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Southern States Fight School Segregation

Jackson, Miss. — Late returns gave 2-to-1 support Tuesday night to proposed constitutional amendment giving the legislature authority to abolish Mississippi public schools as a means of continuing segregation.

Returns from 1,067 of 1,825 precincts showed 74,572 for the amendment and 30,236 against.

Voter interest was light as they balloted on the amendment which was designed to keep segregated schools despite a United States Supreme Court decision outlawing school segregation.

The amendment, which provides public subsidies for private schools if the public system is abandoned, is similar to those approved already by Georgia and South Carolina.

Deep Test Makes Good Producer

Final gauge has been filed on Tide Water Associated and Seaboard Oil No. 1-D Campbell unit, John Maxmillian survey, second Smackover lime producer in the multipay New Hope field 11 miles southeast of Mt. Vernon. It rated 272.4 barrels of distillate per day through 14-64-inch choke along with 1,580,000 feet of gas. Tubing pressure was 1,883 pounds, and flow came from 11,998-12,356 feet. Third well now is being drilled.

In the Cornerville field some four miles north of Winnsboro, Humble Oil is to drill No. 1 W. D. Gibson as an 8,600-foot hole in the J. P. Moseley survey. Site is on a 76-42-acre lease and 1,332 feet southwest of No. 1 Winnsboro Fishing Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller of Garland, were guests Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller.

G. A. Gregg Dies At McKinney

Jack Winn's brother-in-law, G. A. Gregg, 60, passed away at Veteran's Hospital in McKinney Saturday after a long illness. Funeral service was held at the Kilgore Church of Christ Sunday with Robert Banks of the Kilgore Church in charge. The body was taken to Bluff Dale, where another service was held by Stanley Lovett of Dallas and burial made in Bluff Dale Cemetery.

Mr. Gregg, a veteran of World War I had been a resident of Kilgore for several years and an elder in the Kilgore Church of Christ for sixteen years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jessie Mae Gregg, and two sons, Bill Gregg of Farmington, N. M., and Horace Gregg of Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winn and Miss Jackie Winn and R. F. Parker attended the services.

Cotton Crop Short In Local Counties

Government report of cotton ginned in this area prior to Dec. 1 shows the following, along with figures for the same date the preceding year:

Lamar 16,845 and 27,798.
Red River 11,393 and 13,798.
Delta 12,408 and 24,354.
Hopkins 5,804 and 12,483.

Brother of Talco Lady is Killed

Mrs. J. L. Rollins received word Friday morning that her brother, O. B. Baxter, had been run over by a car and killed in Newport, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, accompanied by their niece, Miss Shirley Harris of Waco, and Mrs. B. F. Granberry of Texarkana, left Friday night to attend the funeral held on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Baxter is survived by his wife, three daughters and one son, his mother, Mrs. C. A. Baxter of Del Rio, Tenn., five sisters, Mrs. J. L. Rollins, Talco; Mrs. B. F. Granberry of Texarkana, Mrs. C. E. Leatherwood, Del Rio, Tenn.; Mrs. Paul Hicks, Whiteburg, Tenn.; Mrs. B. F. Ashley, Whitmore, S. C.; two brothers, Sam Baxter, Friendship, Tenn., and L. K. Baxter of Seabrook, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins and Miss Harris returned home Tuesday.

John D. Aldridge Buried Wednes.

Burial of John D. Aldridge, 82, of Kilgore, former Red River County resident was made Wednesday at Manchester. Rev. Hassell Johnson, Avery Baptist pastor, conducted graveside rites.

Mr. Aldridge, a retired farmer who lived in Red River County 60 years, died Monday in Gregg Memorial Hospital in Longview. He was born in Arkansas, August 31, 1871, and was a member of the Church of Christ. His late wife was formerly Miss Lodie Covington.

Survivors are these children: Clifton Aldridge, Manchester; Mrs. Walter Haskins, Kilgore; Mrs. Lillian Chapman, Mineral Wells, and Mrs. Mike Weaver, Clarksville; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Red River County Treasurer Dies

Newt Grigsby, 76, Red River County treasurer for eight years, died at his home Sunday after a long illness.

Funeral service was held at Jolley Funeral Home at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday with burial at Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Seth King of Clarksville and some nieces and nephews at Mt. Pleasant. His wife, the former Belle Owens, died in July of this year; his son-in-law, Seth King, died a week later.

Don Spruell of the U. S. Air Force, stationed in El Paso, and Mrs. Spruell of Freer, arrived Wednesday for a few days with Mr. Spruell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Spruell and his sister, Mrs. Lyndon Reed and children.

FOOD PRICES DECLINE

New York. — Wholesale food prices as measured by Dun & Bradstreet index declined this week to the same level as on Nov. 2.

The index registered \$6.74, down from \$6.83 a week ago.

The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan and baby of Pittsburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richeson, Saturday.

Walker Hutchings Burns To Death In Fire At His Home

Walker C. Hutchings, veteran of World War I and a lifetime resident of Mt. Pleasant, died at Mt. Pleasant Hospital Saturday morning of third degree burns that covered an estimated one-half of his body. He was a brother of E. G. Hutchings of Bogata.

Mt. Pleasant fire department was called to the Hutchings home on West First street at 4:50 a. m. Saturday to extinguish a blaze in a burning mattress, believed to have caught fire when Mr. Hutchings went to sleep while holding a lighted cigarette.

Mr. Hutchings was removed from the burning bed and rushed to the hospital where he died at 11:30 a. m.

Mr. Hutchings was 65 years of age and is survived by one sister, Miss Ludusky Hutchings, Mt. Pleasant, and one brother, E. G. Hutchings of Bogata.

Funeral services were held at Smith-Bates Chapel at 2:30 Sunday afternoon under direction of Rev. Chester Phillips, pastor of Tension Memorial Methodist Church and burial followed in Masonic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dr. R. L. Matkin, J. O. Milstead, G. B. Young, Floyd Thomas, Frank Barnard and T. D. Albright.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Bennett of Overton, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett. Mrs. Bennett's father, Rev. J. E. Mason of Homer, La., and her sister, Mrs. D. A. Alford and Mr. Alford of San Augustine, visited with them Sunday and Monday.

WILSON ANNOUNCES DRASTIC CUT IN FUTURE DRAFT CALLS

Washington.—The Defense Department announced Monday it will cut draft calls in half, beginning in February, and plans a gradual reduction of 403,000 men in the armed forces over the next 18 months.

Secretary Charles E. Wilson also announced at a news conference that the 1st Marine Division will be withdrawn from Korea in the near future and returned to the Pacific West Coast. It will be replaced in Korea by one of two Army divisions now stationed in Japan.

Wilson said that the February draft call, already announced to be 20,000, would be slashed to 10,000 or 11,000. He said that lowered draft quota would be maintained at least through next June.

Wilson said the total military strength of 3,218,000 at the end of last month (Nov. 30) will drop to 2,900,000, by next June 30.

This is a reduction 278,000 below the Nov. 30 strength and 100,000 less than the previously announced strength for the end of the 1955 fiscal year, next June 30.

The Secretary said a decision had been reached to cut military strength by an additional 130,000 by June, 1956.

Wilson said the determination to reduce the over-all strength of the regular forces had been made by President Eisenhower in recent weeks after consulting with all of his advisers.

Wilson said the contemplated manpower strength next June 30 will be: Army 1,100,000 men, Navy 665,000, Marine Corps 205,000, and the Air Force 970,000. Wilson said the Air Force would not be cut from previously announced levels.

The reduction program by June 30, 1956, will leave the Army with 1,006,000 men, the Navy 650,000, the Marine Corps 190,000 and the Air Force with 975,000, an increase.

Pewitt Takes Two Games From Bogata

Paul Pewitt beat Bogata twice in basketball Thursday night at Naples-Omaha.

The "B" game went to Pewitt, 57-7, then the Brahmas won the varsity game, 77-36.

Perry McMichael scored 26 point to pace Pewitt. High for Bogata was Ed McKinney with 13 points.

Winter Officially Began Wednesday

Winter was officially ushered in Wednesday, but casting an eye outside, one would think it was a nice fall day. The bright sunshine, and the temperature readings in the lower 60's made it ideal for the last minute shoppers.

The mercury ranged from a high of 69 on Tuesday and the low on Wednesday was 31 degrees.

Total precipitation here this year, 40.80 inches. Total precipitation to this date last year, 50.81 inches.



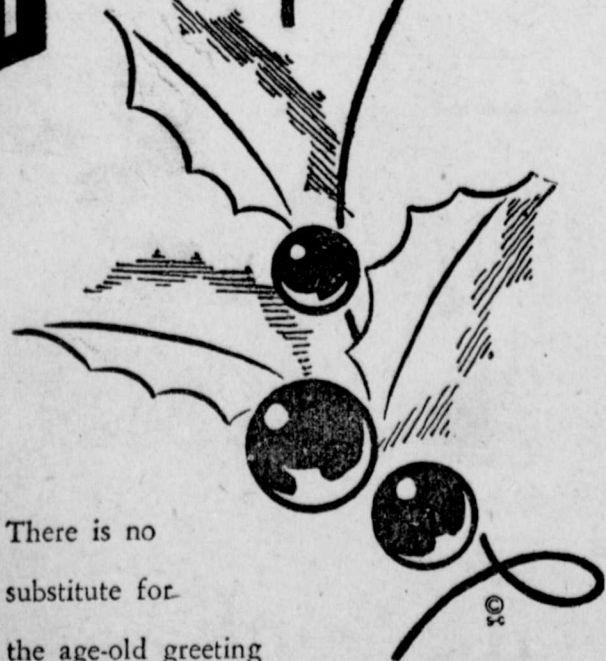
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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth..." — Luke II-14



Christmas comes as a reminder, to nations as well as to individuals, that the promise of peace on earth is coupled with good will toward men.

After May 17 You Began Working for Yourself to Earn a Living in 1954

By DICK WEST in the Dallas News

A release that on May 17 is the first day of 1954 on which you can call a dollar your own.

Since Jan. 1 you have been working for government—local, state and national. The average man pays 37c of every dollar in taxes. That means he has worked four and a half months—thru May 16—to support government.

May 17 has been designated National Tax Freedom Holiday. Several cities have parades and fireworks.

Dallas L. Hostetler, Florida trade association executive, originated the idea. He wanted some way to dramatize the cost. He proves, for instance, that you pay more in taxes than you do for food.

Entire income of all the people west of the Mississippi will not pay the current costs of the Federal Government.

Each individual's share of the total federal debt is \$1,700. That counts babies and grandmothers.

There are 47,000,000 families in the United States. Each family head's share of the federal debt is \$5,850.

There are 61,000,000 working people. Their per capita share of the debt is \$4,500.

Hundreds of hidden taxes go unnoticed. There are 154 taxes on a cake of soap, 210 on a gallon of gasoline, fifty-three on a loaf of bread.

Direct and hidden taxes on an automobile make up one third of its cost.

Your per capita share of the debt, \$1,700, is three times as

large as it was ten years ago. In 1920 the national tax freedom holiday could have been proclaimed on Feb. 20. By 1940 it would have been March 27. In 1951 it would have advanced to April 28. This year it is May 17.

It takes the Federal Government one second to spend all the federal taxes paid by a man, with a wife and two children, earning \$12,000 a year.

There's a better way to dramatize how high taxes are and how much the Federal Government costs. (By the way, in 1900 your federal tax bill average \$3.88 a year; this year, \$472.)

If the withholding tax were abolished, the staggering cost would be dramatized quickly.

Right now the wage earner has his income tax extracted "painlessly." But if he had to cough up \$472 in cash every March 15, there would be a national drama. The more-government—which means more taxes—boys would march on Washington and demand cutting costs.

But the government will always be big as long as it can count on so many billions a year in advance, extracting from earnings before the earner ever sees it.

The withholding tax was a smart idea. It collects, all right. And how. It is the installment plan applied to paying for government.

The installment plan expanded American business. It has also expanded American government.

First bathtub in the U. S. was installed in 1842 by Adam Thompson in Cincinnati.

MORE RED RIVER COUNTY FARM CONSERVATION PLANS APPROVED

The board of supervisors of the Red River County Soil Conservation District in a recent meeting, approved eleven more farmer-district agreements or conservation plans. These eleven plans covered 1,436 acres. This makes a total of 195 conservation plans approved by the board this year on 34,181 acres.

James D. Jones, secretary of the board, said at this meeting that the equipment custodians report considerable use of the district owned equipment. The custodians turned in \$774.60 rental on the use of the equipment for the month of November. With custodian fees for looking after the equipment and repairs to the machinery coming to \$350.94 for November, the net operating profit for the district during the month was \$423.66. The board expressed an opinion that they left the equipment owned by the district, and bought with money appropriated by the state for equipment, was helping get more conservation practices established.

They further stated that landowners using the equipment should realize that the machinery belongs to all the people of the district, and that it does not belong to the state or federal government. The custodians are only looking after the equipment and renting it for a nominal charge set by the supervisors. Landowners renting the equipment want it in good shape when they get it but a few have been accused of abusing the machines by improperly using them, breaking pieces and by not keeping the machines greased.

The board of supervisors has stated that as long as the equipment is properly used and continues to make enough profit to cover its depreciation then the district will keep it in operation. If it is misused and the profits are not sufficient to cover depreciation then they will recommend the equipment be sold. Landowners having a need for the machinery should use it wisely so they might keep it in the district.

As a further warning the board states that many of the soil conservation districts have already gotten rid of the equipment because it was not used properly and failed to show a reasonable profit.

The establishment of conservation practices, especially field terraces and farm ponds, continues as fair weather favored their establishment. On terrace construction the following landowners have completed terraces on their farms: Taylor McCoy, Dick Scott, Claude Lewis and Jack Franklin.

Farm ponds for additional livestock water have recently been completed on the G. C. Shoemaker, Dewey Trimm, C. D. Lennox, Jr., Bruton Williams and Moody Hale farms. Additional farm ponds have been staked for construction on the Clyde Mitchell, Earl Legate, Chapman and Jim Hoffman farms.

Many of the farm ponds were constructed to provide stockwater in new pastures created by cross fencing. This provides better utilization of the grazing produced by rotation grazing.

Will Tucker, Rosalie dairyman, stated recently that he obtained a big increase in total forage produced on his farm this year as a result of his cross fencing and grazing rotation this year. Thru the operation of his grazing plan he allowed at least a month between grazing periods during the year. By confining the cattle to smaller areas for a controlled period the cattle ate down all the plants, the less desirable ones along with the choice forage. The rest period allowed the plants to recover and regain their maximum vigor, thereby producing more total forage than would have been possible if the choice plants on the entire acreage had been grazed continuously during the entire grazing season.

Cross fencing and rotation grazing is also a practical management plan that should be used in utilizing the winter pasture crops. Continuous heavy grazing will seriously reduce the total forage produced from the crops.

Take It Easy, But Don't Immobilize

Detroit.—If your doctor advised you to "take it easy," don't immobilize yourself completely. It could be dangerous to your health.

That's the warning of Dr. Milton R. Weed, associate editor of the Detroit Medical News.

"Rest is effective medicine in some infectious and inflammatory diseases, but overdosage of rest is toxic and may be lethal," he said in an article in the magazine.

"Furthermore, prolonged rest is habit forming." Even though it is not included under the Harrison Act (federal narcotics law) it should be prescribed only when indicated and with the same exactness used in prescribing other potent and dangerous medicines."

Dr. Weed cited an experiment conducted a few years ago by a group of medical researchers who immobilized four healthy young men for periods of six to seven weeks.

Numerous undesirable physiological changes took place in the patients, Dr. Weed said. These included a decline in total blood volume, a deterioration of mechanisms for maintaining adequate circulation while standing erect and regressive personality changes. The doctor concluded: "It is as illogical to advise inactivity without good reason as it is to prescribe penicillin for every infection."

SET DOWN, DOC

"Have you been to any doctor before you came to see me?" asked the grouchy doctor.

"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."

"That shows how much sense some people have!" growled the doctor. "And what sort of idiotic advice did he give you?"

"He told me to come and see you."

Barbara Norwood To Wed Charles Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norwood of Cunningham, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Charles Smith of Dallas. The wedding will take place Dec. 31 at Dallas.

BREAKFAST \$175.00 NOT COUNTING TIP

Nevada City.—John Huse reported Wednesday he cooked himself a \$175 breakfast Tuesday.

Mrs. Huse had cached the night's receipts from their tavern in the wood stove in the kitchen for safe keeping. But she forgot to tell her early-rising husband about it.

When he stoked up a good blaze for breakfast, their profits went up in smoke.

The speeder who drives his car at 85 miles an hour seldom realizes until it is too late that time is not the only thing he is going to kill.

Santa Won't Forget

You can take our word for it—old Saint Nick won't forget such good people as you. Somehow we just know that you are going to enjoy a happy Christmas and we are glad. We sincerely hope that everything you desire may come true and that the New Year will be one of real happiness for you.

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Black Timber Wolf Trapped At Saltillo

Sulphur Springs.—A black timber wolf was killed Thursday by Louis Charlton, official trapper, on the Mullineaux Ranch north of Saltillo. Charlton classified black wolves as freaks of nature.

Caught in a steel trap, the black wolf was one of 17 other wolves killed this month in Hopkins County by Charlton, who said this was about a normal kill for the county this time of year.

Charlton asserted that he had seen but two black wolves in all his years of trapping. The one caught Thursday near Saltillo weighed about 35 pounds Charlton said.

A black coyote got caught in a Charlton trap several years ago, the trapper reported.

Depredations of wolves against Hopkins County livestock is less serious than it has been in a number of years, Charlton said.

TV QUIPS

Tennessee Ernie mourns. "It's a woman's world. When a man marries people say, 'What a beautiful bride.' When a child is born they ask 'How is the mother?' and when a man dies they ask 'How much did he leave her?'"

WHY HE DIDN'T WANT A JOB

A couple of knights of the open road were hashing over life's problems in between freight trains. "You know, Duke," one of them said sadly, "this business of tramping over the world isn't what it's cracked up to be. Think it over. Nights on park benches or in cold barns. Hopping freights and dodging policemen. Scrounging meals, kicked from one town to another, unwanted, sneered at..." His voice trailed off as he sighed heavily.

"Well," said Duke, "if you feel that way, why don't you get yourself a job?"

The first hobo sat up with a start. "What?" he scowled. "And admit I'm a failure?"

LINCOLN A NICE MAN AFTER 100 YEARS

One thing I've noticed about politics is that no man is as bad as the opposition says he is and no man is as good as his friends claim he is. Abe Lincoln had to be dead nearly a hundred years before people decided he was a pretty nice sort of fellow—Thomasville Times.

A train's whistle sounds higher as it approaches because more vibrations per second reach the ear-drum.

Merry Christmas



Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship, when worries are left behind and the future looks more cheerful than ever before.

This institution plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours. So we say again

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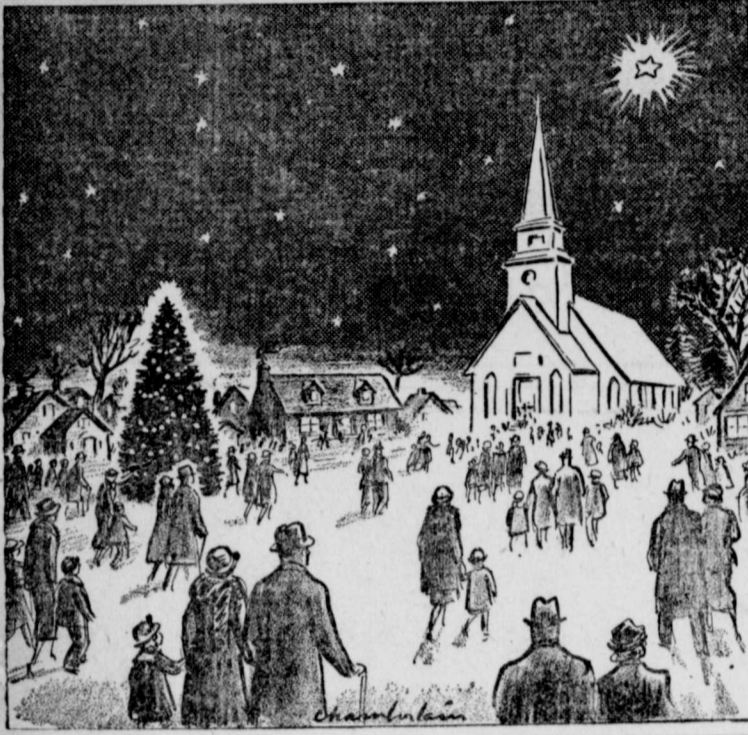
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'SILENT NIGHT...'



Ranch Property In Red River, Lamar Sold

Sale of nearly 3,000 acres of ranch property in three tracts, to R. B. Stovall of Dallas, is reported, the land being in Lamar and Red River counties.

C. G. Moore, Paris paint contractor, says he received \$64,000 for 1,080 acres of land, with its equipment and cattle, between Woodland and Manchester in northwestern Red River County. He says the new owner is using bulldozers to clear pasture areas, preparatory to a general development program there.

M. D. Misso, Paris building contractor, is selling 705 acres on the Golf Club road, northeast of Paris, to the Stovall interests, while three Dallas owners are reported to be transferring 1,150 acres in Pinhook community to the same concern.

The Stovall Company of Dallas is a large contracting business for earth-moving, road construction and similar work.

INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT

The estimated \$6.9 billion to be paid in fiscal 1955 for Federal debt interest exceeds, \$2½ billion all 1955 Federal spending for veterans; by \$4½ billion the estimated net spending for agriculture; and is greater than all next year fiscal year spending estimates for international affairs, transportation and communications, welfare, natural resources, labor, education and research, and finance, commerce, and industry, combined!

NOTE: It figures out \$43.12 for every man woman and child in the U. S. For a family of four it means an annual expenditure of \$172.49.

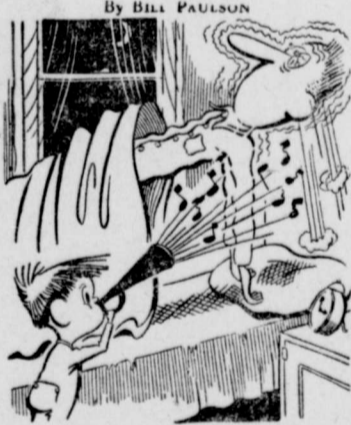
Emersons Entertain Deer Hunting Pals

Mr. and Mrs. Dood Emerson of Sulphur Springs, entertained on Saturday evening with a barbecued venison dinner, honoring members of his deer hunting party and their wives and other friends.

It was a most delicious meal, following which, motion pictures in color of the recent trip the party made to Utah were shown. Emerson is a good photographer with a motion picture camera, as well as an able deer hunter.

It was a most enjoyable affair with good food, fellowship and good pictures. The editor and Mrs. Holloway were invited guests.

My Neighbors



"Look what Santa brought me for Christmas, Daddy!"

SPIRIT OF GIVING

At a West Texas colleges last Christmas, a young professor who had given unstintly of his time to his students found, to the surprise of many of his more experienced fellow teachers, that his students were highly appreciative of his attitude toward them. For like the magi on the first Christmas, they brought gifts to help them express their innermost feelings.

There were fine gifts—pigskin gloves, gold cuff links, a silver belt buckle—expensive presents that delighted the recipient and made him smile broadly. Yet the fine gifts were not what he spoke about in the days that followed.

The gift that apparently meant most to him was one presented by a lame boy who remained until the other students had left the classroom. It was only a sheet of paper in a blank envelope, not decorated by even one Christmas seal.

On that sheet of paper the lame boy had written a message lamenting his financial stress which had made it impossible for him to join his classmates in the shower of gifts. So, instead, he offered a poem of tribute to the teacher.

The poem had little literary worth. Its meter limped; its rhyme was strained. But its spirit never lagged. What it lacked in ribbons of rhetoric was not missed because of the sparkle of its satiny sincerity. The boy, in his material poverty, had found spiritual opulence.

In his gift of the poem, which was a part of himself, he gave in the true spirit of Christmas. The professor will have the poem long after the gloves are worn out, one of the cuff links is lost, and the silver buckle is tarnished. It's not the gift, but the spirit of the giving.—Ex.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR!

"If you feed rat poison to hens and it doesn't kill them," said the woman to her county agent, "will their eggs be poisonous to humans?"

"That's a good question," the agent opined. "Frankly, I don't know—but what makes you ask?"

"Well, it's this way—my neighbor's hens keep getting into my garden, so I fed them rat poison. It didn't kill them, and I'm worried whether the eggs would be poisonous, because I buy my eggs from this same neighbor."

A little bit of scandal whispered into a microphone may be heard around the world.

THE BEST TEACHER

A Kentucky resident we've heard about was recently feted for having reached his 100th birthday. One friend approached him and said, "Uncle Alvin, how does it happen that you're so wise?"

"Because I've got good judgment," the old fellow replied. "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience—well, that comes from poor judgment."

VALUABLE EDUCATION

Friend: "Has your son's education proved of any real value?" Father: "Yes, indeed. It has entirely cured his mother of bragging about him."

U. S. Cham. Com. Predicts Business Gain for 1955

Washington.—The nation's production next year should run 2 to 5 per cent ahead of 1954 but nevertheless joblessness may increase, the United States Chamber of Commerce forecast.

If the gain is 5 per cent, total output of goods and services will break the all-time record of 365 billion dollars spent in 1953. If 2 per cent, it will fall a little short of the peak.

The Chambers' judgment was based on a conference of heads of 13 of its affiliated industry associations, plus an appraisal by the Chamber's chief economist, Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt.

But Dr. Schmidt told reporters the production gains in prospect would be insufficient to prevent some increase in unemployment next year due to population gains and rising output per worker.

That aspect of the coming year, he said, presents "a challenge to all of us"—industry and labor as well as government—to "pursue policies which will stimulate the investment of venture capital."

On May 24, 1830, the first train drawn by a steam engine rolled down 12 miles of track on the B. & O.

Often wondered where mothers learned those things they tell their daughters not to do.

Christmas Wishes

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Tribute to Those Who Made This Newspaper

Well, folks, here is the Christmas edition of this newspaper again on the eve of the Lord's natal day. Most people have been very co-operative in buying enough advertising to justify a larger newspaper, and we hope you like it.

Advertisers have made it possible. They are saying Merry Christmas and expressing thanks and good wishes to the many readers of this newspaper. But some of the credit also goes to our faithful employees and reporters. They came thru in grand fashion.

Our printers have been on the job early and late and have done a Herculean task the past six days. We all join in saying—Merry Christmas, Everybody!

PERFECT SQUELCH

"Good afternoon, Mr. Barrymore," said a notorious snob to the late famous actor, John Barrymore. "You are positively the only person I've met today worth stopping to speak to." "Really," said Barrymore. "Then you're much more fortunate than I am."

LITTLE GIRL'S FUTURE

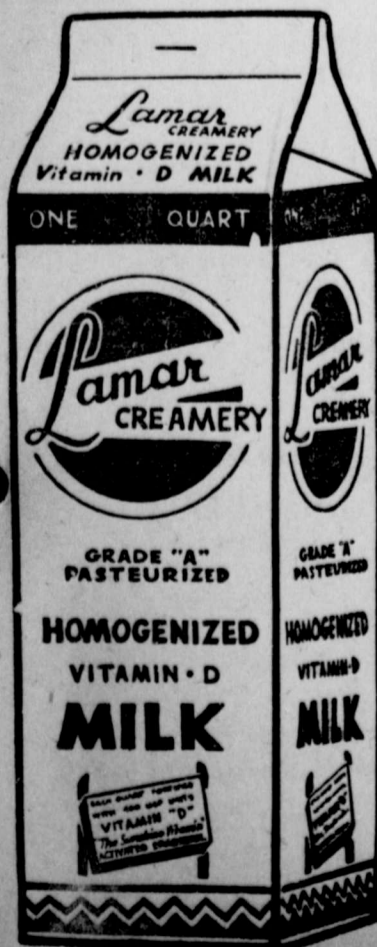
While the mother smiled knowingly, the visitor asked the little girl: "And what, my dear, do you think you will do when you get as big as your mother?" Said the little girl: "Diet."

Martha Washington, wife of President George Washington was previously married to Daniel Parke Curtis.

THE OLD TIMER



"Another reason why there's always room at the top is that a lot of people who get up there go to sleep and fall off!"



Dr. Jack A. King Moves to Bonham

Dr. Jack A. King and family have moved from Deport to Bonham, where he will be connected with a Veterans Hospital in that city and will practice medicine and surgery.

Dr. King came to Deport, following the death of Dr. Stephen H. Grant, and up until a few months ago, operated the Grant Hospital and practiced medicine and surgery.

Operation of the hospital was not a financial success and Dr. King made the change to Bonham. Deport people regret losing the King family. Deport Chamber of Commerce officials are now seeking a doctor to reopen the hospital and practice medicine and surgery at Deport.

Wood-Spencer Rites Are Set for Feb. 12

Engagement of Miss Mary Patricia Wood of Clarksville, formerly of Bogata, to George Gordon Spencer of Fort Worth was announced by her mother, Mrs. Virgil L. Wood, at a "brunch" party, Sunday at her home. The wedding will take place Feb. 12 in McKenzie Memorial Church in Clarksville.

Sixteen guests attended the announcement party at the Wood home, where holiday red and gold were used in decorating. The table centerpiece was a felt Christmas tree, trimmed with wedding rings and bells.

Miss Wood, daughter of Mrs. Wood and the late Virgil L. Wood, is a senior at North Texas State College, Denton, where she is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Green Jackets.

Mr. Spencer, son of Mrs. J. E. Spencer and the late Mr. Spencer of Clarksville, is a graduate of Texas Technological College, where he was a member of the Centaur social club and Delta Sigma Pi, business fraternity.

Madame Tussaud's in London contains wax effigies of most world personalities.



May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success as a reward for your every effort. You have been very considerate.

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Stalin's 'Blunder'

Stalin committed a bad blunder with the Korea war, Yuri Rastvorov, Red agent in Tokyo who came over to our side, reveals. Stalin was told South Korea could be had for the asking. But America intervened. The result was strained relations between Russia and Red China.

Maybe so. But our mistake in not winning the Korean war, after entering it, was an even worse blunder which pulled Stalin's blunder out of the fire.

The ex-Red hints at that, too. "China was not prepared for a long war... some of us wondered why the United States did not push the Korean war to a victorious conclusion. Had it done so, I believe Stalin would have relinquished the entire peninsula without further Soviet intervention."

But Mr. Truman fired Douglas MacArthur for wanting to do what the Russians feared we would do. General Stratemeyer says we were ordered "not to win." So our casualties stand at 125,000, Red China is stronger than ever, we have lost part of Southeast Asia and Stalin's blunder cost him not a drop of blood.

MacArthur warned that, too. But the State Department, which didn't have to do the fighting, dictated the method of fighting. It is interesting that what a Red on the inside says now coincides with what MacArthur said then. —Dallas News.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

BURT LOCKHART
in Pittsburg Gazette

It's a good salesman who can cinch a sale by talking dollars and sense.

Pretty soon the door of everybody's heart will be wide open for the Christmas spirit.

Whenever a law is passed with teeth in it, somebody comes along and tries to pull the teeth.

The true significance of Christmas is often lost in the maddening rush of commercialism.

If you think the world owes you a living, you may consider yourself lucky if you collect the interest.

Old timers still contend that no Christmas was complete in their younger days without sleighbells.

Every time a sucker is born (and that is every minute) a crook is waiting for him just around the corner.

A Pittsburg housewife says if only her husband was an oil man she'd write Santa Claus to bring her a gold Cadillac.

Someone has observed that in the old days when a boy started sowing wild oats, father started the thrashing machine.

It takes a strong will and a still stronger pocketbook to resist the temptations of shining new cars and dazzling show windows.

Stockings are no smaller for Christmas hanging than they were forty years ago. Our wants are simply too big for our stockings.

A lady reader says that while her husband generally gives her credit for his success, he is careful to keep the cash in his own name.

Unless there is a radical change in human nature people who stand in line at the pearly gate waiting to get something for nothing, are going to be badly disappointed.

If you are determined to buy yourself a good time, be sensible

CUNNINGHAM

By MRS. CLETUS COOPER

Mrs. Hugh Landrum and baby and Mrs. Howard Watson and son, Roger Dean of Hooks, visited Mrs. Hay Landrum, Wednesday.

A house belonging to Mrs. Edd Clemet was destroyed by fire Thursday about 4:30 a. m. The household goods of two young couples were destroyed, Mr. and Mrs. James Cruse and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Slaton. Another sister, Mrs. Gordon Sharpe, had some things stored there. Only a little bedding was saved. A coal oil stove explosion was the cause. This makes four houses to burn here in six months. The community expresses sympathy to the owners.

Mrs. Eual Deshong has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Larry Bell and family at Hugo, Ok.

Mrs. Bill Perry and daughters left Dec. 17 for their home in New York. They have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith for several weeks. Her husband is stationed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Wvatt and daughter were guests of his father, E. S. Wyatt and Mrs. Wyatt at Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slusher went to Fulbright to a family Christmas dinner Sunday. This is an annual affair in the home of one of the family.

A large crowd attended the Christmas supper of the WHD club members and their families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Musgrove. All reported a very nice time.

Mrs. R. L. Denison reported that her son, Bobby Denison, was scheduled to arrive home Wednesday for 15 days and then return to camp for 25 days before receiving his discharge.

Word has been received here that William Cooper and Billie Lee Holbert will leave Jan. 3 for overseas duty. Their wives, in California, will return here. The boys are expecting to be gone six months.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clinton and boys of Wolfe City, were visitors Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Taylor.

Sunday was Rev. V. L. Harris' last appointment here at the Baptist Church. Dinner was served at the church and a Christmas tree held Sunday night. All present had a very nice time. The pastor and family returned to Ft. Worth Sunday night after service here. He will have full time at the church at Atlas next year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Weaver of Paris visited in the home of Weldon Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith and Jenita went to Clarksville to sing Sunday afternoon. They reported good singing.

A large crowd enjoyed the beautiful Christmas candlelight service Monday night directed by Harold Bell. Fred Allen Jr. of Commerce and Mrs. Nolen Bewley, former students, were on the program, also Nancy Cox, who now lives at Daingerfield.

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen Monday night were these children, Fred of Commerce and Mrs. Nolen Bewley of

and buy the inexpensive kind—the kind that leaves you with a clear head, clear conscience and an unsoiled reputation.

JOHNTOWN

By MRS. G. A. VAUGHAN

Mrs. Jim Pirtle and daughter, Miss Fredrika, were business visitors in Bogata Monday.

Eleanor Vaughan and Betty Corsey attended the football banquet at Bogata Friday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock and two boys of Talco, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Foster.

Drue Pirtle, student of ETSTC, Commerce, at home for the Christmas holidays, is employed as clerk in the W. A. Cotten grocery this week.

The Guy P. Walker family have recently installed a new television set.

Frank M. Pew and G. A. Vaughan were business visitors in Bogata Monday.

Visitors of Mrs. W. J. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Pew over the week end included Bobby Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Dryden and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hawkins and children, all of Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pirtle and children of Longview, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Lila Pirtle and her father, R. L. Smith.

Mrs. Lila Pirtle is reported ill at her home.

Mrs. Tom Pirtle is reported ill at her home, suffering from cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Mayfield of Mt. Pleasant, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mayfield, Sunday.

Miss Geraldine Barnard and Jackie Watson were united in marriage Wednesday night at the Methodist church, Louis Clark officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Barnard, attended grade school here, and Talco and Bogata High School and is a senior this term.

Jackie is the son of Clifford Watson, attended grade school here and Bogata High School two years. He is now employed in Dallas, where they will make their home.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock and two boys and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pope of Talco, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cecil and son of Greenville, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pirtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kennedy and sons of Cunningham, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pirtle and Fredrika.

Mr. and Mrs. Cisero Rhodes from Washington, passed through here enroute to a new home in Oklahoma and visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family.

Dean Rhodes visited his sister, Mrs. Joe Norris Woodall and family at Daingerfield over the week end.

Mmes. Tom Pirtle and W. S. Pirtle shopped in Paris Monday.

Word has been received here of the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hubbard of Dallas, the Methodist pastor of the Minter circuit. All are reported fine.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness and the beautiful floral offerings extended during the loss of our loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ryan and Family.

WILKINSON

By MARCIA BLALOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock and daughters were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blalock and children of Hooks, last week end.

Miss Marcia Blalock visited last week with Miss Darlene Blalock at Princeton, La.

R. P. Moles has returned home after an illness in a Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Albert and Charles Riddle of Dallas, were visitors of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock, Monday and Tuesday.

Hollis Blalock and daughter, Miss Darlene Blalock of Princeton, La., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock.

Mrs. A. T. Blalock accompanied her grandsons, Albert and Charles Riddle of Dallas, to visit Mrs. Charlie Blalock and Charlie Paul at Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Remus Burgin of Talco, were Sunday guests of the A. T. Blalocks.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spruill of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Don Spruill of Ft. Bliss, Mrs. T. G. Temples Jr. of Nacogdoches, Mrs. Eugene Blalock and Mr. and Mrs. Vick Capehart of Talco.

Mrs. A. T. Blalock visited Mrs. Effie Smith, who is ill in a Mt. Pleasant hospital, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Brownlee and son and Mrs. Cecil Shipp Jr. and son of Mt. Pleasant, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris, last week end.

Mrs. C. B. Harris visited her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Shipp Jr. and son of Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wilson and daughter of Argo, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones, Saturday.

Mrs. Virgil Wilson of Argo, visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wilson at Argo, Monday.

Danny Dean Brownlee of Mt. Pleasant, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris, last week end.

Kenneth Logan of Pennsylvania, is spending a 15 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan Sr.

Mrs. Charlie Blalock and Charlie Paul of Mt. Pleasant, visited in this community, Thursday.

CURIOSITY

Mother: "Don't ask too many questions, Betty. Curiosity killed the cat."

Betty: "What did the cat want to know?"

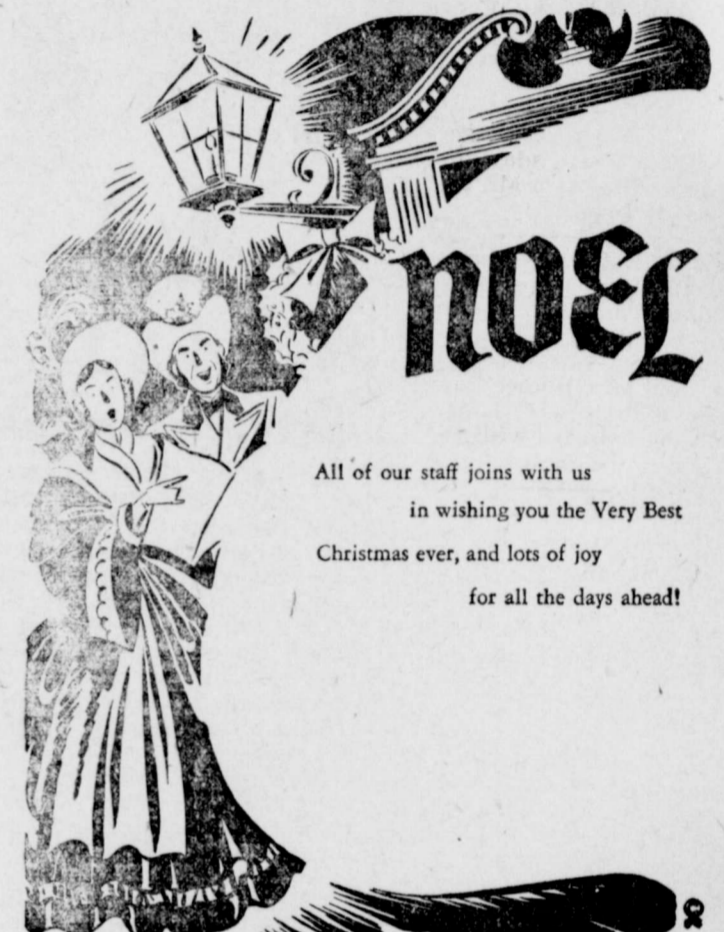
The New York Daily Graphic was the first illustrated daily newspaper.

The English crown jewels can be seen in the Jewel House at the Tower of London.



Season's Greetings

SALLIE GAGE



All of our staff joins with us in wishing you the Very Best Christmas ever, and lots of joy for all the days ahead!

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May we convey our sincerest hopes that you, our friends, will enjoy a most happy, cheerful Holiday!

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LOCAL NEWS

By MRS. O. B. HOPWOOD
DIAL DR 9-3855

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord of Lorenzo, visited Mrs. Sally Gage Friday of last week.

Mrs. C. E. Parr orders The Talco Times sent to Mrs. J. B. Harper as a Christmas gift.

Mrs. Zela Neugent underwent surgery in a Mt. Pleasant hospital Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper and small son have returned from a week with relatives in Houston.

Barbara Watson of Talco, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davidson in Deport this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson will spend Saturday, Christmas day, with Mrs. Johnson's mother in Wright City, Ok.

C. W. Hawkins, Roger and Nancy left Wednesday to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in Texas City.

Mrs. E. Luttrell returned home Monday after attending her daughter, Mrs. Bob Ritchie in Paris for three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Baten and three children left Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives in Minden and Shreveport, La.

Miss Beulah Smith left Sunday morning for Abilene to attend the funeral of her brother, Early Smith, who died Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones were in Dallas and Ft. Worth over the week end visiting their sons, Billie Gene and John Paul and their wives.

Mrs. Wm. Spengler and three children of Houston, arrived on Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edge and Timothy left Monday for a few days visit with Mrs. Edge's father in Greenville, Ala. The elder Mr. Edge is ill.

Billy Munn of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Corpus Christi, arrived Saturday for two weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Munn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Perry and three children of Ontario, Calif., arrived Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Matlock.

Mrs. O. K. Wills of Kilgore, and Mrs. John W. Adams of Kilgore, visited Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawthorne, Monday and Tuesday.

Sgt. Bill Winkle will be here with his family at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawthorne until Jan. 6 when he will report for overseas duty.

Mrs. Bessie Ann Brown who underwent a major operation in a Mt. Pleasant hospital two weeks ago, expected to be able to return home the latter part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Ruller and three children of Wichita Falls, are here for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Haynes.

Miss Imogene Rodgers, senior student of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, is spending her two weeks vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rodgers, James and Carolyn.

Mrs. A. V. Flanagan, Connie and Ronnie Holloway and Mrs. Alford Flanagan and children visited Mrs. Flanagan's daughter, Mrs. James Shields and family in Wichita Falls the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens and two children of Louisiana, are here attending her mother, Mrs. Zela Neugent, in a Mt. Pleasant hospital and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stevens.

R. J. Rosson showed the boys something about winter fishing on Thursday of last week when he pulled in a 7 pound, 1 ounce Black Bass at Humble lake. He was casting with a Gypsy King spoon.

Mrs. Eva Jones's daughter, Mrs. E. M. Sloan of Mooringsport, La., came Saturday to visit her and Mrs. M. E. Jones for the week end. Mrs. Eva Jones accompanied her home for the holidays.

Mrs. Sallie Gage orders The Talco Times sent to Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Secord of Lorenzo for a Christmas present. They were here last Friday visiting friends. Rev. Secord is a former Talco pastor.

Mrs. Ken Williams and Miss Marie Reed visited Mrs. Williams' parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Williams and Miss Reed's cousin, Mrs. Clyde Thompson and family in Sulphur Springs.

Bobby Garner came Tuesday night by ambulance and took his father, J. W. Garner to El Dorado, Ark., for further treatment. He had been ill three weeks. Mrs. Garner and Joan also went to El Dorado.

Ray Kelley of the U. S. Air Force, stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., with Mrs. Kelley arrived Sunday for two weeks vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Lank Easterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Williams and Sharron, Mrs. Nora Williams and Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Primm went to Laird Hill Monday to attend the family Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams.

Mrs. Nora Williams and Wanda, Mrs. Roy Primm, Mrs. E. O. Frye and Annette Lewis spent Friday night and Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and

Mrs. M. Blackburn Buried Tuesday

Mrs. M. Blackburn, 95, a widow, died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harold C. Secrest in Paris.

The funeral, Tuesday was held by the Rev. W. B. Sullens and the Rev. Kirk M. Beard, Methodist pastors, and grandsons were pallbearers. Burial was in Union Grove Cemetery near Reno.

The former Miss Samantha Upchurch, Mrs. Blackburn was born in Tennessee, Feb. 13, 1859. Her husband died in 1943.

Children surviving besides Mrs. Secrest are John W. Blackburn and Clarence Blackburn, Reno; Claud Blackburn, Paris, and Mrs. Maude Hendrix, Chillicothe; 19 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; a brother and a sister, P. G. Upchurch and Mrs. J. W. Bybee, Paris, and these half-sisters: Mrs. Dora Jones, Corsicana; Mrs. Lucy Martin, Temple; Mrs. Etta McDowell, Amarillo, and Mrs. Josie Moore, Shreveport, La.

ON PURPOSE

Insurance Man: "Did you ever meet with an accident?" Farmer: "Well, no. A mule kicked in two of my ribs once, and a rattlesnake bit me on the leg a couple of years ago."

Insurance Man: "Great Scott! Don't you consider those accidents?" Farmer: "Oh, no. They did it on purpose."

NO TIME

The Irishman was relating his adventures in the jungle. "Am-munition, food and whiskey had run out," he said, "and we were all parched with thirst." "But wasn't there any water?" "Sure, but it was no time to be thinking of cleanliness."

children in Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Coye Blensgame and children in Tennessee Colony.

The calendar called the turn Wednesday and said winter began with the shortest day of the year. The weather man had different ideas and produced as fine fall day as one would want to see, even the freezing temperature prevailed at daylight. If he keeps this up thru Saturday we certainly will not have a White Christmas.

Jas. Hilton Dies Long Beach Home

Long Beach, Cal.—James Hilton, the quiet, shy creator of "Mr. Chips" and the heaven-on-earth known as Shangri-La, is dead at the age of 54.

The British-born author succumbed late Monday night to liver cancer which hospitalized him a month ago. At the time he was stricken he was working on another novel which he hoped would take its place with his best sellers, "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," "Lost Horizon" and "Random Harvest."

For the last 10 years he lived quietly in a beachfront home, devoting most of his time to writing and gardening. Shangri-La was the author's personal contribution to the English language. It was the name of the valley of beauty and eternal youth, deep in Tibet, that made such memorable imprint both in the novel and in the film. The synonym for Utopia later was used to name an aircraft carrier.

Fire Burns Barn, Implements On L. R. Lawler Place

A 30x40 ft. tractor and implement barn and contents, belonging to Lee Lawler and located on the old J. I. Lawler home place three miles south of Deport were destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Origin of the fire is unknown.

The sheet-iron structure, along with a tractor, two poisoning machines, two tons of cotton seed, a ton of fertilizer, and other farming tools stored in the building burned. The loss was estimated at \$4,000, and was partly covered by insurance.

Dan Barnard, Bobby and E. J. Nichols, returning home from Paris, saw the blaze and after going to the scene, returned to town and notified Mr. Lawler of the fire.

Army Day is observed on April 6th, the date the United States entered World War I, in 1917.

Four Auto Deaths In Lamar 1954

Lamar County officers are keeping their fingers crossed these holidays. Four persons have died in county traffic crashes during 1954.

Last county traffic fatality occurred Aug. 19 when a former Blossom man Bobby Leon Stephens, was killed near Petty.

Two persons died in a crash on Highway 24 south of Paris, March 21. One was Lonnie Preston, 28, of Dallas and the other was Wanda Joyce Preston, 9, of Howland.

The other traffic victim was Elmer Chambless, who was killed when his auto struck a tree near Faulkner.

APPOINTMENT KEPT

The big business man had died and gone to—well, not heaven. Hardly had he settled down for a nice long smoke when a hearty hand slapped him on the back and into his ear boomed the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him so much on earth.

"Well, Mr. Smith," chortled the salesman, "I'm here for the appointment."

"What appointment?" "Don't you remember? Every time I entered your office on earth you told me you would see me here."



"You said we ought to buy stock with our savings. How's this for a starter?"

JUST COULDN'T BE
Little Elsie: "Please can you tell me the time?"
Little Bobby: "I don't know exactly, but I know it isn't four o'clock yet."
Little Elsie: "Are you sure?"
Little Bobby: "Of course I am, 'cause I've got to be home by four and I'm not home yet."
Nowadays if you don't have your own psychiatrist, people think you're crazy.



"It does a man no good to sit up and take notice—if he keeps on sitting!"

EVERY GOOD WISH FOR CHRISTMAS

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Alcorn Differs With Neighbor Who Says Christmas Becoming Nuisance

Editor's note: Achin Alcorn, philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sulphur, takes note of Christmas this week. That means everybody has heard about it by now.

Dear Editor: I was talking with a man the other day and he said he had come to the conclusion Christmas is a nuisance.

"All this rushing around, all this buying, all this trying to make sure you send a gift to everybody who sends you one, all this straining a point to get your kids something they're gonna break up or outgrow anyway, it's a nuisance," he said.

I do not take that attitude. Most people are gonna spend more than they ought to anyway, even in July, and doing it for the benefit of their children or their friends at Christmas is a fine thing.

Of course, I have long argued that the government is missing an opportunity by not naming a new bureau and figuring out a way to equalize Christmas giving, a sort of guarantee a man will reach a yuletide parity and the money he spends on presents will be equaled by the value of the presents he gets.

As it is, a man can go in the hole on the deal, and I believe there would be a lot more gift-giving, a lot more free spending, if everybody knew when the Christmas rush was over they could sit down and figure up what they spent, figure up what they got, and know that the government would make up the difference.

Until the government figures out this program, however, I figure Christmas will continue as usual, as one-sided as it may be, and I'm in favor of it.

Changing the subject, I under-

stand some people are criticizing the Republicans for suggesting the tax cut they voted earlier this year will have to be called off before it goes into effect. I do not see anything wrong with this. As you know, last summer Congress did vote a tax cut to take effect next spring, but now they say the government, like you and me, needs the money and the cut should not go into effect, which has made some people mad.

They're not taking a yuletide attitude toward this. I'd rather have six months of believing I was gonna get a tax cut, than to have no promise at all.

Anticipation is two-thirds the pleasure of any enterprise. Ask any kid just ahead of Christmas.

Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully, A. A.

OFFICIAL SEES LIFESPAN OF 80

Washington.—The director of the District of Columbia's Health Department believes that the average age span in the U. S. may soon reach 80, and declared "now we may begin to think in terms of 90 years."

Dr. Daniel L. Seckinger, who noted that the present average span in this country is now 69, told the American Occupational Therapy Association that "some are even predicting that this soon will be 100 years."

Seckinger noted that in many portions of the world people are dying early of diseases which plagued America 50 years ago—when the average life span was only 47 years.

The first commercial ice plant in the United States was operated in Jefferson, Tex., about 1874.

PORTRAIT IN OIL!
by Chester

HIRAM B. EVEREST
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DOWN TO HIS LAST DOLLAR, HE PACKAGED HIS PRODUCT IN SALVAGED OYSTER CANS, AND PEDDLED IT FROM SHOP TO SHOP IN A HAND CART. OVER THE MONTHS, MACHINISTS AND HARNESS MAKERS, ONE BY ONE, AGREED TO SAMPLE "EVEREST'S FOLLY." ONE BY ONE, THEY WERE CONVERTED!

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TWO-TONE JOBS LATEST THING FOR PILLS

New York.—The newest fashion in pills is a two-tone effect, like the jobs out of the automobile paint shops. One half of the pill is green; the other half, purple. Or you can have them—or you will soon be able to have them in contrasting delicate pastels.

The two tones have nothing to do with how you take the pill or what it does or doesn't do for you. Pill-making keeps up with the modern world, and the maker of purple-and-green pills stands out in customer appeal from the maker of just plain pills.

SOURCE OF MEAT SUPPLY

A Mexican and a Texan who worked on the night shift in a West Texas railroad yard ate their midnight lunch together. On several occasions the Mexican had rabbit meat in his pail, and he shared his supply with his fellow worker.

"Where do you get rabbits, Jose," the Texan asked one night. "I can't find any."

"My wife, she gets um," Jose replied. "She say every night they come 'round and make noise. She shoot um."

"Noise?" the Texan said, "Rabbits don't make noise."

"Sure!" Jose asserted positively. "Go meow, meow!"

\$1,700 COAT, MONEY TAKEN DURING CHURCH

Plainview.—A thief made off with an ermine coat valued at \$1,700 and a small amount of cash from the Presbyterian Church here during worship services on Sunday morning.

The coat and the cash were taken from the choir rehearsal room in the basement. The coat belonged to Mrs. L. F. LaFont.

Twelve-Year-Old Silage Retains Feeding Value

Lockhart.—Drouth of 1925 left a marked impression on the late Sercy Barber, a Caldwell County farmer. That year he drove his livestock south to keep them from starving. It was also the year he vowed never again to be caught short on feed.

This year Sercy Barber's foresight helped his sons, S. A. and Jack, make it through another dry season. The Barbers recently opened a trench silo which had been filled by their father 12 years ago.

The silage is of excellent quality, perfectly preserved and has much green material.

Tree Goes to Court And Saves Its Life

Buffalo, N. Y.—A tree won a state supreme court battle here and saved itself from destruction. The tree is a 40-foot high catalpa growing on the property of Mrs. Pearl Winstel. Neighbors contended that the tree had become a nuisance, its branches damaging a garage roof and its roots causing cracks in the garage wall and floor.

The neighbors brought suit to have the tree removed but an official referee, Paul J. Batt, ruled that "it is the law that overhanging branches, not poisonous or noxious in nature, are not a nuisance per se. . . ."

OIL-MINDED TEXAN

Have you heard about the rich Texas oil man who visited Paris? He leaned 'way back to look up at the Eiffel Tower, and exclaimed: "Um-m-m. . . Ah wonder how many barrels that'n produces?"

Pocket Knife Operation Saves X-Ray Technician

Chicago.—Emergency pocket knife surgery on the floor of an X-ray darkroom was credited Sunday with saving the life of a 24-year-old hospital employee.

The drama began Friday afternoon when Stanley Wisniewski, an X-ray technician, slumped to the darkroom floor with a heart attack.

A fellow worker ran into a hall and brought the first physician he saw, who administered stimulants and artificial respiration. Other doctors gathered, and a stethoscope showed Wisniewski's heart had stopped beating.

One surgeon produced a pocket knife and opened the victim's chest wall, then started massaging his heart. Other staff members were mobilized. Equipment was rounded up. Oxygen was administered.

As soon as possible, the patient was moved to an operating room where electrical therapy and forced breathing were added to the continuing heart massage.

Wisniewski's heart resumed normal beating 2 hours and 15 minutes after his collapse. His condition was reported good Sunday.

Doctors who took part in the life-saving operation, said Virgil Nelson, superintendent of the hospital, asked that their names not be mentioned.

ROAD ANGELS ADOPT RULES

Kaufman Herald: Kaufman County's recently formed "Road Angels Auto Club" has drafted its constitution and completed its organization to promote safety among its members and to "achieve favorable recognition from the general public for 'Hot Rodding' as a worthwhile sport and hobby."

The organization has seventeen members. A maximum of 50 members is proposed.

One of the first objects of the club is "to bring together a group of car owners in an attempt to promote safety through adherence to club, city and state traffic laws."

THAT'S LIFE FOR YOU

"I understand you have been having your family tree looked up."

"Yes, and it cost me \$5,000."

"Oh, I heard it was \$1,000."

"That's what it cost to have it looked up. The other \$4,000 was to have it hushed up."

Mexico Growing at Fastest Rate

Mexico City.—The statistics bureau said Thursday Mexico is growing in population faster than any other country in the world.

Figures released Thursday show Mexico has grown approximately 50 per cent in 14 years. The bureau said only Iran can compete in such a growth.

The bureau said Mexico's population in 1940 was 19,653,552. Today it is 29,000,000. The 1950 census showed a population of 25,791,017. The growth since then amounts to 3,210,000.

Samuel Colt invented the revolver in 1835.

MAN STRICKEN IN TREE HANGS IN UNTIL SAVED

San Antonio.—A man had a heart attack in a tree Tuesday.

Jimmy Greer, 59, was high in the branches trimming a big oak tree at his home here when stricken. He hugged the trunk and lodged himself in a fork until firemen arrived.

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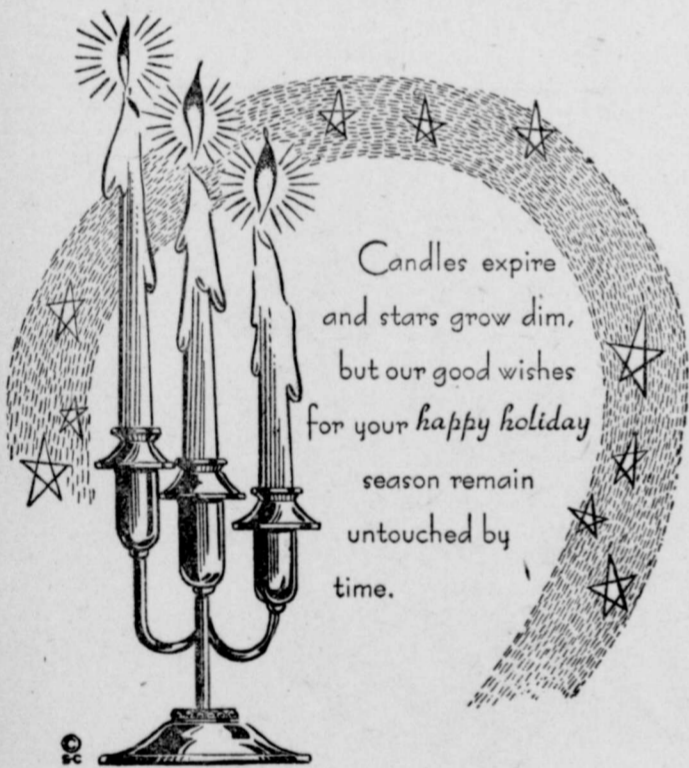
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Announce Agricultural Conservation Program for Red River County

Red River County ASC Committee, working with the other governmental agencies have selected from the State ACP Handbook, the following 1955 Conservation practices as being those most needed by Red River County farmers.

A-1. Initial establishment of a permanent vegetative cover for soil protection or as a needed and-use adjustment.

A-3. Establishment of additional acreage of vegetative cover in crop rotation to retard erosion and to improve soil structure permeability, or water-holding capacity.

A-7. Planting, interplanting, or replanting slash, loblolly or shortleaf pine on farmland and farm-woodlots or woodlands for erosion control, watershed protection or forestry purposes.

B-1. Initial improvement of an established permanent vegetative cover for soil and watershed protection.

B-6. Developing springs or seeps for livestock water as a means of protecting established vegetative cover.

B-7. Constructing or sealing ditches, pits, or ponds for livestock water as a means of protecting established vegetative cover.

B-10. Initial improvement of a stand of forest trees for erosion control, watershed protection, or forestry purposes.

C-4. Constructing terraces to

detain or control the flow of water and check soil erosion.

C-7. Constructing drop spillways, pipe drops, drop inlets, or similar structures for the protection of outlets and water channels that dispose of excess water.

The primary objective of the program is the protection of the public's interest in the nation's soil and water resources. This is accomplished by the government sharing, in most cases, 50 per cent of the average cost of carrying out one or more of the above soil and water conservation practices. No cost-sharing can be made unless a request for cost-sharing is filed by the farmer with the committee before the practice is started. Practice periods will be established in which practices will be selected and completed within that period. The 1955 conservation program begins January 3, 1955. Sign up period: December 22 through December 31.

Requests will be taken at the county ASC office from December 22 through December 31, on all practices to be started and completed during the first part of the year. Ten days prior to the beginning of the second and third periods, requests will be taken on practices to be started and completed during that period. All late applications will be reviewed and approved by the County Committee based on money available.

IN HOMETOWN AMERICA



Brief Paragraphs About Christmas Are Interesting

In various central European countries the Christmas Crib, staged in a box, is carried thru the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.

Christmas giving in England dates from the reign of Henry VII when Christmas boxes and New Year gifts were a common enactment of royalty from their subjects.

Legend has it that before the Crucifixion the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.

It is reputed that the first Christmas card, as we now know it, was dispatched in 1845 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters.

The author of the favorite children's Christmas poem "Twas the night before Christmas," an eminent New York professor, felt his creation was below his dignity and would not admit he wrote it for 20 years.

Sometimes Christmas is written Xmas because "X" is the Greek equivalent of "ch" and stands for the word "Christ."

Although Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the roots of the observance go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, and Egyptians.

The Christmas seal has become an annual institution and offers at the Christmas season an opportunity for rich and poor alike to help in the fight against an ancient enemy—tuberculosis.

The street festivals of Italy and Spain had fire works at Christmas. America now has illuminated community trees. In some places, fireworks still persist.

Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionery gifts to the Senators of Rome.

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns, and the berries the drops of blood.

The hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is one in Strasbourg, Germany, 1605.

Christmas south of the equator falls in midsummer. Thus the decorations are fresh flowers and the goodies often are fruits taken direct from the trees.

In rural Norway the women bake a year's supply of bread at Christmas time and store it in mouse-proof rooms.

A strange Christmas custom in Finland is the annual Christmas Eve steam bath taken by the entire family. After the bath everyone is supposed to roll in the snow.

LETTER TO A MERCHANT

"Dear Sir: When I made a purchase in your store last week, your cashier short-changed herself. My conscience has bothered me so much I cannot sleep. Therefore, I enclose \$2 in bills. If I find I still cannot sleep, I will send the balance of what I owe you."

Alexander Hamilton was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr on Wee-hawken Heights, New Jersey, July 11, 1804.

Another Boost In Oil Allowables Is Ordered Friday

Austin. — The Railroad Commission has boosted Texas' January crude oil allowable production 257,307 barrels daily.

The total January allowable will be 2,216,123 barrels a day—highest for any month since April and approaching the all-time record flow of November, 1952. That figure was 3,387,245.

The increase was ordered despite divergent opinion among major oil companies.

The commissioners said the increase was to forestall any possibility of shortage of oil during high-demand winter weather and to give importers no opportunity to say they had to bring in foreign oil to meet demand.

Bowie Oil Test Reported Dry

A Paluxy sand failure has been written off two miles east of Redwater. L. W. Callender No. 1 J. C. Balthrop, W. N. Fore survey, topped the sand at 3,386 and was halted at 4,016 feet.

HOW MUCH IS A BILLION?

How much is a billion dollars? Few people have actually seen as much as a million dollars in cash. And a billion is a thousand million!

For \$1,000,000,000 (that's the figure for a billion) you could build a row of 10,000 houses stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, each house on a 150-foot lot. For another little billion, you could put half a million \$2,000 cars on the road. Bumper to bumper, the cars would make a procession extending from Chicago to Salt Lake.

Finally, down in Washington, D. C., where billions upon billions have been spent in past years, there is the Washington Monument, 555 feet high. If you took \$1,000,000,000 in \$1,000 bills and stacked them one on top of the other, they would make a pile 110 feet higher than the monument.—From The Dynamo.

It takes a youngster with a good digestion to go through a birthday party with chocolate cake and everything to match, without getting a case of tummy-ache.

LAI D LOW BY MISTLETOE

Los Angeles, Calif.—Mrs. Esther Jeffries got smacked a little harder than she bargained for as she stood under the mistletoe with her husband. A rock fell out of the tree and hit her on the head.

The rock was loosened from a wedge in an oak tree from which her husband, E. G. Jeffries was getting the mistletoe. Three stitches were required to close a head cut.

NEED TO BE EXPLICIT

Uncle Bill threw aside a letter he was reading and uttered an exclamation of disgust. "Doggone it," he said, "why can't people be more explicit?"

"What's the matter now, Pa?" asked Flo.

"This letter from home," Uncle Bill answered, "says father fell out of an apple tree and broke a limb."

A delegate-at-large is a gentleman who attends the convention without his wife.

Experts Believe Pigs Smarter Than Horses

Ithica, N. Y.—Cornell University scientists have decided the horse "just isn't too bright."

The pig, animal specialists said, is a much more intelligent animal and could prove it if he were given a chance.

The specialists said that horses "will work themselves to death," but that even a mule is smart enough to balk at too much work.

They described the pig as fastest of the hoofed animals in responding to signals for food. But a pig never gets a chance—he goes to market before he's a year old.

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

"You saw this woman driving toward you," said the officer after the collision. "Why didn't you give her half the road?"

"I was going to," the motorist explained, "as soon as I found out which half she wanted."

CHOICE PARTS FOR EVERYONE

Washington. — President and Mrs. Eisenhower will have a 31-pound Kansas-raised turkey for Christmas day dinner at Augusta, Ga.

The turkey was delivered to the President Friday by John Hartman of Hope, Kan.

DEFENSE MAY BE FROM OUT OF TOWN

Aurora, Neb.—Counsel for the defense probably will be from out of town in the event a burglar who entered four places here is apprehended. All four were law offices—the only ones in Aurora.

The famous liberty bell was cracked while tolling for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, in 1835.

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Second Grade Has Good Program

Mrs. Vivian Westbrook's second grade room was responsible for entertaining elementary school Thursday morning. The stage was decorated with Christmas trees, and other Christmas ideas. The program was all numbers about Christmas. These parents and friends attended: Mrs. A. C. Jamison, Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Mrs. Johnny Stone, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Mrs. Guy Farris, Mrs. Olin Williams, Mrs. Orin Williams, Mrs. Vera Elliott, Mrs. Oscar Elliott, Mrs. R. R. Dick, Mrs. G. E. Pinkston, Mrs. R. H.

Whitney, Mrs. M. E. Jones, Miss May Williams and Cristy. Mrs. H. U. Davenport and Kaye, Mrs. Ottis Hall, Jenifer Jo, Nancy June and Donnie Ray, Mrs. G. F. Robinson and Freddie, Mrs. J. L. Gable and two children, Mrs. Dured Hall and two children and Mrs. L. L. Reed and Lyndon. Mrs. Don Smith of Bogata was also a visitor.

CARELESS IN APPEARANCE

Attorney: "You say you want a divorce on the grounds your husband is careless about his appearance?"

Woman: "Yes; he hasn't showed up for nearly three years."

Charlene Collier Weds Curtis Hearron

Marriage vows were exchanged Saturday night at the Talco Assembly of God Church by Miss Charlene Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Collier of Talco, and Curtis Hearron, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hearron also of Talco.

Miss Janice Seay played the wedding music. Little Nancy Collier, sister of the bride, sang "Always" and Barbara Medlin sang "I Love You Truly."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a beige lace dress over ice pink satin, princess style with low cut neck. Her jewelry was pink pearls and ear screws with pink satin tiara trimmed with white pearls and rhinestones. Her shoes were brown, and she wore a corsage of pink carnations and carried a white Bible topped with white sprays and lily-of-the-valley.

Rev. Charlie Nichols, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church of Paris, performed the double ring ceremony before an arch of silvered sprays, white satin ribbon and pink gladioli with baskets of silvered sprays with pink ribbon bows.

The couple was honored with a reception at the home of the bride's parents. The table was laid with a lace cloth over pink. Pink punch was poured by Janice Seay, and the white tiered wedding cake was cut by Melba Hearron, sister of the groom. The cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom.

The bride is a graduate of Talco High School and will finish Paris Junior College at mid-term. The groom is a graduate of Talco High School and has been employed in Grand Prairie for about two years. The couple will make their home there at mid-term, where she will enter college at Arlington.

Those attending the wedding from out of town were Miss Loadis Hearron of Dallas, aunt of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Redwine, Lula and Jettie Collier, all of Palestine, sisters and brothers-in-law of the bride's father.

The bride's going away suit was pink with poodle cloth topper, with brown accessories.

BETWEEN THE EYES

At the national anglers' convention, each speaker was trying to outdo everyone else in describing the size of the fish in his state. When the man from Texas was called to the speaker's platform, everyone expected more.

"Texas fish run from fourteen to fifteen inches," the real Texan stated. The audience gasped. The Texan looked up, and added, "Of course, in Texas, we measure them between the eyes."

Book Lovers Club Honors Husbands

The Book Lover's Club honored their husbands Friday night with a Christmas party at the Humble Recreation Hall. A huge decorated tree stood on the stage under which were many lovely gifts. A lighted Santa was beside the tree and many multicolor balloons hung from the ceiling. All this with a beautifully decorated table gave a very festive air to the occasion.

Mrs. Robert Harper and Mrs. E. W. Smith greeted the guests as they entered and a corsage of mistletoe was pinned upon each guest. Mrs. John D. Wright and Mrs. R. R. Kelley were in charge of the party and Mrs. Cecil Griggs assisted Mrs. Wright in conducting several amusing games, among which one was bingo. The games ended with R. R. Kelley and John D. Wright winning the prizes.

After exchanging gifts from the tree, refreshments of pie and coffee, cocoa and nuts were served buffet style with Mrs. Jim Morris at the coffee service and Mrs. B. L. Gieger pouring cocoa.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Coiten, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Frugia, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gieger, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright, Mrs. E. W. Smith and Mrs. Billy Carter.

The next regular meeting of the club will be January 7 in the home of Mrs. Dan Cotten with Mrs. Billy Carter as program director.

Dianna Davidson Win Baton Twirling

Dianna, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davidson of Hooks, formerly of Deport, recently entered two baton twirling contests and placed second in each event in the Junior High class. The contests were held at Tyler and Texarkana respectively and were for schools in this area.

Dianna is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davidson of Deport and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Webster of Clarksville, formerly of Bogata.

Sardines are packed closely in a can because the fish are cheaper than the olive oil in which they are packed.

TEL Class Holds Monthly Social

Mrs. O. J. Holland was co-hostess with Mrs. E. W. Smith Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Smith to the T. E. L. Class of the Calvary Baptist Church for the regular monthly social. Meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Joe Nelson. Following a short business session, Mrs. Holland brought the devotional entitled "Praise God." Then to the tinkling of the Swedish Angel Chimes in the background, Mrs. Fred Coker told a beautiful and most inspiring story entitled "A Chinese Choir for Christmas" written by a lonely soldier. She told this story just as if it had been her own true experience in China at Christmas time and it was made even more impressive by the softly sung carols at certain phases of the story by Mrs. Kenneth Westbrook and Mrs. Holland. Mrs. Smith led the closing prayer.

Mrs. E. E. Nugent entertained with several high spirited games and gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree during the social hour. A large box of gifts was prepared for Sue Miller in appreciation of her ever willingness to lend her beautiful voice in song for any and all occasions of the church.

A colorful refreshment plate, decked with sprays of holly, was served to Mmes. B. Gartman, Charles Russell, M. E. Jones, P. P. Hendrix, J. D. Funderburk, Joe Nelson, Jim Nelson, W. H. Cogburn, E. E. Nugent, Kenneth Westbrook, Fred Coker and the hostess.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all our friends who were so kind to us during our hour of sorrow. We especially thank Dr. Miller and Miss Clay for their untiring efforts to help her, and Rev. Sparkman for his words of comfort.

Mrs. Mary Edwards' Family.

TOOK HIM JUST AS HE WAS

Which reminds me of the colored couple who had come to a parson to get married. "An' you take dis man fur better or fur worse?" asked the parson. "I'll take him just as he am," replied the blushing bride. "If he gits any better I'm afraid he'll die; an' if he gits any worse, I'll kill 'im myself."

IT STARTS IN THE MIDDLE

The children were in the midst of a free-for-all when father unexpectedly entered the room. "Tommy, who started this?" he asked the nearest youngster. "Well," replied Tommy. "It all started when Albert hit me back."

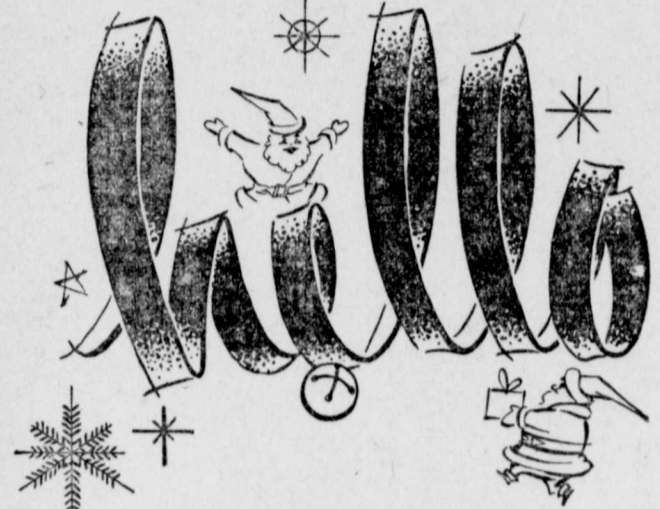
Coal mines have been burning in Pennsylvania since the time of the Civil War.

NO DIFFERENCE
Jack: "They say brunettes have sweeter dispositions than blondes."
Jim: "Well, my wife's been both and I can't see any difference."

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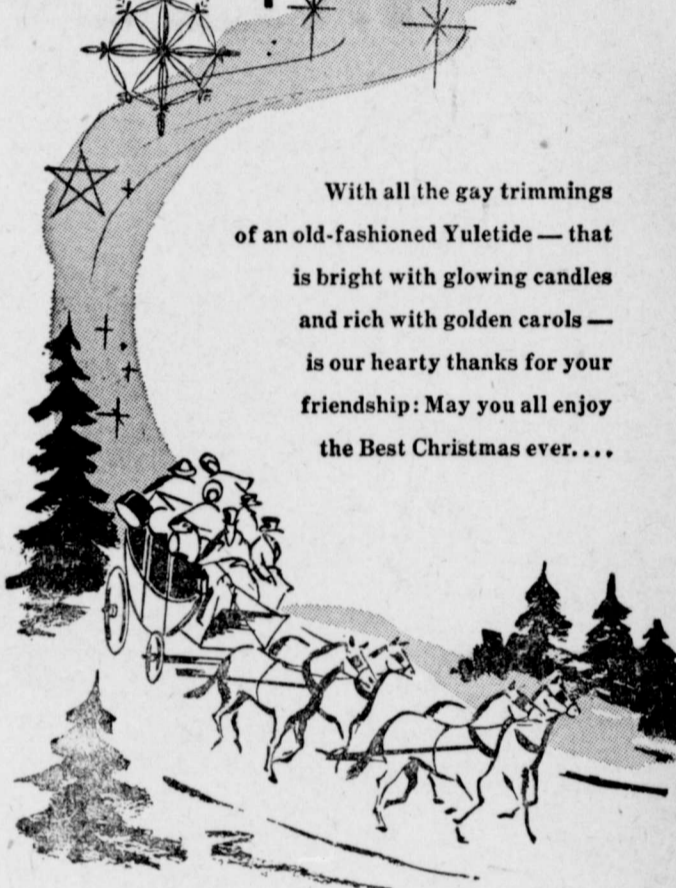
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NEWSPAPERS' PERSONALITIES SHOWN BY NAMES IN MASTHEADS

In most Texas communities, the newspaper is "one of the family," and its name has become a by-word among the citizenry.

Did you ever stop to think about their names—and where they originated? Some take their titles from their localities; others have a name indicating a past or present political inclination; a few names point toward a goal or purpose. Then there are those which seem to have been plucked from mid-air or formed by some whim of the founder.

Take the Jefferson Jimplecute, for instance. The story goes that the editor was searching for a name for his newspaper and was shifting type around trying to hit on an idea. Suddenly, he dropped the type, and in the jumble landed letters forming "Jimplecute." So that was it!

Another of the one-of-a-kind names is the Cedar Hill Merry-Go-Round which its publisher, Mrs. A. L. Childress, thought up while recuperating in a hospital. Then there are the unusual Waelder Home-Paper and the Big Lake Wildcat.

Some founders took their own name and added a word to form a well known object; such as, the Comanche Chief and the Ferris Wheel.

Named for their city are the Spur, Texas Spur, Silsbee Bee, Slaton Slatonite, Beeville Bee, Pecos, Mesquite Texas Mesquite, and the Dallas White Rock Community's White Rocker.

Out in the west where the cattle roam and the cowboys sing, one can read the Ozona Stockman, the Hereford Brand, the Fort Stockton Pioneer, the Ropesville Plainsman and the Anson Western Observer.

Traveling down coastal-way, one finds the Richmond Texas Coaster and the Port Lavaca Wave; and up in the red-clayed, pine-covered country of East Texas are the Nacogdoches Redland Herald and the Omaha Breeze. Indicative of the Central Texas hill region are such publications as the Kerrville Mountain Sun. Out of the oil boom days came the Sour Lake Oil City Visitor.

Throughout the history, settlers from all parts of the world, looking for new lands and better opportunities, came to Texas to establish homes. Soon, too, their own newspapers in their own languages sprang up. Still operating are German Zietung-Chronicle at New Braunfels and the widely-circulated Spanish daily in San Antonio, La Prensa. Written in English for Italians is the Texas Tribune in Dallas. The Swedish Texas Posten is published in Austin. There are many others.

According to recent statistics, the most popular name for Texas newspapers is the News, under which title 122 publications are printed. Coming in for second place is the Herald, with 45 publications. The Times takes third place with 30 newspapers; the Enterprise, 23; Press, 17; Record, 16; and Reporter and Star, 15 each.

There are 14 Journals and 14 Suns. A Review may be found 13 times in the state and a Leader 10 times. Numbering nine each are Chronicle, Messenger and Banner. The name of Democrat was given to eight newspapers, and the names of Echo, Courier, Mirror, Citizens and Progress appear on seven mastheads each. There are six Posts and six Americans in Texas, and five each of the following: Sentinel, News-Herald, Standard, Observer, Bulletin. There are four Texans, Eagles, Lights, Monitors, Gazettes, Advocates and Beacons, but only three Indexes and three Items.

There are two of the following: Champion, Free Press, Telegram, Facts, Citizens-Journal, Register, Rustler, Express, Success Favorite, Inquirer, New Era, Dispatch, Advance, Newsboy, Times-Review, News-Record, Chief, Gazette-News, Times-Herald and News-Tribune.

The remainder of the state's newspapers are one-of-a-kind variety, many incorporating double titles of various mixtures, most of which occurred by consolidation.

Three newspapers go "all out" with three names: the Tyler Courier-Times - Telegraph, the Amarillo News-Globe-Times and the Wichita Falls Times-Record-News.

Only three have inserted "and" into their titles: Waco News-Tribune and Times-Herald, San Antonio Express and News and Gatesville Messenger and Star-Forum.

Politically inspired, perhaps, at one time, were the eight Democrats in Texas, the six Americans, the Valley Independent at Fabens, the Liberal at La Porte and the McKinney Democrat-Gazette. Indicating their Lone Star State loyalty are the four Texans.

Among the many unusual names for newspapers in the state are the Richland Springs Eye Witness, the Liberty Vindicator, the Panola Watchman, the Eagle Lake Headlight, the Pampana Spokesman; And the Goliad Advance Guard, the Hondo Anvil-Herald, the Karnes City Citation, the Madisonville Meteor, the Schulenburg Sticker, the Rockport Pilot, the Longview Lens, the Rusk Cherokeean and the Carrizo Springs Javelin.

East Lamar Will Defend Title At SW AAU Tourney

East Lamar, defending champions of the SW AAU Tournament at Duncanville, will leave by bus Monday at 10:00 a. m. Making the trip will be 18 players, plus Mr. and Mrs. Tully Temple, Mrs. Elmer Sparks, Mrs. Talma Harvey, Supt. Lleo Dodd and Coach and Mrs. Charles Martin.

East Lamar will open the tournament at 6:00 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 against Kemp High School. Kemp was eliminated in the Regional Tournament at Kilgore last year. East Lamar carries a 16 to 1 record to the tournament and an average of 64.5 points per game while holding their opponents to 44 points per game.

East Lamar's high scoring offense is built around Helen Temple, the sharp shooting little forward, who has an average of 34 points per game, June Mitchell, the high scoring pivot who has an average of 24 points per game, and Shirley Woodson, the sophomore playmaker with an average of 10 points per game.

East Lamar's rugged defense is led by three fine guards, Hattie Temple, Agnes Carter and Peggy Sparks. Carter was voted on the All-State team last year.

Helen Temple was voted the most outstanding player in the Duncanville Tournament last year and Agnes Carter was voted on the All-Tournament first team.

Eula, last year's second place winner, will also be back with a fine team. East Lamar won the tournament over Eula 49-47 with a long one hand set shot by Helen Temple in the last three seconds of play.

From all indications the tournament will be one of the strongest in the State.

IS HE DEAF?

"Your grandfather's a little deaf, isn't he?" one man asked another.

"A little deaf?" the other man said. "Yesterday he conducted family prayers kneeling on a cat."

BUTTONS, BUTTONS

Notice in a Scotch church: "Those in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins in the collection plate will please put in their own buttons and not buttons from the cushions on the pews."

NICE GUY

Doctor (after examining patient): "I don't like the looks of your husband, Mrs. Adamson."

Mrs. Adamson: "I don't either, doctor, but he's so kind to the children."

WHAT VEXES DAD

Mother: "Now, William, don't annoy your father with any more questions."

William: "It's not the questions that annoy Dad. It's the answers."

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During the War of 1812, Stephen Girard, Philadelphia banker, assumed an entire Government loan of \$5,000,000.

My Neighbors

By BILL PAULSON



"A big man is not one who makes no mistakes—but one who is bigger than any mistake he makes."

PLEASE

Times subscribers are asked to notify the subscription department promptly of any changes in their addresses. Under the new postal laws, newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any changes in address furnished by the postoffice. In addition, there is also the problem of delay in delivery or failure to get the paper. The best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

Youthful Choir Christmas Banquet Calvary Baptist

Members of the young people's choir of Calvary Baptist Church and their parents were honored Tuesday evening at the Humble Recreation Hall, with a Christmas banquet. Decorations carried out the holiday theme. Members and parents were registered at the door by Mrs. Omer Cole, who pinned a Christmas corsage on each, as favors.

On entering, guests observed the open Bible, encircled by green cedar and berries on a lace covered table. The hall was lighted by red candles. The centerpiece for the choir members table was very unique, being two miniature choir singers in white robes singing by the light of a miniature lamp post, laid on a snowy background, all of which was made and painted by Mrs. Omer Cole. Red candles encircled in greenery and red berries placed at vantage points down the center of the table, completed the arrangement.

The foursome tables were also lighted by red candles placed in greenery and red berries in the center. On a snow covered table in the center of the hall, very artistically arranged, was an original and interesting white barren Christmas tree covered with snow and ice, with small birds hovering near a real bird nest.

Place cards were small green Christmas trees. The program and menu were concealed inside larger green Christmas trees and placed at each plate.

One huge red candle, surrounded by greenery, lighted the stage and reflected on blackboard on which was written in large red letters, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The delectable menu consisted of tomato juice cocktail, chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, buttered English peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, celery, olives, pickles, molded fruit salad, hot rolls, pie, coffee or hot chocolate.

The following program was given:

Carol by group; prayer—E. A. Rodgers; solo, "The Love of God"—Bill Miller; devotional—Rev. Joe Denton, using subject, "The Love of God"; Christmas story,

Local Post Holds Roy Bean Court

Burks-Clear Post of the American Legion, as has been its practice in the past, just before Christmas, held Roy Bean court last week to collect money to be used for the benefit of underprivileged children.

The public responded generously, and some little folk will enjoy the coming of Santa Claus, who otherwise would not have done so.

"A Chinese Chair for Christmas"—Mrs. Fred Coker.

After the program, Mrs. Sue Miller presented Mrs. K. E. Westbrook with a gift from the choir in appreciation of her work as leader of the choir. Mrs. Westbrook responded with thanks to the choir and to each parent who had a part in making the banquet a success.

The program was concluded with a Christmas carol, after which Mrs. Joe Denton led the group in several games.

Members of the young people's choir attending were Elizabeth Elkins, Allen Elkins, Gail Swope, Juanel Smith, Jimmie Sue Gandy, Jean Calloway, Nancy Kelley, Linda Nugent, Jerry Daughtery, Skipper Cole, James Rodgers, Pepper Cole, Tommie Nugent, Carolyn Burnham, Linda Haynes, Bobbie Gale Burnham, Vera Bennett, Patricia Ryan, Bettye Denton, Sue Miller, Dora Ann Gandy, Jerry Russell, Bobby Funderburk, Susan Ryan, Truitt Bennett, Gaylon Robertson, Johnny Gartman, and one visitor, Imogene Rodgers.

Parents attending were Mmes. J. F. Swope, Fred Coker, Gale Burnham, Floyd Haynes, Lew Elkins, Kenneth Westbrook, James Gandy, Charlie Russell, Bill Gartman, Buddy Robertson, Carroll Bennett, L. R. Miller, G. G. Ryan, Paul Miller Sr., Omer Cole, Joe Denton and Messrs. Lew Elkins, James Gandy, Fred Swope, Buddy Robertson, Charlie Russell, E. A. Rodgers, Gale Burnham, Floyd Haynes, Fred Coker, Omer Cole, L. R. Miller, Kenneth Westbrook and Rev. Joe Denton.

Holes in Swiss cheese are formed by gases that result from fermentation.

Cunningham and E. Lamar Split Two

East Lamar's unbeaten girls kept their District 50-B lead Tuesday night, beating Cunningham in a 71-51 game at East Lamar.

But the boys game went to Cunningham, 61-50, as Smith hit 16 points. High for East Lamar was Buddy Malone with 20 points.

Leading scorers in the girls game were Helen Temple with 28 and June Mitchell with 22 points for East Lamar, Jackie McKnight with 25 for Cunningham.

Germans are not permitted to accept a Nobel Prize.

DISGUSTING

Two pigeons were sitting discussing this-and-that one day, when a foreign pigeon alighted and minced toward them.

"Get a load of that," exclaimed one of the natives to the other, "That pigeon is walking people-toed."

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

Mistress: "Do you know how to serve company?"

New Maid: "Yes, ma'am; either way."

Mistress: "What do you mean, either way?"

New Maid: "So they'll come again or so they won't."

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Let's Talk About Me - I, My, Me and Mine - Favorite Subject of Some

By HUBERT M. HARRISON

In a recent popular play, an egotistical actor rushes on stage and shouts to the other players: "I have only a few moments to spare. Let's spend it all talking about me." While most people are not quite so frank about it, there are many men and women who seem to feel that the most important subject in all the world is their own affairs.

We are painfully familiar with dotting grandfathers who carry pictures of their grandchildren around with them and at the slightest provocation will bring them out and force everybody to look at them and rave over their good looks. And they won't give a moment to talk about mine. There are one or two grandfathers in my circle of friends who seem to think that they invented grandchildren.

Then there is the chronic peddler of ailments. The story is told of a prominent old fellow in an East Texas town who was late getting home one evening. His wife remarked to a daughter that she wondered what had delayed him. "Probably somebody asked him how he was feeling today and he proceeded to tell him," said the daughter. "That would take about an hour."

There seems to be something very enjoyable to some people in talking about physical ailments (preferably their own) with all the gruesome and disgusting details. Nobody really cares to hear about your operation. He wants to talk about his.

The confirmed egotist believes

that his children, his home, his business, his activities, his hobbies and his achievements are the best, the biggest and the most important on earth. He also is convinced that his opinions are inspired and superhuman. He is ready at any time to make a speech about his pet theories to his own employes or any other captive audience he can find.

A friend of mine writes me this rare gem: "We all subscribe to the principle of disagreement. Nevertheless, it is hard to accord our full favor to those who violently disagree with us. Since our superior mental processes have brought us to certain conclusions, it is difficult for us to concede that different conclusions could be arrived at by intellects equal to our own."

Go out to night and look up at the stars in the endless sky and think how small is man - any man. How insignificant we humans seem under the canopy of heaven where countless worlds have been spinning in space since the Divine Architect set them there ages ago by methods beyond our understanding. How trivial are our little plans, our petty worries, our self-centered thoughts!

It has been well said that big minds concern themselves with ideas; medium minds talk about events and little minds talk about people—mostly themselves.

God deliver me from the bragging bore who talks so much about himself that he will not give me a chance to talk about myself.

Making Bee Line Short Pays Off

Washington.—The Agriculture Department passed along Tuesday a novel story about how Arizona cantaloupe growers increased yields by reducing the honey bee's flying time.

The idea is to set up bee hives reasonably close to the melon fields—in some cases along the very borders.

In a test series, fields where the bees could spend more time in the blossoms and less in flight had an average of 81 crates per acre more melons than those where the winged pollinators had to fly considerable distances to hives.

BRAHMS AND DISCORD

The sharp tongue of Composer Brahms cost him many a friend among his contemporaries. On one occasion, a rival asked him: "Have you heard my last composition?" "I sincerely hope so," was Brahms' rejoinder.

HOW SHE FELT

"When the judge decreed that you would have to pay back all money, how did you feel?" asked Black of a friend. "Chagrined." "And how did your ex-wife feel?" "She grinned."

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

Mistress: "Do you know how to serve company?" New Maid: "Yes, ma'am, either way." Mistress: "What do you mean, either way?" New Maid: "So they'll come again or so they won't."

GOING UP!

A small boy visiting New York City for the first time went in an elevator to the top of the Empire State building. As he shot past the 65th floor at breath-taking speed, he gulped, turned to his father and asked, "Daddy, does God know we're coming?"

Judge: "Do you realize that by leaving your wife you are a deserter?" Defendant: "Judge, if you knew that woman like I do, you wouldn't call me a deserter. I'm a refugee."

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Christmas Party Held at Clinic

The annual Christmas party for the Fine Arts Club was held on Tuesday afternoon. This was the second year that the observance consisted of a "Christmas Pilgrimage" to the homes of six club members.

The first home visited was that of Mrs. J. H. Weatherall. Guests were cordially invited into the living room where the Christmas theme was reflected in charming decorations of greenery, pine cones, candles and colored lustrous balls. Suspended in the center of the living room was a pinata. The red and green theme was carried out in the dining room, where Hors d'oeuvres and coffee were served. In the den a large green tree stood, with decorations of many colors, with packages and toys underneath.

The next home visited was that of Mrs. S. O. Loving, where the sound of Christmas music was heard as the guests entered. In the living room was a large tree decorated with fuschia lustrous balls, a pink and fuschia theme was used in other decorations. On the coffee table was a white Madonna figurine holding pink lighted candles, locking down on an open Bible, both were surrounded with pink angel hair. The dining table centerpiece consisted of pink candles, foliage and pink and fuschia ornaments. Mrs. C. C. Collins presided at the silver service from one end of the table.

On the front door of Mrs. M. E. Jones' home was a large decoration of magnolia leaves, white cane and red ribbon bow. A small white tree, with icicles and small colored balls was on the coffee table. On the mantle between vases of magnolia leaves and red berries was a crystal snifter filled with a liquid chemical solution in which was a snow scene. The dining table covered with a dark green cloth had a centerpiece of polished apples, green leaves, peppermint sticks and red candles.

Mrs. C. C. Collins' home was beautifully decorated throughout from the holly on the front door to the quaint hand made candle in the kitchen. The tree in the living room was aglow with lights, various colored balls and beads. The dining table was covered in pink overlaid with ecru lace cloth. The centerpiece was a large apothecary jar filled with colored balls. While at Mrs. Collins the club members answered roll call by telling of a Christmas custom. Most everyone told of some childhood remembrance when "The stockings were hung by the chimney with care."

The next home visited was that of Mrs. Sidney Frugia, where the traditional holiday decoration was seen in the lighted tree, also a small gum drop tree. A crystal bowl of red rose buds added their natural beauty to the other decorations. Refreshments were served in hand painted china, the small cups in which iced punch was served were imported from Germany, the salad plates were the handiwork of Mrs. Frugia.

The last home visited was that of Mrs. G. N. Anderson. A brightly lighted tree stood in the corner of the living room, heaped around the base of the tree were gaily wrapped packages. The dining table, covered with a white cloth, had a centerpiece of large white chrysanthemums and white candles. Delicious refreshments of fruit cake, an assortment of fancy cookies, salted nuts and coffee were served. Mrs. J. H. Weatherall presided at the silver service.

Concluding the festivities the group sang carols and exchanged gifts. The next regular meeting of the club will be Jan. 4 at Mrs. Howard Johnson's.



Our thoughts, like good angels, fly to you on Christmas to wish you every blessing of this happy season.

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LOCAL NEWS ABOUT BOGATA

Mrs. Foy Phames, Mrs. Willie Stanley and four children of Paris, visited Mrs. V. L. Monroe, Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Cook accompanied her son, Mitchell to Dallas, where she will spend the holidays in his home.

Mrs. Lizzie Lessard of San Gabriel, Calif., visited her brother, Felix Hood and family over the week end.

Mrs. Stella Wright is spending the holidays with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gully at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bolin of Clarksville, spent Sunday in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Ben Craven and Mr. Craven.

A. F. Roberts has ordered The Bogata News sent to his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Koken at Miami, Ariz., for a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Craven of Sherman, spent Thursday night with his brother and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Craven.

Mrs. C. P. Allen and daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Paul Griffin and daughter, Ann of Dallas, attended the Allen-Hurt wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hollinsworth visited their daughter, Mrs. V. A. Pounds and family at Texarkana over the week end.

Gerald Burns, A. F., stationed in Illinois, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burns, and other relatives.

Freddie Wilkinson of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkinson and other relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cawthon and children, Ann and Mark, and Mrs. Eva Nance of Paris, visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. May Bell, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Singleton and son, Joe Al of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward and other relatives.

Rev. R. S. Smith and daughters, Rebecca Sue and Sharron Ann of Atoka, Ok., attended the Allen-Hurt wedding Saturday night.

Mrs. Jack Young of McAllen, has renewed her subscription to The News and ordered it sent to her sister, Mrs. J. S. Tabb at Clarksville R1, for a Christmas gift.

Mrs. Virginia Bishop, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Waddington and daughters, Dixie and Nancy of Ada, Okla., returned to her home Saturday. Mrs. Waddington and Dixie returned home Sunday and Nancy remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Bertha Murphy is spending the holidays with her son, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Murphy and daughter, Cynthia Ann, at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fortner and family of Three Rivers, have returned home after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fortner.

Mrs. V. L. Monroe and children and grandchildren visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easterling at Talco on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ben Craven was in The News office Saturday to renew his subscription and order the paper sent to his brother, E. G. Craven of Sherman for a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allen and Mr. and Mrs. John Childers visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. King at Canton, Sunday. Mrs. King has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Roewe and daughter, Cathy of Texarkana, visited her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dozier, Saturday and attended the Allen-Hurt wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barton of Talco, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Kate Roberts. They were accompanied by Mrs. Robert's friend, Mrs. Lizzie Copeland, of Talco.

Mrs. Amy Craddock of Irving and son, Dale of Galveston, Med. School, are spending the Christmas vacation at their home here. The other children will be here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord McCluer have returned from a trip to Europe. They visited his mother, Mrs. H. C. McCluer and attended the Allen-Hurt wedding, enroute to their home in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Suggs visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Page at Mt. Vernon, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Page has been an invalid for some time. He and Mr. Suggs were boyhood friends at Winfield.

Mrs. Russ Ward, her daughter, Mrs. C. G. McMinn and children of Paris, her son, James Ward and children of Pasadena, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Germany at Alto for their Christmas visit. Mr. and Mrs. Germany are the grandparents of Mrs. James Ward.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Craven on Saturday, Dec. 18 were five of her sisters, Mrs. Ela Lewler, Tommie Epps, Ruby Wood of Deport, Mrs. Isla Bolin of Dallas, Mrs. Ruby Wood's daughter, Mrs. Herman Terry Gray and children, Dick and Deeanne of Cross Roads.

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Easterlings Hold Open House

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easterling held open house Sunday, their 50th wedding anniversary, from 2 to 5 p. m. at their home, after a dinner at noon at which about 100 relatives and friends partook. Each guest brought a dish and also a gift. In the afternoon fifty other friends and relatives called.

Out of town relatives who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stanley and son and Miss Peggy Green of New Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanley and son, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Davis and Mrs. Betty Hamilton and daughter of Clarksville, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goff of Avery, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Easterling of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Tower, Mr. and Mrs. Charleen Brackeen and daughters of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gentry and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Talbot and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Clevenger and children of Pittsburg, Mrs. Speck Thomas of Ft. Worth and Mrs. V. L. Monroe of Bogata.

WOULDN'T DARE TO
At the officer's club they were bidding farewell to the colonel who had been transferred to the Philippines. One veteran officer advised, "It gets very hot in the Philippines at times. Arent you afraid the climate might disagree with your wife?" The colonel looked at him reproachfully. "It wouldn't dare!" he replied.

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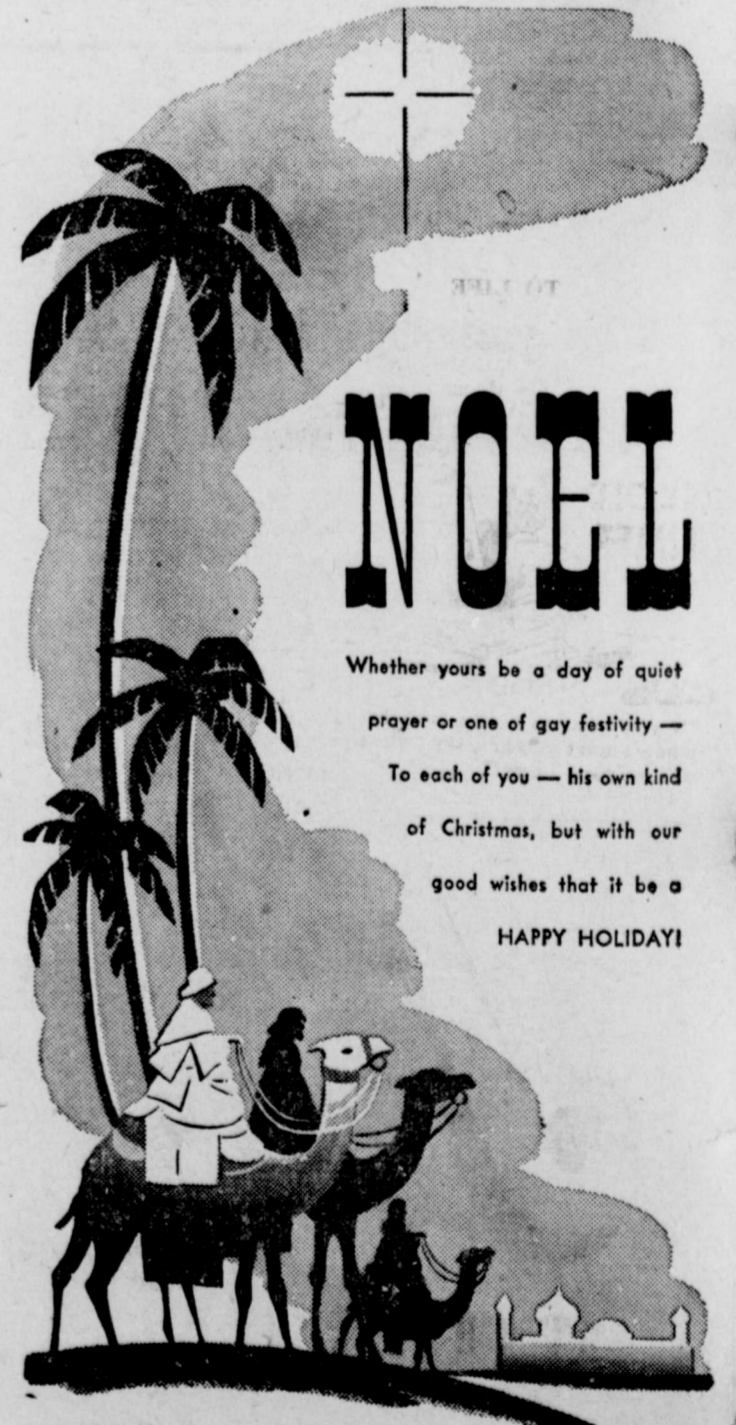
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD

Texas Press Association
Austin. — A Texas Supreme Court labor dispute ruling in an El Paso case may clear up a two year old strike situation in Port Arthur.

Reversing a prior decision, the court ruled that state courts have jurisdiction in cases similar to the Port Arthur one. No state action in the coast town had been taken because of an earlier court ruling that jurisdiction lay with federal courts under Taft-Hartley legislation. Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, elated over the verdict, promised an immediate review of the Port Arthur strike.

Strikes there were organized by out-of-state groups. The original union responsible, Distributing, Processing, and Office Workers of America, was thrown out of the CIO after charges of being communist-led. The strike continued under a CIO local. The El Paso case responsible for the new ruling was that of Whitfield Transportation, Inc., vs Truck Drivers, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Local No. 941.

Political Speculation
Austin political guessing this week centered on Senator Price Daniel and conservative Demo planning for the 1956 national convention. Daniel's statement that he might try for the governorship in 1956 had some observers speculating as to a secret plan between the senator and Governor Allan Shivers to "swap jobs."

Two national magazines predicted that both would resign with Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey stepping into the governor's position to appoint Shivers to the Senate, then withdrawing so Daniel could run for governor.

"Experts" watching convention planning said that conservative Demos were discussing ways to prevent a liberal faction from throwing out the Shivers-sponsored delegation at the 1956 convention.

The plan would provide for Texas delegates to be named through a state wide election which, if showing a pro-Shivers majority, would eliminate any contesting delegation.

More Money
Money problems continued as the chief worry of legislators who in January will see demands for \$66 million more than present revenues will yield. Jerry Sadler, back in the legislature after a long layoff from politics, said he'd boost a beer tax increase and a penny jump in gasoline sales tax to solve the problem. Legislators also got notice of a

Texas Research League request for two changes in school financing. It suggested to the State Educational Board that: 1. State school aid be allocated entirely on an attendance basis. 2. A special \$100 annual teaching unit payment be eliminated because it upsets a legislative goal of having the state pay 80 per cent of the school program.

Probation Officers
Trained and paid probation officers to help courts handle juvenile cases are needed, says District Judge J. Harris Gardner of Austin. Gardner said only 33 of the state's 254 counties have probation officers and that a judge shouldn't be asked to "meet juvenile problems" without an adequate staff to help children stay out of trouble.

Turnpike Bids
Texas Turnpike Authority members, considering ways of financing state toll roads, have looked at a similar Oklahoma problem.

Deciding to handle financing through bond issues, Oklahoma sold \$68 million in bonds for construction of a toll road section from Tulsa to the state line at Joplin, Mo. Bonds were sold at the high interest rate of \$3.8107. No bidders have turned up for two other sections, one from Oklahoma City to the Kansas line, and the other to the Texas line north of Wichita Falls.

Low Rainfall
Average rainfall over Texas was 50 per cent of normal during November, the State Board of Water Engineers reported.

Austin Jobs
Austin is faced with its greatest employment boom of all time, says the local Texas Employment Commission Office. TEC reports listed 63,165 persons employed non-farm jobs and estimated that total employment, now at 69,670, would be even greater in February.

Public Welfare
Expenses of providing for old age assistance, and aid to the blind and dependent children are increasing for the state because of the drought. Public Welfare Director John H. Winters said old age assistance applications were up 5 per cent over 1953 and that demands from all three groups were steadily increasing.

Insurance Group
Insurance companies operating in the state have formed "The Insurance Federation of Texas" to promote public relations and legislation for the industry. However, members expressed dissatisfaction that representatives of many large firms were not present.

TRUE TO LIFE
Jack: "I always know when a car reaches middle age."
Jill: "Just how can you tell?"
Jack: "When it doesn't want to go over forty."



THE OLD TIMER
"If you want to have a man tell you how smart you are, try telling him how good he is!"

DIZZY GAME
Two old ladies arrived at a baseball game just as the batter hit home run. They sat watching the game in silence until—several innings later—the same batter came up to bat and hit another home run.

One of the ladies tapped the other on the shoulder and said: "Let's go. This is where we came in."

NOT SO FAST
He: "I feel like a better man every time I kiss you."
She: "Well, you needn't try to crash the heavenly gates in one night, big boy."

Talco Activities Ten Years Ago

Week of December 22, 1944
S-Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Washington of Albuquerque, N. M., were visiting his parents.

M. H. Farrar, ACMM, brother of Mrs. Robert Pitts, had arrived on the west coast after nineteen months in the South Pacific.

Lena Thompson, Slc(Y) of Barin Field, Pensacola, Fla., visited friends in Talco. She was a graduate of Talco High School.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Sockwell had visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Sockwell Sr. He had been stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala.

Dr. George P. Grout, superintendent of Hagansport school, had been re-elected for the 1945-46 term.

D. C. Gunter had returned from Baytown, where he had attended the celebration of the billionth gallon of 100 octane gasoline. Mr. Gunter was representative from North East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Martin of Bogata, had been informed that their son, Sgt. Loyd M. Martin, had been wounded, but was recovering.

Pfc. Henry C. Collins, R2, Talco, was an automatic rifleman with 363rd Inf. Reg., Fifth Army, in Florence-Bologna, Italy.

Mrs. F. A. Jones had received word from her son, S-Sgt. Elwood Jones, in Italy, that he had heard over radio the Texas A. & M. College and Texas University football game on Thanksgiving.

T-3 Carroll D. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hamilton of Mt. Vernon, had received a promotion and commendation from Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, commanding general of the Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force.

Jim Fite, 93, had died at his home in Paris. He was the grandfather of Johnnie Vaughan of Talco and Mrs. Frank Stegall of Tyler.

John Richard White, pioneer citizen and stockman, had died at his home in Talco.

Mrs. N. W. Neugent had received word that a son was born to her brother, C. T. Pittman and Mrs. Pittman at Wichita Falls.

Ronald Dean was the name given the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crandall, born at Grant Hospital in Deport.

School Supt. B. E. Dunagan of Talco, had word from the Highway Department that section 77 from Wilkinson to Sulphur Bluff had been accepted by the Texas Highway Commission. When finished it served Sulphur Bluff, Hagansport, Talco, Maple Springs and Wilkinson.

Talco Trojans had lost two hotly contested ball games, with Winnboro, the score 23-26; with Texarkana's AA team, the score was 48-28.

New and Renewed Times Subscribers

The Times thanks those whose names appear below for their subscription patronage:

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WOMEN AND WHEELS

Four Checks When You "Fill 'Er Up"

By Mary Lou Chapman

A "dip-stick" is not a new type of ice cream cone. It's that gadget under the hood of your car that shows you how much oil is in the engine. And if you have anything to do with cars—even if your husband generally takes care of such things—you should be familiar with it.

There are actually four other items besides gas that ought to pop into your mind every time you drive into a gas station. They are: checking the oil, the water in the radiator and in the battery, and taking a look at your tires.

Just because you may not understand the engineering intricacies behind these items, don't be intimidated. Get out of your car anyway and watch what the attendant does.

IT'S FLATTERING

He'll probably be flattered to have you watch him do his job, and will do it better—and maybe you'll learn more about your car in the process. Lots of men we know get out every time that hood goes up. There is something fascinating under that metal canopy. Of course you don't have to carry this motor-peering to extremes and start your own repair shop. But bear the following in mind when you go gasoline trotting in the future:

Check the oil. This is where the dip-stick comes in. Your gasoline attendant should show you the car's oil level on the dip-stick. This is how you read it: The level should be between the "add-oil" mark and the "full" mark. If the level drops below the "add oil" mark, add only one quart of oil.

Paris Grocer Co. Will Liquidate

Stockholders of the Paris Grocer Company—one of Northeast Texas' oldest business institutions—Wednesday voted to enter into a plan of liquidation which will eventually lead to the complete sale of assets of the firm.

The announcement came following a stockholders meeting Wednesday.

Liquidation will be completed by April 30. The firm will continue in business.

Stockholders were assured of receiving approximately book value for stock, which, in the last fiscal year, exceeded one million dollars.

It will mark the fourth time the company has changed ownership since it was founded in 1868.

Identity of a tentative buyer was not disclosed.

Paris Grocer Company history spans most of the past century. J. N. Adams opened the original

OIL'S EXPENSIVE

The level should be watched quite closely, because if it goes over the full mark, the oil is likely to be wasted. It churns around in there and leaks out. Oil is just too expensive for that sort of thing. Yet too little is dangerous, because the function of the oil is to keep the wearing surfaces of the engine smoothly lubricated, and lack of oil may ruin it. You should see that the oil is kept clean, too. A filter is helpful for this. If your car has one, remember that these filters also need periodic changing (every 5,000 miles) as they become filled with the dust and dirt they remove from the oil.

Check radiator water. This is important. The water is circulated from the radiator through a "jacket" surrounding the engine. It keeps the engine (which often gets as hot as 2,000 degrees in the combustion chamber) cooled down to a mere 160 degrees or so. That is, as long as you keep enough water in it.

Check the battery. This one too is primarily a water problem. Each cap should be removed to see that the water is at the proper level. Normally, the battery should be checked about every two weeks, but in hot weather or while you are on a long trip, have it checked every week.

TIRES TIRE, TOO

Check the tires at least once a week for signs of small breaks and for proper pressure. Your dealer will tell you what pressure is best for your particular tires, but it averages out in most to about 24 pounds when they are cool and 27 pounds after they have been rolling awhile. Never let air out of tires immediately after a long journey, though, as tires are built today to stand expansion. Just be sure that they are properly inflated under that metal canopy.

Periodic rotation to different wheels helps all four tires plus the spare to wear evenly. This should be done at every 3,000 miles.

More complete servicing of your car is done when it is lubricated. This is every 1,000 miles or once a month.

(Fashion writer, artist and TV personality, Miss Chapman is a native of Detroit, and has spent the last several years working with automobile stylists, designers and engineers at Chrysler Corporation.)

MANY, MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LOYALTY, GOODWILL

Merry Christmas

WRIGHT'S CLEANERS
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TALCO, TEXAS

Fine Arts Club With Mrs. Johnson

Holiday activities for the Fine Arts Club were concluded with an open house for club members and their guests Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Howard Johnson. Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. M. E. Jones and Mrs. J. H. Weatherall.

Evergreens, silvered foliage, Christmas bells and ornaments made festive the entrance to rooms decorated for the occasion in the holiday theme. In the living room were various arrangements of foliage, candles and colored ornaments. In the dining room the table centerpiece was a pink wrought iron basket holding pink and green artificial grapes and gold colored balls. The buffet held a large pink and gold arrangement on a styrafoam base with three reindeer at the center. On either side crystal can-

dlabra held gold-flecked pink tapers. The tea table was laid with a lace cloth over pink with a centerpiece of bronze mums and pink and gold ribbon bows in a footed vase.

The other rooms were decorated with arrangements of foliage, red berries, red candles and Christmas ornaments.

UNDESERVED LICKING

The little boy was crying bitterly because the big friendly dog had bounded up to him and licked his hand. His frantic mother called out the window:

"What is it . did he bite you?"
"No," came the cry. "But he tasted me."

ENOUGH SAID

"John doesn't seem so well dressed as he did five years ago when I married him."
"That's odd. He's wearing the same suit."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To write this Yuletide message to our many friends, in appreciation of their loyalty, gives us our greatest pleasure at this happy season of the year.

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NEW QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOW TO RATE ADVANTAGES HOME TOWN

- No questionnaire is fool-proof. But if you can circle "yes" on 30 or more of the virtues below, chances are you live in a town of which you can be proud.
- Most high school graduates stay in town. Yes No
 - Getting a loan on a sound business venture is easy. Yes No
 - The local paper constantly pushes civic improvements. Yes No
 - There's a Chamber of Commerce with a live wire manager. Yes No
 - Local speeders pay the same fines as out-of-towners. Yes No
 - There's a place to swim within easy reach. Yes No
 - Young couples have little trouble finding a place to live. Yes No
 - The head of your government is a "get-things-done" man. Yes No
 - Town entrances are free junk, shacks and bill boards. Yes No
 - Teachers' salaries are better than the state's average. Yes No
 - There's at least one doctor per 800 people in your county. Yes No
 - There's a library with a good collection of recent books. Yes No
 - Newcomers quickly feel they're part of the town. Yes No
 - Schools have plenty of room for students. Yes No
 - Fire insurance rates are low for your type of town. Yes No
 - Service, veterans' and women's clubs team up on projects. Yes No
 - There is an active, well-organized Boy Scout troop. Yes No
 - A modern hospital is ready to care for the ill. Yes No
 - There's an active PTA. Yes No
 - Well-stocked stores within your trading area. Yes No
 - There's a hotel or motel you'd enjoy if you were a visitor. Yes No
 - It's easy to find parking space in the business session. Yes No
 - At least one restaurant serves outstanding meals. Yes No
 - The sewer extension program keeps pace with new housing. Yes No
 - It's easy to get volunteers for any worthwhile project. Yes No
 - Public toilets are provided for farm folk shopping in town. Yes No
 - Prompt, reasonable ambulance service is available. Yes No
 - Good zoning keeps factories away from residential areas. Yes No
 - There's an annual Clean Up, Fix-Up week. Yes No
 - Streets throughout the community are well lighted. Yes No
 - More than half the religious congregations are under 40. Yes No
 - Shade trees line nearly all the streets. Yes No
 - There's an ample supply of good drinking water. Yes No
 - There's a recreation center where young people can dance. Yes No
 - The business section has a modern, prosperous look. Yes No
 - There's as much interest in local as national elections. Yes No
 - The tax rate is attractive to new industry. Yes No
 - There's a community council to guide town progress. Yes No

HUMBLE CAMP

By MRS. A. L. RODGERS
DIAL DR 9-3804

R. F. Parker Sr. went to Kilgore Saturday to attend the funeral of George Grigg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hooks spent Sunday and Monday in Hawkins with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooks.

Cpl. Clifford Couch is here on furlough from Japan, visiting his sister, Mrs. A. E. Foster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kennington of Gilmer, visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Ada Warnell of Savanna, Ga., arrived Thursday to visit her son, B. E. Warnell and wife for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Dyer of Dallas, spent the week end here with their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Marshall and family.

Miss Shirley Harris of Waco, Baylor Nursing School, is here visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Burnham went to Homer, La., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burnham, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temple Jr. of Huntsville, are here for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Lewis and children of Pasadena, visited her brother, J. D. Funderburk and family Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGee and son of College Station, are here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rodgers, Monty and Leon, and grandson, Randy, went to Paris Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Rodgers.

Mrs. L. B. Kaylor and daughter, Mae, left Saturday to spend the holidays in Haynesville, La., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yates.

An Humble pumper on the east end of the field Joe White, suffered a heart attack and was carried to a Mt. Pleasant hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McNeil of Athens, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tietz and Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson and other friends, Sunday.

Mrs. R. F. Parker Sr. went to Garland Thursday to visit her daughter, Joy. They went to Dallas Thursday night. Mrs. Parker returned home Friday.

Mrs. P. P. Hendrix went to Houston Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. G. D. Lightsey and family. Mr. Hendrix and daughter, Mrs. Eugene Blalock, went Monday for a three-day visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walters of Biloxi, Miss., arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trimble. On Monday Mrs. Walters became ill and was carried to a Naples hospital. She is improved and is now in Daingerfield visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wilbanks had as their guests Sunday, her mother, Mrs. Julia Cameron and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cameron and two children of Argo.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stone accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Donohoe, attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Stone in Linden, Sunday.

Jimmie Foster and Jimmie Stewart are home for the holiday vacation from ETSTC, Commerce. Miss Mary Hopper, home from Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hopkins of ETSTC, came by Friday night to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hopkins, and left Saturday to visit her parents in Florida for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bradshaw and Mrs. Berta Wade visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Loftin and family Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Loftin and Cecil Lynn were in Gilmer Saturday, visiting.

R. F. Parker Jr. of Texas University, Austin, and Miss Joy Parker, teacher at Garland, are here for the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parker Sr.

Mike McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McKnight, returned from a Texarkana hospital Wednesday. He has been confined there for the last few weeks with polio. He is much improved and can be up a part of each day.

Among the Humble people attending the annual Humble Christmas party in Tyler Friday were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Donohoe, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Drue Matlock, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hooks, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stone, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hanks.

Delmar Defeats Cunningham 63-45

Unbeaten Delmar kept its pace in District 50-B basketball Friday, fighting off Cunningham in a 63-45 game at Delmar.

Kenneth Smith hit 18 points, Billy Taylor 15 and Tick Lane 12 for the Eagles. Cunningham's top man was Damon Faber with 14 points.

Cunningham won the girls game, 52-40. Sanders scored 36 points for Delmar, McKnight 33 for Cunningham.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER

The Government has been making about \$50,000,000 a year turning out synthetic rubber for automobile tires, according to a recent report. The government will soon be selling the business to private industry, however, where the Eisenhower Administration says it belongs.

GENERAL ELECTRIC

General Electric earned a record \$140,691,000 in the first nine months of this year, with lower rates reflecting a twenty per cent rise in net despite a seven per cent drop in sales.

Heard of a sheriff the other day who didn't know the meaning of the word "fear." Fact is, there were lots of words he didn't know.

SHEPPARD GIVEN LIFE TERM STILL SAYS HE'S NOT GUILTY

Cleveland, Ohio.—Dr. Samuel Sheppard, a stunned disbelief stamped starkly across his handsome boyish face, heard himself convicted Tuesday of second-degree murder. It took his jury five days to reach a verdict, just one minute less than 102 hours.

He was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment for the July 4 murder of Marilyn Sheppard, his 31-year-old wife of nine years, who tried to hold his love against the allure of other women. The state had asked the death penalty.

Marilyn was four months pregnant with her second child when she was beaten to death in bed with a savagery that left her head all but shapeless from 35 blows. Dr. Sheppard blamed the murder on a prowling, bushy-haired stranger.

"I'm not guilty," the 30-year-old osteopath insisted to the court and jury before he was led out of the courtroom.

Dr. Sheppard could have been given the electric chair. Instead he will be eligible for parole in 10 years.

His defense lawyer said they will appeal the conviction and expressed confidence it could be upset. Meanwhile, they sought a new trial—a legal prelude to an appeal. Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin set a hearing for Dec. 30. A trial judge rarely, if ever, reverses his own conduct of a case by granting a new trial.

Dr. Sheppard took the verdict with an audible gasp, but without any of the tears he shed so often during the trial.

LIMITED TALENTS

Third-grade pupils in a San Fernando Valley school near Los Angeles were asked to draw pictures of what they wanted to be when they grew up. One little boy turned in a picture of himself driving a fire engine. But one little girl turned in a blank piece of paper. When the teacher asked why, she explained: "I want to be married—but I don't know how to draw it."



Origin Of The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree seems to have originated in Germany, and can be traced back with certainty to the year 1604. There is a pretty legend in connection with it which gives credit to St. Winfrid as the inventor of the idea.

"In the midst of a crowd of converts he hewed down a giant oak which had formerly been the object of their Druidic worship. As it fell backward like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces, there stood just behind it, unharmed by the ruin, a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the stars. Winfrid let the axe drop, and turned to speak to the people.

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are called the tree of the Christchild; gather about it, not in the wild-wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts, and rites of kindness."

The Christmas tree was introduced into the Court of St. James about 1840, by Prince Consort Albert of Saxe-Coburg, and the custom spread rapidly among the aristocratic families of London, and was almost immediately adopted by all classes throughout England.

Then there was the man who had a self-winding, waterproof, shock-proof, unbreakable, anti-magnetic watch. And he lost it.

CHRISTMAS TIDINGS

... and this wish: May every branch on your tree bear the symbols of a happy Christmas celebration.

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Former Milton Resident Dead

Andrew J. Roddy, 86, of Blossom, former postmaster at Swink, Ok., died in a hospital at Terrell Friday.

Funeral services, Sunday at 2 p. m. were held in Paris and burial was made in Milton cemetery.

Rev. J. F. Lamb and Rev. H. A. Norris, Baptist ministers, officiated and pallbearers were Jack Williams, Johnnie Franklin, Mor-

ris Outland, Reese Pyron, Lonnie Pyron and E. Dorries.

Mr. Roddy leaves his wife, the former Edna Knowles (Brewer) Roddy, and these children: Boyd Roddy, David Roddy, Mrs. Sam Leslie of Texoma, Okla., and Mrs. A. B. Marcy, Owasso, Mich.

The Federal Trade Commission has ordered paper trade groups and nearly one hundred wholesalers to end alleged price fixing practices on stationery and other fine papers.

Cheers

We can not think of a better way to greet you all on this holiday — Than with this phrase, tho' hardly new. That sends our sincerest wish to you

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