

As Moab, Utah, Is Now Magic Name To Uranium, So Once Was Pioneer To Oil

Sluggish yo-yoing of antiquated pump-jacks over stripped wells in the Pioneer field give false impressions of the sensation these producers once caused. Passersby hurrying down highway 36 seldom give the wells a second glance, yet there was a time when their fame was sung throughout the nation and at least one of America's largest fortunes was reaped from those sandy acres.

In the Spring of 1922 Pioneer was a sleepy little village that had gone unnoticed as the big strikes at Hogtown, Ranger, Eastland and Cisco made Eastland county a magic name in the oil business, much as is Moab, Utah, to uranium today.

Only the real old-timers and yellowing newspapers recall that the No. 4 Eakin in Pioneer field came in for 18,000 barrels a day, producing from the Caddo limestone, and later gauged in excess of 20,000 to go outdo anything the county had seen before or since. Even the "world's wonder" well at Ranger were small by comparison.

Pioneer's day of glory was May 13, 1922, when Tom Bryant of Cross Plains, drilled in the No. 1 Bryson. The well was a gusher in the literal meaning of the word. It flowed 1,200 barrels in 24 hours. But this was only an indication of things to come. A week later Bryant brought in the incomparable Eakin No. 4. A huge banner across Pioneer's main street proudly acclaimed the city to be the home of the world's largest oil well.

Because of mechanical reasons the Eakin well could not be shut-in, and even though all available storage in the area was rushed to the lease, it was only through earthen tanks that

the oil was finally accommodated. 200 men, with mules hitched to friscos, labored around the clock. The 50 acre Eakin lease soon held a 15 acre lake of oil.

Offsets were staked and as the field enlarged, drills went down at maddening speed. The oil was 47 gravity and was soon moving to market at \$2.83 a barrel. There was no proration and only a token income tax to pay. Fortunes came fast.

Bryant had assembled the acreage and then induced the world-renowned Tom Slick of Oklahoma, who was currently "down on his luck" to drill the block. Money made at Pioneer is credited with enabling Slick to develop properties in the Tonkawa area in Oklahoma, and thereby build one of the nation's largest individual fortunes made in the roaring twenties. Five years after the discovery of oil at Pioneer, Slick sold his holdings in three states for \$27,000,000. Thus it was, "the king of wildcaters," as Slick was known, who was "down on his luck" when the Pioneer deal was first proposed, was again at the top of the heap, the Sid Richardson, the Harrison L. Hunt of his day.

The slow-moving pump-jacks of the Pioneer field give the wells only a token of their former strength, but now, 32 years after their discovery, they are still producing profitably and will possibly continue for another generation.

The possibility that other such treasures are hidden in Nature's bosom is the incentive that accelerates the never ending quest for oil, and has resulted in the discovery of multi-million dollar deposits near Cross Plains during 1954.

Dedication Services For Pioneer Baptist Church To Be Held Sunday Afternoon, Dec. 19

By A. O. HARRIS
Pioneer Correspondent

Dedication services for the recently completed Pioneer Baptist Church building will be held next Sunday, Dec. 19, according to an announcement made recently by the pastor, Rev. Roy B. Massey. The dedication services are scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m.

After the morning worship services, a basket lunch will be served at the church and all former pastors and ex-members are extended a special invitation to attend.

At 2:00 p.m. Rev. Massey will make the opening address, with Rev. Tom Flippin, a former pastor, delivering the dedicatory sermon. Rev. H. D. Blair, another former pastor, will lead the song services.

A bit of history of the church as related by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster, residents of this community since 1889, and who have attended Baptist services here for 65 years, follows:

They first remember that the Baptists met in the first school building about 1889. More people seemed to live in what is now called the Gunn community, so the membership voted to build a church building on the McDonald property now occupied by Tom Searcy. About 1905, it was torn down and rebuilt at the old Pioneer townsite near the present cemetery location. In those days saddle pocket pastors came tri-monthly to serve the churches and Mr. and Mrs. Foster remembered five of these old-time ministers; Rev. B. G. Richburg, Rev. Dave McDonald, Rev. Sam Steel of May, Rev. Rannels of May, and Rev. Skinner of Eastland, who made trips here Saturday, returning home on Monday, twice each month.

Mrs. Foster related a story of a Spring revival about 1900. It had been terribly dry weather with no prospect of rain and no one had any work to do, so she suggested to the pastor that it might be a good time for a revival as most of the community's residents were idle and could attend. The pastor announced that there would be services the following Monday night and every night until further notice.

The services were dedicated to the Lord, that there might be a rain in this area, and on the following Friday night she recalls that they received a bountiful downpour and Bro. Skinner baptized 25 converts at the close of the revival. Mrs. Foster states that they made good crops that year.

Getting back to the church, about 1911 the railroad built through the area about one-half mile north of the Pioneer townsite, and the church was again moved to the new townsite, three blocks from the railroad station. In 1922 the oil boom hit the community and the church was built larger to accommodate the growing village. Services were held in this building until 1946 when a storm struck the community and almost completely demolished the structure. The church furnishings were moved to an empty store building where services were held for about two years.

A building program for the present church was invoked by the church in 1943, with Rev. Tom Flippin as leader. The membership toiled and sacrificed and in 1949, the church occupied the new building as a temporary place to worship. Our new pastor, Rev. Massey, launched a completion drive the past year with the final results being the dedication services next Sunday.

Church records, kept since 1926, reveal the names of the following pastors: Revs. O. C. Karkalits, Lewis Cooper, H. N. Baldree, H. D. Blair, Russell Dennis, A. A. Palmer, D. A. Bryant, W. P. Ray, Clifford Nelson, W. C. Wade, Frank Randall, Bill Evans, W. T. Johnson, Bill Powell, Tom Flippin, Quint Farley and the present pastor, Roy B. Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cummings of Ballinger visited here over the week end with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby.

Mrs. Ruby Copeland, who has been employed in Abilene for several months, has returned to Cross Plains to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Graham.

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS,

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NUMBER THIRTY EIGHT



Miss Thelda Crow was elected FFA Sweetheart at a recent meeting of the local FFA Chapter and will represent Cross Plains Chapter at a district banquet to be held at Abilene Christian College, January 10, according to O. B. Edmondson, local vocational agriculture instructor.

At the banquet, Miss Crow will compete with girls from 12 other chapters for District Sweetheart.

The Lone Star Farmers and a selected few delegates from each chapter will be privileged to attend the banquet.

Miss Crow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow, who reside at Rowden.

School To Dismiss Dec. 22 For Christmas Holidays

Supt. Paul L. Whitton announced this week that school will turn out Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 22, at 1:30, for the Christmas holidays and classes will take up again Monday, Jan. 3, 1955.

School classes will hold their annual Christmas parties immediately after the noon hour on Dec. 22.

18 Buffaloes Earn Football Letters

Head Coach James Alexander announced this week that 18 members of the Buffalo football squad won letters the past season and will be recognized at the annual football banquet to be held at the high school building tonight, (Thursday).

The following boys won letters: Ends: Billy Kirkham, Paul Lane and Jim McDonald.

Tackles: Bobby Phillips, Vernon Baum and Clark Baum.

Guards: Sidney Frazier, Charles McCord and Terry Watkins.

Center: Carl McCord.

Backs: Homer Robinson, Glenn Fleming, Bill Sipes, David Jennings, Jerry Foster, Terry Cealey, Darvel Hutchins and Granvel Scott.

Coach Alexander pointed out that of the 18 lettermen, eight are Seniors, four are Juniors, four are Sophomores and two are Freshmen.

New Building For Sims Drug Under Construction

Molton Sims, owner and manager of the Sims Drug Store here, announced this week that workmen are now busy running the foundation for a new building for the firm on Highway 36, just west of the Hutchins Service Station.

Sims purchased the lot recently from W. J. Sipes, and states that he hopes to have the building ready for occupancy sometime in January.

The new structure is to be of concrete tile and will be stucco finished and painted white. It will be 24x42 feet in size and will house the drug store and bus station when completed.

Father Of Local Man Buried At Rockdale

Wiley Eugene Raughton, 86, of Leuders, father of Odus Raughton of this city, was buried in the Rockdale Cemetery, 16 miles north of Leuders, Friday afternoon following funeral services at 2:30 p.m. in the Leuders Church of Christ.

He died Thursday morning at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Born in Alabama Sept. 16, 1868, Mr. Raughton moved to the Stamford area about 30 years ago. He had been making his home with his daughter in Leuders since the death of Mrs. Raughton in 1949.

Survivors are seven sons, Clarence, C. G. and G. A. all of Leuders; C. E. and F. R., Abilene, Odus, Cross Plains, and L. O., Bristow, Calif.; and one daughter, Mrs. Joe Dillard, Leuders. Two granddaughters were also reared by the Raughton's.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Ella Dillard was released from the Gorman Hospital Sunday following surgery. She is reported to be getting along nicely and is spending this week in Abilene with her daughter, Mrs. Olen Corley.

W. W. Smith was released from the Rising Star Hospital Thursday of the past week after receiving medical treatment for several days and is reported to be improved.

Mrs. Ella Crabb Breaks Leg In Fall at Rising Star

Friends here of Mrs. Ella Crabb will regret to learn that she suffered a broken leg Friday night of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Boase, in Rising Star. Mrs. Crabb is in the Rising Star Hospital and is reported to be getting along nicely. Her leg has been placed in traction.

Mrs. Crabb moved to Rising Star several months ago from San Angelo to make her home with Mrs. Boase.

Mrs. Tom Cox was in Comanche Tuesday afternoon to visit her aunt, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baxter have moved into an apartment in the A. D. Smith home where they will make their home for the next few weeks while he recovers from a hand injury received while working in the oil fields at Big Lake.

Christmas Tree Programs To Be Staged Next Week; Lighting Contests Close 20th

Oil Field Fire Destroys McNutt Service Rig On Payne Lease In West Field, Monday

Fire, which is believed to have been ignited by the drilling engine, completely destroyed a well servicing rig owned by McNutt Oil Well Service on the Jimmy Lee Payne lease, nine miles west of town early Monday morning of this week.

According to A. R. McNutt, owner of the well servicing firm, his crew was preparing to pull the tubing on the Payne No. 4 well belonging to Harding Bros. Oil Co. The well was flowing some oil and gas and the gas evidently gathered against the ground around the rig. The crew, composed of Edgar McNutt, Glenn Wooten and Noel King, together with Eddie Petty, Lease Superintendent for Harding Bros., had just started work and had pulled one joint of tubing when the area exploded and flames enveloped the rig.

Crewman King was the only casualty, suffering burns about his hands. He was carried to the Rising Star Hospital where he received treatment and was released to return home.

Lease Supt. Petty stated that his firm lost a new pump jack and about 12,000 feet of rods in the fire.

The local Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call for help and brought the flames under control.

Losses were covered by insurance, it was said.

Legion Auxiliary Needs More Members On Roll

Mrs. Elvis Scott, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, stated that the organization must have a membership of 18 to hold their charter and that only 10 members have paid their dues to date. Mrs. Scott asks that those desiring to pay their dues of \$2.25 to see her at her home or Mr. Scott at Higginbotham's before the deadline, December 31. Dues last year were paid by the organization but according to Mrs. Scott will not be paid this year.

A Christmas gift box was packed and shipped to the Veteran's Hospital in Waco the past week. Gifts included, hose, towels, organly aprons, pillow cases and head scarf. \$10 in cash was also sent with the box. Ladies sending gifts were Mmes. C. E. Foster, R. N. Whitehorn, Don McCall, Chester Glover, Bill Weiler and Elvis Scott.

The regular meeting of the organization will not be held during the month of December but members will be notified about the January meeting at which time a Youth Center for the boys and girls of Cross Plains will be discussed.

"White Christmas" Program At Methodist Church Sunday Night

"White Christmas" will be the theme of the Christmas program to be rendered by the children's division at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 19, beginning at 7 o'clock.

In connection with the program, anyone desiring to make Christmas happy for a needy family in our community is asked to bring a gift wrapped in white paper to the service, or to make a cash donation which will be used to buy food or clothing. Members of the Womens Society of Christian Service will be in charge of distributing the gifts and food at Christmas time.

An excellent program has been arranged and everyone in the community is extended an invitation to attend.

AREA OIL NEWS

R. Denny Jackson of Brownwood has completed his No. 2-A G. A. G. Bowden as a producer five miles northwest of Cross Plains in the Am-Hard Field. Location is in Sub-division 1, G. M. Vigal Survey 798.

It flowed for a calculated daily potential of 552 barrels of 41 gravity oil, based on an actual 6-hour gauge of 138 barrels. Flow was through a 1-2-inch choke with packer on casing and 65 pounds on tubing, coming from 5-per-foot perforations at 1,796-1,801 feet. Casing was set on bottom at 1,838 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 200-1.

A new producer in the A. C. Scott (Cross Plains Sand) Field 10 miles west of Cross Plains is Ne-Tex Oil Corp., of Abilene No. 4 Adelia C. Scott, Mial Scurlock Survey 20.

Daily potential was 86.80 barrels of 44 gravity oil through an 18-64-inch choke with 270 pounds on casing and 50 on tubing. Flow was from 32 perforations at 1,627-35 feet. Casing was set on bottom at 1,835 feet. Gas-oil ratio was 324-1.

Two tests were located by Yeatman Drilling Co. of Coleman, both to be drilled three miles northwest of Cross Plains on the Fay Gilliam lease in G. M. Vigal Survey 798. They are slated for 1,900 feet with rotary.

No. 1 Gilliam spots 2,300 feet from the north and 2,699 feet from the west lines of the survey, and No. 2 Gilliam will be 2,300 feet from the north and 2,036 feet from the west lines.

Spotted as a wildcat five miles west of Cross Plains was Sloan Wells, Santa Anna, No. 1 E. Baum. Site for the 1,800-foot rotary test is 2,900 feet from the east and 2,750 feet from the south lines of G. M. Vigal Survey 798.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bailey have returned to their home here after spending several days in Fort Worth where Mr. Bailey received medical treatment. Mr. Bailey is much improved and will resume his duties as mail carrier on Route 2, today, Thursday.

Members of the arrangements committee for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas programs announced this week that two programs have been scheduled for next week, with the big Christmas party complete with Santa Claus to be held Thursday night, Dec. 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The first Christmas program will be staged Monday night, starting at 7:00 when the Buffalo Band, under the direction of W. W. King, will give a Christmas concert at the community Christmas tree. After the band concert, there will be singing of Christmas carols by a community choir under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Greenwood.

At the big party Thursday night, Santa Claus will put in his first appearance in Cross Plains and will distribute candy, fruits and nuts to all the children present. The band will again take part on the program and a large number of special numbers will be rendered by various groups and individuals and an excellent time is in store for everyone in attendance. Jack McCary will serve as master of ceremonies and J. M. Greenwood is chairman of the program.

Lighting Contests
Deadline for entry in the lighting contests has been changed from Dec. 15 until Dec. 20, and it is hoped that a large number of home owners will enter the residential contests. There are a large number of excellent show windows in the business district, but, to date, only a few residences have been decorated for entry in the contests.

Prizes totalling \$75.00 will be given the winners, as follows:

First prize on business show window, \$25; second prize, \$15. In the residential contest, West Texas Utilities Co. has joined the sponsors in offering merchandise valued at \$15 to the first place winner and \$10 in merchandise to second place. These prizes can be seen at their show room now. Sponsors of the contest will give \$10 in cash for first place and \$5 to second place in this division.

Cash awards of \$5 will be given for the best decorated room in ward school and the same for the winner in high school.

Band Boosters Meet

The Band Boosters Club, in their regular meeting Tuesday night of last week, made final plans for the Del Rio trip. They also okayed the purchase of a new French Horn at a cost of \$200.00 and voted to spend \$100.00 for additional uniforms.

Bayou Philosopher Amazed To Learn College Head Fears Over-Production Of Graduates

Editor's note: The Bayou Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on the Bayou is discussing education again this week, a subject which may be way over his head.

Dear editor:

While reading in a newspaper I picked up in town yesterday about the results of the vote farmers delivered on cotton marketing quotas this week, as you know these quotas are voted on because farmers have produced too much cotton, I saw over on another page an article that revealed farmers ain't the only people who are over-producing.

Colleges are doing it now. According to a college president the article was quoting, "American colleges may be turning out too many graduates."

This bowled me over. You mean to say colleges ain't no smarter than us farmers and are gonna have to have marketing quotas on graduates?

I kept on readin and got more amazed as I went. This college president added that "there is a real question as to our society's absorbing them into the fields for which they may be trained."

You mean to say that college graduates are like bales of cotton, after you get so many there ain't no need for anymore? This seems to put a new interpretation on education, and I'm looking forward to the time when all quota elections are combined and in one column on your ballot you vote for cotton limitations, for corn or maize or wheat limitations in another, for the size of the college crop in another.

This president even went on. He said that some educators feel that in the future large proportions of college graduates will have to be content with manual labor, and he reminded his listeners of the old saying that college ruins some otherwise good plow hands.

I do not follow this line of thinking. The idea that a college education unfits a man for farming, is a new one to me. I know some of us farmers ain't educated, but I never considered that ignorance was a requirement for plowing and once you improved your mind you had to give it up.

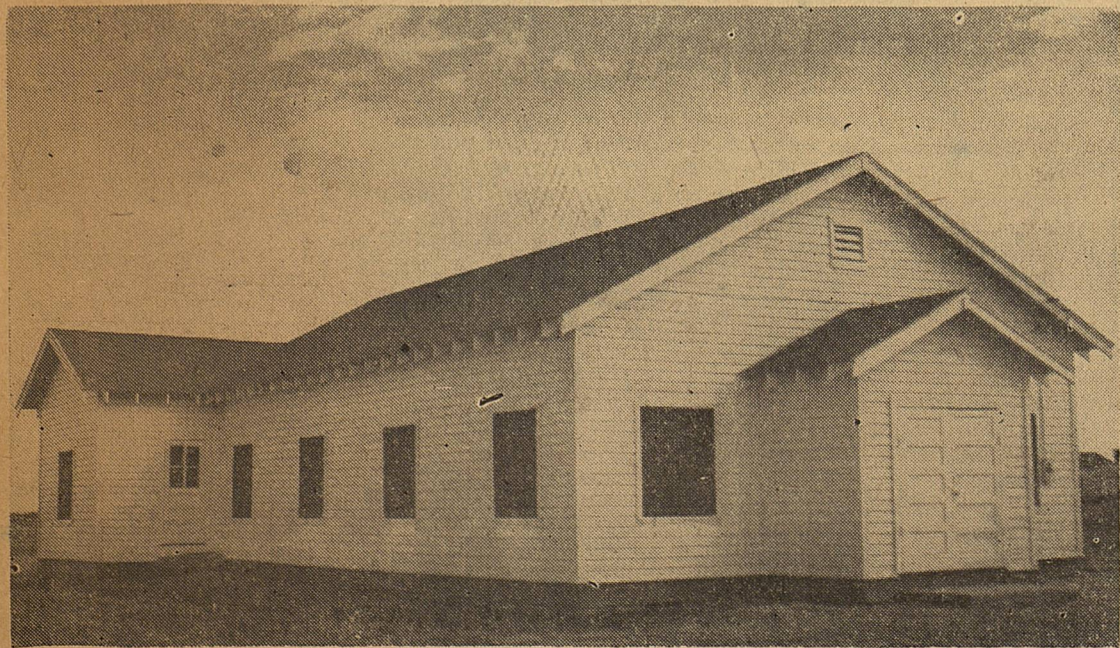
The idea that manual labor and education don't go together is a new one on me too. Even a college president with a string of degrees is bound to have to do some manual labor, unless he has somebody hired to work his tooth brush back and forth for him. I ain't never considered calluses on your hands was a bar to some education in your head.

I don't know any farmers who wish they were college professors, but I have an idea there are some college professors who wish they were farmers, if for no other reason just for the increase in income they'd get. I imagine there are more teachers teaching because they can't farm than there are farmers farming because they can't teach.

If we can produce too many college graduates, why can't we produce too many high school graduates? Too many grammar school graduates? Who thought up the idea of teaching people to read, anyway?

Sometimes college presidents leave me wondering, but I guess they could say the same for me.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.



PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH... Pictured above, the recently-completed Pioneer Baptist Church, which will be dedicated in ceremonies there Sunday afternoon. The dedication services will begin at 2:00 p.m.—Review photo by David Dallas.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun and I want a doll and a girl bicycle and a baking set and some books and some candy and nuts.

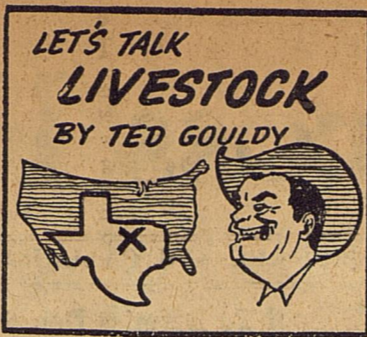
Your friend,
Sharion Stansbury

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and a jumping rope and a set of dishes and a set of jacks and a washing machine and a piano.

Your friend,
Evelyn Mae Potter

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy five years old. Will you please bring me a cowboy suit and two guns. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls.

Yours truly,
Johnny Cowan



Fort Worth—Cattle trade was active and prices strong to unevenly higher Monday at Fort Worth. The scarcity of the better kinds of fat calves, which has become more and more pronounced in recent weeks, led to some sharp gains for that class.

Slaughter calves drew 50 cents to \$1 higher prices, the most of the advance on the choice grades. Fed steers and yearlings were stronger with some sales 25 to 50 cents up on fat mature steers.

Cows, bulls and stockers and feeders enjoyed active trade and steady to strong prices.

Good and choice slaughter calves cleared at \$14.50 to \$19, with some fancy fed calves to \$20. Common and medium slaughter kinds sold from \$10 to \$13, and culls sold from \$7 to \$10.

Packers reported cattle grubs were more in evidence this year than last and in most cases ten percent more calves are showing "grubby" backs than a year ago.

All packers discount grubby calves and it is a heavy loss to cattle producers. Your County Agent can give you a simple remedy to clear them up, or your local feed store, or drug store can likely furnish a remedy.

The few cents it costs to rid the calves of these grubs can mean as much as \$5 to \$10 per head, since grubby calves everywhere sell from \$1 to \$3 per hundred under those without grubs.

Good and choice stocker steer calves sold from \$16 to \$20, and stocker yearlings sold from \$19.50 down. Stocker cows drew \$7 to \$10.

Fat steers and yearlings of good and choice kinds sold from \$19 to \$23.50, while plain and medium sorts sold from \$12 to \$18, and some canner yearlings sold from \$9 to \$11.

Fat cows cleared at \$8.50 to \$11, and canners and cutters sold from \$5 to \$9. Bulls drew \$8 to \$12, odd head above or below that range.

Butcher hogs were around 25 cents higher and top hogs sold freely at \$18.25 at Fort Worth Monday. Less desirable kinds, because of heavy or lighter weights, or medium finish

Cancer Is State's No. Two Killer, Figures Show

Austin—"Cancer, the State's No. 2 killer, accounted for one out of every eight deaths during the past year, and this was 13 percent of all deaths that occurred in Texas", declared Dr. Henry A. Holle, State Health Officer. Early diagnosis and competent treatment could have prevented many of these deaths.

For many years there were but two ways of treating cancer. First, by surgery, and second, by the use of radium of x-ray. Treatment must be started early and in the hands of a competent surgeon. Surgery is relied upon to remove cancerous tumors and is used in nearly two-thirds of the cases. X-ray or radium is used to advantage for the remaining group. Frequently the two methods are combined. Treatment now has expanded to include radio active chemicals, sex hormones, and anticancer drugs. Self-medication, serums, colored lights, pastes, salves, and diets are valueless.

The great protection against cancer is early diagnosis. Every case is an emergency and it is unfortunate that the majority of those with cancer do not seek medical advice early in the first stages of the disease. No hope should be placed in fake cancer cures or treatments. Rather, the annual physical examination and an immediate reporting to your physician of any symptoms which may be suspected to be the beginning of cancer should be relied upon. These symptoms are: any unusual bleeding from any body opening, any lump in the breast or other part of the body, any persistent sore, particularly on the face or mouth, and chronic indigestion. These conditions may not be cancer, but sometimes they are forerunners of the more common types of this disease. Where cancer is suspected, do not delay, but consult your physician at once.

of fat backed kinds, sold from \$16.50 to \$18. Sows sold from \$14 to \$16.

Fat lambs of the good or choice variety cashed at \$16 to \$18, and cull, common and medium sorts sold from \$10 to \$15.50.

Stocker and feeder lambs sold from \$12 to \$16. Old bucks cashed at \$3 to \$4. Old ewes sold from \$4.50 to \$5.50, and are quotable to \$6 or better on the right kind of smooth light choice fat kinds.

Old wethers drew \$7 to \$10.

It was announced at Fort Worth today that the market will be open for business as usual on Dec. 24. Market spokesmen take the position that livestock producers may have some stock they need to market on that day and therefore as a public service the yards should be open to accommodate them on as many days of the year as it is possible to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tunnell visited relatives in Comanche and Rising Star Sunday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for so many expressions of concern for me during my illness, the food, flowers, visits, prayers, cards and letters were all so very much appreciated and loved.

Mrs. Joe Baum.

Fay Riley of San Angelo spent the week end here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Foster and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pillans and family visited the Harold Barclay family in Brownwood Sunday.



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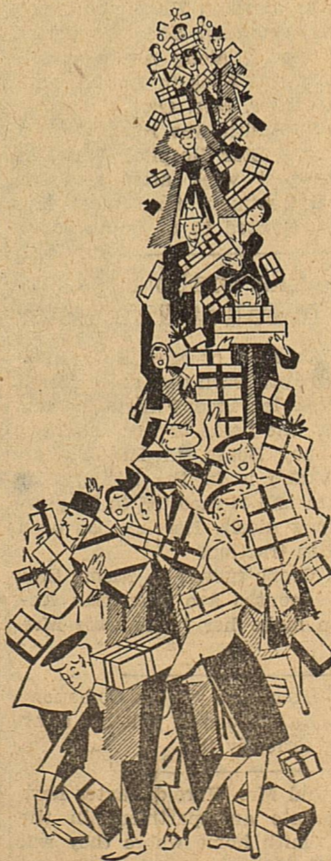
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- Bridge Table Covers
- Drapes
- Toaster and Mixer Covers
- Curtains
- Hose Bags
- Shoe Bags

MEN:

- Socks
- Underwear
- Shaving Sets
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PRESENTS INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT TEXAS



LAND OF COTTON

The negro is the background of cotton production in East Texas, although Texas differs from other states in the fact that white and Mexican pickers play a large part as the zone moves westward. Negro life is no longer confined to cabins and cottonfields. Many of the race own comfortable homes and substantial businesses, and over 5500 graduate from high school annually. The Negroes of Texas have always remained in the East Texas zone and, excepting a few in the cities, it is difficult to find a member of the race west of Fort Worth or San Antonio.



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Do You Remember?...

December 15, 1939

Girls basketball teams of Cross Plains high school have made a good start for this present season. About 25 girls are reporting for drills daily.

Cross Plains boys were winners of the boys division at the boys and girls tournament held in Cottonwood last week end.

Miss Edith Coppinger of Cottonwood and Jim McGowan of Odessa, and formerly of this place, were united in marriage Saturday night at the Baptist parsonage in Putnam by Rev. D. Van Pelt, in the presence of only a few close friends and relatives.

Miss Hazel Respass of Cottonwood was named third vice-president of the 17th Congressional District Postmasters association in a meeting at the Laguna Hotel in Cisco Saturday evening.

The Pecos Enterprise reports that

Mrs. Alex D. Haynes of that city, incidentally formerly of Cross Plains and the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Cade, recently returned from a hunt in the Davis Mountains with a large bear, weighing between 375 and 400 pounds.

Miss Willie Mayes of this place and Clyde Bishop of Brownwood were united in marriage Saturday night in Rising Star.

A miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Edith Coppinger, bride-elect, was held in the home of Mrs. H. S. Varner at Cottonwood Tuesday night of last week with Mrs. Dixie Coffey, Mrs. Tom Earl Bryant, and Misses Eunice Hembree and Esther Varner as joint hostesses.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brahear of Eastland December 7, a 7 pound girl who has been named Annette. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Ray of this place. Scranton news.

William Walton Head, 81, who died Tuesday in Santa Fe, New Mex., was buried Friday in the Burckett cemetery.

Mrs. J. C. Graham left this week for Fort Worth to be with her daughter, who underwent a major operation.

Mrs. Alice Edington honored her son, Billy, with a dinner on his birthday at her home Sunday.

Members of the Fidelis Matrons Sunday School class of the Baptist Church were honored Tuesday night when Mrs. C. H. Wright and Mrs. C. E. Poe complimented them with a Christmas luncheon in the basement of the church.

The Cross Plains FFA band played at Cross Cut last Thursday night at the community center. The members attending were Tom Arrowood, Jim Wilson, Hoyt Byrd, Larry McDonough, Fred Tunnell, Wallace Bennett, Donald Clark and Kent Davis.

December 13, 1929

Sad news of the death of Mrs. L. E. Davaney, who passed away at Baytown, Tuesday, Dec. 3, was received by the Bryson family in Cross Plains last week.

The Callahan County Bankers Association held their last quarterly meeting of this year in Cross Plains Tuesday evening.

At some hour during last Friday night thieves entered the Racket

Store owned by G. W. Cunningham, on South Main Street, and made away with about \$300.00 worth of merchandise, consisting chiefly of silk underwear, silk hose, ladies ready-to-wear and a few hats and shoes.

Mrs. Essie Fulton, age 32, died at the home of her father, Jack Cothren, who lives on the Stacy place about four miles west of Cross Plains, Thursday of last week.

A. R. Clark, assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Cross Plains for the past five years, has tendered his resignation to accept a position with the First National Bank of Amarillo.

Miss Evelyn Barr, daughter of J. A. Barr, has accepted a position with the Farmers National Bank as bookkeeper. Miss Barr, formerly with the First State Bank, is filling the place of Miss Lois McCord, who is leaving to attend Baylor University.

J. M. Shirley, age 95, one of the pioneer citizens of the Cottonwood community, died there last Saturday.

Last Friday the high school Buffaloes met the Ex-Buffaloes on Murphy Field and beat them by a score of 20-0.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a truck and a train and a gun.

Your friend, Bob Robinson

Dear Santa, I want a wagon for Christmas. I want a carpenters set for Christmas.

Your friend, Eddie Earl Myers

Safety Association Urges Christmas Shoppers To Be Alert At All Times

R. B. Roaper of Houston, president of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer, Humble Oil & Refining Company, today urged Christmas Shoppers not to be too trusting, even though it is the time of year when Americans traditionally are full of good will for their fellow men.

"The type of pedestrian who gives traffic officers the most trouble at this time of year," said Mr. Roaper, "is the fellow who steps off the curb, his arms loaded with Christmas presents, his face wreathed in smiles . . . his eyes full of trust. He's sure motorists won't hit him."

"But, during this month's holiday traffic hazards program, we of the Texas Safety Association and the Texas Department of Public Safety, along with the National Safety Council, would like to warn every pedestrian that it's not a safe bet to assume a motorist will stop for you when he's driving on wet, icy or snowy streets.

"Sometimes it's extremely difficult for a motorist to stop his car in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian."

For this reason, Mr. Roaper appealed to all Christmas shoppers to abide by the following safe walking rules:

1. Don't carry so many packages they obscure your vision directly ahead, to the side, and of the pavement.
2. Be certain your parcels are tied securely. If you should happen to drop a package in mid-street, look

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle. I want a shirt. And I want a toy gun, and a blue denim coat.

Your friend, Lawrence Wilcoxon

Dear Santa, I want two guns. I want some army equipment and a horn.

Your friend, Scotty

Dear Santa, I want a doll that sucks a bottle and wets her pants. And some dishes too.

Your friend, Linda Queen

Dear Santa, I want some candy. I want a Red Riding Hood Doll and doll clothes please.

Your friend, Sonia Richardson

Dear Santa, I want a B-B gun and a dump truck. Please bring me a basketball.

Your friend, Jerry Watson

Dear Santa, I want a play gun and a car with some lights.

Your friend, Ronny Nunn

carefully before stooping to pick it up.

3. Avoid hurrying through crowded streets in a 'holi-daze'. It's important that you stay alert. The tendency to hurry with arms loaded with packages, not completely alert, can be suicidal.

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle and a record player, and a paint set. I would like some fruits.

Your friend, Mike Pruet

Typewriter Ribbons — The Review

Dear Santa, Please bring me a walking doll and nurse set. I have tried to be a good girl this year.

Love, Sandra Jean Apple

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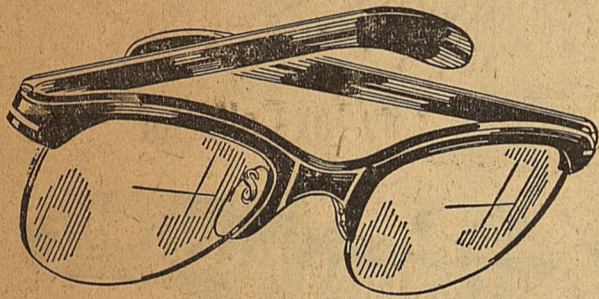
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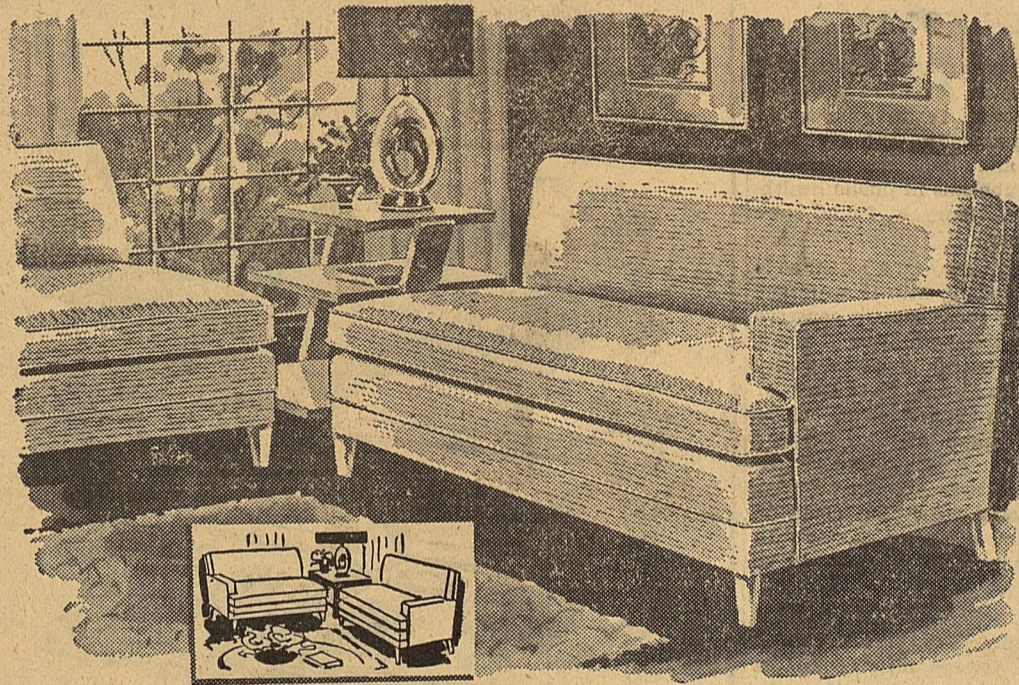
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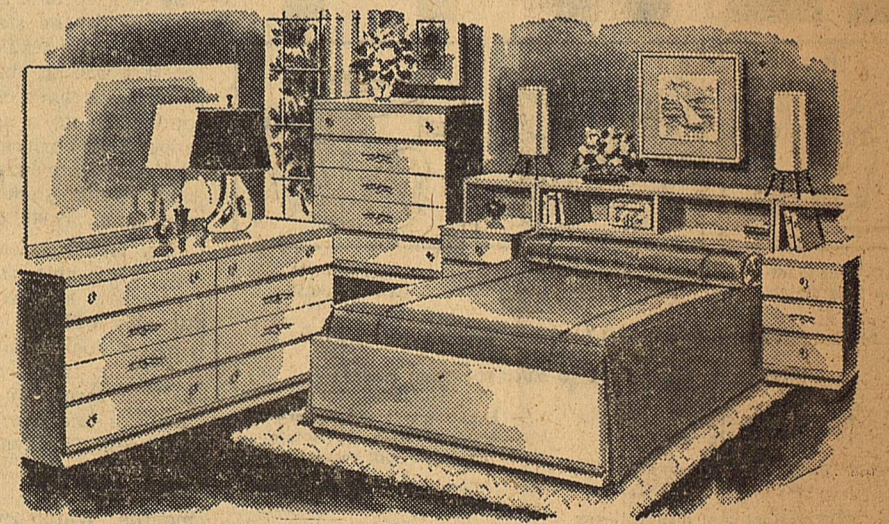
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Common Salt Will Help Preserve Deer Hides Sent To TB Hospital Patients

Austin—Deer hunters are asked to throw a handful of common table salt on the hides they send TB hospital patients.

The request came today from the man who ought to know, L. M. Rathbone, Austin taxidermist, who is receiving the hides for the patients.

Mr. Rathbone says the hides come in at the rate of 10 to 15 a day are of excellent quality and most are arriving in good shape. But he says the salt will insure against spoilage.

The Volunteer Advisory Council for Texas TB Hospitals will pay for the tanning. Mr. Rathbone is handling the hides free of charge.

Mrs. Helen Smith of Austin, council chairman, asks that the hides be marked "Charity", addressed to Mr. Rathbone at 2708 South Lamar, Austin, and shipped by motor freight.

She says where this procedure is followed all of the major motor freight lines are hauling the hides free of charge.

"Texas In Review" To Feature Yule Activities

Films of Christmas activities of the Salvation Army throughout Texas will be featured next week on the Humble Company's TV program, Texas in Review.

An added attraction on the program will be singing of Christmas carols by the Humble Glee Club, one of the finest a capella glee clubs in the state. Last year the glee club appeared on Texas in Review for the first time and proved so popular that its appearance is almost a custom now.

Texas in Review can be seen Monday (December 20) on KRBC-TV, Abilene, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom King of May visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Miller, Jr., were here from San Antonio over the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pillars.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Flynn attended the Breckenridge-Lufkin football game at Waco Saturday.

Neeb-Wolf Wedding Is Held In Wichita Falls

Miss Lauretine Catherine Wolf of Windthorst became the bride of Howard Lee Neeb of Cross Plains during a recent ceremony in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wichita Falls.

Directing the double ring ceremony was Rev. James J. Gillespie, assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

Lohrengin's Processional, McDowell's, "To a Wild Rose" and Mendelsohn's Recessional were provided by Mrs. Carl Edwards. Miss Mary O'Neill sang Schubert's "Ave Maria" and "On This Day O Beautiful Mother", taken from St. Basil's Hymn Book.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina-length gown of white nylon lace and net over saton cascading into points on the skirt. The neckline had an applied tulip effect outlined with net. Her sleeves tapered to points over the wrist.

Her short fingertip veil of nylon net was attached to a pearl-encrusted half hat. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias and stephanotis attached to a white prayer book.

Maid of honor was Miss Georgia Cuba of Mergargal. She wore an ice blue ballerina-length net and lace dress fashioned to the bride's dress and carried a colonial bouquet of white and blue feathered carnations.

Best man was Louis Morath of Scotland. Robert Wolf and Clarence Wolf, brothers of the bride, served as ushers.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride in Windthorst.

For a wedding trip to points in Oklahoma, Miss Neeb wore a two-piece tailored suit of brown wool with matching accessories.

The couple are at home at 1903 Fillmore in Wichita Falls where the groom is associated with Coreloging, Inc.

The groom graduated from Cross Plains high school in 1951. He is a senior geology major at Midwestern University at the present time and is president of the Geology Club.

Attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Neeb, Charles and Monty, Mrs. Sheri Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Payne and Kathy, Mrs. Frank Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Womack and Harold all of Cross Plains Miss Sheron Starks, Rising Star, and Sgt. Jimmie Dean Womack, Seattle, Wash.

Arts And Crafts Club Holds Meeting, Dec. 7

The Arts and Crafts Club met Tuesday afternoon, December 7, in their club room at the Cross Cut school building. At this meeting a large box for the Abilene State Hospital was packed from good used clothing and many small gifts which were donated by the club members. Two boxes were sent last year and this is the second box to be sent this year.

The club gratefully accepted a check for fifty dollars presented to them by the trustees of the Cross Cut community center. This money is to be used to help finance club activities.

Sixteen members were present at the meeting.

Lunchroom Menu—

The following lunches will be served in the school lunchroom December 20-22:

Monday: Fried fish, potato salad, buttered corn, lime jello, bread and milk.

Tuesday: Baked beans, macaroni and cheese, vegetable salad, sliced peaches, bread and milk.

Wednesday: Turkey with dressing and giblet gravy, English peas, creamed potatoes, lettuce, cranberry salad, fresh fruit, bread and milk.

Gene Adams visited in Fort Worth Sunday with Mrs. Adams in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Donald Flahie. Mrs. Adams has been in Fort Worth several weeks with her daughter while recuperating from a broken leg.

ROWDEN NEWS

By Velda Crow

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Voncille Gibbs and Judy visited Mr. and Mrs. Odie Smedley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gibbs and Gary Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow and Richie Saturday night.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Rowden Baptist Church Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Bains and Sue and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Crow attended the Cross Plains-Burkett basketball games at Burkett Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lovell enjoyed a birthday dinner honoring her father, Mr. Fore, in Cross Plains Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ellis of Irving spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Scott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dean and children visited here Monday and Monday night with her mother, Mrs. C. L. McDonald, and Jim.

Tommy Porter was in Dallas last week where he received a checkup at Scottish Rites Hospital. Tommy will return to school next week and will go back to the hospital the first week in March where he will undergo another operation.

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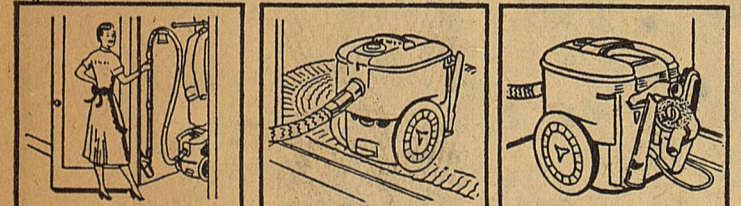
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HEALTH NOTES—

Austin—The drought, which during the last ten years in the Southwest, including Texas, has caused untold damage to the farmers, ranchers, and industry, has also presented problems in public health, declared Dr. Henry A. Holle, state health officer.

The drought may be a lesson as it has brought along with it an awakening of the conscience to conserve and protect water quality and quantity for all useful purposes. Many organizations from Chambers of Commerce to other civic clubs, watershed organizations, research foundations and educational institutions have appointed committees and are doing something about it. The problems are complex, yet with unity of purpose, a solution will be reached.

It was through the coordinated efforts of the municipalities, trained water and sewage plant operators and public health workers throughout the state that we have emerged from a most disastrous situation by the breadth of a fine hair. Municipalities in the state, though some of them face future shortages, have at this writing sufficient water for local needs when used conservatively and such cities as were fortunate enough to be located in the proximity of impoundages previously built should show no hesitancy in continuing their expansion plans.

Dr. Holle stated that the state has been able to maintain good protective services which unquestionably will be increased. Such services include approval of plans for water treatment facilities. The periodic inspection of the treatment facilities and checking of their efficiencies. The regular analyses of water specimens, amounted to over 85,000 during the past twelve months. Watersheds are surveyed. Reservoirs are required to enforce sanitary regulations. Stream analyses are made. Pollution needs are being met with the 629 treatment plants in the state. Regular inspection is made of the large industrial plants and their wastes are checked for toxic materials and contaminants.

Dr. Holle said that we should lend our support to the recommendations of the Texas Water Resources Committee which has studied the problems from various angles and is presenting a plan which, if implemented, will insure Texas' preparedness in meeting future droughts.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Givens, who have been in Canada and Montana for the past six months where he has been working with a pipeline construction company, visited here several days last week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fall.

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Texans Stampede K's Corral in New York City Friday, December 3

Three hundred Texans in New York, ranging from tiny Annie Laurie Williams, who measures a scant five feet, of Denison, President Eisenhower's birthplace, to gigantic Dave Ballard, who towers seven feet, seven inches and plays Tobor, the Robot, on the "Capt. Video" program and hails from Commerce in the Lone Star State, were rounded up by Kathryn Cravens, vice-president of The Texas Club of New York for a cocktail party given in her apartment at The Devon Hotel Friday, December 3.

The hostess, former war correspondent and author of "Pursuit of Gentlemen" is a native of Burkett.

Above the entrance door hung a sign depicting K's Corral—showing an author riding a bucking horse, lassoing a horde of liquor bottles signed with men's faces and fly-top-hats.

Cowboy and cowgirl figures, reels of black Angus, long-horned steers, white faced cows and a purple cow reproduced Texas scenes at each end of the bar. Ten-gallon hats and lariats decorated the wall, and mistletoe and cactus flown from

West Texas contributed further to the atmosphere of the Lone Star State. Eddie Smith, who appeared in the Broadway production, "Texas L'il Darlin'", wore boots and chaps while playing the guitar and singing cowboy songs.

Among the guests, Texans by birth or marriage, were Gen. and Mrs. Willis Crittenger, Mr. and Mrs. John Sayles Leach, Mr. Conrad Hilton, Miss Josephine Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Alvin M. Street, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Mickle, Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cutler, Mr. William Pahlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Crain (Annie Laurie Williams), Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Faulk, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fanning, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klarfield, Gen. and Mrs. Baird Markham, Dr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Moore, Miss Mary Alice Rice, Miss Mimi Tuthill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Young, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Moser, and Col. and Mrs. William Pugh.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Wistar Ambler, Mrs. Mildred Allen, Mr. William Bradstreet, Mrs. Blanche Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Ned E. Depinet, Mr. and Mrs. Zambry P. Giddens, Mrs. Ria Gable, Mr. and Mrs. William Walker Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Parris, Miss

Intermediate Girls Enjoy Christmas Social Dec. 9

The 13-14 year old Intermediate girls met at the Baptist Church Thursday evening of last week for their social. They later went to the home of Mrs. Hadden Payne for their party. Attending were Jackie Dewbre, Juanita Hinkle, Annette Falkner, Lynda Tyler, Betty Childers, Luegenia Louis, Anita Baugh, Jeanie Dye, Scharlia Payne and Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Payne, teachers.

After being served candied apples, cheese and crackers, potato chips and punch the group drew names and handed out gifts.

Each one attending reported an enjoyable time.

Helen Rimes, Mrs. Harvey Sprackling, Mr. Bedward Sharpe, Miss Hargaret M. Tracy, Mr. Jerry Dale, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bell, Miss Margaret Cammock, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. Hattie Bell Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Frazell, Mrs. Salley Fagin, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gause, Mr. Edward Seay, and Mr. David Ballard.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Garfield, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gayle Hawk, Mr. Clyde T. Rienhardt, Miss Maureen Maxfield, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Trott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nordell, Miss Ivalena Pettet, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McGrath, Mrs. Fred Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Don Phares, Miss Tacy Bowman, Miss Dora T. F. Chen, Miss Christine C. S. Chen, Mrs. Blanche Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vanderstucken, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hankin and Miss Betty Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Exal McMillan and daughter visited in Coleman Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Gilmore and son, Jimmy, visited relatives in Snyder Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Williams visited in Brownwood with relatives Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Webb spent Saturday in Abilene with their son, John D. Webb and family.

Mrs. Jeff Clark and Mrs. Pat McNeel, Jr., and son were Abilene visitors one day the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliot of Midland visited in Cross Plains Monday.

Mrs. B. W. Webb of Burkett spent Sunday in the Edwin Baum home.

New, Tough Broncs To See Action At Fort Worth Rodeo

Fort Worth—Obtaining new and tough horses for the Verne Elliott and Beutler Bros. strings is a year-round undertaking. Vic Schwarz and Jake Beutler have just returned from Montana and Oregon seeking new broncs.

Good bucking horses "come high" in price as well as in pitching in the arena, says Elliott, who has produced all the rodeos of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, except 2, since 1923. The Platteville, Colo., man will be the rodeo producer for the 1955 show, dates of which are Jan. 28 through Feb. 6. Associated with him will be Beutler Bros. of Elk City, Okla., themselves outstanding figures in the rodeo world.

The combination of the experience and "know how" of Elliott and the Beutlers and the pooling of make the Fort Worth show unsurpassed in the nation, exposition officials declare.

Among the horses never seen here before are Baby Face and Three B, both obtained in Durango, Colo.; Seahound, bought in Miles City, Mont.; and Bold Venture (an old name but a new horse) acquired in Redmond, Oregon. These are saddle broncs and they turned in rugged performances at Albuquerque, their first appearance for Elliott and the Beutlers. Among the bareback broncs, Three Spots and Rainbow, both purchased at North Platte, Neb., are new and rough performers.

Returning will be such favorites as Pretty Boy, that bucked off World's Champion Cowboy Bill Linderman last year here; Red Gold, Peaceful, Peace Terms and King's X.

First rodeo performance will take place opening night, with two performances daily thereafter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Falkner and family spent Sunday in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Falkner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Wilson, Herrell and Hubert Kelley and W. J. Sipes attended the Breckenridge-Lufkin football game in Waco Saturday.

James Tyson of Baird spent Sunday afternoon here with Benny Ray Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Boone of Seminole recently visited here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baum.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Payne and Mrs. Mack Campbell on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Van Campbell of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harris and son, Gaylon, of Burkett visited the Oscar Gray family Sunday.

Kenneth Tennison of Odessa visited homefolks and friends here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith visited her daughter, Mrs. David Chappell, in Brownwood Sunday.

Ever See A Nightmare Walking?; They Do

Ever see a nightmare walking? A lot of motorists will tell you they have. And the chances are they're right. For the careless antics of many walkers are a nightmare to drivers.

According to R. B. Roaper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer for Humble Oil & Refining Company, the most dangerous habits of walkers (and the most annoying from the motorist's point of view) are:

Crossing between intersections. Dashing out from behind parked cars or other stationary objects. Not looking both ways before stepping off the curb.

Mr. Roaper said that in 1953 more than one out of three pedestrians killed in urban traffic accidents was crossing between intersections at the time of the accident. These figures are from the records of the National Safety Council, which is cooperating with the Texas Safety Association and the Texas Department of Public Safety in sponsoring the November Pedestrian Safety program in Texas.

"It's a driver's duty to use the greatest caution in traffic and to protect pedestrians at all times," Mr. Roaper said. "But we can't expect him to do the impossible. And very often it is impossible for a driver to stop a car in time to avoid a pedestrian who literally springs out at him from the curb."

He urges all walkers to accept the responsibility for their own safety. "After all," he said, "you'll be in no position to pass the buck to the driver if you get killed in traffic."

Silence is really golden to those who are paid to keep quiet.

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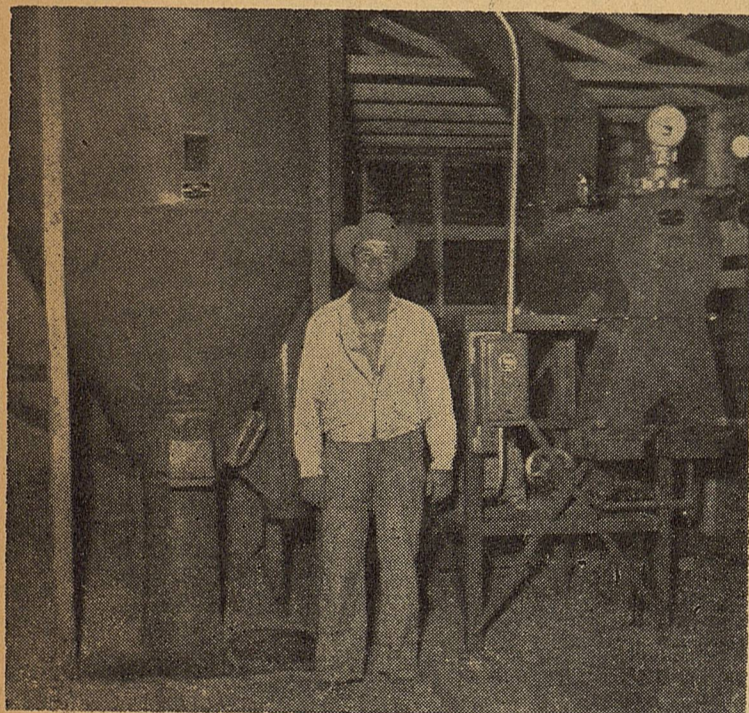
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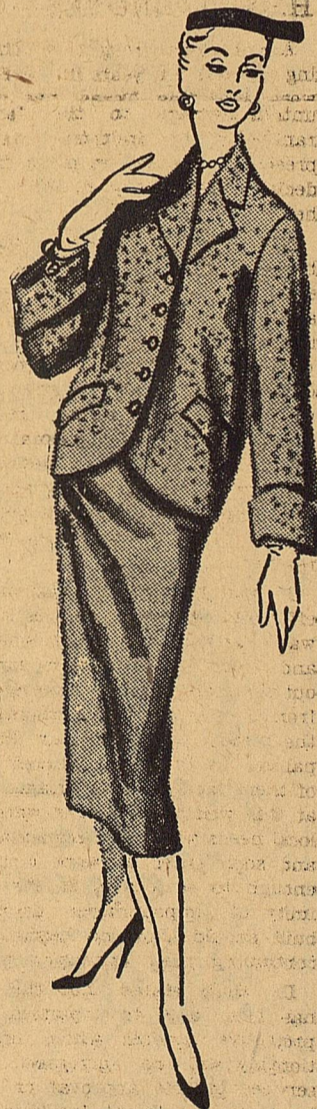


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Dear Santa,
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Dear Santa,
I want some fruit. I want a football. I want some candy. I want some boots. I want some guns.
Your friend,
Jimmy Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt loader and tractor with a dirt loader on it. Please give me a road grader with a truck. Would you please bring me a water paint set and some nuts and fruit too?
Your friend,
Eric Lovell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle. Please bring a football and a helmet too. Please bring me a football suit. Please bring me two Roy Rogers guns.
Your friend,
Freddie Ray



Austin—Highlighting the news in Austin is the resignation of U. S. District Attorney Charles Herring. He will return to private practice in Austin, when his resignation becomes effective, January 1.

Rumor is that he will be a candidate for Attorney General of Texas in 1956.

Russell Wine, San Antonio attorney, is in line for the district attorney's post. He has Republican National Committeeman Jack Porter's backing for the job.

State Building Program
Karl Kamrath, Houston architect and chairman of the state planning commission, says that state plans for new buildings in Austin will probably be delayed until the capitol city's new "Master Plan" is developed so that city and state plans may dovetail.

Kamrath was here to talk with the city's planning officials about the employment of a consulting engineer for preparation of the new master plan.

State voters recently approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the transfer of surplus money from the Confederate Pension Fund to a building fund for the erection of a new courts building and a new state office building.

Another Attempt
If you wear glasses you'll be interested in the latest move by the state optometry board.

Last year the Legislature refused to pass an optometry bill granting the board dictatorial powers over newspaper and other advertising. Legislators felt that the public's

interest came first, and that the board's bill would only serve to jack up the cost of glasses. As one legislator put it "They are out to make the people pay through the eyes."

Twice in the last 13 months the board has issued a "ruling"—and recalled it—outlawing newspaper advertising by optometrists, except for card ads. This order was in direct defiance of the state Legislature and in spite of Attorney General John Ben Shepperd's ruling that they had no such power.

Now the board has called for "public" hearings, January 3 at the statehouse, as a buildup for another such ruling.

Democratic Harmony
Maybe there is going to be a little more harmony in the Democratic Party. Governor Allan Shivers expressed that possibility in a press conference here.

He said that the trend of a party meeting in New Orleans seemed to indicate a feeling on the part of Democratic leaders to yield somewhat in their attitude toward southern conservatives.

"It should be looked on in that light," the Governor said.

Legislators at Work
Texas legislators, with a \$15 per day pay boost, will spend little time in getting back to work in January.

Committee appointments and election of a speaker of the House are expected to present no problems. Lieutenant Governor Ben Ramsey is planning to name the Senate Committees by January 11, when members convene.

Rep. Jim T. Lindsey of Texarkana is unopposed for speaker of the House and the first day's business will see him elected. He's also expected to have committee appointments ready early.

Under new regulations, legislators receive \$25 a day for the first 120 days, and nothing thereafter. Herebefore they were paid \$10 a day for the first 120 days and \$5 a day for regular session overtime. The new rule should speed up 1955 action.

Special sessions, under the new law, must end in 30 days, with \$25 a day applicable.

Highway Plans

A \$2.5 million highway program for Texas has been okayed by a special committee appointed at the request of Governor Shivers.

State Highway Commission chairman E. H. Thornton, Jr., who set up the committee said that the problem of financing the program would be submitted to the legislators in January.

Money and Water
Financial and drought problems will be the major matters facing the legislature next year.

State departments are clamoring for funds—a 441 million increase in appropriations. A majority of the lawmakers are expected to go along with Governor Shivers on the money problem.

Carter Provides Fund
Austin headquarters of the board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools know that there really is a Santa Claus.

A donation of \$5,000 has been received from the Amon Carter Foundation of Fort Worth. It is for a special Christmas fund to purchase gifts for patients and students

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ATWELL NEWS

By Mrs. Alton Tatom

Mrs. Florence Flynn of Beaumont, a sister of Frank Maher, spent last week with the Maher family. It was their first visit in 24 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neil Tatom and baby were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Hewes and Harvey Black were in Fort Worth last week on business.

Mrs. Ebb Rouse is working at the Snack Shop at Cross Plains while her mother is resting a little while.

Ernest Jones of Leuders spent last Thursday on his farm here.

Mrs. Clyde Lovelady left Saturday for Santa Anna, Calif., to be

at state hospitals and special schools. Amon Carter is publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

with her grandson, Mike Wilson, who is ill after an operation about six weeks ago. Mike's friends at Atwell wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Rouse and girls visited Mrs. Ila Rouse in Baird Sunday afternoon.

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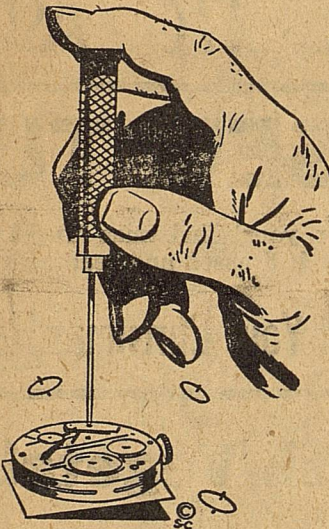
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You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 27 day of December, A. D. 1954, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd Judicial District Court of Callahan County, at the Court House in Baird, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of November, 1954. The file number of said suit being No. 10946.

The names of the parties in said suit are: C. B. Edgington as Plaintiff and Gates Oil Company, a corporation, Gates Oil Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same; Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a corporation, Pennant Oil and Gas Company, a defunct corporation, and the officers, directors, stockholders and agents of the same; and the unknown heirs of each and every one of said stockholders, as defendants.

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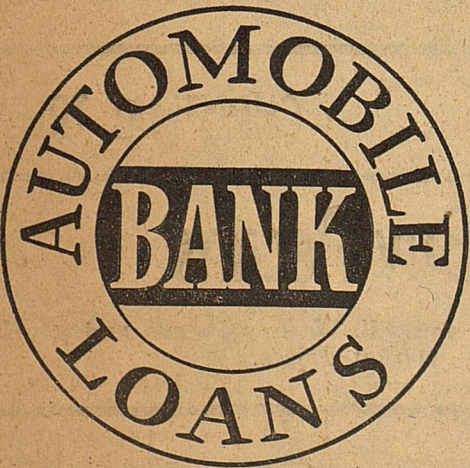
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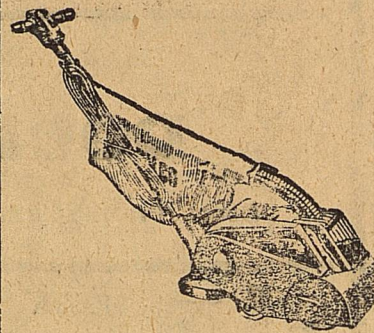
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Mrs. B. A. Moore left Monday for Portland to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ray Plumlee, and family. Mr. Plumlee visited here during the week end and Mrs. Moore accompanied him home.

Paul Marshall returned to his home in Lubbock Monday after spending two weeks here visiting his sister, Mrs. Alton Hornsby, and family.

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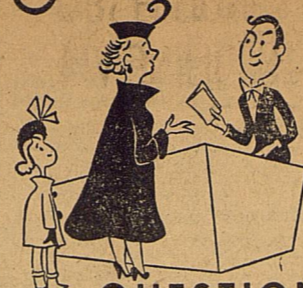
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(Ed. Note: This is another in a series of informational articles prepared by Raleigh R. Tuley, Jr., manager of the Abilene district office).

Almost all beneficiaries of monthly payments under the Social Security Act will find that 1955 starts a more liberal work deduction provision than was formerly possible. However, beneficiaries now receiving payment because their current employment or self-employment is not covered by the Social Security Act are cautioned to read the following paragraph very carefully. The new law increases the amount of covered earnings a beneficiary is entitled to have and still receive his monthly benefit check. The provision in the old law which restricted such earnings to \$76 a month in covered employment and to \$900 a year from self-employment has been changed.

Discrimination against the wage earner compared to the self-employed has been removed and all retired persons will have the earning exemption on an annual basis. All beneficiaries under 72 years of age may then have earnings up to \$1,200 in a year without loss of any benefits. This applies to all earnings of any kind, whether covered by Social Security or not. Only one month's benefit will be deducted for each additional \$80 earned. Benefits are payable regardless of annual earnings for any month in which the beneficiary neither has wages of over \$80 nor engaged in substantial self-employment. After reaching age 72, the beneficiary may earn any amount and still receive benefits, beginning in 1955.

Thurman Armstrong of Tyler visited with his mother, Mrs. W. P. Armstrong, and other relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baum are visiting their daughter, Mrs. R. C. Browning and family in Brownwood.

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Mrs. Ella Dillard

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Riley were visiting in Ballinger Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Tunnell and Mrs. Mark Adair attended the Art Exhibit in Brownwod Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bayley of Goldthwaite visited here Friday with their daughter, Mrs. Jack McCarty and family.

Richard Hinton is here from Mexico to visit his wife and children in the home of her mother, Mrs. Clara Westerman. Mrs. Hinton was released the past week from Medical Arts Hospital in Brownwood where she underwent major surgery.

Mack Holdridge was a visitor in Baird Monday.

Mrs. Oscar Koenig and Mrs. A. J. McQuin were Brownwood visitors Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bishop left Wednesday night of last week for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Beamon and family at Goldsboro, North Carolina.

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