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WITH POLLY

Ross got lots of surprises this Christmas, he thought he just didn't have time to do his shopping. (So trying to be helpful, I bought some of his gifts for him,) and everytime I opened up a gift I'd "Thank" him and tell him that was one of the gifts he got me. (I think he got a little nervous before I got through opening my gifts. Bet he finds more time to shop next Christmas.)

Bill Bryant still had the Christmas spirit Tuesday. Heard him try to give his pastor a new hat.

This must have been a wonderful Christmas for all of us in Earth. Seems everyone spent the day with hearts filled with love and contentment. (And what could be better?) We in America have so much to give thanks for everyday of the year. (Sometime we here at the office are prone to forget it tho on press day.)

Eldon Parish has got a new slant on buying Christmas presents, and too it seems he's been taught to share. He bought his wife a Christmas present, (And shared the bill with her -- He charged it to HER.)

Mrs. Barney Glasscock, and Mrs. Clyde Knight thought they were going to make those Christmas headlines. (You know the kind no one wants to make,) such as "Car Explosion Fatal To Local Ladies." It seems Eldon Parish decided Christmas was just to quiet, and peaceful, so he installed a little excitement in the form of a "buzz bomb" on their car. Girls, just remember (Boys will be boys even on Christmas.)

(We "Goofed" again,) and we sincerely apologize to Mrs. A. D. Cowley for running her picture in the Dent Farm Supply Adv. with the name, Mrs. A. D. Kelley. If we miss this time, we're going to have to run this not under each picture. (We'd make a mistake. YOU GUESS, you stand a CHANCE of BEING RIGHT.)

Seems that activities in and around Earth was slowed down considerably Thursday and Friday.

EDITORIAL — "Let's Shoulder Part Of The Load"

There was some indication last weekend that property owners had caught a glimpse of the importance of getting this four lane highway through Earth, as several of the property owners bordering Highway 70 come forth, signed their easements and deposited their money in the bank.

But with Christmas week such a busy week, we are all prone to forget too quickly the business we had planned to take care of.

As we begin this new year, let us all stop to consider that \$54,000 set aside to be used for this highway through Earth, is a lot to receive in dividends from the \$2.00 a running foot that property owners are asked to pay for the curb and guttering. May we all stop to meditate on the fact that anytime any improvements are made in Earth, the value of your personal property is raised.

As citizens here struggle to make Earth an even better place to shop, a cleaner place to live, or to get this highway through Earth, they are also exerting effort to raise the value of your property upward.

The new sewer system was a great improvement in Earth, the town had outgrown its present sanitation. The many new business buildings built here recently should be appreciated by each of us here in Earth. (Will we act now to help OURSELVES, EARTH and the MERCHANTS who have exploited their faith in Earth by building new buildings?)

Let's put forth every effort to get this highway through Earth. Earth doesn't have a railroad, so lets keep this highway from bi-passing Earth.

Highway Patrolman Taylor reported that they used radar Thursday on Highway 70 between Earth and Muleshoe and gave 26 tickets. Friday radar was used 4 miles west of Earth and gave 37 tickets.

That might have been the reason why so many people stayed at home here Christmas day. (Maybe they just figured up that it's cheaper to have Christmas dinner at home than it is to pay the fines.)



First place winner in the Christmas Lighting Contest, was this Nativity Scene shown above at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Homer Hodge 2 1/4 miles north of Earth. All the figures were drawn, colored and sawed out by Mrs. Hodge, local teacher of art. Mrs. Hodge also won first last year. The contest was sponsored by the Earth Garden Club.

L. Glasscock Part Owner of Earth Butane Company

Lynn Glasscock has purchased part interest in the Watson Bros. Butane Co. here in Earth, and plans to change the name to Earth Butane Co., beginning January 1.

Bill and Less Watson of Springlake are co-owners with Glasscock and also own Watson Bros. Butane in Springlake. Glasscock has been manager for the Watson Bros. for the past 4 years, and will continue

to manage the Earth Butane Co.

Glasscock has been a resident of Earth the past 15 years and was recently elected Fire Chief by the Earth Fire Department.

Cotton Catches Fire Saturday

A trailer load of cotton parked on the Earth Co-op Gin, Inc. lot caught fire Saturday.

Cause of the fire was undetermined. Polo Cantu was the first to discover the flames and notified the Earth Fire Department who were able to save a part of it. The cotton belonged to S. H. Chaney.



Second place winner was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monk Win dars, with their scene of the Chorus Boys, flanked on either side by huge lighted candles. Their home is located in the north part of Earth. Receiving honorable mention was the Bill McBride home.

Contest Winners Announced, O. B. Whitford Gets TV

The Christmas coloring contest winners were announced Saturday on Main Street where the Lions Club Santa Claus presented Winners with gift certificates.

Winners were as follows:

- Through 8 years. Gwendolyn Tenison — entire page.
- Beverly Kelley — Stephens Hardware.
- Mickey Cannon — Danna's Drive Inn.
- Kathy Brown — Gerald's Barber shop.
- Bobby Coker — Brown - White Equipment Co.
- Wayne Chasteen — B and I Variety and Hardware.
- Gwendolyn Tenison — Earth Barber Shop.
- Dianna Hodge — The Earth News.
- Velma Jo Black — Market Basket.
- Marylyn Coker — Earth Elevator.
- Nine through twelve years old.
- Jane McCord — Entire Page.
- Carole Black — Rutherford and Co.
- Madeline Carrel — Paul's Super Market.
- Jane McCord — Furniture Mart.
- Bobby Cunningham — Ellis Jewelry and Floral.
- Darrell Barlow — Earth Theatre.
- Louise Black — White Auto Store.

Santa Claus also presented treat sacks to youngsters, which were donated by the Earth merchants. Following the presentation of gift certificates the Riding Club gave away a 21" console Westinghouse TV. Mr. O. B. Whitford of Earth was the lucky recipient. Mr. Whitford stated this was the first time he was every so lucky.



Top winners of the Christmas coloring Contest is Jane McCord, 11 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCord of Earth, and Gwendolyn Tenison, 8 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. (Bill) Tenison of El Paso Camp.



Both winners are students of Springlake School. Jane was judged winner over the entire page in ages 9-12. Gwendolyn showed superiority over the entire page in ages through 8 years.

Basketball Tournney To Be Held at Amherst January 12, 13 and 14

The Springlake girls and boys basketball teams are entered in the Amherst Tournament, January 12, 13, and 14. The girls first game will be with Whitharral and the boys will play Hart.

AMONG THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Gertie Patterson of Dimmitt, mother of Hershel and Everett Patterson has been quite ill.

Mrs. Maude Kellog of Amherst, mother of Raby Kellog has been dismissed from the Muleshoe hospital and is improving nicely.

Mrs. C. W. Terry is ill at her home this week.

Rev. Roque Puente pastor of the Springlake Spanish Baptist Church spent two days in the Amherst Hospital suffering from a virus infection.

Floods can scoop the life-giving topsoil from one man's land and deposit it three hundred miles down the river.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Wheat are the parents of an 8 lb. son, born December 26 at the Muleshoe Hospital.

He has been named David Joe. The Wheat's other son is Donnie, 2 years old.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lewis are the parents of a daughter born December 20, at a Littlefield Hospital and has been named Shelia.

The Lewis's have a son, Kent 1 1/2 years old.

The maternal grandparent is Mrs. Guy Mann of Malone, Texas. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tenison are the parents of a son born at 2:30 a.m. December 28 in the Castro County Hospital.

He has been named James Bruce and weighed 8 pounds.

The Tenisons have two other children, Gwendolyn 8 years old and Artie, 5 years old.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clay of Dosier, Texas. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. Jenny Tenison of Tulare, California.

Springlake Cub Scout Dens Have Party For Their Parents

The Springlake Cub Scouts Dens 1 and 2 met Monday night at 7:30 at the community building for a Christmas party. The boys presented an interesting program entitled "How Christmas is Observed in Other Lands," after which carols were sang and each scout presented gifts to their parents, that they had made themselves. Beautiful Christmas candles were presented to their mothers and belts were given to their dads. The Den Mothers, Mrs. Roy Byers, Mrs. Edwin Jones and Mrs. James Packard gathered gifts from under the tree and presented to the boys Red Christmas socks filled with goodies were given to the boys and also other children present. The socks were also made by the scouts.

Cub Scouts present were: Leon Green, Kerry Layne Struve, Gene Jones, Danny Byers, Don Sanders, Roy Tom Packard and Darwin Sanders. Visiting parents were: Mrs. Howard McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Struve, Mr. James Packard, Mr. Roy Byers and Mr. Edwin Jones. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Sanders and Jerry Don. Refreshments of home made cookies, sod, pop and coffee was served to all. The Cub Scouts meet on the 2nd Monday night of each month.

Marriage Set For Glenna Rutherford



GLENNA FERN RUTHERFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rutherford of Earth announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Glenna Fern to Joe L. Fuller, son of Mrs. Hattie Fuller also of Earth.

The wedding will take place February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Earth. Miss Rutherford is a graduate of Springlake High School and attended Texas Tech two years, and this fall has been employed by McBride and Sons Gin.

Mr. Fuller is a graduate of Randolph High School. After serving with the Marines, he has been employed by the Castro County Lumber Company of Dimmitt. Friends of the couple are invited to attend the ceremony.

the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hooten, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lightfoot and family will leave next week for Oakland, California, where they will make their home.

Mr. J. T. Adams of Hobbs, New Mexico is a guest in the home of her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Meadows.

Jimmie Herring spent Christmas holidays in Stillwater, Oklahoma visiting friends and relatives



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"I ran into one of your old girl friends today."

Queen Ester Class Has Skating Party

Mrs. Bob Knight was hostess to the Junior Girls of the Queen Ester class of the First Baptist Church in her home Monday with a Christmas party.

Class members accompanied Kar ron Knight home from school where the hostess served sandwiches, cookies, hot chocolate and popcorn balls to: Linda Murrell, Twila Whitford, Gaye Northcott, Faye Spies, Sherry Scott, Camilla Wheatley, Judy Ethridge, Margaret Meadows, Charlotte Jordan and Karron Knight.

Following refreshments, all enjoyed a skating party at Priboths Skating Rink in Muleshoe. They were accompanied by Quentin Knight and Ronnie Haberer. All girls spent the night except Margaret Meadows and Judy Ethridge.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Parish have returned home after a three weeks visit in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

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Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Bearden of Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Inglis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robnett and son of Crosby, Texas, Clinton Roberson and Clyde Parish visited in

Party Line...

Christmas day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glasscock were Mrs. Ed Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Keating of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Estes Barton of Olton and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bartlett and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Inglis had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Inglis's parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Bearden, Louis, Jackie and Virginia of Paducah, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. James Bills and Joanna of Marshall, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Goode and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Goode's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Powers in Dallas.

Mrs. Mildred Free returned ho-

me Wednesday from near Big Springs, Texas where she visited relatives during Christmas. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Harlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Chasteen and children spent Christmas with relatives in Lawton and Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hay had as their guests Mrs. Hay's mother and brothers, Mrs. Lois Cummings and Clifton of Gainville, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Cummings and family of Tuscon, Arizona during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stansell and Peggy spent Christmas in Tipton, Oklahoma visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Enis Harper had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Estes and children of Pecos, Texas.

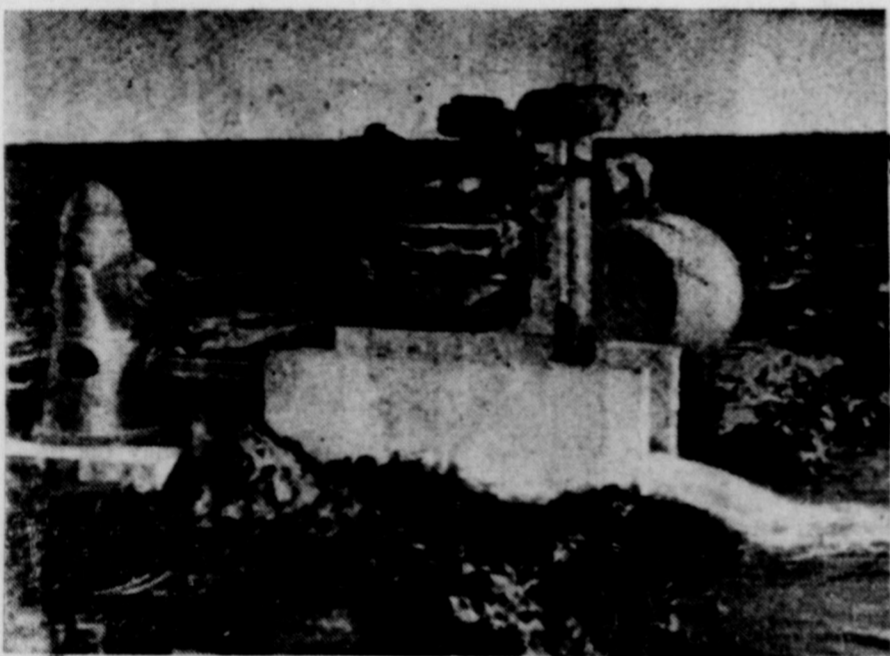
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM your State CAPITOL

AUSTIN, Tex. — Drew Pearson is drawing the wrath of Texans. The TV news commentator's financial advice to "put your trust in U. S. Trust" led many Texans to invest life savings in the U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co.

So says Garland Smith, chairman of the Texas Insurance Board who along with Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd and Judge Charles O. Betts clamped the padlock on the firm's 14 Texas offices.

"I think Drew Pearson was responsible to a great extent . . . Mr. Pearson sitting in Washington, the capitol at his back, telling people 'You can put your trust in U. S. Trust'. We've talked to these people. They think the U. S. Government was behind it — that it was safe," said Smith.

According to Judge Betts, the firms operations appear to have been "born in iniquity and sin and fraud, and would seem to have been conducted that way from the beginning."

A Texas legislature warned Pearson more than six months ago that there were questions about his extravagant claims. Pearson flew to Waco and talked to

the head of U. S. Trust. He decided that everything was fine and continued his TV chant "You can put your trust in U. S. Trust."

Now his gesture of hiring a lawyer, to help salvage what is left of the firm's funds, doesn't alter the fact that Texans who took his advice and sank their savings in the firm stand to get back as little as 15 cents out of every dollar invested. Many of the depositors and policy holders are bitterly criticizing Pearson.

Today, something like 123,000 people are feeling the sting of personal losses because of easy faith. Not all of the criticism is directed at Pearson but he is getting his share of the blame.

SENATE INQUIRY STARTS

Even while court hearing was underway, the Senate's investigating committee went to work to gather facts surrounding the failure of U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co.

Meeting in the Senate's committee room, the investigators named State Auditor C. H. Cavness as its watchdog to make certain that records of the company and all of its affiliates, are preserved. He also was asked to prepare a summary of expenditures of the company for 1954 and 1955. It was to include legal fees, public relations and advertising expenditures, with names of persons to whom they were paid.

Criticism was directed at the state insurance commissioners by Renee Alfred, ousted last year as attorney for the liquidator-receiver of the commission. In a prepared statement he said there was evidence of the company's insolvency as far back as last year.

A second meeting of the Senate committee is scheduled for January 11.

MORE INSURANCE ACTIONS

Another insurance company, All American Home Lloyds of Dallas, was put in receivership last week. Hearings were set for January 5 for four others to "show cause" before the insurance commission why their licenses should not be revoked.

All American was shut down after the commission alleged it was insolvent to the tune of \$235,217.

Ordered to show cause were U. S. Life Insurance Co. and Southern Medical and Hospital Services of Waco, both affiliates of U. S. Trust and Dallas Fire and Casualty Co. of Dallas, and American Atlas Life Insurance Co. of Dallas.

Show cause order for the four did not necessarily reflect on their insolvency the commission said.

LAND SUITS FILED

Although piling beside the new excitement of far-flung insurance manipulations, the old veteran's land scandal, was back in the news. Attorney General Shepperd filed six new suits, seeking recovery of \$548,824 paid out by the state to block land operators.

Thirty six such suits, asking for recoveries of \$3,500,000 are pending in court.



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BIG BUSINESS YEAR

Except for falling farm prices, Texas' economy is riding high at the end of 1955, with a bright outlook for 1956. Experts predict a leveling off after the big push upward from 1954, but foresee no sharp jolts.

Evidencing the general prosperity in 1955 were: A new high in crude oil production. An all-time high in non-agricultural employment. A billion-dollar year (forecast) for Texas construction. Booming retail sales, expected to run 10 percent ahead of 1954. New car registration running almost 50 per cent higher than last year. Recovery of the Valley citrus industry from the 1949 and 1951 freezes. Multi million dollar contract for a Texas aircraft plant.

In contrast, State Agriculture Commissioner John White warned that the future was "grim". He advised them to keep production costs to a minimum and avoid further debts.

FIVE HONORED by JAYCEES

Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce has selected what it consid-

ers the five outstanding Texans of 1955.

They are: Dr. William Steuart McBirnie of San Antonio, under whose leadership the Trinity Baptist Church grew in six years from 94 to 2,000 members; William B. (Bill) Bellamy, executive administrator of employe and public relations for the Express Publishing Co. of San Antonio; Bill Allcorn of Brownwood, special prosecutor of Veterans land cases for the attorney general's department; Dan Eddy of Dallas, public relations executive for the Salvation Army in Texas; and Jim Lind-

Party Line...

Saturday night dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Haber were: Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Layman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Knight and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haber of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. John Haber of Hereford, Mrs. Bonnie Haber of Hereford and Bobby Green.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Bonnie Haber, Monday were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Golden Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Angeley of Mort-on and Mrs. Marie Beck.

sey of Texarkana, youngest man ever elected speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

SHORT SNORTS: Paralytic polio this year struck six times more Texas children who were not vaccinated than those vaccinated . . . Texas highway fatalities for 1955 are expected to run four per cent above 1954 . . . Jan. 16-21 has been designated by Gov. Allan Shivers as Pay Your Poll Tax Week . . . He has proclaimed Jan. 23-29 as Citrus Week . . . Twenty-one tracts of land declared forfeited by the Veterans Land Board are to be put up for sale at the earliest practical date . . . Jack R. Maguire of Austin was named executive secretary of the Texas Ex - Students Association, succeeding John A. McCurdy who resigned several months ago . . . Two Houston families have contributed \$55,000 to further improve the state's future \$3,000,000 courts building. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Clayton gave \$50,000 and Mr. and Mrs. S. M. McAshan Jr. \$5,000.

Party Line...

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Carter made a business trip to Littlefield, Tuesday where Mrs. Carter purchased a new Singer Sewing Machine.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Sarah Clark Christmas were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Raper, Sammy and Bobby of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Denson Dudley and Sheron of Hart, Mr. and Mrs. George Wesley Clark, Renee and Laquinta, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Worth, Cynthia, Lou, Eddie, Doris,

James and Mary Faye of Amarillo arrived Monday, also Mrs. Eva Rodgers and Miss Rosa Mae Worth of Amarillo.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Carter were Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Burgett, Carl and Joyce Parish and Mrs. Art McFadder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rudd spent Sunday and Monday in Roswell, New Mexico with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weems, Mrs. Weems, Vicky and Becky accompanied her parents home to spend a week.

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GREEN STAMPS

News from— Springlake

by Mrs. W. T. CLAYTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton were in Lubbock Monday and were among the many who rode over the new "Free Way" an important improvement in the Lubbock highway program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone and Jimmy left Wednesday for Corpus Christi to visit with Mrs. Stones parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris from Corpus Christi the Stones will go to Houston to visit other relatives.

Little Bill Henry Tanner, small son of the V. T. Tanners, has been confined to the Littlefield Hospital very ill was released from the hos-

pital Friday and returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Bearden and family of Paducah spent Christmas day in the home of his mother, Mrs. Bearden of Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bearden, Phil and Ann spent Christmas at Plainview in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lattimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Olton had as their guests Friday night, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Clayton.

Mrs. J. T. Gibson was hostess at a Christmas dinner in her home Sunday. Those present were her sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grandberry, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fuller, Mrs. Ann Hlythe and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas all of Olton and her father Mr. Bartlett.

The attendance at the Mexican Baptist Mission Sunday was 114.



"I don't know how they stand it. Their life is just one continuous bath."

The Spanish people brought dishes of food and 104 people enjoyed a spiritual fellowship together.

Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roach were last minute shoppers in Littlefield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White of Van Horn, Texas and their family Mr. and Mrs. Gid Howell and family of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blackburn of Springlake and their family spent Saturday in the home of their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Smith. Also Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Smith, brother of Mrs. White, Howell and Blackburn was present at the Christmas Eve dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green of Springlake report a good dinner and day of visiting in the home of Mrs. Green's brother, Jack McNeil, other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee and Bill Lee of Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dick McNeil, Shirley Earl McNeil, Mr. Woodard Lee of Pampa and John Carrol of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Clayton, Brenda and Tommy spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton and Don. Sunday afternoon the Clayton's visited in Muleshoe with Rev. and Mrs. Jerrel Gaddy and family from Cleveland, Texas. Rev. Gaddy is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland. They were visiting the M. D. Gaddys, his parents during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barnett of Wichita Falls are visiting in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. John T. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Avery and girls of Olton spent Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. W. A. McClanahan of Springlake. Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan also visited in Mrs. H. A. McClanahan's home.

Ken Bush left for San Antonio Monday morning where he will be met by his mother and will spend a few days with her before returning to Wayland College and resuming his work as educational director of the First Baptist Church of Springlake.

Malcom Huckabee, student of the Mississippi Baptist College is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huckabee.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Glenn Miller are proud parents of a baby girl, Evelyn Ruth, born Thursday in a Brownwood hospital. Herbert Glenn is a ministerial student, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller of Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Clayton visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Party Line...

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hooten during the Christmas holidays were, Mr. and Mrs. T. Loftis, Paulette and Glena, Bill Mitchell and Butch Ramsey of Joplin Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. James Passons, Jolene and Carla of Abilene, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bolinger and Lanette, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hucklebee and Thresa all of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Sanderson, Mrs. Marie Bock and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stine of Amherst spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stine.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Montgomery Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Montgomery, Leanna and Leo of Anthony, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Montgomery, Donna and Hoycille of Kermit, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Black and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Ronnie and Don and Mrs. E. Montgomery of Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Packard and family of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Welch and family and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch and family visited Christmas day in the home their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson and sons, Ronnie and Don spent Monday in the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson in Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Vaughn are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in California.

W. A. McClanahan after services Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Padon, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Banks and children visited Christmas day near Clovis in the home of Mrs. Phillips, a niece of Mr. Padons.

Christmas day dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hodge were, Mrs. Leroy Davis of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris Darlyanna and Ross and Mrs. B. M. Hahn.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Banks of Paducah, Arkansas, Mrs. Banks of Springlake and Mrs. E. A. Hooten and of Olton visited Mrs. L. H. Dent and Mrs. Elvis Clayton, Tuesday.

+ SUNSET +

THURSDAY
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**SEVEN CITIES
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In Cinemascope

SUNDAY
**TO CATCH
A THIEF**
with
CARY GRANT
GRACE KELLY
Technicolor

MONDAY — TUESDAY
**How To Be Very,
Very Popular**
Starring
BETTY GRABLE
SHEREE NORTH
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Small Businesses Now Covered By Texas UCA

Almost 15,000 firms employing four, five, six or seven workers are now in the process of being covered under the recently amended Texas Unemployment Compensation Act, Weldon Hart, Chairman of the Texas Employment Commission announced today.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our best of friends who surrounded us in our hour of need. Who assuage our grief with kind expressions of sympathy and other kindness shown us at the passing of our dear husband and father.

We thank each one who brought food, and the ladies who prepared and served the meals.

May the Lord bless you in our prayer.

Mrs. Bob O'Hair,
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stout and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Woodson and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Hair Jr. and family,

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Following amendments to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act last year, the Texas Legislature changed the state unemployment law accordingly. Any business which has as many as four employees on 20 day in 20 different weeks after July 1, 1955 becomes liable for unemployment tax on its payrolls during 1956. Beginning January 1 any firm which has 20 such weeks during a calendar year in which four or more persons are employed on any day, will pay unemployment taxes.

"Not only firms which regularly employ as many as four employees will be affected," Hart explained, "but also a small business which has four people working only Saturdays, or one which regularly has two employees during the day and two others at night, will owe the payroll tax at the end of each calendar quarter."

Any employer who has employed four persons in 20 weeks during 1956 should notify the Texas Employment Commission in Austin now, Hart added, so that an explanation of how to comply with the law can be sent to him.

"We have had little experience yet with the 35,000 firms that have four to eight employees," Hart said, "but we think that the group includes many, many stable firms that have very low turnover—the drug store, grocery, barber shop, service station and cafe. This stability suggests that unemployment insurance claims may be made very rarely, and consequently tax rates can be held low."

The opportunity to save taxes through the "experience rating" system in the state law is one of the reasons why the Legislature brought in the smaller firms. Had the Legislature not done so, these employers of four to eight would had to pay a full three per cent federal tax. Under the Texas "ex-

perience rating" plan tax rates after a qualifying period of one and one-half to two years can range from a maximum of 2.7 per cent to a minimum of one tenth of one per cent. The TEC collects the State Tax and the Federal Government collects three tenths of one per cent for administrative purposes. This feature of state operation of the unemployment insurance program saves Texas businessmen millions of dollars each year.

Last year, the American Red Cross issued 679,800 certificates to persons completing Red Cross First Aid training.

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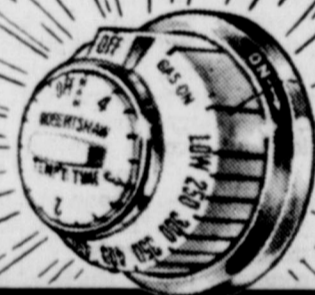
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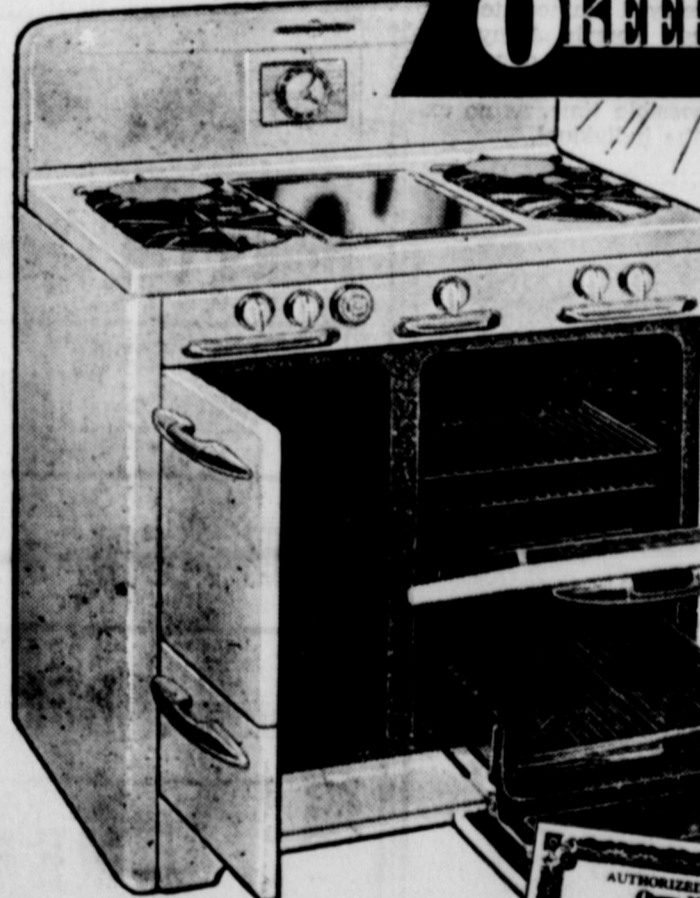
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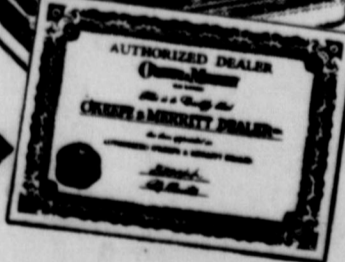
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EARTH, TEXAS

Four Generation Spend Christmas Holiday Together

Four generations of the Williamson family celebrated Christmas together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Trotter of Littlefield. Mrs. Alice Williamson of Dinuba, California; Mrs. C. T. Trotter of Littlefield; Mrs. Sammie Lindley and little daughter, Celia Dianne. Those present for Christmas dinner were Mrs. Alice Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. James Greer and children all of Dinuba, California; Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Lindley and family of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Williamson and family of Earth; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Trotter and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Williamson and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Trotter all of Littlefield.



"Ellen, there's something I've been wanting to ask you all evening long. Did you bring any money with you?"

Duds Make Very Dangerous Mantle Pieces, Doorstops

Every once in a while the papers of the nation come out with a story about some character who walks calmly down the street with a stick of dynamite in his mouth, with lighted fuse attached, and eventually blows himself to kingdom come, to the horror of witnesses his relatives and his friends. Why such people choose such a manner to destroy themselves is a mystery, but the consensus is generally that the victim is insane.

The explosive ordnance disposal men of the Fourth Army, however, feel that hundreds of otherwise perfectly normal people in the Southwest exhibit the same brand of insanity in the way they treat war souvenirs and lethal "duds" which find their way into homes and yards. Fully loaded and fused projectiles, as deadly as the ones which are fired from guns to destroy the enemy in time of war, have been found in places where an explosion would cause terrible injury, death, and destruction of property.

They have been found on mantels, over roaring fires. People use them for doorstops, where they are subject to constant jarring and movement. They are found in collections of children's toys. They are used as book-ends and paperweights in offices. Family-loving men take chances on killing themselves, their wives, and their children by putting them to use as anvils in their

garage or basement workshops. They are sold as junk, and loaded with metal scrap which would increase tremendously the destruction in the event of an explosion.

The Fourth Army, which operates in the five states of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico, maintains teams of explosive ordnance disposal experts in strategic places throughout the area. The men are especially trained in rendering duds and souvenirs harmless, and are on call 24 hours a day. They work closely with police, sheriffs, and civil defense officials. Because they have seen so much tragedy and so much carelessness, these men are ready and willing at all times to remove dangerous explosives from places where they are a threat to lives and homes.

Too many times they are called in too late. A terrific flash and blast occurs suddenly, the area is roped off by police, and the victims are taken to the hospital or the mortuary. The ordnance called in then have to do quite a bit of detective work, but they can invariably determine exactly what caused the tragedy by finding and examining fragments of the explosive. Some times the only fragments found are taken from the bodies of the victims themselves. After identification is made, no one, of course will admit to ownership of the deadly item. But it must be a terrible load to carry on one's conscience though life, when a phone call beforehand could have prevented a shocking tragedy.

Such a timely telephone message to police, the sheriff's office, or a civil defense official will be relayed immediately to the nearest Fourth Army disposal team, and the dangerous item will be rendered safe in the shortest possible time, at no expense to the individual.

Jerry and Carlos Hooten of Borger, Texas are visiting their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hooten and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roach of Springlake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Barton spent Christmas with Mrs. Barton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leonard in Fort Worth.

Business Meet Held at W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist Church held a general business meeting at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday in the church.

Mrs. Cecil Meadows, 1st vice president, presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Earnest Watkins brought the devotional, "Why the Chimes Ring."

Members present were Mesdames: George Wuerflein, Earnest Watkins, T. S. Alair, Paul Wood, Delma McCarty, Elton Schaefer and Cecil Meadows.

Party Line...

Mrs. David Staggs and daughters Junie and Janie of Memphis, Texas arrived Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hoot, et al.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Goodwin and Keith of Hobbs, New Mexico visited relatives here during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Killebrew and Tommie of Tipton, Oklahoma spent the holiday week end with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones. They were



"I imagine you're Miss Botts, the president's niece."

accompanied by Mr. Frank Killebrew of Tipton, uncle to Mrs. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams, Sherry Lynn and Johnnie Jess of Whitehall, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Matlock, Debbie Sue and Sammie Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Matlock spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Matlock.

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Party Line...

Mrs. Lillian and Alton Boone spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Littlefield visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bennett. Mrs. Lillian Boone is the daughter of Dr. Alton Boone and the sister of Dr. Alton Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Black Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Black of Alpin, Texas visited Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Sigman, Tuesday night.

Polly

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As we welcome the arrival of the New Year our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose loyalty and good will have made possible our steady progress. A Happy New Year to all.

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