

From The Editor Window

Greetings From Washington
Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
With the cheeriest wish
For the happiest day
And the finest year
In every way!

As Christmas comes each year
with its beauty glorifying the noble
and the obscure with the grandeur
of inspiration which the blessedness
of giving and receiving reflects in
the very essence of humanity, it is
only natural that we think of our
dearest and best loved.

I can see Putnam and surrounding
territory at this season of the year
with the stars shining down over
the small silent hills. I can see the
lighted candles in the windows. I
can see the neighbors exchanging
gifts and greetings, I can see the
folk represented in programs and
parties of community interest and,
although I am 2,000 miles away, I
know the pulse of humanity is beating
strongly there and I know, too,
that I am a part of it all.

I took a leave of absence from
the Putnam News last January,
having been away practically one
year seeking to broaden my knowl-
edge as I became a member of the
corps of workers in Washington, D.
C., who assist in their small way,
those who have the responsibilities
of our great government their
shoulders. The work which will
be finished soon has been grand. I
will spend Christmas in Washington,
which I think must be one of the
most beautiful places in the world
at this season. The beautiful lights
and artists' decorative arrange-
ments seem to become man-
imate in speaking out the joys of
the season. Crowds gather around
and children are made happy as the
Santa Claus statue actually laughs
and claps his hands in merriment
in the window of Kann's store in
Washington.

As I enter into the joys of the
Christmas season and I think of my
friends in Putnam, these few words
of one of my favorite poems come
to mind:

"When I'm sittin' in the twilight
sort of dreamin' dream so fine,
And thinkin' of the folks I love for
the sake of Auld Lang Syne;
Then I see you plain, before me,
and my courage comes anew—
I've found the travelin' easier since
a-meetin' up with you.
And I'm thinkin' that it's better,
when you love folks, not to wait,
But tell 'em so, and let 'em know,
friend, before it gets too late."

The people of Putnam and others
have carried The Putnam News on
during my absence with my father
at the helm and at this season of
the year, I want to express my ap-
preciation to you for your patron-
age and kindest consideration of
the past year. As the New Year
approaches, may we serve you bet-
ter and be more worthy of your
faithfulness, cooperation, and con-
fidence placed in us, than we've ever
been before.

At Christmas time friendships are
strengthened and the truth was
never expressed better than in these
few words of anonymous poetry:
"Make new friends, but keep the old,
Those new friends, but keep the old,
New-made friends, like new-made
wine,
Age will mellow and refine.
Friendships that have stood the
test,
Time and change, are surely best.
Wishing for all customers and
readers of The Putnam News the
happiest Christmas you've ever
known.

O friend, your face I cannot see,
Your voice I cannot hear,
But for us both breaks at our feet,
The Christmas-tide of the year.

We're not so very far apart
As it at first would seem,
God has made us infinitely near
The miles are all a dream.

Mildred Yeager, Editor
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224 First Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C.

Lester Stewart of the Zion Hill
community was in Putnam Satur-
day morning trading and looking
after other interests.

Rev. H. C. Beckford pastor of the
Baptist church was called to Big
Spring Friday to hold a funeral.
He returned to Putnam Saturday
afternoon.

MRS. HENRY ROBBERSON BURIED AT COTTONWOOD TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. M. A. Roberson, a pioneer
settler of the Cottonwood commu-
nity about 14 miles south of Putnam,
and the wife of former Judge Henry
Roberson who served the Cotton-
wood precinct for some 20 years
and retired, died in the county hos-
pital at Baird Monday morning.
The funeral was held at Cotton-
wood Tuesday afternoon and the
burial followed in the Cottonwood
cemetery. Mrs. Roberson was 72
years old at the time of her death
and had lived about fifty years in
Cottonwood.

Survivors are her husband and
five children, Mrs. John McGary,
Stamford; Mrs. A. C. Anderson,
Channing; Mrs. Joe Long, Goldth-
waite and W. T. and Wyatt Rob-
erson of Cottonwood.

COTTON PRODUCTION IS ESTIMATED 12,688,000 BALES FOR 1940 CROP

The agricultural department at
Washington estimated the cotton
crop of the United States at
12,688,000 bales which is about
one per cent lower than the Novem-
ber estimate.

The estimate of production for
1940 is still considerable above the
1939, crop which was 11,817,000
bales; and a 1938 crop of 11,943,000
bales; but below the 10 year aver-
age of 13,547,000 bales.

The estimated yield per acre is
242.4 pounds per acre against an
estimate of 252.1 pound as indi-
cated in the November report. The
production was 237.9 pound in 19-
39.

TEXAS RICHEST STATE IN UNITED STATES IN NATURAL RESOURCES

Texas is richer in natural re-
sources than any other state in the
union. While wealth pours from
the earth while our growing in-
dustries thrive, our people as a
whole are poor. With greater nat-
ural wealth than that of any other
state the per capita income of Texas
is 25 per cent less than the aver-
age. While Texas produces about
one-fourth of the cotton of the
nation, more than one out of every
six of our people are inadequately
clothed.

Though we raise a tenth of the
cattle and a seventh of the sheep
of the nation, more than 80,000 Tex-
as families face a hungry winter
in 1940-41. With 39 percent of the
nation's oil production, and more
natural gas than the combined out-
put of all the states, a large part
of Texas' 80,000 needy families will
go through the winter with insuf-
ficient fuel.

The 1930 United States census
revealed that in percentage of children
attending school, Texas ranked
fourth from the bottom of the list
of the 48 states, with 52,000 child-
ren between the ages of ten and
fifteen years working for a living.
Even with Texas educational pro-
gress during the past ten years,
the problem of children out of
school continues to perplex school
and welfare authorities, while a
quarter of a million Texans of vot-
ing age are illiterate.

DISTRICT POSTMASTERS ELECTED O. A. HALE AS HEAD OF ASSOCIATION

Postmasters of the 17th district
meeting at Abilene Sunday elected
O. A. Hale of Abilene, as president,
of the district association. Other
officers elected were Maurice Ste-
wart of Blackwell, secretary and
Luther McCrea, Cisco, executive
secretary, both of the last were re-
elected.

Those who made speeches before
the convention were Judge Sam
Russell, Stephenville, recently no-
minated for congress from the 17th
congressional district and elected at
the recent state wide election,
Postmaster, J. Edward Johnson of
Brownwood, and D. C. Jernagin
postal inspector. E. C. Waddell,
postmaster at Putnam, attended the
convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farris of the
Scranton community were in Put-
nam Saturday afternoon shopping
and visiting relatives and friends.

Ode Johnson of the Scranton
community was in Putnam for a
short while Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waddell at-
tended the postmaster's convention
in Abilene Sunday.

County Superintendent Aims 12 Grade School Curriculum

By B. C. Chrisman,
County Superintendent

As Texas is following the plan of
over forty other states in the Union
in adopting the twelve grades or
twelve year plan in our system of
schools, I feel that the school pat-
rons of Callahan County are an-
xious to know just what is meant
by the change and what it will
mean to their children. Already,
forty one states have wholly, and
two have partially adopted the twel-
ve year plan.

In the early development of the
public school system in the United
States, from schools of different lev-
els, the northern and eastern states
organized at the beginning their
elementary schools on an eight year
basis and the secondary or high
school on a four year basis, making
twelve years in all.

Until recently five of the south-
ern states, including Texas, have
operated on the eleven year plan.
In the beginning of our public school
system in Texas, the scholastic age
began at eight years and continued
at this age for a number of years.
It was later reduced to seven years,
and was maintained at this level
until 1930 when it was reduced to
the present level of six years.

Since this reduction in the schol-
astic age, we have all noticed a
marked reduction in the age of high
school graduates.

The average scholastic age has
been reduced in both elementary
and high school and no additional
time has been given for the comple-
tion of high school. The school pa-
tron should understand that the ad-
dition of another grade to our school
system does not so much mean the
addition of more subjects to the
school curriculum, but more time
to more thoroughly do the work
now assigned. In other words, the
student will now take twelve years
to complete the work now assigned
only eleven years. Children spending
only eleven years in school are us-
ually too young to find employment
in the various industries.

Reports from the Southern Asso-
ciation of Colleges indicate that
graduates of schools who have spent
twelve years in the public schools
usually do better work in colleges
and universities than those who
have spent only eleven years. Over
forty states in the United States
have adopted the twelve year plan
and have found it superior.

Psychology teaches that the reas-
oning faculties are the last to be
developed in the human mind. Some
of our high school graduates are
now leaving high school before
their mental faculties are fully de-
veloped and an additional year in
school at this age will be at a time
will be most beneficial to them.

The addition of another year
should practically eliminate all fail-
ures in school. Various methods of
installing the additional year
should prove satisfactory, but it is

the consensus of educators that no
additional work should be added at
the top, or the last four years of
the high school curriculum. One of
the possible methods of installation
is to introduce the new grade at the
beginning of the elementary school.
A third, and the one most univer-
sally used is the reorganization of
the elementary school work in
which the additional year is ab-
sorbed in the first four grades, mak-
ing five years work of the present
four grades. The present course
of study furnished by the Depart-
ment of Education is now based on
the twelve year system and the
major part of all text books written
and published by the larger publish-
ing companies are for an elemen-
tary school system of eight grades.

CALLAHAN COUNTY GIRL METHODIST MISSIONARY IN THE UNITED STATES

Callahan County girl to be Meth-
odist missionary in the United States
Miss Estell McIntosh of Clyde a
missionary elect of the Board of
Missions of the Methodist church
extension of the Methodist church
is one of forty young people who
were formerly commissioned for
Christian service on Wednesday of
last week, November 27, when the
board held its annual meeting in
the Arch Street Methodist church
in Philadelphia.

Miss McIntosh is now pursuing
graduate studies at Scarritt College
Nashville, N. C., preparing for the
service to which she will be ap-
pointed in the mission field within
the United States.

J. B. BEESON MANAGER PLAZA THEATRE BAIRD IN PUTNAM SATURDAY

J. B. Beeson of Baird, manager
of the Plaza theatre at Baird, was
in Putnam Saturday morning and
while here visited with the News
for a short while. Mr. Beeson said
while here that he was giving
away a trophy to the most out-
standing and valuable member of
the Baird football team and it
would be given away within the
next week or two.

Mr. Beeson is one of the most
wide awake and progressive busi-
ness men in Baird, and one of the
biggest advertisers, spending his
money boosting Baird and trying to
get more people in Baird. Not
only to the show; but he things
if they come to the show it will
help other lines of business, as well
as the show, as people must come
to town before you have a chance
to sell them anything.

Mr. Alton Eubank was in town
Saturday and stated that Alton
was employed near Amarillo, but
would be home for Christmas and
possibly be transferred back to Bro-
wnwood after the holidays.

J. W. FISHER SERIOUSLY GURNED IN EXPLOSION ON PIPE LINE IN L. A.

J. H. Fisher who lives about three
miles northwest of Putnam, received
a message Wednesday afternoon
Louisiana stating his son, J. W. had
been seriously burned in a gas ex-
plosion. He was employed by an
oil company on a pipe line when
the explosion occurred.

Mr. Fisher and his daughter, Mrs.
Roy Denny of Baird left immedi-
ately for Louisiana, and Mrs. Ben-
ny returned to Baird Saturday and
reported that her brother was rest-
ing well and had chance to recover.
The report stated that he was bad-
ly burned all over his body and his
right arm was very near amputated
by the explosion.

ROAD TO BE FINISHED COTTONWOOD - ADMIRAL IN EARLY JANUARY '41

The Cottonwood-Baird road throu-
gh the Admiral community is mak-
ing good progress and the foreman,
Mr. Potter thinks the project will
be completed by about the first of
January if the weather is favorable.
They have all of the bridges about
completed and the gravel on the
most of the way. They are already
a good piece of a past the Dawkins
ranch on toward Cottonwood with
the gravel.

The project north from Putnam
by Hart school house will be the
next project in this precinct and it
is reported that they expect to get
started soon after the first of the
year. There will be employment
for a number of men on this pro-
ject for several months if they get
it started. There will be about
twelve miles of road to construct,
with a number of bridges and cul-
verts.

COTTON FARMERS VOTE FOR COTTON QUOTO ON AMOUNT SLOD IN 1940

The farmers of the Putnam com-
munity did not seem to have much
interest in the cotton quoto election
Saturday as only 23 cast their votes
in the election. Out of the 23.20
voted for quotos for the 1941 crop
and three against. This is not over
20 per cent who took any part in
Saturday's election. This is the first
time Putnam farmers have voted
for any control program, since the
Adjustment Act was passed.

Those attending the funeral of
Mrs. J. W. Tanner at Winters last
week were Mrs. J. A. Heyser and
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyser. Mr.
Tanner is a brother to Mrs. Heyser.
Mrs. Tanner died suddenly with an
attack of heart failure.

Mrs. Lucille Shannon returned to
her work at Baird Monday morning
after being confined to her room at
her mother's, Mrs. W. A. Kile the
past week with a light attack of
the influenza.

G. L. Harper was in Putnam Sat-
urday afternoon and while here set
his figures up on the Putnam News.

Sailors, Marines Not To Be Santas To Kids This Year

Saint Nicholas is not likely to be
a visitor aboard any of our war-
ships this year, although he was
formerly a welcome guest at Christ-
mas time.

His coming was heralded by hun-
dreds of children who lived in the
vicinity of navy yards. They were
invited aboard ship by the sailors
and marines who gave them a feast
and provided a "Santa Claus" who
distributed gifts to their juvenile
guests.

Today our navy yards are closed
to visitors as a reasonable pre-
caution against sabotage and espi-
onage. What had become a well-
established tradition has been tem-
porarily abandoned.

According to Admiral Hugh Rod-
man, USN. (retired) the custom
started aboard the USS New York
in 1915 and spread rapidly to other
ships of the Navy. Funds for en-
tertaining the children were dona-
ted by the sailors and marines who
found the smiles of happy young-
sters more than an ample reward.

Two years after its first Christ-
mas party the New York, which had
become known as the "Christmas
Ship," left suddenly to join naval
forces in European waters. The
crew had expected to be in an
American port, but Christmas found
them at Edinburgh, Scotland.

This sudden shift in plans did
not deter the bluejackets or mar-
ines who rounded up 125 Scotch
wulfs, many of whom were war
orphans. They brought them to the
dock in buses and thence aboard
ship where they were given a good
dinner, toys, presents and two
bright silver shillings—probably the
most cash any of them had ever
possessed at one time.

For nearly a quarter of a century
our naval vessels entertained child-
ren at Christmas and there is every
reason to believe that in due time
this pleasant custom will be revived.

CALIFORNIA BOYS GOT SAME MEDICINE THEY HAD GIVEN TO OTHERS

Texas needs a few judges like
the California judge who is giving
a lot of youngsters a dose of their
own medicine. The story is like
this, "Four pranksish University of
California student who thought it
was funny to dump paper bags full
of water on the heads of passerby
are going to get a dose of their own
medicine.

Arrested on misdemeanor charges
after a boisterous rally proceeding
"the big game," between Stanford
and California last week, the youths
found themselves today in the hands
of police Olyver Youngs, a magis-
trate with a knack for putting re-
verse English on such students.
After witnesses had testified this
four students had amused them-
selves by dropping bags of water on
passerby from a window of their
fraternity house, Judge Youngs,
decided it would be appropriate if
they were treated likewise.
So he ordered them to appear at
the city hall Friday morning for
bail. Charles Martin to lean out a
window and drop bags of water on
them. Judge Youngs told the bailiff
to provide himself with plenty of
ammunition.

BENNIE ROSS EVERETT KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL FROM SPRAINED ANKLE

Bennie Ross Everett a son of
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Everett was in
town Friday for the first time in
two weeks. While at school play-
ing ball last Monday was a week
ago, he fell and sprained his left
ankle, which has kept him confined
to his room ever since. He is still
unable to walk only with crutches,
but the sprain is improving and he
thinks he will soon be out and can
get back to school.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE WILL MEET AT BAIRD SATURDAY MORNING

B. C. Chrisman county superint-
ent of schools in Callahan county
announced in Baird Monday morn-
ing that the Callahan county tea-
chers would hold a meeting at the
Baird high school auditorium Sat-
urday. He stated he was expecting
a large attendance and he thought
there would be several out of the
county who would attend and
make speeches.

Miss Preble Stewart was in Baird
Monday attending to business in
connection with the library work
of the school.

CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE AT ZION HILL MONDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 23RD

The Zion Hill Demonstration club
met at the home of Mrs. J. H.
Shrader Wednesday. Mrs. R. B.
Taylor, president called the meet-
ing to order.

After the business session was
over all members gave 25 cents to
buy candy and fruit for the Zion
Hill Christmas tree which will be
December 23rd. With a short pro-
gram, everyone is invited to come
and bring the children to Christmas
tree.

Miss Reed home demonstration
agent was present and gave a pro-
gram on table service, Jello, salad
with ice cream and cake was served
to the following: Mrs. J. A. Heyser,
Fred Heyser, W. S. Jobe, J. D.
Sprawls, S. M. B. Sprawls, Jessey
Bentley, R. B. Taylor, R. M. John-
son, E. V. Kamsay, J. H. Shrader,
Lavada Stanridge and Miss Reed.

MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 17 PURPOSE UNKNOWN SCHOOL BLDG.

There will be a public meeting at
the high school auditorium Tuesday
night December 17. Everyone in-
vited to attend. The purpose of the
meeting is unknown come out
and see. There will be no charges
of any kind. Leave your pocket
book at home. There will be a prize
offered for the ugliest man and the
best looking woman. Will have other
entertainment possibly an old
time spelling match.

The business part of the meeting
will be short not more than a few
minutes. Be sure to leave your
money at home. If any one offers
anything for sale or proposes to take
up a collection, there will be a com-
mittee who will throw him out at
the window immediately.

MISS VELSIE WOOD AND NORMAN RAWSON MARRIED AT EASTLAND

Norman Rawson a son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. F. Rawson, was married in
Eastland Thursday, November 14th,
to Miss Velsie Wood of Cisco. The
pastor of the Church of Christ of-
ficiated at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawson will be at
home on the Lynn Williams ranch
about three miles north of Putnam,
where Mr. Rawson has employment.

MRS. E. C. WADDELL WILL PUT ON MUSIC RECITAL AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Mrs. E. C. Waddell will present
her music pupils in a music recital
Saturday night December 14th at
7:30 p. m., at high school auditorium.
Those taking part on the pro-
gram are: Betty Williams, Elaine
Gilbert, Patsy Parish, Wanda Merle
and Nalda Leigh Lowry, Mary Ann
Sherwin, Fredoline Cook, Ellen
Williams, Bobbie and David Park
Clinton, Mary Esther Phyllis Rich-
ard, and Ethel Ames, Helen Cloe
Cribbs, Mary Douglas Williams,
Clinton and Anna Frances Waddell.

APPLICATIONS FOR MATTRESS PROGRAM ARE APPROVED

By Clara Brown
700 mattress applications on the
1940-41 Mattress Program have
been approved and centers at Row-
den, Belle Plain, Atwell, Eula, Dud-
ley, Enterprise, and Oplin started
Monday morning. Cotton and tick-
ling have been hauled to each cen-
ter and the supply is such that a
center will complete their quota of
mattresses before it closes. For
that reason, chairman of each cen-
ter are anxious that all apply that
want to and are eligible by the last
Saturday in December, the 28th.
Other centers will open as soon
as findings and buildings can be
secured.

A family is eligible if they live
on the outside of the city limit, and
the gross income for 1939 did not
exceed \$500 for 4 members in the
family, and \$50 for each additional
member may be added, as a family
of six would not be eligible if the
gross income did not exceed \$600.
A family is eligible for a mattress
for each two members of the family,
but not to exceed three mattresses;
as a family of two receives 1 mat-
tress, a family of four may receive
two mattresses; a family getting
an FSA mattress, or got one through
AAA last year, that is counted off
of the total number that the family
receive.

Families that live within the
city limit are eligible under the
same rules listed above, but 50 per
cent of their income must come
from the farm.

Any family may apply at a mat-
tress center or at any designated
place, December 28th.

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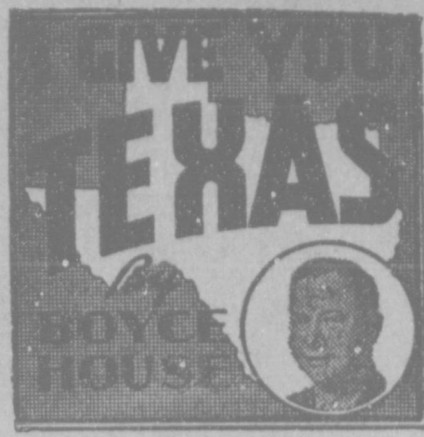
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Worth, one of the outstanding lawyer of Texas, extended an invitation to visit McKnight Farm, a few miles south of Arlington. It proved to be a handsome establishment, with everything—from the substantial barns to the fence-posts along the highway—painted in red and white.

The owner—the embodiment of suavity and dignity in the courtroom—was smiling like a boy as—in khaki breeches and shirt, plus sweater and leather coat—he led Redset around the paddock. The sorrel yearling filly was blanketed as she already had enjoyed a gallop before my arrival. Incidentally, Redset's sire was Bookbinder and the dam was Vonset (both owned by McKnight) and Vonset's sire was Upset, the only horse that ever defeated immortal Man o' War.

Pembroke, a bay filly named for the street that McKnight lives on, was being walked by young Ike Hart, a horse enthusiast who can spout lava, and looking on with keen interest was his father, J. O. Hart, head of the Fort Worth Sand and Gravel Company. Soon, two of Mr. Hart's horses, being trained on McKnight Farm, were saddled—Monte Parks (winning jockey of the first race ever run at Arlington Downs) riding Fliverty, two-year old bay filly, daughter of Liberty Limited—famed sire for which T. P. Morgan of Kerrville is reported to have refused \$75,000, and Frank Cagle, former jockey, riding Two Grand. They circled the half-mile track side-by-side twice, then Fliverty galloped the third circuit alone—a picture of co-ordinated, flowing motion.

Will McKnight, cousin of the owner, is superintendent and five men are employed. They live in attractive houses on the place. The thoroughbreds are shipped out of the State for racing and for sale. McKnight Farm is one of many similar establishments in Texas which are giving employment to a large number of men, providing a market for a great amount of feed and equipment, and paying considerable taxes. The thoroughbred industry would mean even more, it is declared, if racing were permitted in Texas.

"Ain't it the truth?" every newspaperman will exclaim after reading the following classic discovered by Tom Phillips of the Santa Rosa Signal:

"A constant drop of water Wears away the hardest stone; The constant gnawing Fido Masticates the toughest bone; The constant wooing lover Carries off the blushing maid; And the constant advertiser Is the one who gets the trade."

Sam the cynic says, "A man should work eight hours and sleep eight hours—but not the same eight hours."

Entry in the old joke contest: Is he dead?

Well, if he isn't, they played an awful trick on him; they buried him

I have always liked the smell of cottonseed oil—a rich, heavy fragrance, it seems to me. Others, not accustomed to the odor from childhood days, complain that it is disagreeable. And I like the scent of fresh sawdust, and the whine of a saw in a lumber-mill is musical.

Find Green Trees That Do Not Lose Leaves In Winter

While any time of year is a good time to visit a nursery or to explore field corners and pastures to discover attractive shrubs, and trees, this time of year has three definite advantages for the amateur gardener.

Sadie Hatfield, Extension Service specialist in landscape gardening, says:

Now it is easy to distinguish between evergreen trees and shrubs

In your barefoot days, did you watch the "speeder" go by—the railroad "handcar"? that ran by gasoline—and hope that you'd grow up to be the lone occupant of one?

I didn't envy the engineer as much as the freight-car conductor who could sit in the caboose up in the cupola. But the dreams of youth fade into the light of common day—and here I am making a living by putting words together, and the typewriter does most of the work.

For the first time since 1929, farmers in the United States this year will receive a total cash income of at least nine billion dollars, the Department of Agriculture predicts.

and those which lose their leaves. This is a good time to observe brilliant fall colors of various plants and choose the most attractive ones to give bright spots in the landscape when flowers have quit blooming.

And third, shrubs and trees may be taken up and transplanted now with more certainty of success than during the summer or spring.

In suggesting evergreens for planting, Miss Hatfield points out that for the warmer regions of Texas the cenizo or purple sage is popular. It does well in alkali soils or neutral soils. Then the agarita or algerita will grow almost all over the state. Native nollies which are popular include the well-known Christmas holly, the evergreen, deciduous, and desert yampou. Among the other beautiful native plants are swamp myrtle or bay berry, cherry laurel, Indian cherry, buck thorn, evergreen sumac or kiniknik, mountain laurel, madrona or Texas arbutus, cedars, Arizona cypress, and live oak.

Some of the shrubs which add color after the flowers are gone are the sumacs, maples, dogwood, Spanish oak, red oak, wild cherry, bald cypress, deciduous yampou.

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The new mattress program was outlined by Mrs. Floyd Coffey, who is chairman of the program committee.

The club's annual Christmas party will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Moore, in the afternoon of December 20.

The club was glad to have as guest, Miss Clara Brown and Miss Tennessee Read, county demonstration agents from Baird.

Those present were: Eunice Hembree, Beulah Respass, Missouri Strahan and Mesdames, Otis Bennett, Sub Peavy, Will Varner, Sam Moore, Fred Kelly, Harry Copping, Eldon Ellis, Bryan Bennett, J. S. Gafford, Archer Wilcox, R. J. Willoughby, H. S. Varner, Levi Bennett, O. D. Strahan, J. H. Mc-

Elroy, Floyd Coffey, Norman Coffey and Lloyd Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Moore and son of Breckenridge visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Moore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tyson and children of Baird visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Waldrop and daughter of Abilene visited his mother, Mrs. Nettie Waldrop and Miss Reba Sunday.

Thaxton Evans of Brownwood was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coffey spent Sunday with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. C. T. Davis at Putnam.

Misses Reba Waldrop, Susie Coats, Grady Rainy and Truett Holley attended league meeting at Clyde Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Chick and son spent the week end at Lavado.

Rev. Milton Slayden, new Methodist pastor, preached at Methodist church Sunday, he was accompanied by his wife and her mother, Mrs. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Butler and sons visited with their grand-mother, Mrs. N. G. Borden Sunday afternoon.

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AUSTIN—Changes in the 1941 interscholastic League track and field rules have been announced by Clyde Littlefield, track coach at the University of Texas.

The javelin throw has been eliminated for high school competition by the new rules and the 440-yard relay race had been added, Littlefield said. In his opinion, "the quarter-mile relay is one of the best events in track and field athletics and gives opportunity to a larger number of boys."

The relay, Littlefield said, will be run in staggered lanes. The lanes are staggered, that is, each runner to the right is slightly ahead of his fellow on the left so that they each run the same distance. They are placed thus, to make up for the extra distance caused by the outside lanes in the curved track being longer than the

inside lanes. Littlefield suggested that "it is well to have a competent engineer determine the correct staggered distance."

Specifications for the baton were given as 300 millimeters long, 120 millimeters in circumference, and weighing not less than 50 grams.

The 1941 discs will be lighter, he said, and the 120-yard hurdle has been slightly changed.

The new specifications for the discs are 8.25 inches in diameter, 1 5/8 inches in thickness at the center and 48 of an inch at a distance of 1-4 inch from the outer edge, to weigh three pounds and nine ounces.

The 120-yard hurdles race shall be over 10 hurdles, three feet, three inches high. Last year the hurdles were three feet, six inches high. The distance between hurdles, start to first hurdle, and last hurdle to finish line, shall be the same. "The first hurdle shall be placed 15 yards from the start and there shall be 10 yards between each two hurdles, and 15 yards from the last hurdle to the finish line," Littlefield said.

The low hurdle race has been changed to 260 yards over 10 hurdles. The hurdles are to be two feet, six inches high, and the distance from the start to the first hurdle shall be 18 yards. There shall be 18-yards between each two hurdles, and 20 yards from the last hurdle to the finish line.

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* **ATWELL** *

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Hargrove and son of Cross Plains were Sunday callers in the D. T. Wrinkle home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Foster and children visited their daughter, Juanell at Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eland Odum of Bayou visited in the homes of her brothers, Messers. Roy and Alton Tatom Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Foster were

week end visitors in their son's home at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harlow and niece, Bertina McDaniel of Cross Plains attended church and visited relatives here Sunday.

The Government Mattress making began here Monday and will continue steadily until fifty or more are made.

Fort Archer of Cottonwood spent Friday night in the home of his aunt, Mrs. Minnie Hutchins.

Lavern Lovelady left Friday for Ranger where she will be employed for the next two weeks.

Charnel Grimes Hutchins returned Thursday from Mineral Wells where he has been working.

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ents of a baby boy, born November
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