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QUOTES FROM AN AMATEUR PUBLISHER-EDITOR - Gene

I hate to waste space mentioning Little Harry but do want to commend President Eisenhower for ignoring his slighting remarks. It gives one a feeling of confidence to know that we have a man of character, initiative, diplomacy, and breeding to lead us out of this turmoil. When General Eisenhower set down in the muck and mire of Korea to have chow with some soldiers it could just as easily have been some of the boys from our town if they had happened to be there at that particular moment. His every action gives one a feeling of confidence in the future. It would not surprise me to see General MacArthur returned to active duty to assist President Eisenhower.

Members of the Methodist church are becoming enthused with the idea of a new church building. While no official action has been taken a sizable fund has been set aside earmarked for edifice in His honor. In all probability a new parsonage will be included in plans when an official meeting is held.

Tuesday night - A tall distinguished looking gray-haired gentleman walked in the office and wanted to buy a Progress. He said, "I was born in Gorman and this is the first time I've been back in 47 years."

He inquired about Miss Cora Echols, the Neal family, Eplers, Hamblins and others. I gave him as much information as possible. He also remarked that he didn't know too much about the town because he was a country boy who had been born three-quarters of a mile north of Gorman. His father was H O Thomas. His name was Jefferson D Thomas and he was on his way home to Clovis, New Mexico with his wife and son. They had been to Yorktown to visit their daughter.

It's nice to have old Gormanites drop in.

Our Christmas Edition will be published early next week.

If you have a boy in service at home or overseas that is not receiving the Gorman Progress I will appreciate your sending his name and address to the office by this week end as we are sending a copy of the Christmas edition to all men in service by Air Mail. I am sending these air mail because I believe our boys in service will enjoy reading all of the Christmas Greetings from the folks at home.

SANTA CLAUS TO BE IN GORMAN ON SATURDAY AT 3:30

Heavily laden with candy for the kiddies Saint Nick will make his appearance in Gorman Saturday afternoon, December 20th at 3:30 P M. He will probably arrive in a modern vehicle.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little girl seven years old and have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a baby doll wrapped in a yellow blanket, a cash register, and play money. Also I'd like nuts fruit and lots of candy.

Love,
Sylvia Hendricks

Dear Santa:
We are two little boys, four and six years old. We want two dual wheel dump trucks and two road graders and tractors. We also want a basketball and goal, and plenty of goodies to eat.

Love,
Mike and Bob Rodgers

Texas leads all states in railway mileage with a total of 16,473 miles.

NATIVE OF CARBON ELMAN E. MURRAY BURIED MONDAY

Mr Elman Ethel Murray, who passed away at his home in Carbon on Sunday, December 14th following a heart attack, was buried on Monday afternoon in the New Carbon Cemetery. Funeral services had been held at 3 P M at the Carbon Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev Thomas. Mr Thomas was assisted by a visiting pastor.

Mr Murray was a native of Carbon having been born there November 26, 1884. He was an active member of the local Baptist Church which he had been a member for 43 years. On December 31st, 1911 he was married to Miss Myrtle Cavanaugh. Surviving the deceased are his widow and children, Clive Murray of Eastland, Mrs O F Carter of Odessa, and Mrs Bill Hill of Austin. Elman Truett Murray, a son, was lost to his parents during World War II. Three grandchildren surviving are Wilda and Dwight Carter and Davis Murray.

Brothers and sisters surviving Mr Murray are H H Murray of Amarillo, G G Murray of Erick, Oklahoma, L L Murray, Brownfield, O O Murray of Big Spring, Mrs O C Keller of El Paso, Mrs W O Richardson of Abilene, and Mrs C C Gilbert of Carbon. Pallbearers were Rufus Bean Claude Stubblefield, Jim Holloway, Leaster Vaughn, H R Gilbert, and Ray Neal Baze.

Boy Scouts With Parents Stage Christmas Party

The Boy Scouts with their parents staged a Christmas Party at the School Gym on Tuesday. Never a dull moment with boys but the entertainment for the evening varied with games of canasta, dominoes and forty-two. Coffee, Cake, Pie, and hot chocolate were served. Gifts were exchanged.

The Boy Scout Organization is most democratic. No boy is barred from the Scouts except by age. Even then boys under age may be Cub Scouts.

Announcements

Sunday night, December 21st is the time set for Church Christmas Programs. Everyone has an opportunity to attend. "White Christmas" will be presented at the First Baptist Church at 6:30 o'clock. "Dramatization of The Other Wise Man" by Van Dyke will be presented at the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock.

The Midway Baptist Church are having their program and tree on the same night, December 21st.

The Desdemona Churches are having their Christmas Program on the same night also. The Kokomo Community Church will have their Christmas tree and program on Monday night, December 22nd.

The First National Bank of Gorman will observe Thursday, December 25, 1952 and Thursday, January 1, 1953 as legal holidays and will not be open for business on those dates.

The State Pension Union Club will meet at the Pentecostal Church, Saturday, December 20, at 2 P M. Every member is urged to be present as it is a business meeting and visitors are invited. We will be glad to have them come.

We are living Out the Old and Living in the New Year at Oliver Springs Church again this year. You are invited to come and bring someone with you. Refreshments for everyone.

Bob Burns To Teach Friendly Fellows Class On Sunday Morning

Mr Bob Burns, local lay minister, will teach the Friendly Fellows Class on Sunday, December 21st. The time is 10 o'clock.

President M H Fairbatter urges that every class member contact at least one prospect for a new member and to tell at least one other member, "I'll see you Sunday in the Friendly Fellows Class."

The newly organized all-men's class is considered a splendid step in the growth of the Sunday School. But good attendance requires a little boost from every member.

Last Sunday's attendance reached 151, the highest total for a number of years.

Let's keep the attendance above 150 by coming with our children.

Farm Bureau Plan For '53 - Gormanites On Committees

The Board of Directors of the Eastland County Farm Bureau met in Eastland at The First Christian Church annex Thursday at 7:30 P. M. December 11 to outline plans for the 1953 program of work. A Z Myrick, Ciso, president of the organization, directed the appointments of the following committee personnel: Budget - Ed Harrison, Gorman, Chairman; Ray Norris and Mitchell Campbell.

Program - A Z Myrick, Mrs Claude Stubblefield, George Bennett, and Mrs John Love.

Membership - Howard Ingram T C Cozart, Luther Cunningham, Mrs Ben Freeman.

Resolutions - Luther Cunningham, Ernest Weaver, Ed Harrison, and Jimmy Sparks.

Legislation - J C Coates and

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FUNERAL SERVICES JIMMY CRAWLEY FRIDAY AT 10:30

Funeral services for Jimmy Crawley, whose body was due in Ranger at 1:35 Thursday, have been announced for 10:30 Friday in the Methodist Church in that city. Rev Garland Lavender will conduct the services.

The body of the deceased soldier was accompanied from the Pacific Coast by Jimmy's buddy, Kenneth Bennett, formerly of Gorman.

Corporal Jimmy Max Crawley was a Korean War Casualty on October 15th. In line of duty he was carrying wounded from the battlefield when he was cut down by enemy mortar fire.

Jimmy Max was born October 3rd, 1929.

Mr and Mrs Roy Crawley, formerly of Gorman, moved to Ranger in 1950 where Jimmy attended college. He was, however, attending Midwestern at Wichita Falls when he was inducted into the army on October 8, 1951.

ODDFELLOWS - REBEKAHS TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 19TH AT 6 P M

All members of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge are urged to be present with their families on December 19th at 6 P M for the Christmas Party.

All ladies that are not Rebekahs are requested to bring a pie. Each one attending will please bring a small inexpensive gift suitable for themselves.

There will be string instruments and quartet music for entertainment. There will be plenty of Turkey with all the trimmings.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends, neighbors and also to Higginbotham Funeral Home for their kindness, beautiful flowers and sympathy during the recent death of our husband and father, Mrs E E Murray and Children

Mrs. Bethany Buried At Weaver On Friday

Funeral services for Mrs Susan Clara Love Bethany were held at the Methodist Church in Carbon on Friday afternoon at 2 P M with Rev Frank Skaggs officiating. Interment followed in the Weaver Cemetery.

Mrs Bethany had passed away at her home in Carbon on December 11th, Thursday. She was seventy-six years of age, her birthday being August 23rd, 1876. She was married to Mr John Willis Bethany on April 16th, 1896. Her husband had preceded her in death on December 1st, 1934. A daughter, Lillie Pearl Ladell, had passed away in 1915 and a son, Clyde, in 1946.

The deceased had united with the Church of Christ in 1907 and had lived a faithful Christian life.

Surviving her are two sons, Elmer Bethany of Carbon and Odel Bethany of De Leon; a sister, Mrs J N Powell of Carbon; a brother, R L Love of Rochester; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Norman Bethany, J H Bethany, Elton Guy, Lesslie Tonn, Leslie Helms, and Kenneth Powell.

WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB ENJOY ALL-HOST CHRISTMAS DINNER

Members of the Woman's Study Club enjoyed an all-host dinner Monday evening in the home of the club's president, Mrs W G Kirk. Baked ham topped the menu of the meal served at quarter tables.

Mrs Gus Frossard was welcomed as a new member and Mrs Dean Kirk was welcomed as a guest.

Following the dinner the members made gumdrop trees which they will present to their chosen shut-ins.

Later in the evening the group went to the home of Miss Ozella Pulley where plant gifts were exchanged and after-dinner coffee was served.

Every Faith and Clime Celebrate Christmas Many Worship Not

by L. Fairbatter

"Of every faith and from every clime they join in celebrating Christmastime."

How right was the Pennsylvania minister, Phillips Brooks, when he wrote, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas Tonic!"

Christmas is hailed universally, as no other holiday, as a time for celebration.

Countless are their number, Christian, Jew, Moslem, Buddhist, the rich, the poor, black, yellow, red and white, who in America or in their homeland celebrate on His birthday. How well they know the day. How little they know of the Child, the Eternal God!

Celebrations once calm and sacred have become cosmopolitan. Millions are they who buy and sell, eat and drink, dance and sing, give and take, come and go - Because the Lord came - His birthday they cherish but they know not this Author of "Goodwill."

Is this an omen ill that they worship him not? Or will the whole world find the Way, because they celebrate Christmas Day?

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

The best news the H T Rawls have had in a long, long time. Lowell is on his way home and hopes to make it by Christmas. Mrs Rawls is so happy that she said, "I'm not going to complain one bit if he can't make it before Christmas, I am just going to be thankful that he's coming home."

Mr and Mrs J M Nix have had news that to them is a bit heart-rending. Ben was on his way home, three days out on waters heading home for Christmas when the tanker, which had replaced his boat the U S Cimarron, exploded necessitating the recall of the Cimarron. So Ben won't be home for Christmas. "Ben, while you are rendering us so great a service we will try to celebrate our Christmas in a manner that we may merit your work in defense of Christian Civilization."

Correction
The Christmas Program at the Midway Baptist Church was announced in last week's paper for December 2nd. This was a typographical error. The program and tree will be held Sunday night December 21st. Come early

KING THEATRE THURSDAY - FRIDAY

Paul Henreid - Margaret Field
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
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In
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Also
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SUN - MON. DEC 21 - 22
Linda Darnell - Tab Hunter
In
ISLAND OF DESIRE
Also
Animal Comedy

TUE. - WED. DEC 23 - 24
Matinee Wednesday at 2 P M
Jimmy Durante - Terry Moore
In
THE GREAT RUPERT
Also
Color Cartoon

THUR. - FRI. DEC 25 - 26
Matinee Thursday at 2 P M
Rock Hudson - Julia Adams
In
THE LAWFLESS BREED
Also
Disney Cartoon

Gorman Elementary School
Presents
The Magic Christmas Bell
An Operetta
By
Catherine Allison Christie
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December 18, 1952 7 P M

Directors:
Mrs John W Henderson Mrs E C Bramlett
Mrs Lois Buchanan

Cast in order of appearance
Santa Claus Nathan Files
Wimble a maid Carol Ramsey
Nimble, a maid Carol Hatcher
Jack-in-the-Boxes E C Bramlett, Jr.
Larry Anderson - Larry Pullin

SWEDISH CHILDREN
J L Hamilton
Danny Meaxell
Lewis Samuels
Jerry Wilson
Ronnie Page

PUDDINGS
Thomas Seay
Terry Clark
Doyle Lynn Welch
Larry Kirk
Jerry Broom

SCOTCH LASSIES
Kay Browning
Ethel Mae Thompson
Barbara Kinser

JAPANESE LADIES
Jo Nell Turner
Margie Sanders
Betty Porter

DIXIE DOLLS
Sue Huff
Dani Seatt
Linda Meazell

CHRISTMAS TREES
Willie Pettijohn
Vicky Stacy
David Lindley

CHINAMEN
Billy Earl Welch
Harold Lynn Rodgers
Rodger Woodall
Junior Hampton

SPANISH DANCERS
Shirley Rasco
Vicky Mauney
Linda Shell
Bobbie Robertson

BALLOONS
Howard Joiner
Larry Campbell
Terry Shell
Wesley Warren

INDIAN MAIDS
Jo Ann Clark
La Juana Keiser
Brenda Clements
Nancy Scitern
Elaine Gibbs

COWBOYS
Lesley Hamilton
Larry Rodgers
Gene Snider
David Rodgers
David Gibbs

Freddie Gilmore
Tommy Warren
Charles Rodgers
Joe Bob Rodgers

Barbara Jobe
Mary Shell
Sylvia Hendricks
Ann Pleasants
Patricia Harrison

Willeam Snider
Larry Westmoreland
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Albert Palmer
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WANTED - Fifty men at the **FRIENDLY FELLOWS CLASS** in the Methodist Church Kitchen for coffee at 10 o'clock Sunday and for the class session following. M H Fairbatter

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NOTICE FARMERS - We want to repair your farm machines this winter before the spring rush. Ask about our No Crop, No Pay plan. Gorman Machine Shop. Your M-H Dealer.

PHEASANTS FOR SALE - Single or in pairs. Ben R. Townley Gorman, Texas

NOTICE OF SALE - Bids will be received in the office of the Superintendent of School, Gorman, Texas on the following School Bus: One 1945 Ford, 42 Passenger, on or before January 12, 1953, by 7 P. M. This bus may be seen at the Bus Garage on school grounds.

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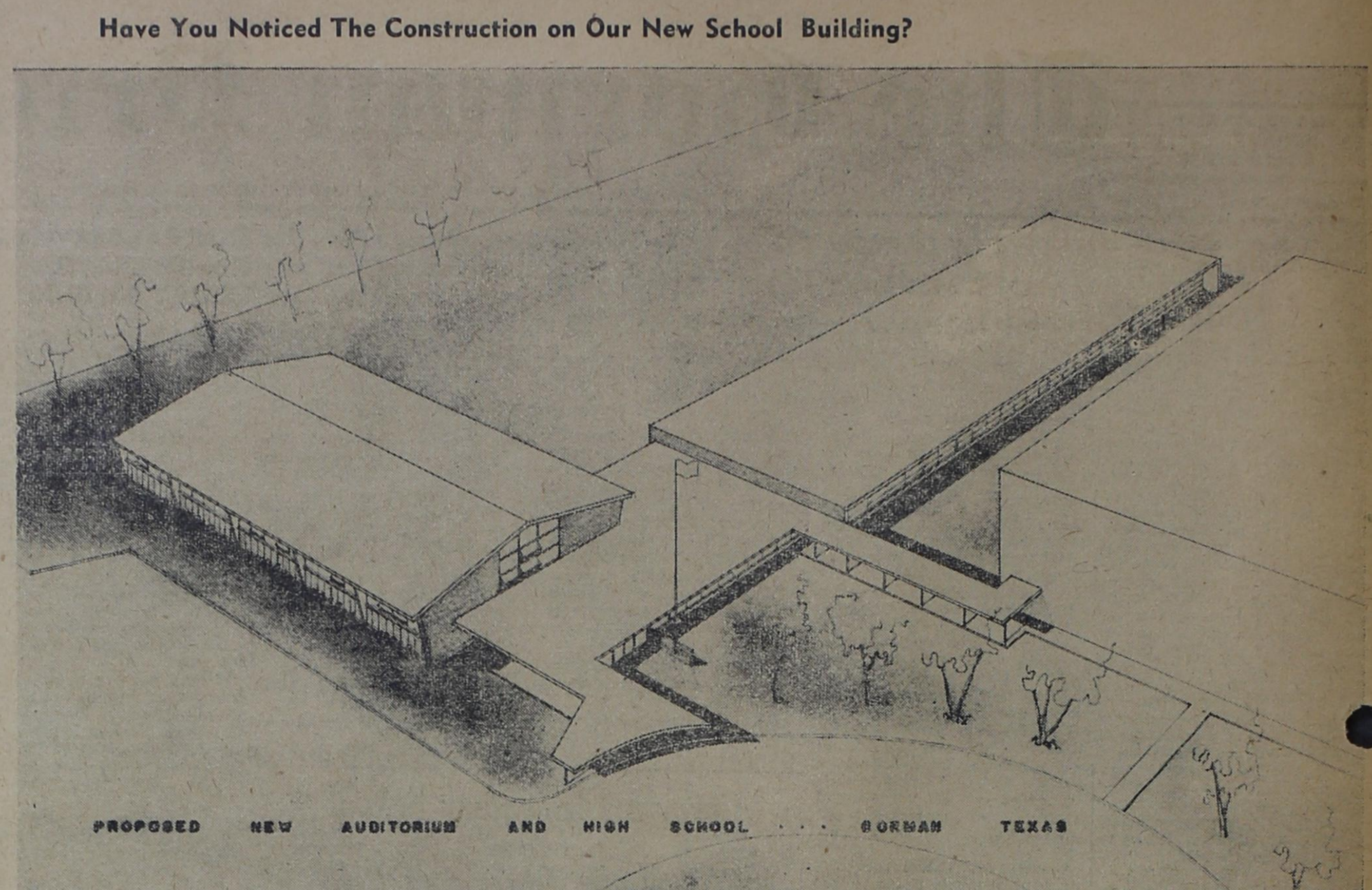
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This is a story of 1951 - how do you think it compares with '52 Watch the Progress for the comparison.

CHRONOLOGY of 1951

KOREA

- January**
4-Reds capture Seoul, drive into south.
11-U.S. agrees to new U.N. truce bid to Red China.
17-Red China spurns U.N.'s new Korean truce plan.
10-U.S. congress. President demand U.N. declare Red China aggressor.
30-U.N. indicts Red China for Korean aggression.
- February**
1-Eighth army counterattacks and puts Reds on defensive below Seoul.
8-U.N. tanks in "kill Reds" operation shell Seoul.
15-U.N. forces reach Seoul and stop Red counteroffensive in central Korea.
18-Allies counterattack Red armies.
- March**
7-MacArthur predicts a stalemate in Korea.
14-Reds give up Seoul without a struggle.
16-Reds in Korea retreat to 38th parallel.
31-U.S. forces cross 38th parallel to break up Red plans for spring offensive.
- April**
12-War's biggest air battles are waged in Korea.
13-Reds said to be massing big air force for Korean drive.
22-Seoul menaced by Red thrusts.
30-Allies stall Chinese drive.
- May**
10-Chinese Reds fall back as drive fails.
16-Reds resume offensive.
23-Sweden reports Korean peace feeler from Russia.
24-U.N. counterattacks.
31-Main Red forces retreat into North Korea.
- June**
1-U.N. diplomats draft new peace bid to Red China.
8-General Marshall visits front and denies truce rumours.
21-Reds lose last stronghold in South Korea.
23-U.N. proposes cease-fire along 38th parallel.
23-U.S. asks U.N. for more troops.
- July**
5-Korean cease-fire talks are set.
12-Truce talks break off over press argument. Red armed guards.
15-Little progress made as Korean talks resume.
26-Talks progress to setting agenda.
27-Parley snagged by question of true line location.
- August**
6-Peace talks are interrupted for five days.
16-Subcommittee takes over truce dispute.
23-Reds walk out of truce talks because of alleged plane incidents, denied by U.N.
30-Parley still held up by incidents.
- September**
11-U.S. admits strafing of Kaesong peace site.
20-Reds offer to resume peace talks.
27-War's biggest air jet battle fought.
- October**
8-Panmunjon picked as new truce talk site.
18-Russia refuses to ease Red truce line in Korea.
23-Truce negotiations resumed.
- November**
6-U.N. rejects Red bid for unenforced Korean cease-fire.
9-Chinese Reds begin using more jet planes and tanks.
14-U.S. officials disagree over army official's report of Korean Red atrocities.
29-Cease-fire is denied but fighting stops.
- December**
2-U.N. planes down five MIGs.
4-Communists offer plan for inspection by neutrals behind cease-fire line.
4-Air war rages as Red plane buildup worries U.N.



KOKOMO NEWS

Eighty-one were present Sunday for Church and Sunday School. Names were exchanged for the Christmas Tree which is set for Monday evening, December 22nd at 7:00 at the community church house. Everyone who wishes to come is invited. Santa Claus has promised to have candy for the children.

Everyone is happy to have Sgt Bobby Sessum back in the community. He reports to camp again this week.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Eaves and son have been visiting their parents, Mr and Mrs Buddy Eaves and Mr and Mrs John Wheeler.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Jordan and family were in Eastland Saturday.

Mrs Claude Fuller entertained her music pupils with a Christmas Party Tuesday evening.

J. F. GILBERTS ENTERTAIN WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirty-four of the J F Gilbert kin and kin-to were guests of Mr and Mrs Gilbert on Saturday, December 13, night, when the couple entertained with a Pre-Christmas Dinner.

Present were Mr and Mrs Gaston Gooch of Corsicana, Mr and Mrs Lynn Trimble and son of Ft Worth, Mr and Mrs Ed Hall of Abilene, Mrs Elbert Trimble of Carbon, Maj. and Mrs Jack Gilbert and children of Ft Worth, Lt Jg and Mrs George Gilbert and children of Goldthwaite, Mr H R Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Herbert Gilbert, Mr and Mrs Howard Gilbert, all of Carbon, Miss Roberta Gilbert of Ft Worth, Mr and Mrs Gus Frossard and Vicki Mrs Chas Underwood, Mr and Mrs I C Underwood, Mr W W Gilbert, the hosts and children.

Clifton Wood, who is serving army duty in Korea, writes he is to be moved back for a seven day rest. He is the son of Mr Mrs Ella Garrett of Flatwood has been visiting Mr and Mrs Vern Garrett.

Mr and Mrs Cliff Nelson and Jimmy visited his grandmother, Mrs Barnett of Gorman, who is on the sick list.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Hendricks and family of Flatwood, Mr and Mrs Floyd Wood and Gene were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Albert Hendricks.

Maine is bounded by only one state, New Hampshire.

The First National Bank of Gorman is the Oldest Bank in Eastland County.

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OUTGOING MAIL from this 155-millimeter "Long Tom" usually isn't of the Christmas package variety, but these two Army Artillerymen are having a barrel of fun astride the big cannon. At left is Private First Class Paul C. Owen of Mt. Washington, Ky., while Private Edwin F. Faria of Pleasanton, Calif., joins him in a Christmas wave to the folks back home.



SOLDIER SHOPPERS in Japan pause before one of Yokohama's Christmas-bedecked department stores. Left to right are Private Harley Wagner of Grawn, Mich.; Corporal Henry Hughey of 6417 1/2 Grand St., Detroit, Mich.; and Private First Class Donald Gladstone of 8 Blackpool Lane, Clayton, Mo.

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL CHURCH OF CHRIST



Dallas, Dec. 13 - Bishop William C. Martin of The Methodist Church, Dallas-Ft. Worth Area, was elected president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA at the General Assembly which closed at Denver, Colorado, Friday.

Bishop Martin succeeds the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, New York, presiding bishop of The Protestant Episcopal Church.

The council, representing 29 denominations of over 33,000,000 members, is the largest interdenominational group in the nation. It was formed in 1950 with the cooperation of eight interdenominational agencies and now represents nearly 70 percent of American Protestantism and a dozen church agencies. The Denver session is the first meeting of the 500 official delegates and about 1,500 other church leaders since the formal organization. It is the most representative group in U.S. Christianity.

Bishop Martin heads united churchmen who meet biennially as a council. Interim matters are handled by a 65-member General Board, representing the several groups.

Illustrative of the issues that

DEPRECIATION IS COSTLY



Recognize farm machinery depreciation! Most farmers meet these costs only when buying new equipment. This farmer knows the importance of regularly checking the condition of his equipment. He also knows that regular purchases of U. S. Defense Bonds equal to the annual depreciation will help him replace this machine when it is worn out.

concerned the Council in Denver last week were the increases and shifts in American population and what the churches could do to win the unchurched, the need for stronger endeavor in world missions; the trends on Protestant college campuses toward materialism; the larger place for laymen in church life; the place of religion in daily life; with all the tensions in American life; problems of marriage and the home; and the importance of moral and religious ideas in establishing peace in the world.

Among nationally known figures who spoke to the Council were Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador designate to the U.N.; Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Council; and John Foster Dulles, the incoming Secretary of State, in a tape recording, since he was in the Pacific with President elect Eisenhower.

The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says.

"No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5-year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors. A simple treatment will keep the needles from drying out, make the tree less flammable and keep it green longer.

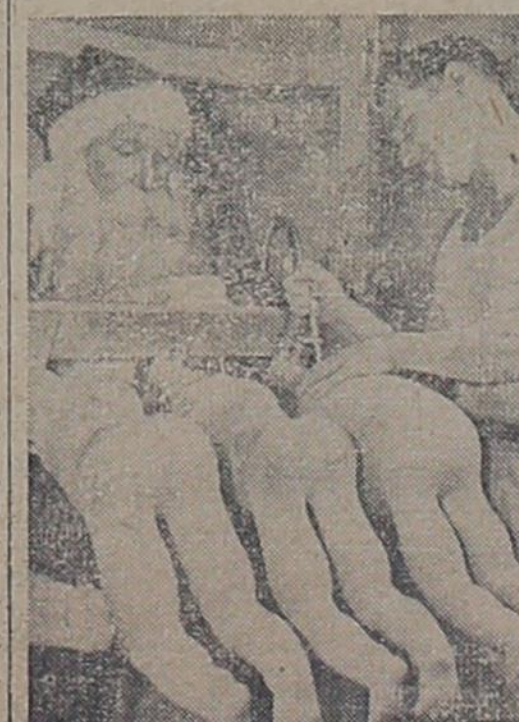
Choosing the tree: Select a balsam or Douglas fir. Their needles will last two or three weeks indoors. A balsam is easily identified by its fragrance, rigid branches and two thick rows of needles

which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir, the best of the firs, has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a warm room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

Preventing needle drop: Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

Fire precautions: (Internally)—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half pints of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. (Externally)—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or swag for newel post.



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

Mrs. Bertha Strickler was ill on Sunday with the flu.

Mrs. Gene Ferrill is much better since rest treatment over a period of weeks for heart ailment. We in the community are happy about her recovery.

Visiting quite recently in the B. A. Highsmith home was his mother, Mrs. Ella Hunsaker of Dallas, who spent two weeks here. The Highsmiths and son, Billy, carried her back to Dallas last week and spent several days there.

Loresta Wallace Love spent Thursday night with her schoolmates, Jessie and Rita Underwood, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Freeman carried Mr. and Mrs. Hatley Dean to Athens on Sunday to visit Mr. Dean's sister who is ill.

Ray Blackwell went to Lubbock Sunday. He will be connected with the Soil Conservation Service in that area for the next six weeks. Ray is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and has been working since that time in Fort Worth.

The Ranger Church of Christ has extended an invitation for all to come help sing the old year out and the New Year in on the night of December 31st. This promises to be a real song fest and we know that Midnight Cup of Coffee and friendly fellowship together is in keeping with the holiday season. So plan to be there.

Mrs. Bill Tucker visited Mrs. John Love and Loresta Sunday afternoon. A rag doll costume for the Christmas Pageant was fashioned for Loresta, pupil in the Young School in Ranger.

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember . . . to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember . . . to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember . . . that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember . . . those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember . . . to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

Mrs. Maud Melton of Cheaney Mrs. Mary Tucker and Mrs. Richard Tucker made a round of calls Sunday afternoon in the John Tucker home and in the Kenneth Brown home near Desdemona. Mrs. Brown and the children had suffered colds and were hospitalized for treatments. James, the baby son, was scheduled for mastoid treatment on Monday.

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TO. Alice McFadin or Alice McFadden, her husband, if any, and/or their heirs, successors, assigns, devisees and/or legal representatives, Defendants,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 91st District Court of Eastland County at the Courthouse thereof in, Eastland, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of January A. D. 1953, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of November A. D. 1952, in this cause, numbered 21,447 on the docket of said court and styled D. Breeding, W. E. Tyler, C. M. Bowden, Witt Bowden, Jalmar Bowden, Myrtle Bowden Marcuis, and husband Ovide Marcuis, Ella Strickland, D. J. Jobe, Reba Ransone, C. C. Cox, R. O. Jackson, C. E. Joyce, T. R. Co, Ray Agnew, Mrs. Edna Nunnally, William Coleman Nunnally, and Robert Nunnally, Plaintiffs vs. Alice McFadin or Alice McFadden, her husband, if any, and/or their heirs, successors, assigns, devisees and/or legal representatives, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: This action is brought to appoint a Receiver to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on the interests of the defendants in and to the following described land: "The East one-half of the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Block 2, East Texas Railroad Company Survey and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 11, Block 2, East Texas Railroad Company Survey, in Eastland County, Texas;" as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Eastland, Texas, this 29th day of November A. D. 1952.

ATTEST

(SEAL) Roy L. Lane Clerk, 91st District Court, Eastland County, Texas. By Oleta Barker, Deputy



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NOTE: This is the second in a series of articles about our State Hospital Program, prepared under the supervision of Dr. George W. Jackson, Medical Director of the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, and sponsored by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene, University of Texas.

By Bert Kruger Smith
It had been a tough three days. Lisa R slumped down on the wooden steps outside of Ward D, too tired to cross the grass to the spot in front of the Main Building where their old Dodge was parked. She could feel the tight muscles behind her knees, sore

from the hundreds of times of bending over the beds or picking up paper scraps. A nerve in the side of her head beat endlessly. She touched the rip in her new white uniform, torn when Helen had gone disturbed this morning and had lashed out at her.

Lisa was tired, right to the bone. She knew Bill might be waiting for her in the car, but she couldn't make herself move. She didn't even hear someone cross the grass to her side, but she jumped, terrified, when a hand touched her shoulder. "Scaved you, honey? I'm sorry."

Lisa grinned shame-facedly at

the big woman who stood by her side, looking down at her smiling comfortably. The other woman, too, wore a white uniform and the insignia of an attendant. "Guess I'm just jumpy," Lisa moved over to make room for the other woman.

"New on the job aren't you, honey?" The older woman eased her big frame down on the stairs. "It's kinda tough at the beginning."

With the chance to talk, Lisa could feel some of the tension ooze out of her body. "It's the seeing all you see. People off in a world of their own. Women screaming, thinking somebody's after them and then so quiet they don't make a sound all day. It's — well, do you ever get used to it?"

The older woman patted Lisa's hand. "I know jest how you feel. Wish you'd never started this job?" Lisa nodded. "Want to quit real fast?"

"That's it," Lisa said. "You felt that way too? You did?" "Sure honey, we all did." The older woman shifted her weight, eased one brown shoe off her foot. "My name's Mildred. Over at Ward B. Know anyone around here?"

"Just my husband." Now that she had someone to talk to, Lisa couldn't get the words out fast enough. "We — just got married last month. There weren't many jobs down home. Whole town's been hit by the drouth; so we thought that both of us working together over here, we could save a little money and buy a house and — and —" Lisa's voice lowered — "have a baby."

"Sure honey. That's the way to look at things. It'll work out." Lisa started to smile, found instead that held-back tears were starting from her eyes, and in the next minute she was leaning against Mildred's soft bosom and sobbing.

Mildred patted Lisa gently and said softly, "All of us cried a couple of times at the beginning. Why, I was so miserable and lonesome I packed my paper-backed suitcase the second night and started down the hall."

Lisa lifted her face. "And what stopped you?"

"Well, it was like this. In them days they didn't give the attendants tests or examinations or nuthin', and we had some drunks and some pretty mean babes up here. And I got to thinkin', if I left, I'd be turnin' the whole ward back to them kind of women. So I stayed. Course, I didn't get no high school education myself but I've been here for years, and I try to be good to the patients."

"Bill's finding it tough too," Lisa admitted. "He was thinking of going out Thursday, on our day off, and looking for another job."

"Well, now honey, you do what seems right. But in a way, you might decide you're better off right here. You get \$100 maintenance money between you. Right?" Lisa nodded. "And 80 apiece to begin with besides

that? Seems to me you oughta be gettin' ahead a little. Besides, it folks like you and me, who do some carin' about those poor souls, leave here, who's gonna look after them? Want to turn the job back over to he drifters and the drunks?"

"I never thought of it that way," Lisa confessed.

"Why, honey," Mildred went on, smoothing out her wrinkled white skirt, "you don't know how much better things are than they usta be. We get sick leaves and vacations and holidays. And what with all the testing them psychologists do before we come to work, we get shut of a lot of mean ones and drifters. Why, you can't get a job unless you got a high school education, and used to be we had some workers who couldn't hardly read or write."

"And you get examined and shot for all kinds of diseases," Lisa added wryly, rubbing the bruised place on her arm.

Mildred rose, patted her hair. "It may look hard now, honey. But things are gettin' better. Stick it out, will you? We need you young ones with a heart."

Lisa rose too, and suddenly she looked young again — and alive. She thrust out a hand to Mildred.

"I'll be around. 'Bye now. I've got to hurry over to Bill. See you again."

Texas has jumped, in the last year, from a State whose hospitals were among the worst in the nation, to a State with a plan for a complete, modern personnel program similar to those used in the nation's most successful industries. The Legislature will be asked for authority to place this plan in action, the plan calling for establishment of a system of personnel officers, job classifications, in grade promotions, supervisory and work simplification and many other applicable personnel policies.

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We are very glad to report that health in the community is better than at this time last week
Mrs Buel Bryan and Mrs Euel Westmoreland have both been discharged from the hospital and are doing nicely.
Mrs W G Henderson was able to be in town for a short while Saturday afternoon.
Mrs Sam Tunnell visited Wednesday with her sister, Mrs Ed Gregory.

Wayne Atchison asked me to thank the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Gorman Methodist Church for the nice Christmas card that he received from them. These ladies, some with sons of their own in the armed forces, realize what it means to the boys away from home to know that home folks are thinking about them.

Mr and Mrs G R Sanders, Mr and Mrs J C Mathis, and Mrs Charlie Atchison were in Comanche Saturday. The ladies were shopping while the men attended the livestock sale. Anna Jean Atchison came back with them for a week end visit with her parents.

Visitors in the Day home recently were their son, D W, and family of San Antonio. Mr and Mrs Day accompanied these folk to Carlsbad, New Mexico to visit their daughter, Mrs Willie Worsham, and family.

Mr and Mrs Garland Perry visited their daughter, Mrs A J Stuart, and family Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Warren Johnston and Jerry visited with Mr and Mrs John Mathis Sunday night.

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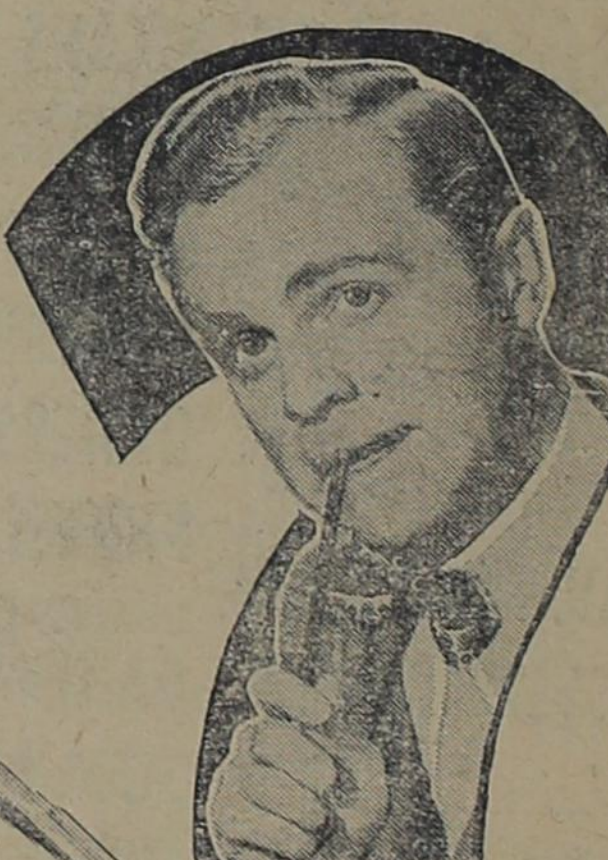
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PAINTINGS OF LOCAL ARTIST SHOWN AT THE MEHAFFEY DRUG

A number of paintings, work of Mrs Walter Underwood of this city, are on display in the MehaFFEY Drug window.

The pictures may be purchased at the store. All of the pictures are in oil medium. Landscapes are being shown in small sizes and flowers.

Mrs Underwood who with her husband has been a shut-in for more than a year has her studio at her home. She also is doing ceramics, glazing her work in her own kiln.

"Child Of Bethlehem" Film - Story Highlight Excelsior Club Party

Mrs John Kirk projected the film, "Child of Bethlehem", at the Excelsior Club's Christmas Party on Tuesday evening. The party was in the home of Mrs Eugene Baker.

The picture portrayed the Birth of Jesus Christ. The cast had been well-chosen, the action good and the scenes typical of the Holy Lands. Had the club known in advance it would have been a nice gesture on their part, to present the picture to the public. The films, however, are not easy to obtain because of the great demand at this season of the year.

Mrs Kirk also presented a former member of the Excelsior Club, Mrs Lawrence Eison, who told the Christmas story, "Anniversary." The story relates the experience of a child with curvature of the spine. A shepherd boy, he commemorates the Messiah's birthday, calling the day, Anniversary, by watching the stars. Unwittingly he feels the Messiah who blesses him, His vision, his dream, his experience or whatever it may have been, leaves and he discovers his hump has vanished.

The club chose a family which they will remember during the Christmas season.

Gifts were exchanged and a tasty holiday sandwich plate was served. The party rooms were beautifully decorated. A life-sized Santa guarded the gifts. A Nativity Scene with figurines attracted much attention.

Mrs J M Nix was a guest.

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HOME DEMO LEADERS ATTEND UPHOLSTERY SCHOOL ON MONDAY

Miss Mildred Daniel, Home Demonstration Agent, and Miss Rozelle Winston, Assistant H D Agent of Eastland County, left on Monday, December 15th to attend an upholstery school conducted by Miss Winkleblack of the Goodyear Rubber Company. The school will be held at Tarleton State College in Stephenville and will continue for five days.

Special speed methods of upholstery including the use of foam rubber and plastics will be used at the school.

The training received by the agents will be used to further the extension program in the county pertaining to the improvement of living rooms and kitchens in the current program.

J E PORTERS LIVING IN NORTH DAKOTA

Mr and Mrs J E Porter write the Gorman Progress that they are now living in Beach, North Dakota (Beach, imagine that with the snow storms we've been reading about.)

J E was transferred on December 3rd by his company from Laramie, Wyoming. The transfer came, along with a promotion. Mrs Porter is the former George Russell.

Note: To folks away from their hometown, like J E and George, "What's happening in Gorman" is important. Every subscriber is a potential news source. Call the Progress when you go or come or when you have visitors.

COUNTY HOME DEMO HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Merry Christmas was ushered in for the Eastland County Home Demonstration Clubs by their annual Council Christmas Party which was held in Eastland on December 10.

Fifty club women and guests started gathering at the Christian Church Annex at 10 o'clock for the party, luncheon, and the regular monthly Council meeting, and departed at 3:30 with gifts and the good wishes of their fellow club women for a very happy Christmas.

First on the program was the decorating of the tree by the Word Club and Flatwoods Club. While this was being done, others were setting up tables and making preparations for the luncheon. A very capable and willing helper was Bro Otto Marshall. The club women have all agreed that he makes a very tasty pot of coffee. Mrs J E Wood, new member of the Pioneer Club played the piano and the group sang several Christmas songs. The luncheon was followed by a short period of relaxation and neighborly talk before games were played under the leadership of each club representative. Gifts were exchanged after a short business meeting.

Council officers present were: Mrs H C Fridge, vice-chairman, who conducted the meeting; Mrs Ernest Schaefer, secretary; Mrs Marshall Berry, treasurer. Flatwoods Club had three members present; Howard, two; Lake Cisco, one; North Star, eight; Okra, four Pleasant Hill, four; Pioneer, six; Union Center, five; Word, eleven. There were four visitors and the two home demonstration agents present.

Gladys M. Daniel
County H. Dem. Agent

GORMAN MATRONS ATTEND MUSICAL AT EASTLAND

Mrs T F Morrow, Mrs J E Walker, Mrs Etha Pittman, and Mrs Edna Nunnally were in Eastland on Sunday afternoon to attend a musical at the First Methodist Church.

The Eastland Music Study Club presented Pianist Monte Hill Davis of Nacogdoches and Denton in a concert.

The artist opened her program with "Rejoice beloved Christian" work of composers Bach - Busoni. Other selections were works of the masters Beethoven, Chopin, Bartok, Copland and Liszt. A reception honoring the guest

Illness In Gorman

Ed Clark has recently suffered another heart attack and is at this writing a patient at a Ran ger Hospital.

Mrs Lewis Andres fell and broke her hip on Sunday. She is a patient at the local hospital. Mrs Lewis Andres is reported to have gone to Ft Worth to a bone surgeon following examination at the local hospital.

Mrs Belle Harrison continues to be a patient at Blackwells. Her condition is improving, however, and it is believed her arm is knitting satisfactorily.

Mrs Charlie Harrison was a patient at Blackwells on Monday and Monday night. She was dismissed on Tuesday.

Mrs O D Bibby left the hospital on Monday in an improved condition.

Mrs Mable Murphy was a treatment case at the hospital this week.

Mrs T J Sparkman and Dr H H Inzer, both of De Leon, continue to be patients at Blackwells.

W S C S Party Scene Of Christmas Festivity

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, who devote their regular meetings to study and service, include in their yearbook an annual Christmas Party.

Christmas Parties, given in the homes of members, are always scenes of festivity with accent on Christmas celebration. They have become a tradition in the organization.

Mrs G C Acrea, Mrs Marvin Blair, and Mrs M H Fairbetter were hostesses for this year's party in the home of the latter on Monday afternoon.

Mrs Newt Crawley assisted the hostesses in greeting the members.

Mrs Acrea gave a devotional, "Your Gifts in Service." She presented Milton Fairbetter, Jr, who played several accordion solos. Christmas Acrostics were enjoyed by the group.

A holiday sandwich plate with spiced tea was served.

Gifts were distributed by Anita Acrea. Mrs Inders of Davenport, Iowa and daughter of Mr and Mrs Bob Burns, was a guest.

pianist was held at the Woman's Club following the concert.



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Desdemona News

"Uncle" Charlie Genoway, who has been confined to his bed for sometime, shows no improvement.

Mrs Ethel May received word that her son Autrey Key, who has been in service in Korea, is on his way home and expected to land in the States any day.

Mr and Mrs Hugh Abel and son, Mr and Mrs Robert Abel spent Sunday visiting in Alexander with his sister, Mr and Mrs Hale, and mother, Mrs Abel. Also in Valley Mills with her mother, Mrs Davis.

Mr and Mrs Robert Abel of Oil Center, N M left Tuesday for their home after visiting with the R Joiners and the R H Able families.

Mr and Mrs Fred Newton and son, Harold Dean of De Leon, spent Sunday with her father, Major Keith, and family.

Mr and Mrs Charlie Worden, Gwendolyn and Mark, left Sunday for their home in Kermit after spending several days visiting with the Willis Wordens and her mother, Mrs Nina Lohman.

President Woodrow Wilson was football coach at Princeton in 1890.

The first South American railway was constructed in Chile in 1852.

The first barbed wire was made in 1873 by Joseph F Glidden of DeKalb, Illinois.

The second best selling book in the world is "In His Steps" by Dr Charles M. Sheldon.

Mack Keith left Sunday for his home in Odessa after spending a week with his parents, the M J Keiths.

Little Michael Lynn Pilgrim, who had been visiting in Kermit with his aunt and uncle, the Charlie Wardens for several weeks, remained home with his mother, Mrs Juanita Pilgrim.

Mrs R H Abel left Tuesday with her son, Mr and Mrs Robert Abel, to visit with them and a daughter, Mr and Mrs Paul Baker, and children of Oil Center, New Mexico.

Mrs Brandy Lohman of Cisco spent Monday night with Mrs Nina Lohman.

PERSONALS

Mr and Mrs W J Ormsby and Mike Stacy went to Ft Worth Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied home by Mrs Elmer Stacy and son, Denny. Mrs Berenice Walker of Round

FARM BUREAU PLAN FOR '53

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Whit Russell, with other members to be appointed later. Service - Mrs John Love, Service Agent, with Ed Harrison, Jim my Sparks and Ben Freeman as members of her committee.

Two special committees were appointed also.

W B Starr, T C Cozart, and Howard Ingram will work out details for buying seed Irish potatoes cooperatively, with other items to be given possible consideration a bit later.

John Love will head the Analysis Committee assisted by Ben Freeman and Mrs Bill Tucker.

The purpose of this trio will be to analyze the action and results of the 1952 program of work and present it in the form of a report for each member and for publication.

The recreation chairman, Mrs Claude Stubblefield, was requested to attend each board session.

Mrs John Love, Service Agent, was commended for her good report on 1952 insurance program, citing that claims for Farm Bureau members have been favorably handled and satisfactorily settled with all parties concerned. Mrs Love is also a Notary Public and is prepared to handle the applications for tax refund on Tractor Gasoline to Farm Bureau members. Her office days are Tuesday and Friday of each week in Eastland at Perkins Implement Company.

Files are to be maintained in the office for those desiring this service which is free to members.

One issue which came out of the meeting was the Legislative Committee going on record to support the Zoning Bill, proposed by McClennan County.

The Eastland County Quota for 1953 membership was set at 425, which should not be difficult to obtain, since Eastland County was named recently at the State Farm Bureau Convention as one of the fifteen counties having 20% or more of its farmers enrolled.

Community programs will also be an integral factor in promoting the 1953 plan of work.

Mrs Bill Tucker, Reporter

rock has been a guest of her sister, Mrs Vera Hamrick, for the past ten days. She planned to return to her home this week.

Mr and Mrs D J Jobe of Brownwood visited old friends and relatives in Gorman last week. Mr Jobe is an uncle to D J Jobe of this city.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Eaves and son, Johnny of Goldsmith, visited with their parents during the week end. Mrs Eaves and Johnny have remained for an extended visit. Johnny will undergo a throat operation this week.

Mrs W M Simms will spend the Christmas holidays in Pecos with her children Mrs Winnie Boyd and Jack Simms.

Miss Deola Moates of Houston visited with Mrs Florence Butler last week. Sunday guests of Mrs Butler were Mr and Mrs Fred Tate and Mr and Mrs Horn of Abilene.

Mr and Mrs A L Grice spent the week end in Wichita Falls visiting with friends.

Mr and Mrs Hubert Earles and family moved to Arlington on December 13. They are located on a dairy farm near Arlington.

Mr and Mrs F V Kennedy of Abilene visited Mrs Carrie Williams, Mrs Kennedy's mother, on Wednesday of this week.

GORMAN FOLKS ATTEND TSCW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mrs J M Nix, Mr and Mrs Hubert Craddock, Kay Ann Craddock, Janey Thompson, and John Edward Kimble went to Denton on Sunday afternoon to attend the annual Christmas Program at Texas State College for Women. They were accompanied home by Sylvia Frances Brummett who had visited with Annye Kate Blair and other friends during the week end.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE CROSSAN - ROMANO ANNOUNCED

Mr and Mrs G D Riley are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ellouise Crossan, to Mr Mike Romano of Orange, Texas.

The wedding is to take place at the bride's home in Orange on Saturday, December 20th at 11 A M.

Mr and Mrs Riley left Wednesday to be with their daughter and to attend the wedding.

Conway Perry of Ft Worth spent the week end visiting with his father F S Perry, and aunt, Miss Callie Lowe.



TWO GERMAN ORPHANS at the Kindsheim Orphanage, Enkbach, Germany, gaze in wonder at Christmas toys delivered by Soldier-Santa Sergeant First Class Samuel S. Orr of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the

nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.



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