

# The Ranger Times

Weather Reports

Continued fair and cool Sunday.  
High Sunday 55-60.

35TH YEAR

RANGER, TEXAS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1954

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## Road Guards Being Constructed On Leon Farm - Market Road To Be Requested

The Pathfinder  
by Lee Harr



If we print jokes, folks say we're silly. If we don't, then we're too serious. If we print original matter, they say we lack variety. If we stay on the job, we're too critical. If we don't, we're asleep. If we're out hustling news we're not attending to business in the office. If we don't print contributions, we don't show appreciation. If we do print contributions, the paper is full of junk. If we give copy "as is" we're lacking in education. If we make changes we are spoiling good material, making someone mad. If we select some articles and leave others out, we're too critical. If we don't, we're asleep. Likely as not, someone will come along and say we swiped this from another paper. We did!

One of the men in the back shop the other day was discussing the merits and disadvantages of wearing a neck tie. He recalled that the first time someone set him down and put a tie on him he was rather a young fellow. He said that he sat in the chair all day thinking that he was tied down.

Old Santa fell flat on his face! The winds that we have had the last couple of days was too much for the old fellow. We're talking about the Santa atop the platform on Main street. As you know this Santa was constructed of wood.

He wasn't allowed to remain in that disgraceful position long though as workmen had him back in his king-like perch only a few minutes after the mishap.

Saw a safety slogan the other day that proved appalling. It was worded, "Drive Carefully. The Life You Save May Be That of Santa's!" (You know who he is.)

Acker Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Everett, of Ranger, pulled an unexpected surprise on his family today. Acker had recently written that he could not possibly be home before Feb. 1. Much to the surprise of his family he arrived here by bus this morning and will remain here until Jan. 1.

He is stationed aboard the USS Luzon, which is now in dry docks in Long Beach, Calif.

Did you dig that crazy Christmas "tree" in the Chamber of Commerce office? (That is how the posters would describe it.)

Constructed of stiff wire and covered with Christmas decorations, the tree is shaped like a musical cleft which incidentally portrays its purpose.

It was designed to attract attention and donations for the purpose of purchasing jackets for the high school band.

A tree last year fashioned in the same office netted \$87 and as of Friday, \$20 had already been pinned to this year's "tree."

## Services For Mrs. Gann To Be Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. A. T. Gann will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Gorman Methodist Church, with Rev. Jackson Ogelsky, pastor of the Eastland Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Gann, a resident of Eastland for many years, died at her home, 110 North Daugherty, Friday night at 8:30 of a heart attack. She had been injured four weeks ago in a fall and had been bedridden ever since.

Survivors include three sons, Walter and Robert of Eastland and Oscar of Cisco; three daughters, Miss Mattie Gann of Eastland, Mrs. Della Reynolds of Granbury and Mrs. Clara Ward of Eastland; two brothers and several grand children and great grand children.

LONGINES... Self Winding... World's Most Honored Watch... D. E. PULLEY JEWELRY

Construction of road guards across the Lake Leon Dam was begun recently, C. B. Pruet, chairman of the Eastland County Water Supply District has announced. The safety measure will be completed at only \$325 cost to the water supply council as all materials were furnished by various organizations in this vicinity. The \$325 was the cost of the labor contract.

The guards are being constructed of railroad cross ties with a heavy duty drilling cable stretched through each tie on either side of the dam. A total of 4200 feet of the guard will be constructed which includes both sides of the dam.

Pruet said that construction of the guards not only reduces hazards but will enhance the possibilities of the County Commissioners assuming control of the road as a county project.

Representatives of both the Ranger and Eastland Chamber of Commerce and members of the Eastland County Water Supply District will convene with County Commissioners Monday morning in an attempt to persuade the commissioners to assume control of the road.

The water commission also desires that the county commissioners make formal application to the

state Highway Commission that the road be developed into a farm to market road.

Railroad ties for the construction were donated by the T And P Railroad, the cable was furnished by the TP Coal and Oil Company, J. E. Mathews, of Ranger, and Bill Hoffman of Eastland, and Premier Oil Refining Company furnished the equipment for the project.

## Employees Of Piggly Wiggly Are Honored With Party, Pins

Twelve Are Awarded Pins For Service

Beginning a new policy, Grady Pipkin, president of Pipkin Grocery Co., Inc., operators of 12 Piggly Wiggly stores in West Texas, Thursday presented 18 employees with service pin certificates ranging from five to 25 years.

Pipkin said the pins were awarded by the company in appreciation for the loyalty, faithfulness and longevity shown through the years.

Twenty-five year pins were awarded to Grady Pipkin; Veon S. Howard, treasurer; and Homer Meeks, market manager in Eastland. The pin is centered with a diamond.

A 20-year pin went to James T. Pipkin, vice president and general manager of the West Texas stores with headquarters in Midland.

Receiving 10-year pins were R. E. Pipkin, buyer and general manager of the eastern stores with headquarters in Eastland; Raymond Pipkin, assistant secretary; and Mrs. Mildred Sherrill, market worker at Eastland.

Five-year pins went to James Reid, Eastland store manager; J. C. Rinker, market supervision for the seven West Texas stores with headquarters at Midland; Estes Wadley, Graham store manager; Cary Hightower, assistant manager at Ranger; Joe Truss of Midland; C. W. Holbert, Odessa; Edger Alton, Eastland office; James Fields, Eastland office; Franklin Wells, Eastland office; Richard May, Eastland; and Edgar Hayes, Midland.

## Bulldogs Enter 26 Team Gorman Hoop Tourney

Ranger High School will be entered among 25 other teams in the Indian Trail Invitational basketball tournament which begins in Gorman Wednesday, December 29. Because of such a large field of teams, play will continue through Saturday, Jan. 1. Finals will be played on that night.

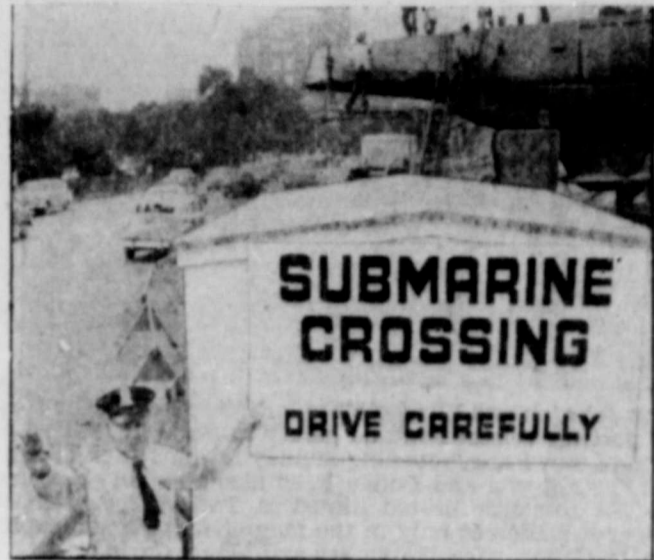
A sampling of both boys and girls teams in Classes B, A, and AAA has been made through this portion of the state.

Boys class B teams entering are Lingleville, Gorman, Deselemona, Pottsboro, Abilene B team, Olden and Putnam. The Class A teams will be Cross Plains, Clyde and Abilene Christian Demonstration School. Other than Ranger, De Leon and Mineral Wells will form the Class AA bracket.

Girls teams will come from Lipan, Putnam, Olden, Cisco, Pottsville, Stephenville, Rising Star, Gorman, Deselemona, Carbon, De Leon, Lingleville, and Cross Plains.

## Mrs. J. McGinnis Dies In Beaumont

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Jim McGinnis Wednesday morning in Beaumont. Mrs. McGinnis is a former resident of Ranger.



UNDERWATER TRAFFIC HAZARD - Chicago Park District Patrolman Edward Wagner draws attention of motorists to the fact that a submarine is "cruising" across Lake Shore Drive. The Nazi sub, captured by a U.S. Navy prize crew during World War II, was being moved to its permanent home at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.



EASY ON THE FEET—You couldn't coax Anthony White to go for a walk at the end of the day. The 53-year-old Portland, Ore., letter carrier sits out his evenings and crochets items such as the tablecloth he's displaying in New York City, which won him first prize in a nationwide crocheting contest.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want a piano and a doll and a set of dishes, too. We don't have a chimney so I will leave all the doors and windows open.

Nancy Ann Boen  
521 Alice St.  
Ranger, Texas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some skates and a doll truck. My Mother has been very sweet. Please don't forget to bring her something.

Love,  
Rosemary

## Library To Be Closed Dec. 20 Through Jan. 2

The Community Library will be closed for the holiday season beginning Monday, Dec. 20 and not open until Jan. 3, Mrs. Roy Jameson announced today.

The period of inoperation will be used for the purpose of taking inventory.

## Mrs. D. M. Phillips To Appear On Abilene TV

According to advance information received here, Mrs. David M. Phillips will appear on KRBC-TV, Channel 9, Abilene at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20.

Mrs. Phillips, a teacher in the Abilene schools, will present her second grade pupils in a Christmas program.

## Yule Party Enjoyed By 66 Employees

Sixty-six employees of the five Eastern Division Piggly Wiggly stores, warehouse and office operated by Pipkin Grocery Co., Inc., and their guests, were present at the employee's annual Christmas party Thursday evening at the Connelle Hotel Roof Garden.

Personnel were present from Eastland, Ranger, Coleman, Breckenridge and Graham.

Special guests were Grady Pipkin, president, and wife; R. E. Pipkin, general manager and buyer for the five eastern stores, and wife; Raymond Pipkin, assistant secretary, and wife; and Veon S. Howard, treasurer, and wife, all of Eastland.

The party was under the supervision of Homer Wiesen, store supervisor of the five eastern stores. It was served buffet style and prepared by the five market managers, Homer Meeks, Eastland; Jess Lafevre, Coleman; Grady H. Griffin, Graham; Walter L. Buse, Breckenridge; and James Evtatt of Ranger.

The menu consisted of smoked turkey, barbecued turkey, baked ham, barbecued ham, potato salad, beans and trimmings.

Highlight of the evening came when employees were presented with Christmas bonuses by R. O. Pipkin. The employees then presented Grady Pipkin, R. E. Pipkin and Veon Howard with gifts, with Homer Wiesen making the presentation.

The group then joined in singing Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Grady Pipkin. Music for dancing followed.

## Fourteen Enter C-C Contest For Judging

With Monday's 5 o'clock deadline approaching, 14 entries in the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas decoration contest have been received, officials of the Chamber announced today.

The 14 entries include nine residences and five businesses.

The Chamber of Commerce has stressed that to be eligible for the contest, interested persons are required to notify the Chamber office of their entries, and avoid a duplication of last year's contest when several persons missed prizes because they failed to notify the judges.

Business and residential entries will be made on the same night.

The prizes for the contest this year are \$10, \$7.50 and \$5 for first, second and third places respectively, in both the residential and commercial groups.

A panel of three judges, whose members are from Strawn, Eastland and Cisco, will decide on the winning entries.

## Conservation Program Nets County \$76,500 Six Practices Set On Cost-Sharing Plan

An allotment of \$76,500 has been allocated to Eastland County for the government's 1955 Agriculture Conservation Program, Emmett E. Powell, office manager of the Eastland County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation committee announced here Friday.

The program will go into effect Jan. 1.

The individual practices for cost-sharing are seeding pasture grasses, controlling oak pastures, and construction of tanks, standard terraces, waterways and diversion terraces.

Community committeemen are also asked for approval of a ryecrover crop which Powell said would probably be passed at a later date.

The county office manager said that the 1955 program will be divided into 60-day periods such as January and February, March and April and continuing through the year. He added that applications for allotments would be received between the twentieth and last day of the first month in each period.

## Death Claims Brother of Lee Dockery

Silas Dockery, brother of Lee Dockery, manager of the Ranger Community Public Service died unexpectedly Thursday afternoon in Wichita Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

## Former Eastland Woman Buried At Bryson, Wed.

Mrs. H. B. Weathersby, W. W. Carney, John Ernst and Miss Mabel Hart attended the funeral services held Wednesday in Bryson in the First Methodist Church for Mrs. J. W. Thomas, who died in the Masonic Home at Arlington, early Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas and the late Mr. Thomas lived here for many years in the States Oil Camp. Mrs. Thomas was very active in the Eastern Star, of which she is a past matron, and in church work.

## Eastland Man's Brother Dies

L. G. Hall of Eastland attended funeral services held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Owens-Brumley funeral home for his brother, Carl Hall, who died with a heart attack, Wednesday, Dec. 15 in Fort Worth.

The deceased is survived by his wife, a daughter, one other brother and one sister.

as long as funds are available. Powell said that forms for releasing cotton and peanut acreage and applications have also been received. He urged that those who are not planning on utilizing the cotton or peanut acreage in next year to release their allotment so that the farm will receive credit for the acreage.

He said that his office would be prepared to receive applications for new grower peanut and cotton allotments for 1955 after Jan. 1.

Community committeemen are: A. L. Underwood, A. M. Foote, L. P. Hammond, B. S. Dudley, Jr., J. C. Belyeu, R. E. Harrell, R. J. Crawley, Oliver Canest, W. H. Hailey, C. L. Snider, Crofford Thurman, Claude Fuller, Luther Carter, John H. Nix, Homer White, Guy Lyeria, Loe B. Horn.

Felix Johnson, Clyde Barber, Joe Barnett, Robert Holloway, M. Farmer, Earl H. Smith, Bert Duncan, Jess Hagan, E. I. Fendley, Rudolph Schaefer, W. A. Maples, A. W. Wright.

Carl Johnson, Olney E. Buchanan, L. J. Collins, A. M. Butler, Travis Farmer, Howard Ingram, Carl Stroebel, J. L. King, G. T. Barlow, Clifford Buchanan and A. J. Long.

## C. M. Parnell Victim of Heart Attack

Charles M. Parnell, 822 Sinclair Ave., Ranger, suffered a fatal heart attack near noon Friday in front of the Ranger post office.

He was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital.

Mr. Parnell, 88 years old at the time of his death, came to Ranger from Gainesville in 1939.

He was born at Arcadia, La., on May 27, 1866 and married the former Susan Jane Wyatt in Ardmore, Okla., in June, 1901. She preceded him in death on April 28, 1939. Mr. Parnell was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Funeral services for the deceased will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the First Methodist Church and interment will be at the Oak Cemetery in Gainesville.

Rev. Bruce Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist Church and Rev. Garland Lavender, former pastor of the church will officiate at the services.

The deceased is survived by one daughter, Virginia Rayfield, of Ranger, three sons, C. M. Parnell II, of California, A. G. Parnell, Leboeaux, La., Walter M. Parnell, Athens, and six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

## Bulldogs Split In Tourney Play

Jackboro defeated the Ranger Bulldogs 54-44 in the second round of the Mineral Wells invitational basketball tournament Friday night.

The loss gives the Bulldogs a 1-1 record in the tournament play. Jackboro, one of the tournament favorites, led the Bulldogs the entire contest, despite a 15-point effort by Hinds. Ronald Bush also scored 19 points and John Rush collected eight.

The Bulldogs engage the winners of the Stephenville-Weatherford bracket this afternoon.

Trailing until the last minute and half of the opening contest, the Bulldogs socked Cisco in their first game of the Mineral Wells invitational basketball tournament.

Managing a three to four point lead for nine-tenths of the contest, Cisco fell in the game's waning minutes on two successive field goals and four good free throw shots.

The game marked the Bulldogs second contest of the season and their first victory.

Scott Forney and Paul Hinds led the Bulldogs' scoring attack with nine points each. Forney collected his tallies on four field goals and one free shot, while Hinds picked up his scores on three field goals and three gratis shots.

Box Scores

Team	FG	FT	F	TP
Ranger (44)	2	6	0	10
Bush	2	4	5	8
Forney	3	0	0	6
Littlefield	1	3	0	5
Hinds	5	5	1	15
	13	18	6	44

Box Scores

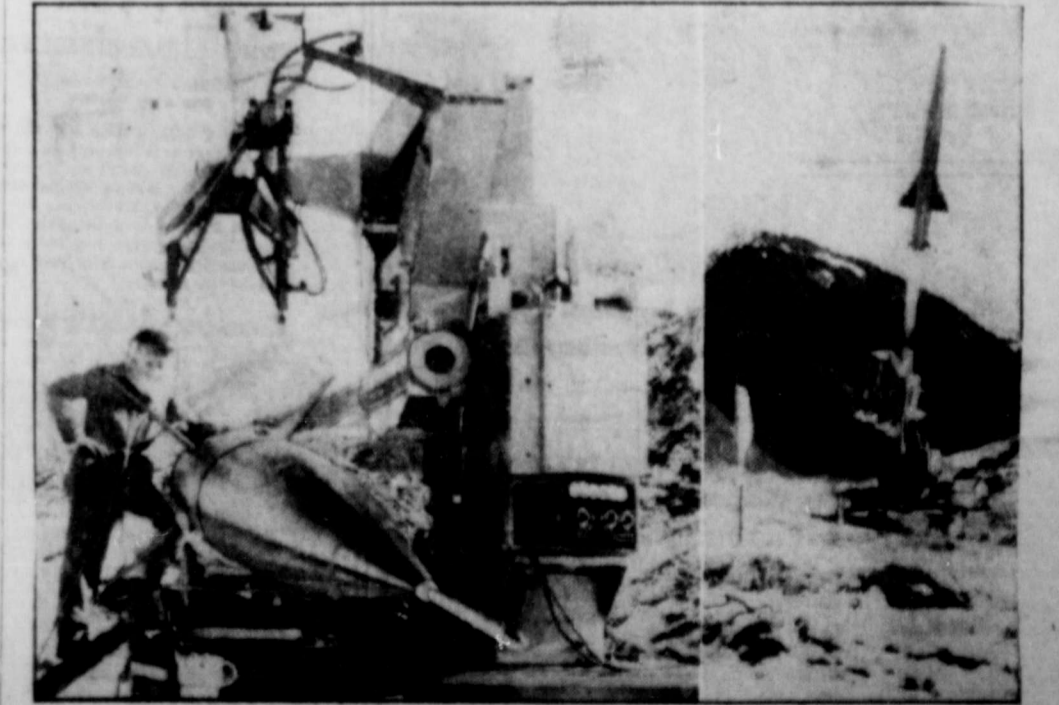
Team	FG	FT	F	TP
Jackboro (54)	7	5	4	19
Cmf	0	1	2	1
Rush	7	2	2	16
Sikes	5	0	2	10
Baley	3	0	0	6
	22	8	10	54

Box Scores

Team	FG	FT	F	TP
Ranger (34)	6	1	0	1
Hatfield	1	0	0	2
Rush	2	3	4	7
Forney	1	1	2	9
Littlefield	2	2	1	6
Hinds	3	3	1	9
	12	10	8	34

Box Scores

Team	FG	FT	F	TP
Cisco (31)	4	1	2	9
Callarman	3	2	3	8
Smith	3	2	4	8
Lainbow	3	2	4	8
Reynolds	2	0	2	4
Lipsey	1	0	1	2
	13	5	12	31



SHE'S NO SWISS 'MISS'—Switzerland's first radio-controlled rocket is readied for testing, left, and launched, right, high in the Oberalp region of the world's watch capital. Launched on a short, nearly vertical flight because of lack of room for an extended testing range, observers stated that the missile should be able to track and hit with clockwork precision a target at altitudes up to 20 miles.

SEE DON PIERSON—Olds - Cadillac Before You Trade Eastland

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### Miscellaneous Wanted

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## Former Eastland Man Professor At Kansas State

John D. Wheat holds the position of assistant professor in animal husbandry at Kansas State College. He is also doing teaching and research work in genetics at the same time.

Wheat was graduated from Morton Valley High School, Eastland County in 1938, and from there went to Texas A&M College. He received the B.S. and M.S. degrees there in 1942 and 1951, respectively. Wheat was awarded the degree, doctor of philosophy, at Iowa State College in 1954.

Dr. Wheat entered the Medical Administrative Corps of the U.S. Army in 1942 and served until 1946. He spent two years in the Pacific theater and was discharged as a captain.

He was married to the former Margaret Burton of Kerrville, in January, 1950, and has two children, Mary Jeannette, and John David Jr.

## "Last Time I Saw Paris" On Tower Screen



Van Johnson and Elizabeth Taylor fall in love in the surge of postwar celebration and gaiety in Paris in "The Last Time I Saw Paris," opening Sunday at the Tower Theatre. Walter Pidgeon and Donna Reed also star in the new M-G-M romantic drama filmed in Technicolor, with sequences made not only in the magnificent French capital but in Canne, Nice, Marseilles and Monte Carlo.

## At Your Ranger Theatres

### TOWER

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Donna REED  
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—AND—  
**FREE VUE**  
Sun. - Mon. - Tues.  
Maureen O'Hara  
MacDonald Carey  
**Fire Over Africa**  
Technicolor

## Civil Service Employment Test Set In January

A lifetime career with the Federal Government is now offered through the U.S. Civil Service for Junior Professional Assistant according to R. R. Tuley, Jr., District Manager of the Social Security Administration.

### 75,000 WATTS!



To dramatize the 75th anniversary of Edison's invention of the light bulb, being celebrated this year, General Electric produced this 75,000-watt lamp, largest in the world. So huge that Nancy White-man almost could get inside to see what makes it operate, the lamp produces enough light to serve 100 average homes. Vital statistics: weight, 50 pounds; height, 42 inches; diameter, 20 inches.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

- Sunday, Dec. 19**  
Attend services in the church of your choice.
- Monday, Dec. 20**  
Young School Christmas parties. Brotherhood Council — First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.  
Sunbeams, 1st and 2nd grade, 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church.  
WMU Second Baptist, 3 p.m., Sunbeams, 3 p.m., Second Baptist Church.  
W.S.C.S., 3:30 p.m. First Methodist Church.  
Jr. and Intermediate G.A.'s, 4 p.m., Second Baptist Church.  
Jr. G.A.'s, 4:15 p.m. First Baptist Church.  
R. A.'s, 7 p.m. Second Baptist Church.  
Royal Neighbors, 7:30 p.m., hall.
- Tuesday, Dec. 21**  
WMU, First Baptist, 9:30 a.m.  
Hodges-Oak School room Christmas parties.  
Pre-School Sunbeams a n d Littlest Choir, 9 a.m., First Baptist Church.  
Boy Scouts, Troop 10, 5:30 p.m., First Methodist Church.  
Boy Scouts, Troop 15, 7 p.m., Scout House.  
Rebekahs, 7:30 p. m., IOOF hall.
- Wednesday, Dec. 22**  
Rotary Club, 12 noon, Gholson Hotel.  
Junior Choir, 4 p.m., First Baptist Church.  
R. A.'s, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church.  
Teachers and Officers meeting, 6:45 p.m., Second Baptist Church.  
Study class for High School students, 7 p.m., St. Rita's.  
Prayer Meeting, all churches.  
Study class for Junior College students, 8 p.m., St. Rita's.  
Choir practice, all churches.
- Thursday, Dec. 23**  
Lion's Club, 12 noon, Gholson Hotel.  
Religion class for grade school students 6:30 p.m., St. Rita's.
- Friday, Dec. 24**  
Annual Christmas Eve worship service, First Baptist, 8 p.m.  
Midnight mass—St. Rita's Catholic Church.
- Saturday, Dec. 25**



SOMETHING TO "BROOD" ABOUT—Mama's looking worried about the sad situation, but this biddy on the M. O. Olsen farm near Davenport, Wash. has cheerfully gone to the dogs. She mothers the runs constantly, and rules the roost completely when Mama goes out for a walk.

**5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS**

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### Willing Workers Have Christmas Buffet Tuesday

Members of the Willing Workers Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church were entertained Tuesday evening with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. E. May, Sr. Mrs. W. C. Garrett was co-hostess for the occasion.

The May home was attractively decorated throughout in the Christmas motif.

The business meeting was presided over by class president, Mrs. John Foen.

Mrs. Eva Robo began the program with a Christmas story. Mrs. C. E. May, Sr. led in prayer, after which Mrs. George Rogers gave the devotional entitled "Keeping Christmas in Your Heart."

A buffet supper was served to the following members and guests: Mmes. Delbert Capps, Arthur Deffebach, Bobo, T. C. Wylie, Linda Forney, Bruce Weaver, E. L. McMillan, Charlie Hamilton, Shelby Parnell, Walter Daniels, Ira Wolford, Vernon Deffebach, P. J. O'Donnell, J. T. Robertson, M. L. King, Beem; Misses Ruth Hightower and Beulah Harrison; Mmes. George Rogers, C. E. May, Jr. and Linda; and the hostesses, Mmes. May and Garrett.

### Weekly Schedule For St. Rita's Catholic Church

The following is the weekly schedule for St. Rita's Catholic Church:

Holy Mass every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Evening devotions on Sundays at 7 p.m.

Study club for the high school students Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Study club for the Junior College students Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Religion class for the grade school students at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Rev. Fr. Boesmans, pastor of St. Rita's Catholic Church, is always available to give information and to explain the Catholic faith to those who want to know more about it. This information is given without any obligation whatsoever and without prejudice against any other religion.

Midnight mass will be held on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome.

### Church of Christ 225 South Rusk

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to attend the services of the Church of Christ, 225 South Rusk. The sermon subjects for this Sunday are: morning, "The World's Great Need" and evening, "Search The Scriptures."

The schedule of the services for Sunday are: Bible Study 9:45 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and for Wednesday Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m., Radio Sermon KERC 4:15 p.m. and Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m., according to Thomas F. Shropshire, minister.

### ACHING MUSCLES

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The Sunday school hour begins at 9:45. The hope for this Lord's day is, "That illness and other reasons" will have subsided and the attendance is back to average. The Sunday school classes and departments have had their parties and special programs. Many have fixed boxes and gifts for those who might not have a big Christmas this year.

Visitation and contacts have been made and the attendance should be looking up and the entire school will be blessed with the lesson and the departmental programs.

The evening service will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Training Union. W. J. Arterburn, director, has the 8 departments ready for the last program before Christmas. High attendance is expected for T. U. this month.

The 7:30 program will be a play "Back to Bethlehem". This is a Christmas story and one that every one can enjoy and appreciate. At the close of the play there will be a special offering for Lottie Moon Christmas gift for Missions. That will be an offering for orphans. A large sheet will be placed at the front and those giving can come forward and pin their offering to the sheet.

Every one is invited to all the programs and services in our church. There is always a friendly Christian welcome for everyone. Our nursery is open for the little ones. Bring your family to Sunday school and stay for morning worship.

First Methodist To Have Evening Candle Lighting

"Decisive Babies" will be the sermon subject at First Methodist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 o'clock. Rev. Bruce Weaver will preach and the Chancel Choir will sing "Praise Ye The Lord" directed by Fred D. Baumgardner.

The evening service will be highlighted by a Candle lighting service after a program of Christmas music by the Congregation and the Chancel Choir. The Choir will sing three anthems: "Jesu Bambino," "When The Infant Jesus" and "Arise, Shine." The congregation will participate in the Candlelighting service by singing Christmas Songs. The rostrum of the sanctuary will be the scene for the Manger setting.

Friends of the First Methodist Church are invited to come and participate in this Christmas Worship Program Sunday evening, at 7:15 p.m.

Rev. Brian To Preach Farewell Message Sunday

Rev. D. D. Brian will deliver his farewell message entitled "The Land of No Tears", at the 11 o'clock worship service at the Second Baptist Church Sunday morning.

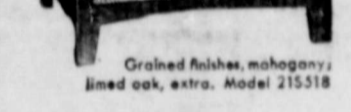
Sunday School will convene as usual at 9:45 a.m., according to Superintendent Gene Falk.

Rev. Lawrence Trott of Abilene will deliver the message for the Sunday evening service.

Youth Fellowship will meet following the worship service Sunday evening.

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Correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy include the following (424:5): "Accidents are unknown to God, or immortal Mind, and we must leave the mortal basis of belief and unite with the one Mind, in order to change the notion of chance to the proper sense of God's unerring direction and thus bring out harmony."

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### NEWS FROM STAFF

By Mrs. M. O. Hazard

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Cosby and young daughter from Fort Worth were the overnight guests Friday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fox were Ranger visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Elliott and daughter, Wilma from Olden were the guests Friday evening of Mrs. Elliott's aunt, Mrs. M. O. Hazard and Mr. Hazard. Other guests in the Hazard home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duncan and Mrs. J. W. Mounce.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pope visited with Mrs. Pope's Aunt, Mrs. Mollie Webb in Eastland Saturday. Mrs. Webb was ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White had as guests Saturday evening their daughter, Mrs. Dwan Dennis, Mr. Dennis and Pamela from Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Crosby had

as guests Sunday afternoon their daughter Mrs. J. C. Foreman, Mr. Foreman, Kenneth and Allen of Olden.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hazard and Don of Eastland were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. Hazard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Pope from Winters were visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pope Sunday. The Royce Pops were en route home from Dallas where

they had carried their son, David for a checkup. We are glad to report David showing some improvement.

The W. E. Downings have been ill with flu the past week, but we are glad to report them able to be up and out again.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hazard were in Ranger Monday afternoon where they visited Mrs. F. C. Williamson, who was ill in the West Texas Clinic and with Mrs. Hayden Neal, who underwent sur-

gery in the Ranger General Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Duncan has been suffering from a severe cold this week.

Mrs. Maurice Hazard of Eastland was visiting Tuesday morning with parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Parker and with Mrs. M. O. Hazard.

Mrs. L. G. Powell went to Ranger Wednesday where she visited with Mrs. F. C. Williamson in the West Texas Clinic, Mrs. William-

son has a host of friends who wish her a speedy recovery.

Quite a number from this community attended the funeral of Thelbert Jones at the Church of Christ in Ranger Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Hilliard and Mr. and Mrs. Bohanon from Gorman were guests recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Downing.

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### New Era Club Has Christmas Party In Price Ashton Home

Members of the New Era Club met in the home of Mrs. Price Ashton Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, for their Christmas program and party.

The home was artistically decorated in keeping with the holiday theme, with arrangements of Christmas baubles and greens, lighted candles and other decorative accessories.

Emma Whittington Hagaman Day was observed. Mrs. Arthur Deffebach, program leader, gave a talk on "The Spirit of Christmas," relating experiences in the lives of famous men.

Mrs. Price Ashton spoke on "Christmas Decorations," displaying many items which she had made.

"The Little Black Lamb" was given by Mrs. N. E. Landers. After the singing of carols,

gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree.

Silver appointments were used on the refreshment table which was decorated in a holiday theme.

Those present were: Mmes. L. L. Bruce, V. V. Cooper, Max Crumley, Arthur Deffebach, Vernon Deffebach, Lee Dockery, B. S. Dudley, Jr., E. S. Dudley, Sr., E. R. Green, N. E. Landers, W. A. Lewis, H. H. Oliver, Alex. Robertson, J. L. Turner, Buck Wallace, Glenn West, A. W. Warford and the hostess, Mrs. Ashton.

### PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Brashier and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brashier and boys spent last week end in Bronte where they visited Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Clark who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

### SOCIETY



Miss Ann Sadler

### Ann Sadler, Willard Swaney To Wed January 28 In Fort Worth

Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Sadler of Fort Worth have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ann Elizabeth, to Willard Ratcliff Swaney, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Swaney of Ranger.

The bridegroom-elect attended Ranger Junior College and is a recent graduate of the University of Texas. He was a member of Phi Theta Kappa at the junior col-

lege, and of Kappa Psi and Rho Chi at the university.

Miss Sadler attended the University of Texas and now is enrolled at TCU. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

The marriage will take place on Friday, Jan. 28, in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at University Christian Church, with only members of the two families attending. Dr. Sadler will conduct the ceremony.

### First Christian To Have Pageant Sunday Evening

The Sunday evening services at the First Christian Church will be in the form of a candlelight Christmas pageant, according to the pastor, Rev. Don Fordyce. The pageant, "The Candles

Shine" is sponsored by the Chi Rho group of the church and is under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Pirkle, youth director.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this and all services at First Christian Church.

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### Rebekahs To Have Supper Next Tuesday

Members of the Ranger Rebekah Lodge No. 244 met at the Oddfellows Hall Tuesday evening for a business meeting, presided over by Noble Grand, Winnie Pirkle.

Routine business was transacted and sick reports made. Marvin Wilson was initiated as a new member and Viola Law was elected to membership by Transfer Certificate from Regina Rebekah Lodge No. 184 in Illinois.

The committee on the Christmas supper and party for next Tuesday evening have completed their plans. Supper will be served at 6:30 and a short business meeting will be held, followed by a program and gift exchange.

Team Captain Lillie Wilson asked all who wish to work in the degree team to be present Dec. 28 when a new team will be organized.

The box of soap and linens for the Home for the Aged Members at Ennis was sent to them Wednesday. Groceries are still being collected for a box to be given some needy member.

Talks were made for the good of the order and the penny prize furnished by Clara Ivy was won by Laura Todd.

Twenty members were present.

### Mrs. Greer Hosts Christmas Party

Members of Julia Alexander Grove No. 1954 of the Woodmen Circle met in the home of Ruby Greer Wednesday afternoon for a Christmas social.

The guest rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme and a brightly decorated tree, from which Santa distributed gifts, was the center of attraction.

A box of groceries was donated and will be given a needy member. Mrs. Edna Williamson was unable to attend because of illness, but Mrs. Greer gave a gift from the Grove for having served as president during the past term.

Refreshments of coffee and a pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, was served to the following: Mmes. Lulu Williams, Eula Blackwell, Lena Patterson, Sudie Strong, Clara Ivy, Mae Eyley, Bessie Harris, Mollie Patterson, Hattie Lester, Ellen Jones, Mabel Greer and Alice and the hostess.

### Royal Neighbors Meet Tuesday

The Royal Neighbors of America, No. 9059, met Monday evening in regular session with Oracle May Smith presiding. Routine business was transacted and sick reports given.

The penny prize was furnished by Loya Huffman and won by Laura Todd.

Next Monday evening, members and their families will meet at the hall at 6:30 for a turkey supper. A Christmas program and gift exchange will follow.

There were 26 members present.

### Mrs. Brashier Hosts Ruth Class Christmas Social

Members of the Ruth Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas social Thursday evening, Dec. 16 in the home of Mrs. F. P. Brashier, Jr. Mmes. Walter Arterburn, Chas. Layton and Dwayne Dennis were co-hostesses for the occasion.

The program was opened with prayer led by Mrs. F. K. King. The devotional, the Christmas story from the book of Luke, was read by Mrs. Wilson Guest.

Following this, the group sang Christmas carols. Then Mrs. Charles Layton told a Christmas story entitled "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh."

The group exchanged gifts around the lighted tree and Mrs. King, the teacher, was presented with a gift from the class.

Items of food were brought to be given to a needy family.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to the following: Mmes. Jesse White, Tommy Guesz, Keith Langford, Ronald Pruet, W. G. Myers, Marshall Jolly, F. P. Brashier, Sr., Arterburn, Layton, Dennis, Guest, King and the hostess.

### Martha Dorcas Class Meets For Christmas Party

Members of the Martha Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church met at 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, for their Christmas party, in the home of Mrs. Larry Griffith with Mrs. H. C. Croom as hostess.

The house was beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme and gifts were exchanged. A large basket of food for a needy family was collected.

Mrs. E. L. Willis had charge of the program and Mrs. J. L. Turner gave the devotional. Rev. Bruce Weaver led in prayer, after which Mrs. Geo. Rogers gave a reading.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mmes. Chas. Ashcraft, Iris Hummel, M. P. Williams, Annie Sharp, R. E. Johnson, Turner, C. W. Alworth, Geo. Moore, L. E. Wolfe, F. W. Lowe, R. S. Balch, S. B. Baker, R. B. Patterson, Rogers, Geo. Williams, E. L. Danley, Guy Brown, H. O. Woods, J. S. McDowell, T. D. Stewart, Willis, J. T. Killingworth, H. G. Ramsey; Rev. Weaver; and the hostesses, Mmes. Croom and Griffith.

### Hodges-Oak P-TA To Meet Monday

Members of the Hodges-Oak Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 3 p.m. Monday afternoon instead of Tuesday, because of the room Christmas parties which will be held Tuesday.

All members are urged to attend this meeting and to take note of the change in date.

### HOSPITAL NEWS



Mrs. C. T. Bott and Tommy Bott are medical patients at West Texas Hospital.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Homer Hodges and Mrs. Paul Lamb of Meadville, Pennsylvania are visiting Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon. Mrs. Lamb spent several days this week visiting friends in Ft. Worth.

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**Bible Comment:**

**Integrity Part of Christian Outlook On Unemployment**

SAINT PAUL was very specific on the matter of earning the right to live.

He reminded the Christians that they were members one of another. He said that the strong should serve the weak, and that all Christians should by love serve one another.

But when he saw unworthy individuals taking advantage of the good will of others, using these fine Christian principles of brotherly love to infringe upon the work of others—he was blunt and decisive.

If a man did not work, he said, neither should he eat. In the Christian economy, everyone should help his brother. There was no place for loafers.

That was a sound principle, but what Paul did not foresee was the situation in a modern, complex society when, in periods of deep depression, many who ask only for work and self-help, are unable to find it.

What would Paul have had to say about this? We do not know, but we do know that all the problems associated with work, unemployment and living are moral and spiritual problems with which Christian teachings and principles have much to do.

Those who, for various reasons, find themselves dependent upon relief are not necessarily unworthy dishonest or indigent. A few are, and they bring unjust criticism to the many who are not.

At the foundation of all welfare, individual and social, is character. The very conditions of life today are character-testing, and the only character that stands the test is the one built upon the ancient Jewish and Christian standards of integrity and regard for others.

These things need emphasis in every community and in our national life.

**Breckenridge Boys Choir To Present Christmas Festival December 20**

BRECKENRIDGE (Spl.)—The Breckenridge Boys Choir will present its annual Christmas Festival at eight o'clock Monday evening, December 20, at the First Christian Church. The public is cordially invited to attend the presentation, which has become a traditional part of the Christmas season in this area since the choir was founded three years ago.

The program will consist of two parts. The first, a Christmas cantata, "The King and the Star," by Nobel Cain, will be sung by an ensemble of twenty boys from the Principal Choir. The cantata tells the story of the mythical land of Marazul, which was in dark and shadow because there was no Christmas, for the people knew not of the Christ Child. The king had heard of a mysterious shining star which led wise men to a fair child in a manger, and he wanted very much for his country to have the blessing the Christ Child had brought to the world. When his wise men were unable to find the star, the king said the star of faith would have to shine in the hearts of the people.

At Christmas time they decorated their homes and hung stockings on mantles beside candle-lighted trees. They prayed for Christmas grace and in their sleep they heard angels singing, and saw the star in the East. They woke to find their stockings filled, and on their lips a Christmas song. The king knelt in thankful prayer that faith had won for Marazul a Christmas day, for now the star shone clearly.

Special parts in the cantata will be sung by a soprano trio composed of Ronnie Fields, Jim Bob Coady and Bill Dorsey.

The entire choir group, including the prep choir, the Glee Men, or middle choir, and the Principal Choir, will present "A Mystery for

Christmas," by Howard D. McKinney. Although modern in origin, the "Mystery" is based upon the idea of a fifteenth century Scriptural Play.

In the Middle Ages, the church special services were made more popular and instructive by the use of living pictures, or tableaux. It was a natural step from tableaux to songs and dialogues. This was the origin of the "mystery" or "miracle" plays. They were written for the church, to be acted in the choir or chancel, with some of the characters appearing in the aisles.

The boys will appear in costumes depicting the various Biblical characters who are a part of the Christmas story, and the play will be presented in medieval manner with tableaux and songs. The "mystery" comprises not only the medieval style of music, but several carols of ancient origin as well. Ronnie Bills, alto soloist, will be heard in the mystery play, as well as a soprano trio.

Mrs. Ben J. Dean Jr. will direct the choir, with the assistance of Mrs. O. H. Reaugh who will conduct the Glee Men. Mrs. Bill Black and Mrs. L. W. Brooks Jr. are in charge of production. The Festival, as a presentation free to the public, will have the backing of Breckenridge Woman's Club, and will take the place of the December Ladies Day meeting.

The Festival program will be preceded by a prelude of the well-known carols sung by all the boys as the people are gathering for the presentation.

**Texas Cotton Farmers Average Half Bale Acre**

AUSTIN (Spl.)—Texas cotton farmers averaged just under one-half bale to the acre this year, in spite of the drought, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The average yield was 242 pounds per acre, well over the 200-pound record which stood for 37 consecutive years, from 1912 to 1949, the Bureau points out. Some individual areas (notably Central and East Texas and the Blacklands) did not fare so well, but their deficiency was more than made up with high-grade, long-staple cotton from irrigated sections in the Trans-Pecos and El Paso areas.

When the new Congress convenes in January, Texas cotton acreage allotments are expected to be increased, the Bureau notes. If this happens, there will be an even greater demand for methods of fighting the boll-worm and boll-weevil problems, and for some way to defoliate cotton stalks so mechanical pickers can be used.

The answer to both of these problems, Bureau officials say, may lie in the use of helicopters instead of the less maneuverable, conventional airplanes. The helicopter, using the advantage gained in its "downrush" from the overhead propeller, can spray much more thoroughly than airplanes, and "hard-to-get-at" places are virtually eliminated. The helicopter's maneuverability even enables the pilot to fly at night under favorable weather conditions.

The Bureau reported that farm cash income from cotton was 29 per cent greater in the first nine months of 1954 than in the same 1953 period.

**Ranger Junior College Student Recital Planned For Monday Night**

A student recital will be presented Monday night at 8 o'clock in the college music studio, Fred Baumgardner announced today.

- The schedule for the program is:
- "Our Stairway" Hale
  - "A Taskit A Taskit" Green
  - Verganna Goswick
  - "The Weeping Willow" Scher
  - "The Tom-Tom" Eckstein
  - Jan Louise Watkins
  - "Wind Mills" Thompson
  - "On Skates" Ketterer
  - Donna Crumley
  - "Red Balloons" Wright
  - "Little Fairy Waltz" Streabog
  - Phyllis Hale
  - "In An Eighteenth Century Garden" Mozart
  - "Organ Grinder In The Rain" Klaus
  - Karla Kirk
  - "Rustic Dance" Howell
  - "Gypsy Fiddler" Robinson
  - Ginny Lee Phillips
  - "Dreamland" Lively
  - "Tarentella" Beaumont
  - Linda Louise Clarke
  - "Happy-Go-Lucky" Aaron
  - "Toccatina" Op. 27 Kabalevsky
  - Jean Bankston

VOCAL SOLOS

- "An Old French Cow" Liddle
- "O Holy Night" Adam
- Sue Watson
- "Carmencita" Brown
- "The Pixie and the Fairy" Binkley
- Betty Miller
- "Allegro" Mozart
- "Passepied" Weybright
- Lola Fay Weems
- "Starlight Waltz" Brainard
- "Emerald Isle" Schaum
- Dema Lu Quarles

PIANO DUOS

- "Lavalanche" Op. 45, No. 2 Heller
- Donna Kirk
- "Moon Mist" Rodgers-Cobb
- Karen Killingsworth
- "Swaying Daffodils" Overlade
- "Gypsy Caravan" Bentley
- Ruth Miller
- "Minuet and Trio" Mozart
- "The Jam Session" Glover
- Donna Kirk

ORGAN SOLOS

- "Silent Night" Gruber
- "Frosty the Snow-Man" Rollins
- Kaye Hopper
- "Cubalero" arr. Schaum
- "Dog Gone Boogie" Glover
- Karen Killingsworth
- "Etude in A" Gayrho
- "Nola" Arndt
- Sherry Ann Baker

- "Gavotte" Bach
- "Silent Night" Transcription by Kolbmann
- Jill Watkins
- "Prelude in E Major" Op. 10, No. 3 Chopin
- "Russian Concerto" Op. 18 Rachmaninoff
- Betty Gardenhire
- "Christmas", from "The Seasons" Tchaikowsky
- "Mazurka in B" Godard
- Lynda Ferguson
- "Arabesque" Op. 18 Schumann
- "Tango In D" Albeniz
- Maxine McCotter

**Have You Tried The New Casserole Yeast Bread? Its Easy To Make**

Beginners take note: All fancy yeast breads are easy to make, and these recipes from the current issue of True Story Magazine take the exception of being especially easy. Fat, sugar, fruit and eggs insure tender texture; the casserole protects the shape. And when they're served with a hearty meal, you'll get nothing but huzzahs for your imagination, and calls for second servings.

Your folks will follow their noses into the kitchen when you present these home-baked breads:

**Raisin Casserole Bread**  
Makes 1 loaf  
Mix together until shortening melts:

- 2/3 cup hot water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- Cool to lukewarm. Measure into bowl:
- 1/2 cup warm (not hot) water
- 2 packages active dry yeast
- Stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm water mixture. Add:
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3 1/4 cups sifted flour
- 1 cup seedless raisins

Stir until well blended (about 2 minutes.) Cover with a towel, and let rise in warm place, free from drafts, for 1 to 2 hours, or until more than doubled in bulk. Stir down. Beat vigorously for about 1 1/2 minute. Turn into greased 1 1/2-quart casserole. Bake at once, uncovered, in hot oven (400 degrees F.) for about 40 minutes. Cool in casserole. Remove, and slice on the bias.

**Cinnamon-Raisin Coffee Cake**  
Makes 1 8-inch round cake. Mix together until shortening melts: 1/3 cup hot water; 1/3 cup sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 4 tablespoons shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Measure into a cup; 1/2 cup lukewarm water. Sprinkle in: 2 packages active dry yeast. Stir until dissolved. Add to lukewarm water mixture. Then stir in: 1 egg, beaten; 2 1/2 cups sifted flour; 1/2 cup seedless raisins. Stir until mixture is blended

(about 2 minutes). Cover with a towel, and let rise in a warm place free from draft, for half an hour to 1 hour, or until doubled in bulk. Stir batter down, and beat hard. Spoon about half the batter into a greased, shallow 8-inch pan and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Spoon remaining batter on top. Bake in oven (375 degrees F.) for about 30 minutes. Cool.

**BETTI'S BUDGET of HELPFUL HINTS**

A sauce for any meat course is "gingerbread sauce." Take three pounds of cooking pears, two cups of brown sugar, the grated rind of a medium-sized orange; seven tablespoons of fresh orange juice, and one teaspoon of ground ginger; pare and core pears and cut in quarters. Then put remaining ingredients into a large saucepan and bring them to a boil. Add pears and simmer until the fruit is tender. Do not mash. Serve hot or cold.

Gifts from your own kitchen will be highly treasured by friends and neighbors. Fruit cakes, rich and spicy, make gifts to be remembered the whole year. Pack cookies in decorative tins or gaily wrapped boxes. They will be gratefully enjoyed throughout the yuletide season.

At this moment, what place in your kitchen needs cleaning most? Probably you'd say in back of your range. That's where grease and

food stains are most often overlooked; but with a stainless steel splashback installed, you will have easy cleaning ahead.

If you still have that old phrase "dirty as dishwater" in your vocabulary, toss it out. Change it, instead to "clean as dishwater," for your dishwasher should really be kept fresh. And there's one simple way to manage it. Just change the soapuds as often as necessary when you're washing dishes. And don't forget to use hot, hot water for both the sudsing and the rinsing.

If you will have many children visiting during the Christmas holidays, keep them fascinated by a cookie tree while grown-ups visit. Cut cookies into Christmas shapes and decorate with colorful icings and decorations. Then hang the assorted cookies from strings on evergreen branches. Your cookie tree will be the center of attention among the young crowd.

Shortbread makes rich, tender cookies with a minimum of effort on your part. Cream 1 cup butter or margarine. Add 3-4 cup sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add 2 cups sifted enriched flour and mix to a soft dough. Pat or roll out on lightly floured board to 1-4 inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutter or sharp knife. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in slow oven about 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes about 3 dozen 2 1/2 inch cookies.

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