunday.

**WCSJ Enjoy Annual Party**

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Townsend and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter in the home of the latter on Tuesday morning at nine-thirty o'clock. The occasion was the Society's Annual Christmas Party.

President, Mrs. G. C. Acrea, offered a Christmas prayer. Milton Fairbetter, Jr. entertained with accordion selections, ed with accordion selections, title of a story given by Mrs. A. A. Brown.

Mrs. W. G. Kirk accompanied the group singing carols.

Among the various seasonal arrangements in the party room was the Nativity with candle-lighted backdrop portraying wise men of the East following the star.

Mrs. Acrea distributed gifts from the snow-laden tree.

Hot spiced-cranberry punch was served with fruit cookies and toasted pecans.

Mrs. Keith Whitt poured from a silver service which has been in the family of Mrs. Walter L. Underwood for one hundred and fifty years. Mrs. Underwood was a guest at the party.

Mrs. Robert Haynes also assisted at the refreshment table.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I would like to take this means to express my sincere gratitude for the kindness shown to me during my stay in Blackwell Hospital. I want to thank the doctors, nurses, and entire staff of the hospital for their good care. I also want to thank my friends for flowers, cards, and their visits.

May you always have good health and may God richly bless you for your kindness to me.

Mrs. Etha Pittman

**SEVENTH GRADE NEWS**

Linda Harrison - Laneta Rodgers

Gorman Grade School boys and girls had games against De Leon last Monday afternoon. The girls won over De Leon by a score of 22-10. The boys lost by a score of 24-14.

We have been decorating the room for our party Friday. Larry (Shorty) Anderson, president of the class, is host. We are very happy to be getting out for the holidays. I hope most of the students have written Santa Claus a letter.

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. BRYAN**

A surprise birthday party was held Thursday night, December 12th from seven until nine in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood, honoring Mrs. Wood's sister, Mrs. Minnie Bryan of Ranger, on her 60th birthday.

A beautifully decorated cake centered the lace covered table with vases of rosebuds at each end. The honoree received many nice, useful gifts.

Those present to celebrate this happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Eual Bryan and daughter, Rebecca of Odessa, Mrs. Gwen, Mr. Lawrence Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryan, Rickey and Karen of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryan, Howard Bryan and Johnny of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mauney, Zesta Johnston, Daisy Peveto and girls, Sunny and Bennie of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rawson, Kenneth, Sharon and Jamie of Cisco.

We all wish her many more happy birthdays.

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**MYF CHRISTMAS BANQUET HELD AT MINERAL WELLS**

Some 40 youth and adult sponsors left our church at 6:00 p. m. for Mineral Wells to attend the District Christmas Banquet at the Crazy Water Hotel. There were approximately 200 young people all dressed up in new dresses and suits present from the entire Cisco District. We are really proud to say Gorman had the largest group from any one town and almost as many as each of the other 2 Sub-Districts. We were honored that Kay Lynn Ramsey of Gorman played the piano during the time of all of the groups arriving.

After everyone was seated Martha Kay Scott of Graham gave the welcome and Jim Lewis of Rising Star gave the response. Rev. Gordon Dennis of Cross Plains led group singing of "Joy To The World" and "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" as Kay Lynn played the piano. Food was ready immediately after the prayer. We were served fried chicken with all the trimmings.

After we had all eaten, the program for the evening began with recognition of our visitors and a number of other people, by Don Deffebach of Ranger, who is the District M. Y. F. president. He also introduced Allie Beth Mc Merty of Graham who gave a reading entitled "The Littlest Angel." Then our own Mike Stacy was introduced and sang "Oh, Come Let Us Adore Him", accompanied by Carolyn Haynes at the piano. Mike sang beautifully and we were real proud of him. Rev. G. W. French gave an interesting talk about how to build a successful life, making us realize we need to choose a good aim for our lives and work toward it.

To close the meeting we formed our MYF Friendship Circle, sang "Silent Night", and said the MYF Benediction.

We want to thank Joe Collins, Hubert Craddock, Mrs. M. E. Shell, Dale Brightwell, Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Hatcher, and Rev. and Mrs. Haynes.

I know we all had a good time and I want to thank all the people who helped put this Christmas Banquet over.

By Carol Hatcher

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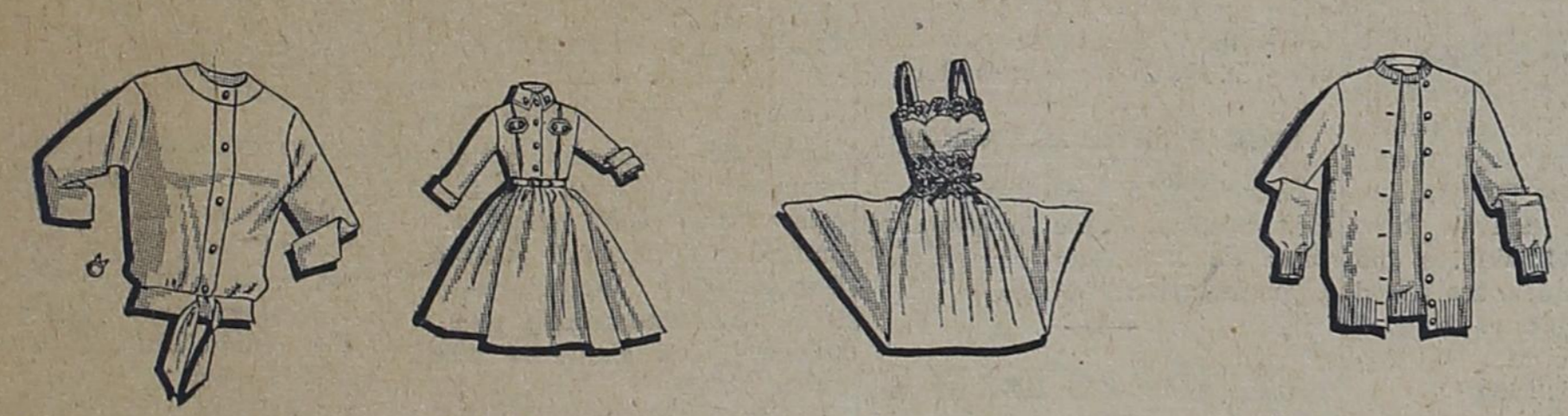
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# Sports

Jerry Clark

The longest high school football winning streak in the history of the United States came to an end last Saturday afternoon as Highland Park tied Abilene 20-20. But Abilene still remains undefeated, just tied. By rules of the Texas Interscholastic League, in a playoff game if a tie occurs the team with the most penetrations of the opponent's 20-yard line wins the game. Highland Park had 5 penetrations to 3 for Abilene. Up to the tie-game last Saturday, Abilene had won 49 straight games since October 15, 1954, and three state champion-

ships. Breckenridge was the last team to beat Abilene.

Highland Park's technical win set the stage for the state championship game at Port Arthur this Saturday afternoon. The last time that Highland Park and Port Arthur played for the state crown was thirteen years ago, in 1944, when Highland Park had its two most famous football players, Doak Walker and Bobby Lane, in its backfield. On that day in '44, Port Arthur held Doak Walker to a minus 47 yards rushing and defeated Highland Park, 20-7. It looks like history may repeat itself.

The next great athletic extravaganza will be on the week of Jan. 1, when the Bowl Games will be played. Not all of the games are on New Year's Day - some are the previous Saturday and some

are the following Saturday. The four big bowl games, the Orange, Sugar, Cotton, and Rose Bowls, will be televised and played on Jan. 1. The other game, the Gator Bowl, involving a member of the SWC, A&M, will be played on Dec. 28 and will not be televised. It will be broadcast on radio, however.

Here's what I believe will happen in the four major bowls:

**COTTON BOWL** — Rice over Navy. I believe that All-American King Hill and company will be too much for the Middies. Should be a very colorful game.

**SUGAR BOWL** — Texas over Mississippi. Arkansas beat Ole Miss, and Texas licked Arkansas, so I think Texas can whip Ole Miss.

**ORANGE BOWL** — Duke over Oklahoma. Another defeat for the Sooners. Duke edged Rice, and I believe the Blue Devils can beat the Ookies.

**ROSE BOWL** — Ohio State over Oregon. Anybody would be crazy not to pick Ohio State. Teams from the Big Ten have won this game so much, that you can't get people from the West Coast to even bet on their teams any more.

Oh yes, I almost forgot about the GATOR BOWL and A&M — purely unintentional, of course. I believe that A&M will beat Tennessee and give the Southwest Conference a clean sweep of the bowl games. By winning the Cotton, Sugar, and Gator Bowls, the SWC teams will strengthen the belief that the best football teams in the nation are in the Southwest.

## Desdemona News

By Ethel Keith

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Duke of Midland spent the past weekend here with his parents, the Rufus Dukes.

Mrs. H. H. Williams and Mrs. Morgan Roberts spent the weekend in Plainview with their mother and grandmother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keith and Vicki of Cisco visited Saturday with his mother, Ethel Keith. Several people here have been on the sick list the past week, including Mr. Floyd Moore and Mrs. J. D. McMasters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood of Florida have been visiting here the past ten days with her sister, Mrs. Ollie Fien, a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Clayton, and other relatives, including a sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Moore of Ft Worth were here the past week end visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joiner had as guests Sunday her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Sanders of De Leon, and a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears of Arlington.

Mrs. Stell Joiner was shopping in Ranger Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daymon Eaton of Ballinger and Mrs. Nina Morris of Gorman were Sunday visitors with their mother, Aunt Sally Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hale of Alexander and Mrs. J. H. Collins of Comanche visited Sunday afternoon with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Abel. Mr. Abel has been a house patient with a heart ailment for the past

month. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ragland of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Jack Ragland of McCamey were here over the week end visiting with the Raglands, Grimshaws and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chubbie Foreman of Ft Worth were weekend visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Guthery.

Buckshot Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Foreman of Fort Worth visited with the Ferrel Lewis family the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson of Dallas spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anse Brown.

Mr. C. H. Williams spent the weekend in Odessa and Midland visiting with his children and their families.

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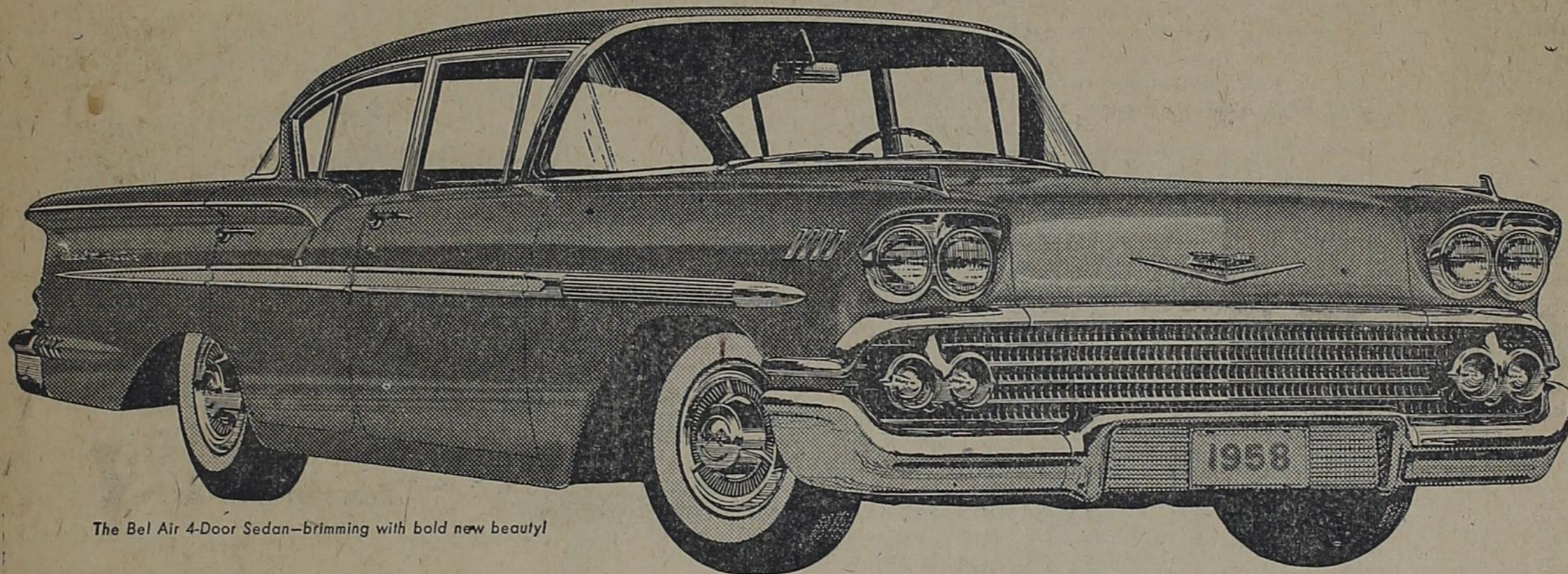
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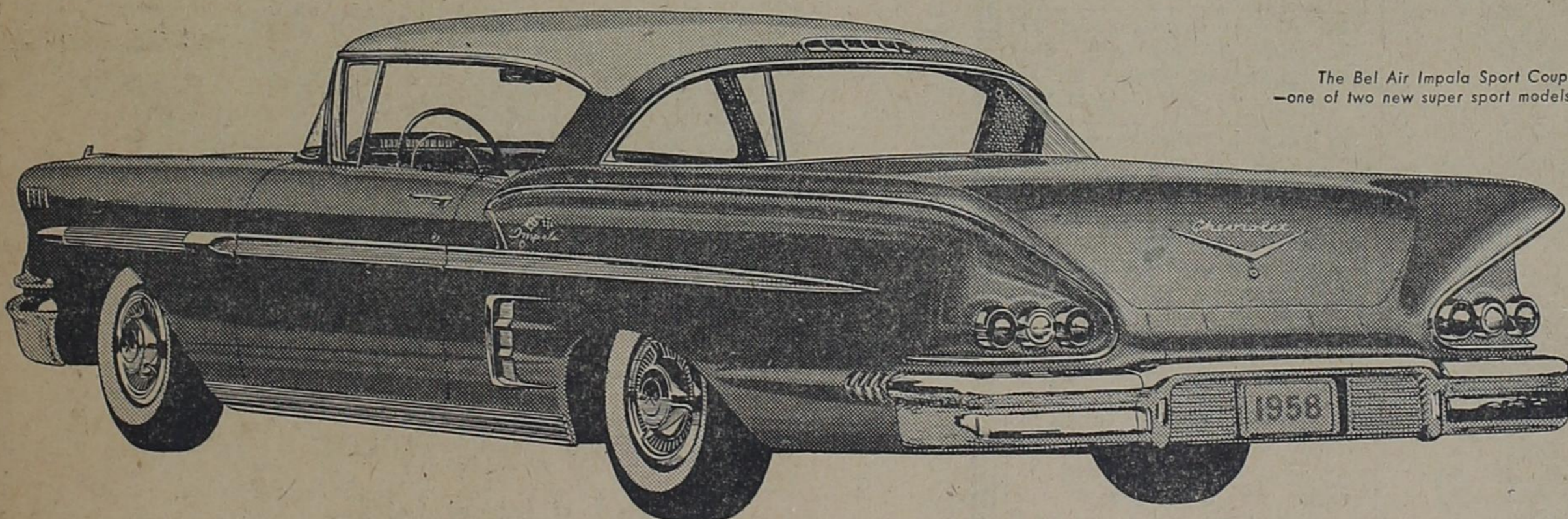
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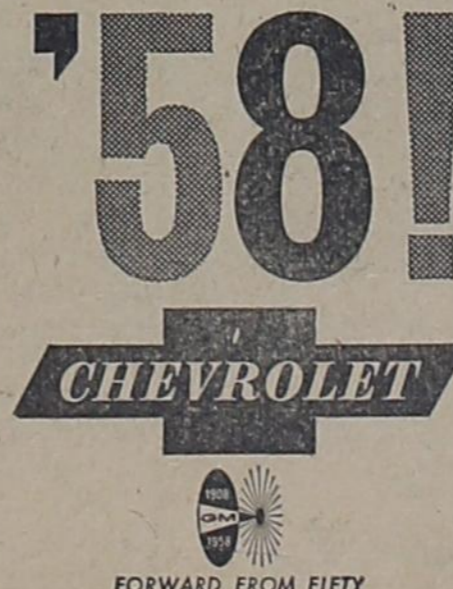
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## Highlights and Sidelights

From Our State Capitol  
By Vern Sanford.

AUSTIN, Texas — Christmas cheer abounds at the State Capitol.

We mean the old-fashioned kind of warm greetings and sunny dispositions, mixed with just plain fun.

This is the week when state employees from the Governor on down, hold their annual Christmas program. School choral groups in Austin share in the festivities with carol singing. And the Governor brings the traditional Yuletide message.

Activities center around a mammoth Christmas tree. It stands in the rotunda and stretches up beyond the second-floor railing.

Each year at this time committees from the Texas Public Employees Association divide the responsibility of getting a sturdy, 25-foot cedar and decking it with tinsel and 432 multi-colored lights. It's a sight for sightseers, as well as young and old among the Capitol's regular inhabitants. And it always provokes the question "Where did they get it?"

Out-of-state visitors usually insist that it must have been imported from another state. This the capitol receptionist firmly denies. When pressed for facts she says, "The Governor came in from East Texas one day, wearing it as a boutonniere."

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS — Capitol employees will be leaving for home, Saturday, for the holiday vacation, which begins Monday. They are due back on the job Thursday morning.

Texas statutes now prohibit a

state office from being closed more than two working days in succession. This is interpreted to mean that offices can be closed Christmas day, plus two more. However, some workers plan to take more time "on their own". Therefore skeleton forces will man many departments during most of the period between now and Jan. 3.

"GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE" — That's the slogan for Governor Daniel's Christmas Safety Campaign.

"Christmas holiday traffic took 108 lives on Texas highways in 1956," the Governor pointed out. "This year the Department of Public Safety estimates the toll will reach 113. But this useless and tragic slaughter can be prevented."

"I plead with every Texan to assume normal, adult responsibility for driving his car with utmost care. It's the very least any of us can do. And the greatest

thing we can do is 'Give the Gift of Life for Christmas.'"

GOVERNOR HITS "MOSSBACKS" — It's the people who want the state government to "sit on its hands" who pave the way for federal centralization, says Governor Daniel.

In a speech before an Austin civic club, the Governor hit at the "mossback philosophy" of

those who want to "preserve the status quo" in state government, "especially in regard to spending money." They "do more to undermine the cause of local self government than the most vocal advocates of federal power," he declared.

Daniel mentioned school needs specifically. He said the state, not the federal government, should step in to help districts that can't pay for needed buildings.

Concern has been expressed by some over the complete draining of the State Treasury to enact the Governor's 52-point legislative program. Various estimates have been made as to how much additional tax money will be needed to make up deficits in 1959.

Daniel's apparent reply: "States rights and local self-government cannot be honestly defended unless we are willing to accept the responsibilities which go with these rights."

MANFORD APPOINTED — Former House Speaker Dunwood Manford of Smiley steps into the controversial State Water Board chairmanship on Jan. 1. He will replace retiring board member H. A. Beckwith and will take over as chairman from R. M. Dixon.

Governor Daniel said he felt that his appointment of Manford will bring harmony to the board. In past months the Water Board has been subject to inner dissension as well as considerable outside criticism.

Manford is a former chairman of the State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools and was named just a few weeks ago to the State Industrial Accident Board. He will leave that position which will be filled by Judge Ned Price of Tyler.

WATER RESEARCH BEGINS — State Water Board says it is moving ahead "as fast as possible" on a water development program for Texas.

Legislation passed this fall authorizes the department to make a study and present findings to the next regular legislative session. Report is to cover where and what Texas' water resources are, with recommendations on how they may best be used to meet the needs of various sections.

Information-seeking meetings have been scheduled with consulting engineers and with farmers and ranchers, according to present Board Chairman R. M. Dixon. A first assistant planning engineer, Isom Hale of Dallas, has been hired.

Some \$200,000 of the engineering work will be contracted, said

BIDS REQUESTED — The Gorman School Board offers for sale the old Band Building to be removed from school property upon sale. Sealed bids must be submitted to the School business office. The School Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Bidding will be closed Dec. 31.



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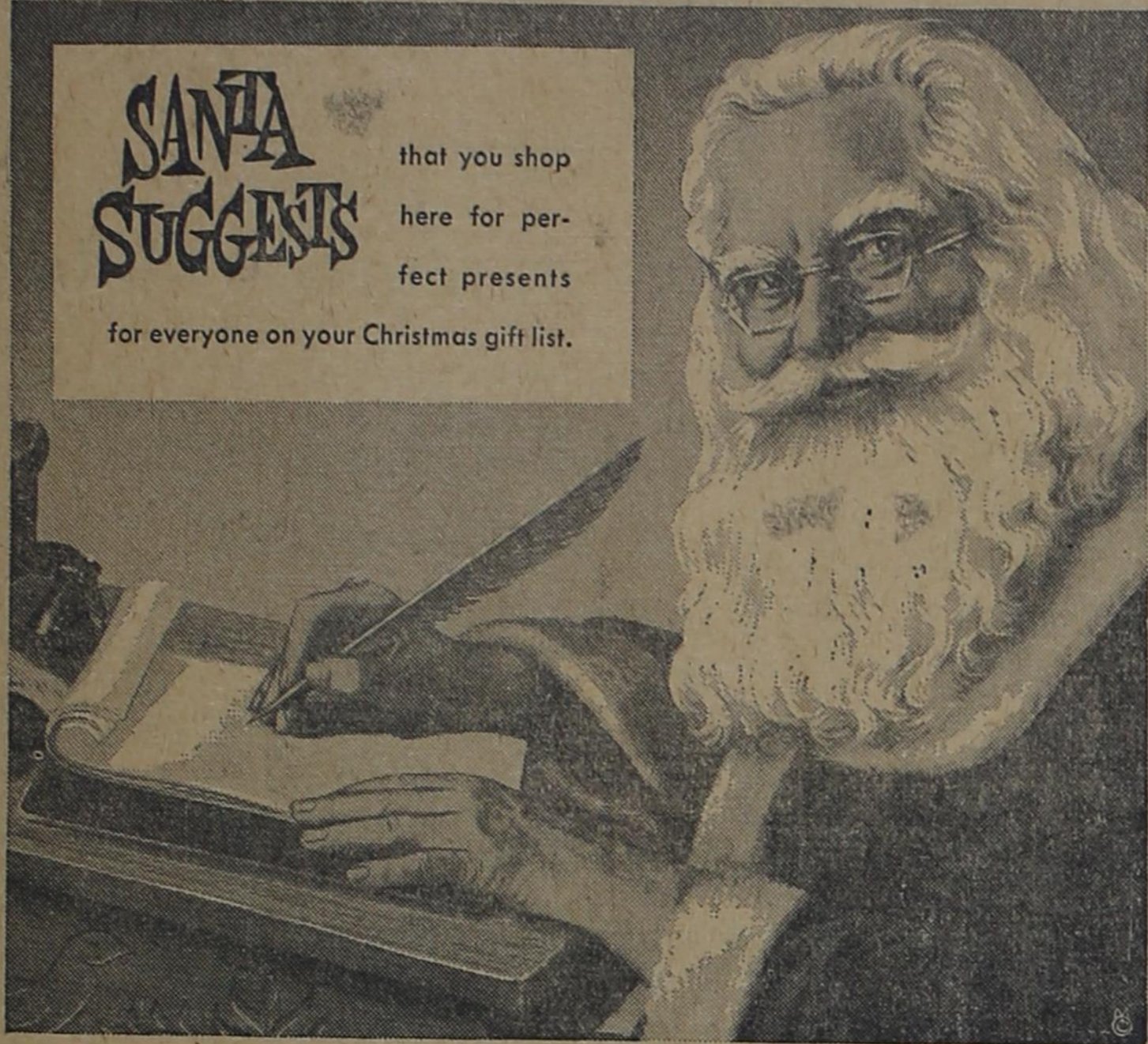
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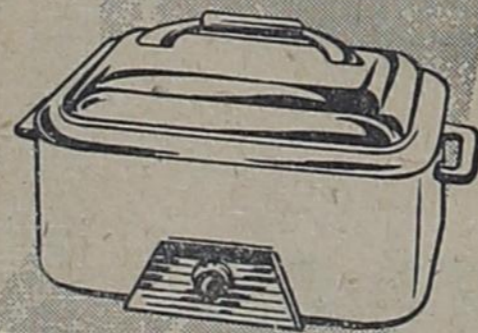
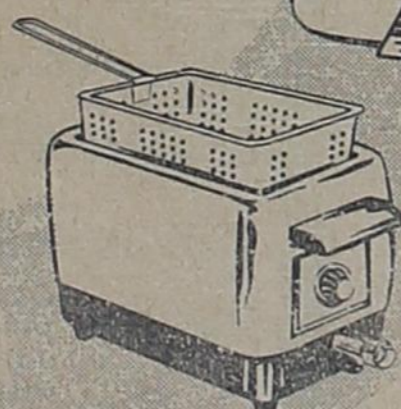
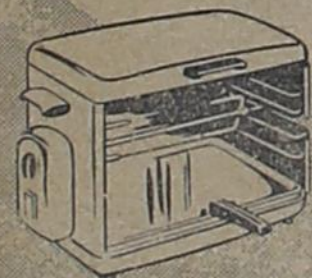
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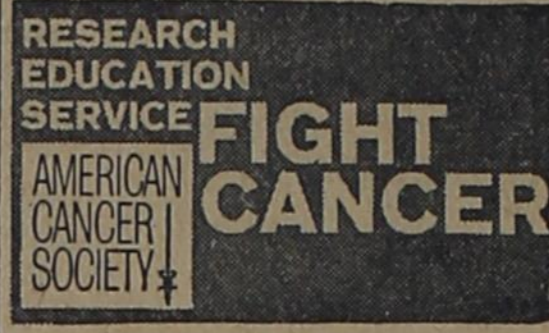
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### CAROL HATCHER IN RECITAL AT DE LEON

Christmas is a time of music, and last Sunday afternoon the Methodist Church in De Leon was most certainly filled with music. As is her custom at Christmas time, Mrs. A. P. Schmidt presented her pupils in a piano and organ recital. Several of our most beautiful Christmas Carols were sung by a chorus.

Carol Hatcher is at present the only pupil Mrs. Schmidt has from Gorman, but the program included selections by some thirty other students, some playing numbers on both the organ and the piano. Carol played "The First Nowell" on the organ, then later "Wind in The Willows" on the piano.

Perhaps the accomplishments of youth are always inspiring, but during this season, everything seems brighter and better. Sunshine streaming through the stained glass windows onto the faces of such a group of ambitious young people creates a feeling of new hope for the future.

### Keeping Up With Our Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hamrick and children of Anson will visit with friends here this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hallmark are leaving for a trip through Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. They will visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. L. Alldridge in Rogers, Arkansas, and Mrs. Hallmark's sister, Mrs. Roy Aldrich, in Ada, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Womack of Long Beach, Calif., are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Warren and children.

Mrs. Frank Dean will spend Christmas in Morton with Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose and children. Other relatives will visit with them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter were in Waco visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Clement on Sunday.

Mrs. L. D. Pyeatt of New York City, N. Y., accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Gray of Breckenridge, visited with the Albert Hendricks on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nix were in Dallas over the weekend visiting relatives and shopping.

Miss Marjorie Warren of Fort Worth has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Warren. She will leave today, Thursday, for Odessa to visit her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and son.

A/3c Charles M. Walker has returned from Greenland and is now stationed at Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Walker of Carbon.

### OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

FLORENCE RICHARDSON

We were able to make it back to church services Sunday. Had good attendance with several visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Stewart of Sundown visited in our home on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Reid were guests in the Willie Henderson home Sunday.

This writer and Mrs. R. H. Watson visited Buel Bryan of Desdemona Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Atchison visited the R. H. Watsons Monday night.

Rev. Floyd Flemings and family of De Leon visited with us in Sunday School. Want to invite them back.

We are having our Christmas program and tree Sunday night. Come be with us. You are always welcome at Oliver Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Skaggs and family of Mexico have been visiting the Melvin Daniels family.

The farmers are just about through with the harvest.

You missed something Sunday if you were not at our singing. We had a singer from Louisiana and could she sing. Come to Oliver Springs New Year's and hear this singer and accordionist.

Christmas is just a few days off. May not get around any more until after the holidays, so we want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After a short business session, devotional reading and prayer, the gifts were drawn by number from under the traditional yuletide tree. Refreshments of delicious strawberry cake, nuts and candy were served to 20 members and 2 visitors.

Present were Mesdames Gordon Tate, Lora Abel, Docy Williams, Buna Abernathy, Ethel Keith, Johnnie Koonce, Marie Duke, Myrt Read, Ella Tidwell, Fritz Merrill, Gussie Ragland, Maggie Pool, Nora Lane, Viola Fonville, Maud Fugua, Polly Brown, LeOtta Powers, Nona Grimshaw, visitors, Mrs. Helen Arnold and Ruth Baker, Mrs. Bobbie Jack Ragland, and the hostess, Mrs. Arlie Belyeu.

### FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Fidelis Matrons Class of the First Baptist Church had their annual Christmas Party in the home of their teacher, Mrs. Speck Clark. Each one present exchanged gifts and decided to pack fruit baskets for shut-ins as their Christmas project.

Everyone enjoyed the devotional brought by Mrs. Morgan Bennett. All enjoyed fruit cake and coffee and were dismissed by prayer.

### Your Problems are our Business -

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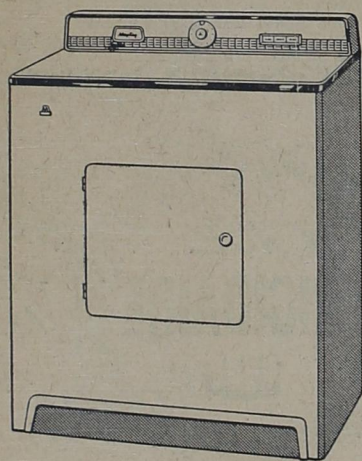
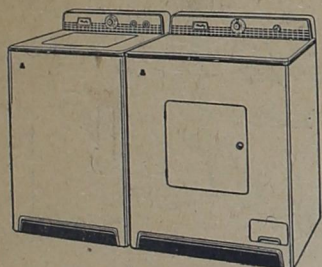
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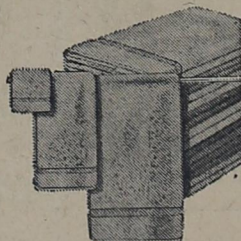
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