

Heavy Snow Covers Wide Area; Highway Travel Very Dangerous

An estimated 5 to 6 inches of snow, which began falling before daybreak Tuesday and continued until 11:00 p.m., blanketed this area. The snow extended from Amarillo to Sonora, and from El Paso to Ft. Worth. Highway travel was practically at a standstill late Tuesday. Roads in Borden, Scurry, Jones and Shackelford counties were closed due to icy conditions.

Former County Man Killed In Auto Crash

Word has been received at Baird that T/Sgt. Billy Joe Gibson, U. S. Air Force, a former resident of Callahan County, was killed in an automobile accident in Germany.

Memorial services were held in Germany Dec. 24. The body will be brought to Ft. Worth where the funeral will be held.

Born at Eula, July 26, 1927, Gibson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson of Odessa. He graduated from Nocona High School in 1944, and in 1950 he received his degree at North Texas State College at Denton with a major in journalism.

He married Betty Colburn of Ft. Worth. The couple and their children arrived in Trier, Germany, in 1954 where he served in the Air Force public relations department.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children, Marion Ruth, Byron and Robert; his parents; a sister, Neida Gibson of Odessa; and several aunts and uncles of the Baird area.

Courts Play Santa Claus To Wildlife

Justices of the Peace played Santa Claus to Texas wildlife, according to the new arrest report released by the Director of Law Enforcement for the Game and Fish Commission.

With the birds and the beasts having an unusually hard time because of the record drought, the courts dealt out harsh justice to offenders against the Animal Kingdom.

Some stand out cases of making examples of cheaters included:

A total of \$794.52 in fines plus costs to two San Antonio men caught headlighting and killing a fawn deer;

A total of approximately \$600 in fines and costs against three San Antonio men for hunting deer at night from an automobile;

A \$400 levy against a Wichita Falls man and one from Duncan, Okla., for the same offense;

Individual fines of \$200 plus costs for illegally taking deer against three men from Bay City.

Fines and costs totaling approximately \$400 against two Houston men for hunting deer with dogs;

Several individual fines of \$100 for illegally taking deer. These included men from Alice and Corpus Christi.

The courts levied fines in thirty-three cases for hunting at night and in thirty-six cases for hunting from an automobile. Fines in these cases ranged from \$10 to \$100.

the fishing bracket, two O'Connor men paid \$100 each plus costs for netting in closed waters.

NOTICE

Baird Odd Fellows Lodge No. 271 and Baird Rebekah Lodge No. 112 will hold a joint installation of officers on Tuesday night, Jan. 4, at the Odd Fellow Hall. Starting time is 8:00 p.m. This will be a public installation and all who wish to attend are cordially invited.

Brownie News

Brownie Troop No. 4 met on Dec. 15, 1954. The following new members were added: Gelaine Swadlow and Eileen Womack. We regret losing Stephanie La Fon who has moved away.

The group sang the Brownie Song and each member recited the Brownie Promise. A Christmas decoration was made by each member.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 5, 1955. Hostesses will be Dana Cora and Mary Joe Thompson.

Mrs. W. A. Ballard and Mrs. Fannie Medford both of Ft. Worth, who are sisters of Arthur Johnson spent Christmas with the Johnsons. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Kimmel of Big Spring were also visitors. Mr. Kimmel and Mrs. Johnson are brother and sister.

Guests in the Otto Schaffrina home for Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Jean Kniffen and children of Clyde; Miss Lorena Hinesley of Archer City, James and Dorothy of Baird.

Travel on Highway 80 was barely moving, and only those who had to go ventured out.

Three were injured in accidents in the Baird area. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thorp, El Paso, were involved in a collision with an automobile driven by Joyce Cawley of Baird. Mrs. Thorp required five stitches for a cut on her forehead.

Two were injured in a head-on collision about 11:00 a.m. Tuesday on the overpass east of Putnam. G. E. Wells, 70, of Hamlin, was treated for chest bruises at Callahan County Hospital and released. Milton C. Dunaway was treated at Callahan County Hospital here and moved to Veteran's Hospital in Dallas Tuesday afternoon. A third car, driven by J. T. Adams of Newcastle, Wyo., was also involved in the wreck, but Mr. Adams was not injured. Traffic was blocked on the overpass for over an hour.

Farmers are very happy and thankful for the moisture on their grain crops. Most of the moisture will soak into the ground, greatly aiding crops and pastures.

Physical Check-up Necessary For Adults

If you have not had an audit made recently of your physical assets and liabilities, go to your doctor now and have it done is the advice of Dr. Henry A. Holle, State Health Officer, to all grown-ups in Texas. "It is quite as important," Dr. Holle said, "to check up on your physical resources as it is to look into the state of your financial possessions. By regular care under your physician's direction, you can conserve your physical assets and avoid the accumulation of destructive liabilities."

"Each of us starts with a certain amount of physical capital. Merely as a business proposition, it is worthwhile to conserve it to the best of our ability. In infancy and childhood our physical resources, as a rule, are safeguarded for us. As we grow older, the responsibility for doing so rest upon the individual. The critical period may come in middle life with the sudden realization that the physical capital is yielding diminishing returns in the way of physical well being. A large number of the deaths reported each year in Texas is due to the degenerative diseases of middle age.

"Nearly all of these diseases have slow beginnings, and their onset can often be recognized in the course of a thorough physical examination before they have gained serious headway. In the majority, early detection of menacing conditions with a readjustment of physical expenditures and a better budgeting of activities, under the physician's direction, will help to shift the balance from unfavorable to the favorable side of the ledger."

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Turpin of Denver, Colo. spent last Thursday and Friday with her sister, Mrs. S. L. McElroy and Mr. McElroy. They all spent Christmas day in Dallas with Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bobo. Mr. and Mrs. Turpin remained in Dallas for a weeks visit with Mrs. Bobo who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bryant and Sandy of Ft. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bryant and son of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Austin and family of Abilene spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant and other relatives.

Relatives visiting in the J. V. Thompson home on Christmas day were: Mrs. R. Langston of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Swinson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chatham and children all from Abilene; Bill Masters and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, Grady Earl and La Vonne from Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fisher from Eastland; Miss Mabel Hall of Sidney and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lancaster and Katherine from Wheeler.

Relatives who enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swinson were: Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Pinto from Banger; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Swinson and daughter, Sammie Lou from Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Trotter of Eula; Miss Ethel Trotter of Big Spring; Mrs. O. B. Jarrett, Mrs. Bobbie Ruth Volga and children and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Swinson and daughter, all of Baird. All of Mr. and Mrs. Swinson's children except Johnny and family who live in Odessa were present for the dinner.

Mrs. R. V. Hart and Carl Haley of Big Spring, Mrs. Bernice Drake of Midland and E. A. Haley of Cross Plains spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray and other relatives.

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."

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BOOST BAIRD IN 1954

Aged County Pioneer, Mrs. Gilliland, Dies

Mrs. Martha Gilliland, Callahan County's oldest woman at 97, died about 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25th in Callahan County Hospital after a week's illness. She was born Oct. 6, 1857 in Camden County, Arkansas; came to Texas in 1873 and settled in Hood County. She moved to Callahan County in 1881, and was married to W. L. Gilliland in 1884. Mrs. Gilliland was preceded in death by her husband, a son, two daughters and one granddaughter.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Fannie Terrell; a daughter, Mrs. V. E. Hill, Baird; four grandchildren, Catherine Carl, Billy James, Clifton and Lewis Hill; and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Wylie Funeral Chapel with Rev. Royce Womack officiating. Burial was in Tecumseh Cemetery.

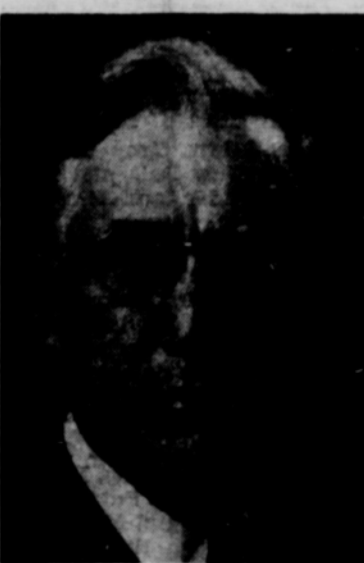
Palbearers were Ace Hickman, Jack Gilliland, Erie Hall, L. L. Blackburn, John Shrader and Sam Gilliland.

New and Renewal Subscriptions

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Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cox and her mother, Mrs. Susie Gabbert of Lubbock, visited his mother, Mrs. W. E. Cox and other relatives in Lampasas during the holidays.

Herbert G. Markley New Baird Minister



HERBERT G. MARKLEY

Rev. Herbert G. Markley, former minister of the First Presbyterian Church at Breckenridge, has been extended a call to the Baird church and will arrive Thursday together with Mrs. Markley. They will occupy the manse next to the church and will take up their new work the first of the year.

Mr. Markley has filled pulpits in several towns in North Dakota where he began his ministry in 1913, being appointed 1st Lt. and Chaplain of the Second North Dakota Infantry at the beginning of World War I and served with the United States forces for some two years with fourteen months overseas duty.

He is one of the Founders of The American Legion with thirty-five consecutive years of membership and is a Post Department Chaplain of both the State of Texas and Arkansas.

Following World War I, Mr. Markley served pastorates in Illinois, Colorado, Arkansas and Texas. In Colorado he lectured in practically all the larger cities while he was pastor of the Berwind Camyon Community Church, which was party supported by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., a subsidiary of the Rockefeller interests.

Texas pastorates include Del Rio, on the Mexican Border;

Sheriff's Posse To Meet January 7

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will meet at the Courthouse, Friday, Jan. 7, at 7:00 p.m.

All members of the posse are urged to be present for the election of officers for the coming year.

B.H.S. Class Of 1947 Holds Reunion

Mrs. Aubrey Ground was host to members of the Baird High Class of 1947 on Christmas Day at the home of her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Berry.

Fruit cake and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goble, Baird; Hugh Shrader, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Francisco, Jr., Grand Prairie; James Eubanks, Baird; Laurie Sherrill, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell, Tommy and Dixie Joe, Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Varner, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ground and Bobby, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Morning and Shelley, Austin; Fred Pentecost, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland, Lubbock.

Breckenridge where he served for some eight years; Wink in West Texas where he was when called to service with the Salvation Army U.S.O. at Brownwood, Greenville, Texas and Newport, Ark.

At Lowell, Ark., Mr. Markley organized a community church which he pastored until a competent minister was secured to take over. They lived in Rogers, Ark., for several years before returning to Texas where they have been making their home for the past several months. Mr. Markley said in a recent statement that both he and his wife were looking forward to their new work at Baird with pleasurable anticipation.

The membership of the Presbyterian Church is happy in the knowledge they will have a minister of the talents and ability of Mr. Markley and extend a most cordial invitation to their many friends to visit with them whenever possible.

Brother Of Baird Woman Dies Of Heart Attack Thursday

George Whitfield Johnson, 68, was fatally stricken with a heart attack about 2 p.m. Thursday in the 100 block of Chestnut St., Abilene. His home was at 1341 Ash St., Abilene.

He was dead on arrival at Hendrick Memorial Hospital. He was taken there in an Elliott Funeral Home ambulance.

He had suffered a previous heart attack in October of 1953

and had since been in ill health.

He was a retired machinist and had worked for the Southern Pacific and Texas and Pacific railways.

Mr. Johnson was born Oct. 15, 1886, in Texas. He was married to Matilda Alman at Ballinger in 1910 and moved to Abilene from Bakersfield, Calif., in July, 1953.

He was a member of the Palm Street Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Jack Johnson of 1341 Ash St., Abilene, and William Johnson of Wasco, Calif.; four brothers, Clyde Johnson of Abilene, Walter Johnson of Blackwell and Hugh Johnson of Austin, and Dee Johnson of Wintgate; two sisters, Mrs. Jim Hill of Baird and Mrs. John Clark of Putnam.

Wins Scholarship In Speech Contest

Mrs. Joe McGowen recently received word that her granddaughter, Betty Cunningham, who lives in Nuela, Colo., was first place winner in the "Voice of Democracy" contest which was sponsored by the Montrose Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Each student prepared and recorded a five minute radio speech on the subject, "I Speak for Democracy." Miss Cunningham was awarded a \$75.00 cash scholarship for first place.

Lee Brown Home Robbed Christmas

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, 5 miles east of Baird, was burglarized Christmas Day while Mr. and Mrs. Brown were away for a Christmas dinner with Mrs. Brown's parents.

Missing are all of Mr. Brown's clothing, suits, boots, hats, socks, handkerchiefs, even shaving equipment. Two pieces of luggage and a Winchester rifle are also missing. Loss was estimated between \$350.00 and \$400.00. No trace has been found of the missing articles.

Bob Mathias Stars In Exciting Life Story

The only athlete ever to win the Olympic decathlon championship twice stars in his own life story, "The Bob Mathias Story," showing at the Plaza Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 5 and 6.

The small town boy from Tulare, Calif., who won his first Olympic championship at the age of 17 reveals in this Allied Artists film, a life packed with action and romance which has made him the idol of millions of American youth.

His own 22-1/2 story, Melba Mathias, plays herself in the romantic part of the story which was actually filmed on location in and around the 12,000 population home town of the boy who beat some of the greatest athletes the world has ever produced.

An important part in the picture is played by Ward Bond as the obscure high school coach who trained the youngster to go out and win against the world. To add realism to the picture, Producer William E. Selwyn and Director Francis D. Lyon filmed most of it in and around Mathias' home town of Tulare. The highly competent cast rounded up by Executive Producer James L. Fallon also includes Howard Petrie, Ann Doran, and Diane Jergens.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Hill and daughter Linda, of Rome, Georgia, visited their mother, Mrs. V. F. Hill over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bowlus of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West and Sarann of Crane; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil West, Jr., of Abilene; Bowlus West of Denton and Cpl. Don Johnston of Ft. Hood enjoyed Christmas dinner in the home of Miss Edith Bowlus.

Brother Of Mrs. John Berry Dies Unexpectedly At Stamford

Jerome Collier McCarley, 59, of Stamford, died suddenly Wednesday at 5:20 a.m. He had been in failing health for several years and a hospital patient two days.

Mr. McCarley was born March 2, 1895 at Dublin. He came to Stamford in 1947 from Los Angeles and lived with his mother, Mrs. J. B. McCarley.

His father was Rev. J. B. McCarley, Methodist minister of the Northwest Texas Conference, who died in 1947.

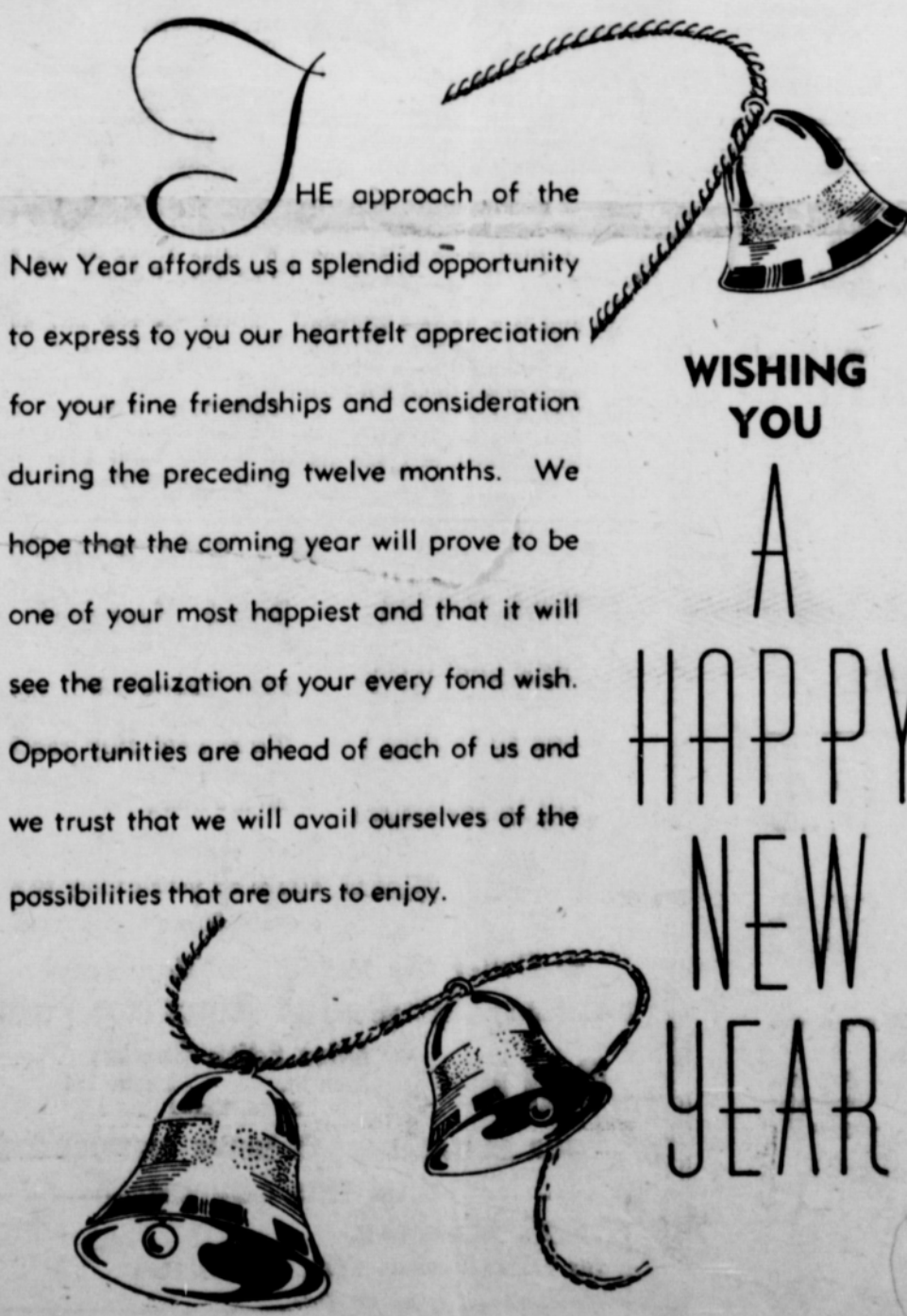
Survivors are one son, Capt. J. B. McCarley II of San Ber-

nardino, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Cory of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. John Berry of Clyde and Mrs. G. H. Ater of Lubbock.

Funeral was held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Kinney Funeral Chapel, with Rev. W. A. Appling, pastor of St. John's Methodist Church and Rev. Marshall Rhew, district superintendent, officiating.

Burial was at 2:30 p.m. beside the grave of his father in Live-oak Cemetery at Dublin.

Mr. McCarley was a member of the Methodist Church.



THE BAIRD STAR

The Putnam News

Mrs. Mary Ramsey Hosts Family Dinner

Those attending the family Christmas dinner at Mrs. Mary Ramsey's were: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Burnam, Retha and Gayle, Mr. and Mrs. Burette Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wood and Treva, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carter and James, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hughes, Linda, Gloria Jean and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everett, Alice and Dianne, Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre, Mrs. Bill Jackson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Chandler and children.

Everyone enjoyed the day. In the afternoon James Carter showed a lot of pictures on the screen he made with his movie camera which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Reed of Irving visited the Browns.

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Verda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor! Here I am again. This will be the last time I will write this year. Hope everyone of you had a nice Christmas and old Santa was real good to all of you. He was real good to me and all of my household. No one here ate too much either.

The Hired Hand had Christmas dinner last Friday. All the children and their families were there. Mrs. Mary Ramsey had Christmas dinner with them too.

The Dick Yarbrough had their Christmas dinner Christmas Day. R. C. Yarbrough and family of Donna were there. D. A. Yarbrough, Mildred and Gerald Carter of Vernon and I had dinner with them. My we had everything good to eat.

There were several other Christmas dinners that I don't know about so am sure everybody had a good time during the holidays. The weather was just like summer. No one needed to wear a coat.

James Carter came last Tuesday. So did John and Roma. James and John went quail hunting. Not very many quail. Don't know what was wrong but they didn't kill any. Duke wore his hunting shoes and boy did he like them. They kept the sand burrs out of his feet.

Mildred and Gerald Carter came last Thursday evening. They left for Vernon Sunday afternoon.

Gertrude Short, Miss Reba Williams of Big Spring, Ruth, Bettie and Mabel Mobley came over to see us Sunday afternoon. We were so glad to see all of them, especially Gertrude as we had not seen her in a long time. Gertrude was driving a new Chevrolet car.

Roma McIntyre, Ollie and Gayle Burnam and I went to Pattie Williams wedding last Thursday evening at the Methodist Church in Putnam.

Burette and Johnny Ramsey had all their children home for Christmas. They also had Christmas dinner. Those attending be-

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side their daughter and family were: Mrs. Mary Ramsey, Walter, Reba and Jack Francisco, Dee Chandler and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. Bell Geter.

Stella Hughes and Joan Collinsworth came up to see us Christmas day a while. No one at home but Little Boy Jim. They said they enjoyed visiting with him. Come again girls. Maybe sometime you might find me at home. Am sorry I was gone.

W. P. Yarbrough and wife, James Yarbrough and wife and little daughter of Cross Plains came up to visit a while Christmas Day with us. No one at home. They visited D. A. Yarbrough a while.

Mildred and Gerald Carter and I visited a while Christmas Day with the Emmitt Wood family in Cisco. Also with the Clint McIntyres in Oplin.

Oh! I forgot to tell you, Duke is spending the holidays at the Clint McIntyres'. This is the first Christmas he has ever spent away from home. Hope he has been a nice dog.

James and John went rabbit hunting the other night and killed a lot of rabbits. Christmas night down at Clint McIntyre's Mr. Mc. John and Buster Mc-Niece, and James Carter went rabbit hunting. They were gone from the house thirty minutes and killed thirty-two jack rabbits. How's that for killing rabbits. They were killing them in the grain field.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stagner and little Mike spent Sunday night and Monday with us. We really enjoyed them very much. They live in Levelland. Little Mike is four years old and real cute. Old Santa brought him a cowboy outfit and he really played cowboy today.

We had our Christmas dinner Friday evening. Mildred, Gerald and James, Roma and John, Dick and Annie and D. A. Yarbrough and Mrs. Mary Ramsey were here. Soon after dinner we had old Santa Claus. Guess all us kids have been pretty good as Santa was real good to all here. We didn't have turkey. No, we didn't even have baked chicken. We had fried chicken and some of that good old hog meat. I don't know anything else to write about so better go to

bed. This will be the last time I will see you this year so be good until next year and I will see you then.

Those having Christmas dinner with Mrs. D. D. Jones were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pruet, Mr. and Mrs. Warlick Jones and children, Lynda and Bert, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Pruet and son Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, Johnny Gunn, Hodge, Donald and Billy Bowne.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Pruet Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mac Jobe and children Irene and Stanley of Rising Star, Dr. Royce Pruet of Abilene, Danny and Ricky Sherman of Moran.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Caraway and sons, Troy Dale and Mack Jobe visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jobe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Smith of Arlington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Hulon Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Francisco and son Jimmy of Grand Prairie visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francisco and relatives in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp of Odessa are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Fry of Putnam and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp of Cisco, through the holidays.

Those eating Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lee White were: Mr. and Mrs. Olin White and children, Barbara and Bobby of Electra; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Varner and children, Vickie Lee and Tommy Lynn of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham and children, Charlie and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Alton White and Carolyn and Marylyn, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel White and daughter Danna Sue of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Royce White of Abilene and Lyndon of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown had as their weekend visitors their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Christal and four children, Mark, Lee, Eddie and Gay Ellen and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Christal and son David of Dallas. Those visiting Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. Macdon Norris of Lawn, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Chief Brown, Dr. Ava Withee and Mrs. N. A. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christal and two sons Gary and Bruce of Dallas were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, also.

Mr. Sam Yeager and Ruth of Cisco and Mildred Yeager of Dallas were visiting in Putnam Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert and son Darrel of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Williams and sons, Marvin Lee and Stanley of Wichita Falls were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank Christmas day. Roy Lee returned to Wichita Falls Sunday morning but the others are spending several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Little visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Little through Christmas.

Mrs. H. V. and Raymond Caldwell of Ft. Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Biggerstaff Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Shackelford and children, Pierce, Reagan and Ellen, went to Seymour Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Williams and children, Harold, Darold and Kay, returned home Friday. They came down to attend their daughter's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butler and daughter, Mildred, of Clyde vis-

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clinton and children, Robert, Reagen and Ronald visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clinton and Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry during Christmas.

Mrs. Sam Jobe had as her guests the weekend, her son, Frank Jobe and daughters, Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham of Baird were in Putnam Thursday evening to attend the wedding of Patty Williams.

Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown and children, Nancy, Robert, and Barry, came Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cunningham and son, Mickle, of Midland visited Monday with his mother, Mrs. John Cunningham and brothers, Charlie and R. B. and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Biggerstaff.

Mr. J. E. Steadham and daughter, Mrs. Reanolds of Ranger, Elbert of Montana and Roy of Ft. Worth, all former residents of Putnam, were visiting here Thursday. Mr. Steadham was 95 years old Christmas day.

Those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rutherford during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rutherford and sons, Edward and Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford of Groves, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rutherford of Abilene, Clint Rutherford of Lubbock and Cecil Rutherford and son Joe of Abilene.

Those visiting in the Andy Rutherford home during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rutherford and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rutherford of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Lefty Rutherford of Abilene.

Mrs. Vena Shackelford left last Wednesday for Glendale, Calif. where she will visit for several days with the former Mary and Wilda Shackelford.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Perkins and sons, Blaine and Rockane are spending the holidays in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Roggenstein visited relatives in Snyder Sunday.

Mrs. Janie Moore and Eva spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen in Merkel.

Aura Francis Waddell is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fleming were Mrs. Lula Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook of Abilene.

Those having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rhule and Lillian Cook of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cook, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hays, Mrs. Artie Bolick and son, Bruce and Other Cook, all of Abilene.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brandon during Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brandon and daughters, Linda and Gwen of Coahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Evans and sons, Jack, Donny and Mike of Kermit and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Brandon of Thurber.

Those visiting the Mobley girls during Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Zulus Mehaffey and daughter Betty Ruth of Gorman, Mrs. Cassie Mobley of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mobley of Harlingen, Harry Graves of Colorado City, Mrs. Gertrude Short and Reber Williams of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Carrico and daughter, Carlie of Baird.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Slim Taylor during the holidays

were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and son Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Finley and daughter Debbie of Lubbock; Fred Heysler and Misses Carolyn Bint and Bobbie Kerley.

Mrs. J. A. Heysler had as her guests Christmas day, all of her children: Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Shields Heysler all of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Hattie Stewart of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Heysler of Cisco and Fred Heysler.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Herring went to Lovington, N. M. to spend Christmas with her son.

Mrs. Fred Heysler has been to Abilene spending her Christmas with her little granddaughter, Fredda Jean Wilson, who is ill.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams during the holidays were: Mrs. E. B. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Ross and daughter Betty Jane, Mrs. J. W. Steger, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wadzick and daughters Robin and Gay Ann of Colorado City; Bruce Williams of Rotan; Mr. D. L. Long and Francis May of Dallas.

Gayle Williams of Lubbock was home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Tatom and family ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tatom of Cross Plains.

Bobby Ray Tatom, Elva Payne and Mrs. Ben Payne spent the Christmas holidays in O'Kene, Okla. visiting relatives.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Park during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Park and son Lee of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mack Park of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Park of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sunderman left Friday and spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sunderman. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sunderman and children of Morgan; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sunderman and son of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sunderman of Sinton and Mrs. Hamilton. They all came to Morgan Christmas Day and had dinner with Edward and family. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sunderman came home with his parents and stayed a few days.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Isenhower and children during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Isenhower and daughter Wanda Jean of Valley Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Isenhower and children Jane, Elizabeth Ann and Billy of Elltown; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Freeman and children Doris Ann, Mary, Jackie, Glenna and Henry Allen of Corsicana; Mrs. Lake Renfro of Merkel and her daughter and family of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Allen of Plainview spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Elison Pruet. They spent Christmas in Cameron. Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Pruet Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mit-

chell and sons of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mundt and sons of Mineral Wells and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pruet and son of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Geo. Biggerstaff has received word that one of her poems, "A Beautiful Life" was read on a dinner program given by the Ft. Worth Soroptimist Club at the Ridgley Country Club. The \$3.50 a plate proceeds went to the Child Foundation Center of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crutfield and daughter Mary of Breckenridge, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Crutchfield, Patty and Kathy of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson and Jo Ann of Midland spent Christmas with Mrs. G. H. Crutchfield.

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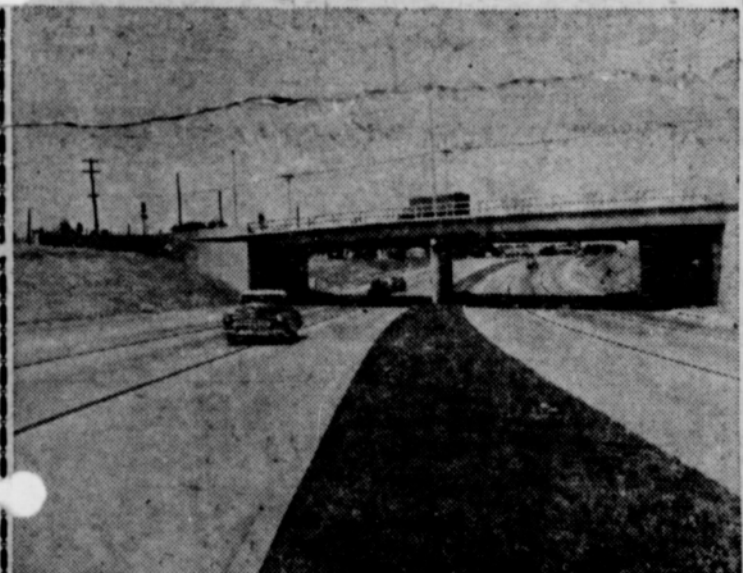
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Rowden Round-Up
By Theida Crow
Community Activities Reliably
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Mr. and Mrs. John Adair had
Christmas dinner with Mrs.
Adair's aunt in Coleman Satur-
day.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Blan
Odum during this week was Mrs.
Odum's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Tatom of Cross Plains.

Mrs. Sallie Swafford is visit-
ing her daughter and husband
in Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny
Betcher and daughter.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow
Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dal-
ton Lelew and children of Spur,
Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Crow and
Richie and Mr. and Mrs. Dale
Gibbs and Gary, all of Baird.

Misses Theida and Velda Crow
had supper with Mrs. Lillie
Stephens and Donald in Abilene
Saturday night.

Having Christmas dinner with
Mrs. Mattie Gibbs and Raymond
Saturday were Mrs. Ben Rus-
sell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs.
Howard Cline and Maratha of
Ft. Worth, Mrs. Bob Darby of
South America, Mr. and Mrs.
Barney Gibbs and Dean, Mr. and
Mrs. Dale Gibbs of Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and
girls had Christmas dinner
with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cutbirth
in Clyde Saturday.

There will be a musical at the
Rowden Community Center Fri-
day night, Dec. 31. The ladies
of the community are to bring
cakes. The coffee will be there
to go with them.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

We wish to take this means to
express our thanks to our many
friends, doctors, nurses and hos-
pital staff for their many acts
of kindness and thoughtfulness
during our recent accident. We
appreciate and love to live
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Blondie and Iva McIntosh
Sam Driskill of Dallas spent
Christmas with his mother, Mrs.
Corrie Driskill.

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Oplin Observations
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Say, folks, there has been so
much coming and going around
Oplin during our Christmas
weekend that I may never get
all the news worked in this week.
Most everyone has had company.

Ray and I visited just a short
while with Mr. and Mrs. J. D.
Turner of Premont on Christ-
mas Eve in the home of his par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner.
J. D. and Faye made the trip
home in a new Ford and even
took us for a spin in it. His
parents were to accompany
them to Brownwood on Christ-
mas day to visit her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Harville
met the bus last Wednesday to
welcome home their youngest
daughter and children, Mrs.
Henry Settle, Lynda, Harville
and Larry of Big Lake. They
were to visit until after Christ-
mas with them.

It added to the holidays to see
and visit with Mr. and Mrs. John
McIntyre of Salt Lake City, Utah
while they were at Oplin visit-
ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Clint McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Wind-
ham and Paula hosted a pre-
Christmas party last Tuesday
night, Dec. 21. Dinner guests
were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Elliott
and daughter, Joan, of Abilene;
Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen
and daughter, Carol Lynn of
Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Windham and son, Frank Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson,
Mr. Calvin Rogers and Mr. and
Mrs. Ray Floyd.

One of the nicest things our
community has ever done was
to remember and honor Virginia
Mae Nobles with a surprise
birthday party at the Com-
munity Center last Monday
night, Dec. 20. It was a be-
lated birthday party since Vir-
ginia Mae celebrated her 25th
birthday, Dec. 16. Due to death
in the community, the party had
been postponed. Virginia Mae
has been handicapped since
birth, but not many equal her
disposition, personality, and
winning smile. She is the daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nobles.
I believe close to fifty friends
registered. The idea originated
with Mrs. L. E. Turner who is a
close neighbor and friend.

The community had its tree
the same night also. The host-
esses: Mmes. A. L. McGinnis,
Zack McIntyre, F. F. Beaver, M.
C. Miller and Andrew Johnson
had prepared an enjoyable
Christmas program which pre-
ceded the handing out of the
gifts. Refreshments of sand-
wiches, cake, cookies, candy,
punch and coffee were served
buffet style.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs.
Tommie Windham and Paula
last Sunday were Mrs. Bill Guest
of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Albert
Nielsen and son, Les, of Bloom-
field, Nebraska. Being as Paula
stays with the young guests and
the Nielsons being the parents
of Mrs. Guest, the day was a nice
opportunity for the families to
really get acquainted.

My young nieces, Sandra and
Sherril Geisinger of Dobbin,
spent Christmas night with us.
My family was thrilled to have
my sister and family, Mr. and
Mrs. Johnnie Geisinger and
girls to surprise us by arriving
just before noon on Christmas
day. We were all pleased with
their four-month-old baby
daughter, Marilyn, whom none of
us, except the grandparents,
had ever seen. It is surprises like
that which make a Merry
Christmas, isn't it?

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cotton and
Edwin Cotton, Aspermont, spent
Christmas day in Abilene with
Mrs. Cotton's niece, Mrs. Robert
Bassetti and family. Also visit-
ing in the Bassetti home was Mr.
and Mrs. J. L. Ault and sons of
Baird.

Corinne Blackburn
Study Club Has Party

The annual Christmas party
for members of the Wednesday
Club was held in the home of
Mrs. N. L. Dickey Monday even-
ing Dec. 20 with Mrs. Margie
Ray as co-hostess.

The home was beautifully de-
corated in the Christmas theme,
and a large Christmas tree in
one corner of the room was
loaded with gifts.

Christmas Carols were sung
by the members accompanied
by Mrs. C. M. Peek on the ac-
cordion. "The Other Wise Men"
by Henry Von Dyke was read
by Mrs. C. H. Sladous.

Those present were Mmes.
Lynn Ault, Eunice Brock, Low-
ell Boyd, D. C. Cox, Juanita
Danielson, Beatrice Deal, N. L.
Dickey, Jack Gilliland, Eddie
Konczak, A. A. Manion, C. S.
McGowen, C. M. Peek, Margie
Ray, Terrell Williams, L. L.
Blackburn and Misses Edith
Bowlus, Burma Warren and one
guest, Mrs. C. H. Sladous.

Tecumseh Topics
Mrs. Lillian Crawford
Tersely Told, Typographically
Tendered and Tolerably True.

Well Santa arrived on time as
usual, but never did know the
exact time, but a group of about
twenty young and old roasted
weiners and marshmallows,
drank coffee and hot chocolate
around a fire that was made by
setting fire to a huge live oak
tree trunk that had been dead
for several years and it fur-
nished light and a beautiful
scene for the occasion. Seem-
ingly the old fellow came while we
were out with his pack and left
many nice gifts around our
Christmas tree that was much
appreciated by one and all.

Those attending our Christ-
mas Eve party were: Mr. and Mrs.
Edgar Crawford, Rita Faye,
Carlyn Gale and Eddie Ronald
of Ruidosa, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs.
L. V. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert
Crawford and Stanley, Dale and
Betty Jane Crawford, Abilene;
also four girls from Clyde, Alice
Ann Collins, Jo Ann, Virgie Nell
and Nancy Rogers; Ira, Huion,
Lynda and myself.

To make the occasion a little
more merry the music got un-
derway and all we needed to
make a great noise was the lack
of pianos, French harps and
other stringed instruments as
there was a lot of talent for
music and everyone wanted to
use his or her talent so we are
inviting them back Wednesday
night.

Christmas dinner was served
in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L.
V. Harris to the following: Ed-
gar and family, Ira and family,
Dale and Bet, Gladly and Bill
Sherrod. Also Aunt Kate and
Irene Crawford.

Mrs. M. L. Reynolds and son
came by for a very short visit
with us the 23rd, as they were
on their way to Seymour to
spend the holidays with her
father.

We visited Dan Burro, Judy
and little son, Rickie, in the
home of Dan's parents, who live
in Abilene while Dan is enjoy-
ing a furlough before reporting
for active duty Jan. 1 in the
Pacific. As you already know he
has been in the Navy about two
years and has been stationed at
Corpus Christi for some time.

Joe Charles Crawford, Abilene,
is visiting a few days in the
home of his aunt, Mrs. L. V.
Harris.

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I want to extend my sincere
thanks and appreciation to the
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Griggs, Mrs. Burleson and to
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There were achievements during the year—notable achievements. When the shooting war ended in Korea, and it became possible to sharply decrease war spending, there were those who feared that a depression or at least a severe recession was inevitable. They believed that our economy was so inextricably tied to war that the transition to even an uneasy peace would be long and painful. That was not the case. It has been pointed out that never in history did a great nation proceed with such a transition in so orderly a fashion.

Industry demonstrated its faith in this nation's strength and potential by continuing and ever increasing expansion programs of almost unbelievable scope and cost. The declining purchasing power of the dollar was checked—the direct result of curbs on federal spending. As the year ended, production and consumption were running at enormous levels, and the employment figures reflected that fact.

What then—barring another world war—have we got to worry about?

The answer is simple. For some 20 years, millions of Americans became conditioned to having government provide more and more of the services that people must provide for themselves if a free system is to be preserved. They became conditioned to the idea of a welfare state. And, apparently, they regarded as "little socialism" as a good thing.

Obvious consequences of this are found in our national debt and our tax structure—nothing is more expensive than socialism and a welfare state. More subtle and more important consequences are found in a sapping of individual moral fiber, and the undermining of old, eternal ideals of human dignity and freedom and responsibility.

Americans hate Communism. Yet Communism is nothing but socialism and state capitalism—"do-everything" government—carried to the inevitable end. One of the most distinguished men living recently described the process well. Herbert Hoover said: "In the Iron Curtain states it was the Socialist intellectuals who weakened the freedom of men by destroying free enterprise. Thus they furnished the boarding ladders by which the Communists captured the Ship of State."

Today, as for years past, the attempt to destroy free enterprise in the United States continues. Men in high, responsible positions, including members of both the political parties, advocate policies and philosophies which would undermine free enterprise in one sphere or another, and which would make the central government ever bigger, ever more powerful, ever more expensive, ever more monopolistic, ever more oppressive.

A short time ago Dorothy Thompson wrote: "Private enterprise, we note, is always called an 'interest' while State capitalist ventures are presented as disinterested instruments of the 'people.' This is balderdash. Government grows on what it feeds on; every Government agency and its functionaries are hungry for more appropriations and more power; they, too, are 'interests.'"

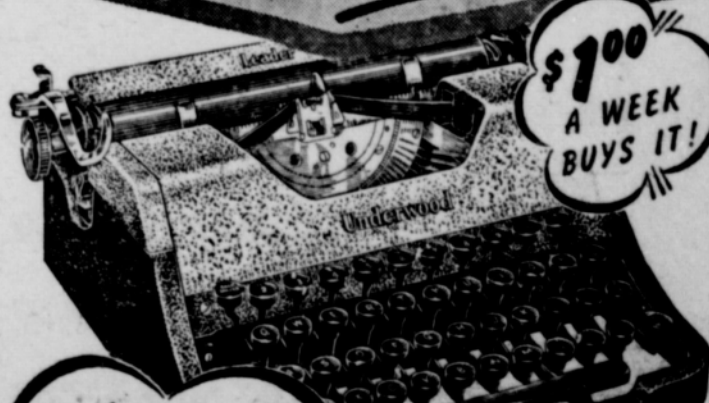
Moreover, the sins of private enterprise can be and are corrected by law. The sins of super-government, once a certain point is reached, are beyond any law. The people, more and more, take what is offered and do what they are told. That is the way free men become slaves. Modern history groans with examples of it.

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CATTLE GRUB EXPERIMENTS

A recent event in Houston may have marked a milestone in the search for better cattle grub control methods. Entomologists are making continuous studies of various grub killing tactics and new experiments are announced almost every month. One of the most recent tests conducted in Texas was the injection of chemicals into grub infested cows which showed good prospects.

In Houston, however, a report by U. S. Department of Agriculture Entomologists A. R. Roth and Gaines W. Eddy, uncovered a phosphate-type insecticide spray that is lethal to the destructive pest.

The experimental insecticide is designated simply as 21/199. Technically it is compounded from the tongue-twisting elements: 3-chloro 4-methylumbelliferone O, O-diethylthiophosphate.

Roth and Eddy told the Entomological Society of America delegates at Houston that they found a 5 percent spray of 21/199, applied to the backs of nine grubby cattle killed all the grubs—245 of them—in less than a week. In a comparable test, using the older rotenone sprays, 4 percent of the grubs were killed the first week and 91 percent by the end of the second week. This was somewhat slower than the new experimental chemical.

Apparently, 21/199 kills grubs by direct contact. As grubs reach a late stage of development within the body of cattle, they form cysts under the skin on the animals backs and make a hole in the hide. Trace amounts of the spray or wash penetrate these holes, killing the grubs.

If the grub is uncontrolled, it eventually drops to the ground and pupates. Heel flies emerge from the pupae and lay eggs on cattle. These hatch into tiny, worm-like larvae that burrow through the skin and re-commence their development as internal parasitic grubs.

The spray 21/199 is still experimental however. Its toxic effect on cattle is not yet known. In the meantime, cattlemen should continue to depend on rotenone for grub control until he tests on 21/199 are completed and final opinions are obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Dallas are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Stubblefield.

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Well Christmas is over with everyone having a swell time. Quite a number of people visited out.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawk Roberts visited in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilkerson visited in Big Spring with their children.

Mr. and Mrs. George Chrane and Franklin are visiting in Colorado Spring, Colo. with Mr. Chrane's daughter and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore and Lynn visited Mr. and Mrs. Moore in Riles.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Boston and Donna from Pecos; Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Bastes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willingham, Mrs. Euna Brooks, all from Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. George Varner from Rising Star visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Varner and family Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Robertson had Christmas dinner in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Robbins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Defolk from Albany visited C. W. Moore and Lyndon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Neal visited in Abilene Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warren of Pasadena, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Battles and Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Battles and Sandra from Abilene spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Battles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Bob, Tim and Leslie of Odessa, George Walls of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. James Walls of Abilene and Bill Walls and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Will Walls and Gayle.

Mr. O. T. Cooper of Corpus Christi, mother of Mrs. Hugh Ross and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Daniels and children of Abilene spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mary and Janet.

Cecil Thompson of Denton is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Thompson and other relatives during the holidays.

Judge C. D. Russell of Plainview spent two days last week with his aunt, Mrs. B. L. Russell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Denney and Linda Sue spent Christmas in Springtown with his mother, Mrs. M. B. Denney and other relatives.

Fred Stewart and family of El Campo, Mrs. W. J. Richmond of Blanket, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stewart of Hale Center and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stewart and son of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Williams and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thompson and Mary Jo last weekend.

The Fred Maner family from Hobbs, N. M., Albert Maner and family of Ft. Worth, Carl Maner and family of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Till Hopkins and Bob Jacobs and family of Baird spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fugitt of Chillicothe are visiting their son, Riley Fugitt and family.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. McGowen and Carol Lynn are visiting relatives and friends in Calif. during the holidays.

Miss Martha Royce Gilliland of Denton is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Royce Gilliland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kehrer of Big Spring spent Christmas with Mrs. Mary Kehrer and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Okie Dunlap of San Benito spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Silas Dunlap and other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Terry and son, Homer, of Abilene were visitors here last Sunday.

The Rex Baulch family of Gainesville, Bates Baulch and family of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Self of Coahoma spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Baulch and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and children of Abilene spent Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs and other relatives.

The Bobby Webster family of Lufkin and the Jimmy Webster family of Cisco spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. R. A. Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Eatherly and children of Midland spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ray. Kay Eatherly remained here with her grandparents for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde White visited relatives in Merkel during the holidays.

Rupert Jackson, Randall Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton attended the Albany-Deer Park football game in Breckenridge Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hill of Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hill of Houston spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. V. E. Hill.

Sterling Reynolds of Ft. Worth spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Reynolds and other relatives.

Felix Manion spent Christmas in Ft. Worth with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rouse and Bonnie.

Questions and Answers

Q—I am attending a trade school full-time under the Korean GI Bill. I have been told that I will be allowed 30 days of absences a year. Is this total prorated on a monthly basis, or are any number of absences during a single month permitted?

A—The absences are not prorated on a monthly basis. You are permitted to take your allowable absences at any time during your school year, according to your own needs.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Young for Christmas dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Newby, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Carlile, Larry and June, Mrs. Jessie Barr, Mrs. Beulah Lackey, Mrs. Lee Gwinn, all of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brown, Jr., Billy and Ricky, Mr. J. D. Newby, Sara and James, all of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thomson and Roslyne of Dallas.

The guests in the Virgil Hughes home for Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Buckner, Linda, Duane and Sylvia of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hughes and Sandra of Pecos. The Crawford Hughes visited in the J. E. Warren home also.

Mrs. F. W. Respass of Rising Star, Miss Dixie Ann Respass of Midland and Mrs. Mamie Johnson of Abilene were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Mayfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper in Abilene from Friday through Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Andrews and Gloria Jean of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews and Mrs. B. L. Russell last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rouse and Bonnie of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell of Cottonwood visited Mrs. Felix Mitchell and other relatives here Sunday. Mrs. Mitchell returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mitchell for a visit.

J. H. McClendon of Wichita Falls, Miss Marguerite McClendon of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews of Baird enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mrs. John McClendon.

Miss Sally Sanders spent Christmas in Abilene visiting M. T. Street, Ralph Street and Mrs. Hubert Owens in the home of Blanche Street.

The Cecil West family of Chrane spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawrence of Snyder spent the holidays with their son, Lonnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shrader are visiting relatives in Dallas this week.

The Royce Womaek family spent Christmas in Stanton visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kerby and son, Glen, spent Christmas in Sweetwater with her mother, Mrs. H. Allen and other relatives.

Esterbrook Dip-Less Writing Set, complete, \$3.75. Esterbrook Fountain Pen, \$2.00. Extra points, 35c. The Baird Star.

McBrides Surprised On Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McBride were surprised with a dinner Saturday, Dec. 19, in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. The daughters-in-law, Mrs. H. D. McBride and Mrs. Edgar McBride of Abilene and Mrs. Harold McBride of Baird, prepared the meal. The husbands, three of four sons of the McBrides and the McBride's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jo Chaney from Temple, were present.

The weekend before, Dec. 11, 12, the honored couple had all their children home, including their daughter, Mrs. Ernest Covington of Ector and son, Spencer McBride from Dickens. The McBrides and another couple were married in their buggies Dec. 18, 1904 in Coleman County. They have lived in Baird for 20 years.

Members of the Church of Christ, Mr. and Mrs. McBride have 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Daughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gardner of Galveston are announcing the birth of a daughter, Debra Jean at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 21. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Mrs. Gardner is the former Mildred Ann King of Baird. Mrs. J. R. Coley is the maternal grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle King and children were called to Fairview, Okla. last Thursday, due to the illness of her father, L. W. Hayhurst.

Albert Kehrer of Stanton spent Christmas with Mrs. Mary Kehrer.

Arvin Melton of Odessa visited the Gunn girls during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath and daughters, Kay and Glynda Beth, spent last Sunday in Brownwood with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gilbreath.

Mrs. D. F. Harp is recovering nicely after being in a car wreck near Clyde recently.

Mrs. Homer McIntosh was able to be moved home the latter part of the week after being in the hospital several days, recovering from a car wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kerby and baby of Lubbock arrived Monday for several days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Kerby.

Mrs. Willis Bauch is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Self in Coahoma this week.

Miss Beatrice Hickman of Big Spring, Miss Betsy Hickman of San Marcos and Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Hickman of Albany spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Williams spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Murry Easter and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lewis visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Settle and children in Henrietta during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis of Henrietta visited her mother, Mrs. S. E. Settle and others here during the holidays.

Patty Jean Williams Becomes Bride Of Stanley E. Burge In Putnam Ceremony

Patty Jean Williams of Snyder and Stanley E. Burge of Rankin were married Thursday evening in the Putnam Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams of Crosbyton. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burge of St. Vrain N. M.

Rev. Dee Chandler performed the double ring ceremony. Outlining the top of the altar were white candles intertwined with greenery. Palm and baskets of white gladioli were set in front.

Organist Gayle Williams, played wedding music before the

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager and Clydene and Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Perry and children, all of Merkel, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Minter Uzzell and children of Muskogee, Okla. are visiting Mrs. Ada Uzzell and other relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones and family of Miller, Neb. are visiting relatives here and in Abilene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pierson, Jr., and children of Jal, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pool, Jr., and children of Del Rio, Mrs. Beulah Watts and Mrs. R. L. Parmelly, both of San Angelo spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ashlock and daughter spent the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks in Dalhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Black attended the Albany-Deer Park football game in Breckenridge last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gibson spent a happy Christmas day in Abilene with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Pierce and Jan. After noon they visited Mrs. Nellie Mills in Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

ceremony and accompanied Lamoyne Harrell who sang "The Wedding Prayer."

Miss Harrell also attended as maid of honor. She wore an off white faille suit with brown accessories. Her bouquet carried out the bride's colors in blue carnations outlined in silver.

Candlelighters were Kay and Darrell Williams of Crosbyton.

Ushering were Harold Williams of Crosbyton and Chester Wilson of Rankin. Best man was Bruce Lee Williams, cousin of the bride from Rotan.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a candlelight silk faille street length dress with brown accessories. She carried white gladioli on top of a white Bible.

Wedding guests were from Lubbock, Snyder, Baird, Abilene, Rankin, Cisco, Moran, Crosbyton, Rotan and St. Vrain, N. M.

The couple took a wedding trip to parts of southwest Texas and New Mexico.

The bride teaches school and the bridegroom is employed Texas Natural Gas Co. in Rankin. She graduated from Putnam High School and Hardin-Simmons University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Field High School, N. M., and served two years in the Army, spending part of that time in Germany.

The couple will live in Rankin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black of Ft. Worth spent Christmas in Quanah with their daughter, Mrs. T. E. Robinson and husband, then arrived here on Monday for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. O. B. Jarrett and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Penn of Mercury, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Smith of Placid, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goble and son, Gary, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilbreath, Glynda Beth and Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Walton and children visited relatives in Lampasas and Goldwaite during the holidays.

PRE-INVENTORY SALE

Coats and Suits. All wool and good styles. Prices \$49.98 to \$89.98 - 1-3 OFF

One rack Dresses. Cottons, Wool Jerseys, silk and gabardines. All sizes and good styles Must Go 1-2 PRICE

All Sweaters - 1-4 OFF

One Lot Hats - 1-2 PRICE

A few sizes of Children's Dresses - 1-2 PRICE

GRAY'S STYLE SHOP

AFTER CHRISTMAS SHOE SALE

1 Special Lot Ladies and Misses Flat Heel Shoes \$1.98

1 Special Lot Ladies Shoes \$4.95 values for \$2.98

1 Special Lot Ladies Shoes \$6.95 to \$7.95 values \$3.98

20% Discount on all Children's Shoes

SALE MEN'S SUITS



\$22.50 value \$19.50

\$29.50 value \$24.50

\$35.00 value \$27.50

\$39.50 value \$32.50

\$45.00 value \$37.50

\$50.00 value \$39.50

\$55.00 value \$45.00

\$60.00 value \$47.50

McELROY DRY GOODS

"PRE-INVENTORY SALE"

Costume Jewelry - Half Price

Christmas Cards - Half Price

Christmas Decorations - Half Price

Parker "51" Fountain Pens, \$13.50, special \$9.00

Parker "21" Fountain Pens, \$10.00, special \$6.50

Electric Heating Pads, \$8.95 \$5.95

Electric Heating Pads, \$5.75, special \$3.95

Montag Stationery, \$1.25, special 75c

Montag Stationery, \$1.00, special 65c

Old Spice Talcum Powder, 50c, special 30c

Dorothy Perkins Talcum Powder, 50c, special 30c

R.S.V.P. Cologne, \$3.00, special \$1.90

Westclox Electric Clock, \$10.20, special \$6.95

Westclox Electric Clock, \$8.95, special \$6.50

Westclox Electric Clock, \$7.95, special \$5.50

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In Spite Of Health, Clyde Man Makes Go Of Farming

By DUANE HOWELL
Reporter-News Farm Writer

Fourteen years ago this Feb. J. A. Jennings of Clyde was told that he was through with farming. Doctors told him his health wouldn't permit him to continue working the long, grueling hours he spent in farming a 300-acre stock farm near Maryneal. He lost the lease to his land and his friends advised him to seek a less strenuous occupation. But Jennings wasn't a man to give up a lifelong occupation so easily. He loved farming and vowed he would stay with it even if it cost him his life. With only two ponies and horse-drawn equipment, he leased a 33-acre tract of land south of Clyde in 1941.

"I'd work until I got tired, then I'd sit in the shade awhile," laughs Jennings. Efficient farming methods enabled Jennings to branch out and buy a small two-row tractor and modern equipment. Today, he owns that 33 acres he started with and rents another quarter-section of land. His friends scoffed at him when he paid \$85 an acre for those 33 acres in 1952. "That place is worn out," they said. "You could get a lot better place for less money." But the land that had formed a springboard to better times for Jennings had earned a permanent place in his affection. He probably wouldn't have been happy anywhere else. His faith in the land and himself has been justified. It took only two years for the 33-acre tract to pay for itself. Jennings has raised the average peanut production on his land from 12 bushels in 1941 to more than 20 bushels per acre today. Last season, he harvested five bales of cotton off 11 1/2 acres. A nearby 30-acre tract of land produced only four bales. Jennings built up the productivity of his land essentially through the seeding of cover crops, fertilization and deep plowing. He put all his land in vetch and rye and Austrian winter peas last year and fertilized them with 50 pounds of 16-20-0 fertilizer per acre. He also planted about 25 acres of guar for the first time last year. He has plowed all his land at an average depth of at least six inches every year, preventing the formation of a hardpan. Jennings expects the use of guar to increase the productivity of his land even more. "You can tell by the feel of the tractor when you plow into land that was in guar last year," he said. "The guar land is so much more mellow you can tell through your eyes shut when you plow into it." Jennings said his vetch and rye seeded following guar this year are greener and growing off more rapidly than on no-guar land. "The thing that I like about guar is that you can harvest your other crops first then take care of it," he said. He left several rows of guar standing this year "just to see how long you could wait to harvest it."

SWEET 'N SOUR

By A. DILL

Our baby New Year is just seven days old today and thus far he's been a rather well-behaved infant. Of course he's young yet and by the time he's half grown he may show some aggressive tendencies. By the time you've welcomed in as many New Years as this pen-pusher you'll stop wondering if the latest one will be stupendous, great, and stuff like that, you just hold on to your hat and hope he won't be any worse than the last one out of the chute.

Our very best greeting to Bob and Corrie Lou Darby who are on an extended visit here from South America. The Darbys are in Dallas at the present where Bob is to have treatment for an eye ailment but they'll be back in town soon to visit with friends through February.

Of course we have to welcome new residents to town and we know that Grace and Harold Ray's new dog, Cindy, would certainly resent it if we didn't spread the welcome mat for her.

And speaking of dogs—if you want to see some really beautiful puppies ask Edwin Ault to show you the ones at his house. They are sort of five by fives (inches of course) and the cutest little roly poly balls of fur you've ever seen.

We had a lovely Christmas card from Mrs. Josephine Hamlett in Ft. Worth and that lady wants to know just where she can find our friend Bernice Robinson. Bernice has carved quite a niche for herself in the art department of a Baptist publication in Phoenix, Ariz. and the address is 384 First Avenue, Baptist Building. And if Bernice is listening in via a Baird Star subscription we hope she knows how much we appreciated her Christmas greetings and send loads of love from all her friends here.

We also had a heart-warming card from Sophie Waller Blair out in Calif. It was a pleasure to receive it.

Miss Isadore Grimes and her mother had some lovely Christmas visitors—Mr. and Mrs. Hoyne Spencer and daughters from Dallas. The Spencers had only a few days for the trip and consequently their time for visiting friends was limited so we are demanding a re-count on this one and request that the next trip to Baird be long enough for plenty of visiting.

Did you see the unusual and delightful Christmas lighting at the Hestes home in Clyde? It was well worth a trip to or neighboring town to see the mechanical Santa Claus wave a gay greeting from the Hestes house. We hope this particular Christmas decoration will become a tradition with the Hestes family and that we'll see it again and again.

The Sims family—Jack, Pat, Cheryl Sue, and Bobby Jack, were home for the holidays. Mack and Kate McCleary had Christmas visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Hart from Houston and the Campbells and sons from Longview so it was really a happy holiday time at their home.

We saw lots of the youngsters home from college: George Sutphen, George Jones, and oh yes, Yvonne Caldwell looking exactly like the prettiest package Santa Clause left under the tree. It's always great to see the youngsters back home.

The Glen Greenes spent Christmas in Sonora and Eldorado with their parents. Best wishes for happiness to Gaylord and Patsy Price, who said I do's Dec. 23rd and are now at home here in Baird after a trip to New Mexico.

Get well wishes to Bess Bullock and hoping that this New Year will be packed with health and happiness for that lady. Now we sign 30 for this week but not before we send wishes from all the Baird Star folks to all of you for everything that's good for you in 1955.

The Baird Star

Our Motto, "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-up-and-Git That Makes Men Great."
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Baird Basketball Schedule Announced

The following schedule is that of the Baird High School basketball teams:

Jan. 6-7-8, Boys and girls tournament at Cross Plains
Jan. 7, Moran (here) 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 11, Eula (here) 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 14, Putnam (here) 7:00 p.m.

Luncheon Club Elects New Officers

At a regular meeting Wednesday noon at the Methodist Church, Callahan County Luncheon Club elected new officers for the coming year. Will D. Boydston, long-time member of the club was elected president for 1955. J. L. Ault was chosen 1st vice-president; J. Bruce Jones, 2nd vice-president, and Judge L. L. Blackburn, 3rd vice-president. Tee Baulech was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Mr. Boydston, in accepting the office, invited members and their wives or guests to a Ladies Night Dinner on Thursday night, Jan. 20.

Leslie Bryant, out-going president, was highly commended for the work accomplished during his tenure of office. Rev. Herbert G. Markley, Presbyterian minister, was introduced as a guest. Rev. Markley made a very interesting talk, pertaining to incidents he has experienced in 43 years of ministry.

Bobby Crawford in Houston Scramble

Bobby Crawford, Callahan County 4-H member of Clyde, has entered an Aberdeen-Angus scramble steer in the junior livestock division of the 1955 Houston Fat Stock Show, Feb. 2 through 13. An outstanding steer show of approximately 700 animals is expected. John Kuykendall, livestock manager, said entries are being limited to that number in order to provide space for junior breeding cattle which is a new division this year. Last year's champion was shown by Dayton Crenweige of Fredericksburg who pocketed \$12,500 when the prize animal was bought at auction by Edgar Brown of Orange. Houston has paid as high as \$18,800 for the champion in former years. Through the 1953 auction sales, the young farm and ranch exhibitors took home \$261,157 for livestock and poultry entries. Total premium cash awards offered in the junior steer division this year will amount to \$3,146.

Palmetto Polo At Fort Worth Rodeo

For the first time at any rodeo, the new Western sport, Palmetto Polo, will be presented at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Jan. 28 through Feb. 6. The national championship team, from Spur, Texas, will defend its title and the winner will be acclaimed world's champion. Fast and furious action characterizes palmetto polo. The 10 players and the referee are on horseback. A 13-inch rubber ball and sticks very similar to those for regular polo are used. One chukkar will be played at each rodeo performance, four chukkars constituting a game.

First Baptist Church

We reached and went over our goal in the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Our goal was \$378. The book an evangelism and stewardship, "These Go Together" is to be taught 5-12. Time will be taken on Wednesday nights for the pastor to teach it.

Callahan County Hospital News

Patients
Mmes. Homer Driskill, John Stewart, H. W. Plowman, Cross Plains Louise Presley, Abilene H. E. Vines, H. S. Varner, Cottonwood A. Mendez and infant son, Putnam

Recent Dismissals
Mmes. Ada Carmichael, Eddie Bullrock, A. S. Reese, Putnam, Walter Williams, Ena Brown, Abilene

Messrs.
J. E. Free, transferred to Abilene
J. C. Koonce, Clyde
Baby Andy Sublett
Master Russell Freeman, Midland

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harper of Abilene left Baird New Years morning at 6 o'clock, arrived in Ft. Worth at 9 o'clock, had lunch with Mrs. Annie Norton and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hard. They then left for Dallas and the Cotton Bowl to see the football game. Mr. Hard went along to take the place of Mr. Boydston who stayed with Mrs. Norton and daughter. They arrived back at 6 o'clock and had a fine black-eyed pea dinner. Mrs. Mary Reese was present for dinner. They had a lovely day and got home at 10 o'clock.

Bank Celebrates 70th Anniversary

On Jan. 2, 1885, The First National Bank of Baird received its Charter to operate in the City of Baird. Seventy years later, they are still at the same location, rendering friendly bank service to their patrons.

During this 70 years, The First National Bank has merged or absorbed four other banks. Present Directors are: Ace Hickman, Chairman; Bob Norrell, Fred Cutbirth, Frank Windham, Fleming James, Howard E. Farmer and Randall C. Jackson.

Officers of the bank are: Ace Hickman, chairman; Bob Norrell, president; Fred Cutbirth, vice-president; Frank Windham, vice-president; Howard E. Farmer, cashier; Fred Goble, assistant cashier; James Eubanks, assistant cashier.

4-Room House Burns At Clyde

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Prickett, one mile south of town on old Highway 80. The house belonged to Mrs. Lavada Thomas now of Big Spring, former resident of Clyde.

The Prickett family had rented the place and Saturday moved part of their household furnishings such as clothing, linens, dishes, silver, tables, lamps and other small items. They were to move their furniture Monday. Mr. Prickett is employed by the Wilson Poultry Farm.

Water Board Election Set Tuesday, Jan. 11

An election will be held at the Legion Hut in Baird on Tuesday, Jan. 11, for the purpose of electing three Directors of Callahan County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1. Officers whose terms expire are: Gilbert Hinds, president; I. E. Warren and Dale Glasson.

TB Association Extends Thanks

The Callahan County TB Association wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the citizens of Callahan County who contributed to the fight against tuberculosis by buying and using Christmas Seals. They wish to especially thank all of the post office employees in the county for their help in getting these letters to the citizens of the county, also Mr. Ault of the Baird Star and Mr. McCarty of the Cross Plains Review for their splendid cooperation in publicizing the campaign, to the Girl Scouts for their help in getting the letters in the mail, and to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the campaign.

New and Renewal Subscriptions

Weldon B. Corn, Ajo, Ariz.
Floyd Pretz, Orange
Mrs. Mary Guyton, Putnam
Mrs. Elva Smith, Baird
Mrs. C. J. Redwine, Baird
L. C. Cash, Baird
Mrs. R. E. Myers, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Dolph Hodges, Clyde
Lawson Armour, Clyde
J. E. Scott, Jr., Clyde
Mrs. C. W. Wilkerson, Abilene
J. M. Whitley, Clyde
Olivena Lovén, Clyde
R. D. Williams, Putnam
Chas. Allen, Clyde
Jesse Gilliland, Baird
King Betcher, Clyde
C. L. Hord, Baird
John Shrader, Baird
Joe Pierce, Abilene
Thurman Roberts, Abilene
Calvin Morris, Clyde
Mrs. R. W. Smith, Hico
Bob Warren, Baird
Leslie Bryant, Baird
J. L. Bryant, Abilene
W. C. Breeding, Clyde
Mrs. J. J. Trussell, Baird
Frank P. Spencer, Cross Plains
Maurine Eubanks, Baird
L. P. Murphy, Baird
G. H. Sanders, Baird
L. G. Barnhill, Baird
Geo. D. Quirk, San Diego, Calif.
Mrs. W. H. Dawkins, Abilene
Mrs. C. T. Clay, Big Spring
W. H. Boatwright, Baird
Lee Loper, Abilene
S. E. Webb, Baird
Mark Burnam, Cisco
G. F. Eubanks, Baird
J. R. Taylor, Cross Cut
Miss Retha Burnam, Midland
J. R. Burnam, Lubbock
Mrs. J. C. Barringer, Baird
C. E. Boydston, Bakersfield, Calif.
C. S. Gee, Killeen
E. J. Hill, Baird
E. J. Hill, Jr., Merced, Calif.
B. C. Miller, Clyde
Dick Young, Baird
Clarence Boatwright, Amarillo
Everett Hughes, Baird
Okie Dunlap, San Benito
Stanley Loper, Abilene
H. M. Gibbs, San Diego, Calif.
Mrs. Mattie Gibbs, Baird
Jerry McDonald, Baird
E. L. Reese, Baird
W. D. Ferguson, Brownsville
S. L. Stokes, Corpus Christi
Herman Harper, Abilene
W. D. Boydston, Baird
Maria B. Leache, Baird
C. J. Ault, Baird

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gee and Mrs. George Franz and sons, Byron, Billy and Mike of Killeen and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kelly of Oklahoma City, Okla. spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work and Patsy. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce have moved to Abilene. They are residing at 782 Grand Ave.

Pfc. C. V. Jones, Jr., Finds Dreams Even In Army, Come True

That, he thought, would be the end of his radio career for some time, but he was always studying and thinking radio. Suddenly, after almost giving up the idea of being transferred to the Air Force Network from the artillery, he was transferred!

Now he has his own shows, "Melodia", Friday nights and "Western Swing," Saturday mornings. He is also working on special events from the Berlin station of 100,000 watts which are carried on the whole European network. In his last letter to his parents, he tells of covering the opening of the German Youth Association of the Templehof Air Base in Berlin—the largest airport in the world.

"We taped an hour and a half's worth, with interviews with the Mayor of West Berlin, the Commander of Templehof, and a visiting Senator from Oklahoma, who was doing some baby-kissing and back-slapping politics," the letter said.

"The program will be presented tonight at 9:15 on AFN's 'On the Scene,' one of the net's most popular programs," the letter added.

Then Pfc. Jones went on to say, "I'm getting quite a bit of 'net' time" to my credit which certainly helps. The P. D. (program director) here seems to be pleased with my work. So the Army is not hurting my radio career after all. I sure thought things were at a loss five months ago."

The station is a new building, modern architecture, looks something like the Snow Room Shops building on the highway," his letter said. All the employees of the network working at that station are Air Force personnel, enlisted for three years. And all live in the former home of the Cuban Ambassador to Berlin.

So you see, dreams can come true, even if in a round-about way. And Christmas seems such a nice time to talk about dreams coming true.

Mrs. Ross' Uncle Dies At Arlington

Horace W. Cooper, 72, uncle of Mrs. Hugh Ross of Baird and Mrs. Neil Daniel of Abilene, died at 10:00 p.m. Friday at his home in Arlington. He had been ill about six months. Funeral was held Sunday at the Arlington First Methodist Church and burial was in Arlington.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Bowen, Abilene and Mrs. Whitfield Collins, Ft. Worth; four grandchildren and two nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Humphries of Sipe Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Bill W. Jones and children of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loper and sons of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jones of Abilene were Christmas visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hord.

Dale Park and wife of Killeen visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Park and Robert during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pitzer spent the Christmas holidays with her sister in Mineral Wells, her brother in Ft. Worth and her son and family in Dallas.



(The following article was taken from the Westaco News.) Pfc. C. V. Jones, Jr., is one of those lucky—or hardworking—people who has made his dreams come true.

The dream? Well, it was to be a good enough announcer and radio personality to have his own show on a network. The dream was a long time in coming, according to Pfc. Jones' reckoning, and just when he thought it never would happen—presto! He was a disk jockey on a seven station network.

P-TA To Meet Jan. 10 In Cafetorium

The first meeting of the Baird P-TA for 1955 will be held on Monday night, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Baird Cafetorium. The theme of the evening will be Safety and Highway Patrolman Barry Lusk will be the speaker discussing the use of radar and other safety measures for Texas highways.

Methodist Memos

The Emma Reynolds Circle of the Methodist Church met in regular session Tuesday, Jan. 4, in the home of Mrs. H. W. Martin with Mrs. Irvin Corn as co-hostess. Nine members were present for the study course "The Master Callet's Three", presented by Mrs. Irvin Corn. The circle is sponsoring family night at the church to be held Jan. 20. All the church members are urged to be present.

The Los Amigos class of the Methodist Church will meet in their regular session for a fellowship supper Thursday, Jan. 13, at the church.

Mrs. B. O. Jones, sister of Mrs. L. L. Blackburn and Mrs. Monroe Johnson and daughter, Martha Ann, all of Big Spring spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Blackburn. Mrs. Johnson is a niece of Mrs. Blackburn.

W. E. Melton, Jr., and Bob Darby of Venezuela visited Lorenna and Myrtle Gunn last Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Melton, Sr., and Mrs. Zoln Melton of Coleman spent Sunday afternoon with the Gunn girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Page and daughter, Elaine and Truman Hill of Dallas visited Mrs. Page's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Conner during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green were business visitors in Kansas City, Mo., recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark of Abilene spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler.



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Oplin Observations
By Mrs. Daphne Floyd
Odds and Ends Opportunity Offered in Open Order

A new year begins and each of us are probably wondering what it holds for us. Now don't any of you laugh, but I saw to it that Ray and I ate black-eyed peas on New Years Day.

Oplin was a regular winter wonderland on Tuesday and Thursday of last week. To me the snow and sleet covered hills and roads were beautiful. Ray and I cautioned each other about driving carefully.

Dad and Emma Poindexter stopped by last Sunday afternoon and visited with us. They were afraid that Grandma Poindexter wasn't feeling too well since she seemed tired and was lying down to rest more often.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Windham last Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. John Clary of Abilene.

It was wonderful news to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Dave Poindexter and children moved last week to the Slaughter place.

Santa must have been real nice to Mr. and Mrs. Zack McIntyre and Nancy for I have noticed an antenna at their place. That means a new TV. I knew a few days before hand that Mrs. Mame Johnson's children had instructed the gent to deliver her a TV also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirkindoll returned the first of last week from a spur of the moment visit with her sisters and brothers in Oklahoma City and Chickasha.

Upon return home they had a visit from his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott of Utah. When our cold weather hit last week, the visitors headed for home, saying it was colder in Texas than it was in Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Crawford and Stanley visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turner last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Miller had their daughter and family, the Pete Downings of Potosi for a Sunday afternoon visit. Accompanying them was a young friend, Sue Vinson of Abilene.

The Baptist folks set a high attendance of thirty-two present for Sunday School last Sunday. This was something for them to be proud of since they only have an enrollment of 38. Only one visitor present too.

Midway Musings
Mrs. Joel Griffin
Miscellaneous Melange and Minor Mention of Men and Women

Mr. and Mrs. Davy Wills and children of Abilene visited the Barbians and Bests Saturday.

Ms. and Mrs. Selan Canada and children spent Christmas day with his parents in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Canada had all of their children and grandchildren that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webb and girls of El Paso spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Webb and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Canada in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Best and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barbian and children spent the holidays visiting in West Texas and New Mexico. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright at Andrews and Mrs. Best's sister, Mrs. C. La Binge and family at Hobbs, N. M. and Mrs. Best's uncle, W. H. Melton at Hobbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith had their Christmas with Mrs. Smith's father, Mr. Henry Snead in Big Spring. Mr. Snead had a family reunion and a group of sixty-four relatives and some friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ennis and Hugh McKe of Eula visited Mr. and Mrs. Smith Friday evening.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paulsher Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pyeat and Sammy Daryl of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Parlier and daughter of Ozona.

Linda Sambitzki of San Antonio spent this weekend with his father, Bill Sambitzki and Mrs. Sembitzki.

Mr. and Mrs. Best spent Sunday in Abilene visiting his sister, Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Stevens.

Mrs. Kendrick Morrisette of Abilene spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Brice McCaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moon of Ballinger spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Faircloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Griffin and children spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin have had a most enjoyable Christmas week. First to arrive was the Smedleys of Big Spring Saturday afternoon. A few hours later the Adams family of San Antonio arrived at 10 p.m. The Foyes from Brownwood, Sunday morning. The Joe W. Griffins and Little Jella from Snyder; the Billy Griffins from Clyde; the Rex Jones of Abilene; the Harvey Kendricks and their daughter Betty and her husband, Mr. Prestidge and son Tommy, the only great-grandchild, and Tony Kendrick; the Dick Griffins and Bob Griffin. A very welcome visitor was the John D. Martin family of Lubbock. It was the first Christmas in many years we have had all our family at home. Only one grandson was absent, James Adams of San Antonio and Kay Nell Niccolla of El Paso.

Mrs. Opal Curtis and son, Carlton of Austin visited H. A. Vines and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Vines last weekend.

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Tecumseh Topics
Mrs. Lillian Crawford
Tersely Told, Typographically Tended and Tolerably True.

Wherever you go, you hear something about what people did, who came and who went places Christmas. It's right interesting to me to know about the travels of different ones, so I start out with the Scotts, John and Ora, as many of you know them by name. Well they've been around here all of my life, but they are not too old to travel around as they and their daughter Sue and husband, Bill Culpepper, went to Premont to visit Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Grantham, H. A. Turner and family, the Carl Cody family. Also Dale Scott and family from Ingleside and Burma Jo Grantham of Bay City.

Holiday visitors in the home of Dolph Hodges and wife were Allen Hodges and family, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sherman, Big Spring; Marten and Bertha Whitley, Miss Ora Mae Longbotham and I. R. Keele.

We got a good snow last week that amounted to about one-half inch of moisture. Sure came in a good time to save the grain.

This afternoon a strange car came up to our place, but it wasn't strangers at all, it was only Ott and Pearl Neal, and our neighbors at one time, so we enjoyed the short time they were here. The subject came up about how we used to work for a living during those days. Pearl told how she used to drive the mules for Ott at feed cutting time. Ira would walk several miles each day to work for someone and only make \$1.00 per day. Then I had a good job of shaking peanuts. Well things have changed a bit for Ott is beginning to talk of retiring and start to singing. I would like to urge him to bear down on that bass the remaining years of his life. Now I didn't hear Pearl say anything about retiring for you know the old saying "A man works from sun to sun but a woman's work is never done." We hope they come back soon and maybe Ott will practice up on singing and can sing us a bass solo.

I don't know how it happened that we had 10 juniors in Sunday school today. I wonder if the dolls were counted because they look so much like little girls.

Lynda Jean visited Clarice Poindexter today and think they kept busy telling each other what they got for Christmas.

Sorry Mrs. Minnie Edwards had to leave for Calif. on Christmas Eve on account of the illness of her daughter O'Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cash had as their guests during the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cash and son of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Bill David and daughter, Vicki, of Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith of Abilene visited the M. L. Hughes family Friday afternoon.

Mrs. N. M. George is visiting her son Kenneth George and family in Leache, Okla.

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Wildlife Aids Are Available

The Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game and Fish Commission suggested Texans interested in helping reinforce the hard hit birds and beasts and fishes "can find no better time to act than now."

He said the present low population status of many species provides good opportunities for effective teamwork to help the inevitable comeback.

"Everything will be harnessed to the pickup in habitat when the rains finally come, said the Director of Restoration. "Nature will do the usual good job in pacing restoration of food and cover. But the squeeze has become so acute that hunters, land owners and nature lovers will find plenty of chances to help out."

There's not much that can be done while the drought lasts except to plan," said the Director. "Of course, in rare irrigated areas actual planting of cover may begin. Generally, interested persons may work with their local sportsmen's groups."

The Chief Aquatic Biologist (Marion Toole) said the dry spell provides a good opportunity to improve farm tanks for restocking with fish when water levels are restored. A special bulletin is available on that, too. He said so many requests have been made for the Commission to salvage game fish from shrinking tanks that the inquirers have to be informed that they should harvest the fish for the home "deep freeze" and look ahead to the time when restocking may be undertaken.

Miss Yvonne Melton of Breckenridge visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence last weekend.

Christmas visitors with Mrs. B. L. Russell, Sr. was her grandson, Judson Russell and family from Stamford.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Putnam boys and girls are beginning their conference games Friday night with Eula at Eula.

The boys and girls were entered in the Gorman tournament last weekend. The boys were defeated by De Leon 46-45 and the girls were defeated by De Leon 36-35. Carl White was on the boys' all-tournament team, and Midge was on the girls' second all-tournament team.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE

We are glad to be back in school. The fourth grade is studying Spanish words as we are studying about coffee. Today we saw a filmstrip "A Multitude of Jews."

Joeroy Bentley went to Eula to visit his father, Mr. Joseph Bentley.

Gayie Burnam went to the show Saturday night in Cisco.

Joan Hamrick visited her grandmother over the Christmas holidays.

Johnny Lee's cousin visited him from Stanton.

Tuesday was Ricky's birthday and of course we sang happy birthday to him.

CLUB NEWS

LONE STAR CLUB MEETS

The Lone Star Study Club met Monday night in the home of Mrs. Tex Herring with Miss La Verne Rutherford as hostess.

The program presented was in panel form and was a discussion on cancer. Information on how you can double your chances against cancer was brought by Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. Earl Rutherford, Mrs. Edrie Buchanan with Mrs. John D. Isenhower acting as chairman.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to club members: Mmes. Earl Rutherford, Charles Davis, Edrie Buchanan, Jessie Ramsey, Henry Bailey, Muri Reed, Milton Sargent, Dee Chandler, John D. Isenhower, and Miss La Verne Rutherford. Visitors served were: Mmes. Tex Herring, Bub Fleming, John Cook, Fred Heyser and Henry Boatman.

WOMENS STUDY CLUB MEETS

The Womens Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Mark Burnam Monday. The program was as follows:

Roll Call ... Club Offices I Have Filled
Question and Answers on Parliamentary

Procedure ... Mmes. John Cook and Tex Herring

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, salad, coffee and tea were served to Mmes. R. L. Clinton, John Cook, S. M. Eubank, Douglas Fry, Tex Herring, Fred Heyser, H. A. Pruet, R. B. Taylor, L. A. Williams, R. D. Williams, J. A. Yarbrough, Mark Burnam and Miss Betty Mobley.

Union Usuals and Unusuals

Veda Yarbrough

Hi neighbor! Happy New Year to all of you. Now that we are in a brand new year maybe everyone will feel a lot better as the rush and hurry of getting ready for Christmas is past. Everybody was made happy at Christmas time and we should begin the New Year with more enthusiasm and good will and make 1955 the best year yet.

Wasn't that a wonderful snow. Really was pretty. Also good on the grain.

Retha Burnam spent the weekend at home again this week. She got Friday and Saturday off so she came back. Glen, Kana and boys spent the day with Mark and Ollie Burnam today.

I think Ollie has her house nearly done. Jack Everett worked there most of the week painting and so forth. Mary and the girls were there too.

Everything is kinda quiet out this way this week.

James Carter went home Tuesday. John and Roma went away visiting too. Roma and John came back Saturday afternoon and spent the night and until after noon today. They then left for Abilene, Sweetwater and Oplin before they return back here about Thursday afternoon.

Duke came home last Thursday evening. He said he had a good time at the McIntyre's. He wouldn't say whether he was a good dog or not. Think he had two or three fights with Dusty, Mc's dog. He seemed tickled to get back home.

Fay, Emmitt Wood and Treva came to see us last night. We were glad to see them. Holmes and Peggy Wood are visiting in Odessa.

Say did all of you eat your black-eyed peas New Years? Hope you did. We did with hog jowl cooked in them.

D. A. Yarbrough, Roma and John McIntyre, Little Boy Jim and I visited in Baird this afternoon with Onie Abernathy. She is doing pretty good. Said she

would be down to see us pretty soon.

I visited Mrs. Willie McCollum and Maurine Saturday afternoon a while. Willie is still having to stay in bed. She seems to be improving slowly. We hope she soon is well again. This is the only visit I made since last Sunday. That is unusual for me. As you know I generally run around all time so I thought I would try staying at home for a change. Don't know as I feel any better so guess I will keep going.

Dovie Pruet said she was going to Moran to Mr. and Mrs. Warlick Jones' to a New Year dinner. All the Jones family was to be there as Warlick and wife always have the New Years dinner.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet, Dannie and Rickie Sherman went to Dallas last Thursday to see Mr. Sherman, who is ill in a Dallas hospital. Mr. Sherman is seriously ill. We are very sorry he is no better.

Mike and Stella Hughes and daughter have returned home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes and Burette and Johnny Ramsey. Mike always brings the pickup at Christmas time so he can take all the Christmas gifts home. This time he really needed the pickup as the girls got a piano for Christmas. I know you girls were proud of your new piano. You girls run a race to see which one can learn to play first. I bet you all learn to play it in a little while.

R. C. Yarbrough, wife and girls returned home last Tuesday after visiting a few days with R. C.'s parents, Dick and Annie Yarbrough.

No farming done out this way the past week. All the farmers got to do was feed the hungry old cows as the ground was all covered with ice and snow. The ice and snow didn't kill our good old turnip greens. The snow drifted to about four feet deep on them but they were none the worse when all the snow melted.

Good morning, this cloudy Monday. The way I count Jan. 3 stands for the month of March. The wind is blowing kinda like March too. Days like this make me sleepy.

The Womens Study Club meets with Ollie Burnam this afternoon, so I guess I better stop writing and get ready to go down. Been waiting dinner on Little Boy Jim. Don't look like he is coming to eat dinner. Don't guess will hurt him to miss a meal. Be good 'till next week and I will be seeing you then.



Putnam Personals . . .

Lexie Jean Jobe and children Irene and Stanley spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pruet.

Mrs. U. L. Lowry called and said she was a proud grandmother of a baby girl, born to Dr. and Mrs. Herb Brown of Austin. The baby was born Dec. 29th and named Cynthia Denise. It weighed 5 lbs. and 1 oz. Her mother is the former Nelda Leigh Lowry.

I. G. Mobley took Mr. Epp Free to the Callahan County Hospital at Baird Friday.

Mrs. Earl Jobe, Mrs. B. M. Jobe and children went to Abilene

Tuesday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Caraway.

Mrs. G. S. Pruet went to Dallas Thursday to visit her brother-in-law, Herb Sherman, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Pruet and son, Ronnie of Ranger visited Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eubank Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hurd and children, Howard and Charlotte from Brownfield, visited with Mr. and Mrs. "Jiggs" Shackelford and family over the weekend.

Lucile Hall of Baird spent a few days with the Mobley girls this week.

Mrs. Pat Montoya and son, Michael of Huntington Park,

Calif. are visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Wagley. Mrs. Montoya and Mary Wagley went to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Petznick and daughter, Pamela of Pomona, Calif. are here visiting her mother Mrs. Dale Wirt. Mrs. Petznick is the former Lajuan Gunn.

Betty and Mabel Mobley visited in Baird Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Clinton went to Abilene Monday.

Ervin Brown of San Diego, Calif. is home visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Wagley. Ervin is in the Navy and is just back from Korea. He was on the U.S.S. Brinkley Bass.

Mrs. U. L. Lowry has gone to Austin for a few days to visit with Dr. and Mrs. Herb Brown and new granddaughter, Cynthia Denise.

Those having New Years dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Warlick Jones of Moran were: Mrs. D. D. Jones, Dove Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Yeager, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones and daughter Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Pruet and son Craig, Mrs. Homer Pruet, Hodge, Billy and Donald Bowne and Johnny Gunn.

Ray Greene left for A&M College after two weeks of holidays.

Mrs. Douglas Fry visited a few days this week in Odessa with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Shark.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Tatom and children of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mabry Tatom and family Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Wirt who has been in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene for several days came home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hays of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitt Cook Sunday.

Preston White and son Wayne of Moran and Mrs. Robert Buchanan went to Caddo, Okla. last weekend to visit their sister, Mrs. Carter, who is seriously ill.

Ronald Presley, who is stationed at Long Beach, Calif. had the misfortune of his car breaking

down in Putnam on Sunday with the garage closed and no place to eat. He was invited and did spend the day with the Earl Rutherford.

Mrs. John Cook and Mrs. Mary Kellner returned Saturday from a ten day visit with relatives in Edna, Galveston and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce White of Abilene visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee White Saturday night.

Hubert Donaway visited his uncle, Milton Donaway Sunday. Milton, who was in a car wreck last Tuesday is in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

Nancy Hutchinson and Betty Rutherford visited Teressa Speegle Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruno of East Texas visited Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hamrick this week. They were moving to Odessa.

Visiting speaker for the Baptist congregation Sunday was Rev. Cleo Ivy of Baird. Rev. Ivy has been preaching since May, 1954.

Rev. Dee Witt Chaudler preached at Bronte, Sunday morning.

Mr. E. G. Perkins visited Monday night with Mr. John D. Isenhower.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pruet Saturday and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mitchell and sons, and Mr. Arnold Pruet and sons, Joe, Glen and Floyd. Joe was on Christmas leave from his Air Force Base in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barton attended the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas last Saturday. Ann and Tommy Barton visited friends while their parents attended the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lill Melton of Venezuela are visiting friends and relatives here and in other parts of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ross, Mary and Janet visited Mrs. J. J. Bookhout and other relatives in Dallas last weekend.

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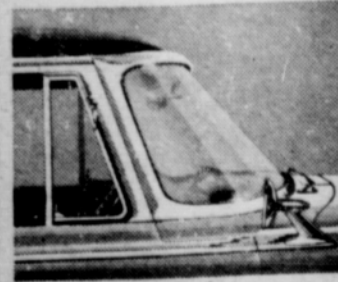
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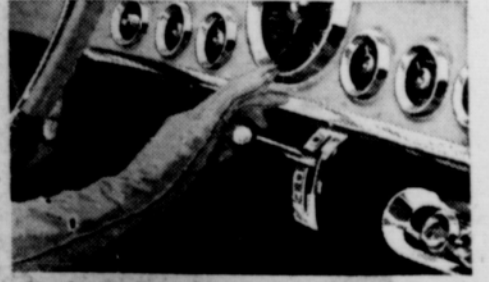
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM YOUR State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD
Texas Press Association

No one envies the job of the Texas legislators who convene at Austin on the 11th. They must solve the state's biggest financial problem in years.

Cut out for them is the task of: (1) providing more money for increased enrollment in public schools; (2) finding additional funds for public welfare; and (3) locating construction dollars to maintain and enlarge public highways.

A heavy load of students during the next two years will add \$24 million to school expenditures.

Public welfare, increased by a November constitutional amendment, will take \$14 million more over the same period.

An estimated \$50 million per year is needed for highway maintenance and construction.

Education, public welfare and highways already take 90 cents of each tax dollar. And there is pressure for more money from other quarters.

In the general fund is slightly more than \$12 million.

What To Do?

A two cents per gallon increase in the gasoline tax is one proposal. Present tax is four cents state, and two cents federal. That would meet highway needs. Adding \$2.75 per barrel to the

present \$2 per barrel beer tax is another proposal. This would bring in an estimated \$10 million annual revenue.

Colleges may be asked to increase the present \$24 per semester tuition fee to \$50. That would bring in \$3.5 million more per year.

Legislators are eyeing natural gas production. A 1954 tax law allowed a levy on the market value at the well, with a one per cent tax reduction each following year. They may vote to cancel the reductions. By so doing the state would keep \$14 million per year of the tax money.

Veterans Land Sales
Hearings will be resumed next week by a Senate Investigating Committee looking into "block" land sales made to the state under the Veterans Land Program.

Testimony during the first two-day session showed that individual land sellers had made as much as \$200,000 on a single deal.

Indicated by the committee were suits to cancel some block sales to veterans, criminal prosecution in other cases, and changes in the law.

Investigations were being held at the request of the Veterans Land Board itself. All its members, Land Commissioner Bascom Giles, chairman; Gov. Allan Shivers; and Attorney General John Ben Shepperd, testified. Complaints have been received in other land transactions, be-

sides the 11 now under investigation.

These too will be investigated, say officials in the Department of Public Safety, the State Auditor's Office and the Attorney General.

Veterans to whom the land was re-sold by the state testified that they didn't know they were buying land. They thought they were getting a cash bonus, or prolonging their rights to buy land on credit, or "selling their signatures" and waiving their rights for \$100 to \$300 each.

Duval County
Attorney General Shepperd is turning over the investigation of Duval County affairs to District Attorney-Elect Sam Burris.

Shepperd, who forecast recovery of some \$500,000 in stolen public funds, said he was in complete agreement with Burris. The transfer brought to an end a two-year personal investigation of the County's affairs by Shepperd.

Motor Vehicle Tax
A bill to abolish the ad valorem property tax on motor vehicles will be presented to the Legislature by State Rep. Douglas E. Bergman of Dallas.

His bill also would propose a one-third increase in the registration (license tax) fee.

Another Bergman bill would permit judges to deny bail on second felony indictments when the accused is out on bond for a previous felony charge.

Crop Income Up
A cheerful note from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The USDA office in Austin reports that the value of Texas crops for the year reached \$1,036,000,000 despite the drought. That's \$67 million higher than the preceding year.

Construction Up
Brightest spot in an already bright 1954 business year was the construction industry.

Building permits issued during the first 11 months of the year

ranked 26 per cent higher than a like period in 1953, reports the UT Bureau of Business Research.

Their findings were in line with a U. S. Department of Commerce estimate that new construction in the USA reached an all-time high in November—eight per cent above Nov., 1953.

Inductions Drop
Texas' draft quota for Feb. will be the smallest since June, 1952.

Selective Service Headquarters has called for 587 men during the month.

No men will receive pre-induction physical and mental exams during the month as draft boards have an ample backlog.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitehorn and daughter, Miss Rheba, spent Christmas in Cross Plains in the Oran Barr home. Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holt and daughters of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Moore of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Worthy of Andrews; Pfc. and Mrs. E. J. Barr and son of Amarillo and Mrs. A. H. Ussery of Cross Plains.

New Years visitors in the Grady Whitehorn home were: Mrs. A. H. Ussery, Mrs. Oran Barr, Francis Kay and Charles Clayton of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Whitehorn and Sonny of Abilene; Mrs. C. J. Holt and girls, Charlyse Dee, Rosa Lee and Pamela Sue of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Jurdock of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murphy and sons of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant are visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Byant and children and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lane in El Paso, this week.

Mr. Eddie Bullock who has been a patient in the hospital for several days is much improved and able to be moved home.

Down Memory Lane

January 6, 1911

Mrs. J. C. Barringer spent last Sunday with friends in Ranger.

Miss Evalyne Johnson, who spent Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, at Santo, also visited relatives at Paradise, returning home last Saturday.

Miss Daisy Powell, Will Franklin and Claude Flores attended the Elks Ball at Abilene, Monday night.

Alex McWhorter, Lowery Blakley and Oscar Lambert were in from the Bayou, yesterday.

Dick Wright, Phil Yost, W. P. Atwood and Summer Harris, of Oplin came in Wednesday. Summer Harris and family will leave Sunday for Arkansas, where they will spend two or three months visiting.

W. R. Cook, of Clyde, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Conway and children returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Okla.

W. B. Ferguson of Lula, was in town Wednesday.

January 4, 1935

Miss Merle Allman spent Christmas in Ranger the guest of Miss Wanette Hash.

Mr. and Mrs. Brice Jones and children spent Christmas with

Rowden Round-Up

By Theida Crow
Community Activities Reliably Reported by The Star Reporter

Several of the people of Rowden attended a musical at the Rowden Community Center last Friday night. Some played forty-two. Cake and coffee was served.

Nelda, Mae Dell, and Noah Smedley visited J. R. and Sue Duncan Saturday evening.

The Christmas holidays are over and its time for school to begin again.

Mrs. Lillie Swafford has returned from her visit with her daughter and family, Mrs. Sonny Burleson in Amarillo.

Visiting with Mrs. Anne Miller and Ray Boen over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jug Garrett of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Starnes of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls visited Mrs. Dale Gibbs and Gary Dan Friday evening.

There will be a musical at the Rowden Community Center every fourth Friday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

A snow fell here in Rowden Tuesday morning early, which gave us some moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls attended the Gorman Indian Trail Tournament Wednesday and Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore and Lynn spent the weekend at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Roberson from Wichita, Kan. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberson over the weekend.

The Denton Valley basketball girls visited Friday night and Saturday with Nelda May Culpepper. The girls were Patsy Varner, Tug Farmer, Marca Lyndan Burns, Sue Crawford and Jan Barron.

Mrs. C. W. Wilkerson has gone to Big Spring to stay a few days with her grandson.

Mrs. George Williams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter.

Mrs. Lonnie Ray made a trip to Midland last weekend to take her granddaughter, Kay Eatherly home. She had been visiting since Christmas.



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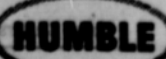
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CARD OF THANKS

I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the hospital staff, the doctors and Mrs. Burlison and Mrs. Hill and to each one of my friends for the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts and visits during my illness. Your kindness will never be forgotten.
Mrs. J. E. Bibb

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express sincere thanks to everyone who assisted in opening the grave at Tecumseh for our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Martha Gilliland. Vide Hill, Catherine Carl, and Billy James

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work and Patsy visited their daughter, Mrs. L. B. Russell and family in Hereford during Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Work and daughter of Albuquerque, N. M. were also present.



FRIDAY - SATURDAY

**LEX BARKER
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WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY

**ROBERT TAYLOR
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GEORGE RAFT
"Rogue Cop"**

New Year's Eve Musical Held

A New Year's Eve musical was held in the home of Mrs. Jake Williams. The musicians were: Don Rutledge, Darrell Rutledge, Ervin Dennis, Eugene Swinson and Andy Rogers.

Millionaire candy, punch and cookies were served to: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morton, Mrs. Sadie Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams, Betty and Coy, Melba Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Swinson and Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dennis, Kaye and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Audry Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blakely, Darrell Rutledge, Mrs. Roy Dennis, Janith Ann and Jack Williams.

T&P Friendship Club Meets Dec. 31

Members of the Friendship Club met and held a "watch party" on Dec. 31, 1954, welcoming the New Year. Since the Club didn't have a Christmas tree at Christmas time, they exchanged "New Year gifts."

Delicious refreshments were served during the meeting. Next meeting will be Jan. 10, 1955 when they will elect officers and pay dues. Mrs. Nellie Mills was reported to be doing nicely in Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene.

Mrs. Lynn Ault Is Club Hostess

Mrs. Lynn Ault was hostess Monday evening when the Corinne Blackburn Study Club met in regular meeting.

As the program for the evening was on "Texas Wild Life", Mrs. C. S. McGowen spoke on Conservation of Wild Life" and Mrs. A. A. Manion spoke on "Texas Reptiles."

During the social hour refreshments were served to Mmes. Eunice Brock, Juanita Danielson, Lowell Boyd, D. C. Cox, Beatrice Deal, N. L. Dickey, Jack Gilliland, Eddie Koneczak, A. A. Manion, C. S. McGowen, C. M. Peek, Margie Ray, Glen Rockey, Terrell Williams, L. L. Blackburn and Misses Edith Bowius and Burma Warren.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth George are announcing the arrival of a son, born Jan. 1, 1955 in Siam Springs, Ark. The young man weighed 6½ lbs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Work. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Julie and Mary of Cisco visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence on Monday.

Steve, Robert and Sally Green recently spent a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tabor at Valera.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Darby of Venezuela are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hernie Martin and other relatives here.

Patsy Ann Van Cleve Gaylord Price Wed

Patsy Ann Van Cleve became the bride of Gaylord Price, Dec. 23, at 9:00 o'clock. The bride is the daughter of M. C. Van Cleve. Gaylord is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Price.

The Van Cleve home south of Clyde was the scene of the wedding. The house was decorated throughout in the sparkling holiday theme. A cedar and tinzel trimmed archway formed the nuptial setting where Merle King, minister of the Church of Christ in Baird, said the double ring service for the bride and groom.

Mrs. Paul Dugan, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. Mrs. Dugan wore a pink suit with navy accessories. Best man was Paul Dugan, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bride chose a suit of navy blue with pink accessories. She wore a corsage of pink and white carnations.

A glowing fire in the fireplace and a mantle of cedar and holly added to the holiday atmosphere for the informal reception following the wedding ceremony. The bride's table was spread with a handdrawn linen cloth and centered with a huge red Christmas candle circled with cedar and holly.

Wedding guests included Mr. M. C. Van Cleve, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Price, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dugan and daughter Paula Joyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle King.

Immediately after the reception the young couple left on a wedding trip through New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will be at home in Baird where Mr. Price is employed with the Texas Highway Department and Mrs. Price is associated with the State Department of Public Welfare.

50th Anniversary Celebrated Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant, pioneer residents of Callahan County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 1, 1955 at their home at 328 Race St., Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have eight children but only six children and their families were able to be present for the dinner and all day celebration.

The home was beautifully decorated with gold carnations and other appointments in crystal.

Present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bryant and son of P. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Austin and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bryant and sons of Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryant and children of Baird.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., and son, Ran of Clovis, N. M. spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell.

Owens-Waggoner Rites Held Dec. 22

Miss Ellen Ruth Owens, Clyde and Charles A. Waggoner, Baird were married Dec. 22, in the First Baptist Church of Baird. Rev. Riley Fugitt read the double ring ceremony at 6 p.m. The decorations carried out the Christmas theme.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Odie Owens of Cushing, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Waggoner of Baird.

Mrs. O. C. Owens of Olney, sister-in-law of the bride, was bridesmaid. Best man was Raymond Paul Neeb of Baird. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, O. C. Owens of Olney.

The bride wore a powder blue, street length, two-piece dress with white accessories, carried a white Bible and white carnations.

The reception followed the wedding at the home of Mrs. Buford Tyson. Mrs. Jimmy Breeding registered the guests. Refreshments were served by the groom's sisters, Miss Shirley Waggoner and Mrs. Fannie Smith.

The couple are making their home on their farm at Cottonwood.

Garden Club Report

The Old Fashioned Garden Club met Jan. 4th. in the lovely new home of Mrs. Ben Ross. Mrs. J. W. Loper, Sr., and Mrs. Will Walls were co-hostesses.

After the roll call, the program was turned over to Mrs. S. W. Lilly, one of our very talented club members. She displayed some of her latest creations in ceramics and gave the different steps used in molding, modeling and baking the clay. Everyone enjoyed her talk very much.

The members also enjoyed going through the Ross' home which was completed last fall.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Mmes. C. Z. Anderson, D. J. Anderson, W. E. Box, E. C. Fulton, Glenn Green, Ace Hickman, Virgil Hughes, Lee Ivey, Arthur Johnson, S. W. Lilly, John McGowen, Felix Mitchell, Hubert Ross, John Towler, Leo Tyler, I. E. Warren, C. O. Welch, Clyde White, Al Young, Dick Young, E. B. Posey, Bill Ford and Mary Kehrer.

The Club will meet Feb. 1st with Mmes. Claude and Wade Johnson.

Guests in the E. L. Wood home for Christmas were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Murphy of Kigore; her son, Floyd Wood and family of Baird; her brothers, W. E. Caperton and Wallace Caperton of Clyde; her cousin, Mrs. J. H. Vance of Mineral Wells.

Mrs. Bess Driskill, who had major surgery recently, is feeling much better now we are very happy to report.

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Editor's Note—This is another in a series of informational articles prepared by Raleigh R. Tuley, Jr., Manager of the Abilene District Office.)

\$3,000 was a pretty high annual income back in 1937 when the Social Security Act first became effective, but prices and wages have climbed considerably in the past 17 years. That fact was one of several that led Congress to permit crediting of up to \$4,200 per year for Social Security purposes in the 1954 Amendments.

In 1937, the average annual amount credited to persons covered by Social Security was less than \$1,000. In 1953, that average was nearing the \$3,000 mark, and \$3,500 was the most that could appear for a year on any one record.

By raising the top allowable figure to \$4,200, it was also possible to increase the top limit for an individual retirement benefit from the present \$98.50 to \$108.50 for persons retiring after next year with an average of \$4,200 per year after 1954.

This wage or self-employment income base on which Social Security benefits can be figured will also serve to increase amounts payable to survivors of deceased insured persons. After 1955, such survivors might have their amounts figured as percentages of \$108.50 instead of the present \$98.50 amount.

Clyde Decisions Baird Bears, 45-39 Monday

Clyde won three games from Baird Monday night.

The Clyde varsity unit defeated Baird's A team, 45-39 with Johnny Kniffen hitting 19 points. Robert Corn and Paul Jones scored 11 and 9 respectively for the losers.

Clyde won the B game, 46-36. High scorer for the winners was Davis with 17 while James Tyson garnered 16 for Baird.

Clyde took the Grade School game, 28-26.

Mrs. Emma Hargrove, who had major surgery in Pampa on Dec. 29, is much improved and is now at the home of Mrs. Eva Vestal, in Skelly Town. Mrs. Hargrove is a former resident of Baird and has several relatives still living here as well as many friends who wish her a speedy recovery.

Questions & Answers

Q—Is it possible for two veterans to take Korean GI Bill farm training on the same farm? Or must each veteran-trainee have his own farm?

A—Generally, each farm trainee is expected to train on a farm he owns or manages. However, two veterans may train on a single farm if conditions are favorable enough to assure successful training and eventual self-employment for each.



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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans	\$719,472.35	Capital	\$50,000.00
U. S. Government Obligations	\$2,390,519.05	Surplus	\$75,000.00
Federal Land Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	\$140,040.00	Undivided Profits	\$58,573.24
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	\$380,204.05	Reserve for Taxes	\$15,125.57
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	\$3,750.00	Reserve for Losses, Depreciation, etc.	\$37,912.09
Cash and Due from Banks	\$1,153,790.73	Reserve for Contingencies, Bond Premiums, Improvements, etc.	\$78,208.17
Banking House and Furniture and Fixtures	\$3,500.00	Deposits	\$4,478,457.11
Real Estate for Future Expansion	\$2,000.00	TOTAL	\$4,793,276.18
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EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

(Editor's Note—Due to the appalling death toll of the holiday period just ended, we think Mr. Frank Grimes' editorial as published in the Dec. 30 issue of the Abilene Reporter-News is timely and worthy of re-publication.)

TEACH 'EM TO DRIVE

One of the goals of the Committee on Traffic Safety Education of the President's Highway Safety Conference is establishing standard Driver Education and training courses in all the high schools of the nation.

Taking note of this The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs in their convention last November decided to lend support to the program by adopting as their Safety project the development of public support for increasing and improving the teaching of Driver Education in the public schools of Texas.

It takes money to do these things, and a minimum of \$35 per pupil, and enrolling in driver classes of 100,000 young Texans, have been set as goals. It will take legislation to provide this money on a continuing basis, but in support of their thesis the Federated clubs point out that 2,368 persons were killed in traffic accidents in Texas in 1953 and the economic loss from the same cause was \$149 million. Anything that will reduce that frightful toll would demonstrably be worthwhile, to say nothing of the saving of lives and limbs.

Lack of adequate funds, permanently provided for, has handicapped the high school training program in Texas, where only half the high schools offer such courses, and then usually only in the senior grade. A great many traffic experts believe the age should be lowered to include junior high school instruction.

Abilene is among the high schools providing this training, but as elsewhere the numbers trained have been small due mainly to lack of adequate financing.

Wherever given a thorough trial and pushed vigorously, the education of young drivers has paid off handsomely. It works on the principle that as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. A youngster who has been taught from his first contact with a steering wheel to drive safely and competently and competently becomes an asset to the community instead of a menace and a liability, as so many untaught youngsters are.

We wish the ladies of the Federation success in their worthy undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norrell spent part of the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gray at Kermit. Mr. Gray is Mrs. Norrell's brother.

Mrs. C. T. Clay and sons of Big Spring spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright and other relatives here.

The Clarence Boatwright family from Amarillo were visiting friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Peek had as their guests for the New Year holiday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, Mrs. W. J. Williams, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, all of Ovalo; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tucker, Abilene; Mrs. Skinner of Ft. Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodson and daughter spent last weekend in Levelland visiting Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown and Bobby left Monday for their home in Eugene, Oregon, after spending two weeks here with Mrs. Louise Stiles and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown, Sr. Also Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayne Hollingshead and Neil of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brice Jones during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hill, Jr., left Tuesday by plane for their home in Merced, Calif. after spending a two week vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hill in Baird and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Phillips in San Angelo.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mauldin and El over the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mauldin and children, Earl, Mae and Jacklyn from Malden, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mauldin and son Kerby from Springfield, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Evans and son Ronald Joe from Burkburnett and Emmitt Bull from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Akers of Huntsville spent the holidays with her parents, Col. and Mrs. A. E. Dyer. Mrs. H. A. McWhorter was also a visitor in her daughter's home.

Mrs. Flossie Walsh of New Orleans, La., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Harry Ebert and Mrs. Pat Haley. Also her mother, Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Mrs. C. B. Ramsey and children of Ft. Worth visited her mother, Mrs. D. F. Harp, during the holidays. We are happy to report Mrs. Harp is doing fine since her recent car accident and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynie Spencer and daughters of Dallas spent the holidays with Mrs. J. H. Grimes and Miss Grimes.

Sgt. and Mrs. Jack Sims of San Antonio visited relatives here during the holidays. Bob and Cheryl Sue returned to San Antonio with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin left the first of the week for Abilene where they will visit for an extended time. Mrs. Gwin will have eye surgery while there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Chrisman enjoyed having their children and grandchildren home during the holidays. All were present except Alvin Christmas and family who live in Ft. Worth. He was stricken with polio some time ago and was unable to be here. Others here were: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Christmas and children of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jones and daughters of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Christmas and son, Clyde from Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graham and family from Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Christmas and children of Ft. Worth.

Ralph Short of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Short, David and Barbara of Abilene spent Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Short.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the pages of the New Year tell a story of happiness and success for you and your family. We have enjoyed our pleasant association with you in 1954 and look forward to seeing you and serving you often in 1955.

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TUNA
flat can
19c

KOUNTY KIST
CORN
2 cans
25c

BLACK'S

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor

Chicken Loaf With Mushroom Sauce

2 eggs
1/2 cup fat
1/2 cup cool chicken broth (see note)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups diced chicken or turkey, cooked or canned
1/2 cup cooked rice
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
3 Tablespoons finely cut celery
2 Tablespoons finely cut pimiento
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup fat
Evaporated Milk

Beat eggs in a 1 1/2-qt. bowl. Add 1/2 cup milk, broth, salt, seasoning, chicken, rice, crumbs, celery and pimiento. Mix well. Put into a well-greased 9x5-in. loaf pan. Bake on center rack of 350 oven (moderate) about 55 min. or until firm. Remove from oven. Loosen sides of loaf with knife and let stand in pan 5 min. before turning out. Heat to steaming hot a mixture of the soup and 1/3 cup milk. Serve hot with the chicken loaf. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: If you don't have broth you can make it by dissolving 1 chicken bouillon cube in 1/2 cup boiling water.



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