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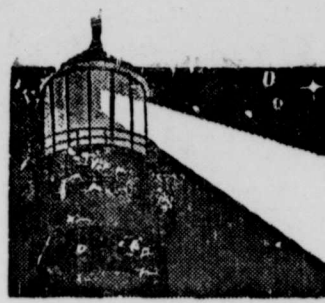
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By J. W. King, Sr.



Saturday
DECEMBER 18th
1 to 3 p. m.

HOST 42 PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riden entertained with a holiday 42 party Tuesday night.

The house was beautiful with its holiday decorations. A silver and blue Christmas tree held a prominent place in the living room. A lighted Santa welcomed guests at the entrance.

A sandwich plate with fresh coconut cake, spiced tea, coffee, and home made candies was served.

Guests were Messrs. and Mrs. W. H. Jean, Dan Butler, James Bennett, Joe Bennett, Luther Anders, Frank Stewart, Wade Presion, Earl Hallmark, and Moody Richardson.

Rev. Carter To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. Orion W. Carter of Big Spring will fill the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. Rev. Rob Harris, pastor, will preach Sunday evening.

Sunday is the day to make the annual offering to the Methodist Home at Waco.

The Willing Workers Sunday School class will have charge of the mid-week service Dec. 22.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dismissed: Mrs. Cecil McIntire, George Henley, Ted Miles, Mrs. Buster Harris, Mrs. Valentine Rodriguez, Mrs. Annie Barbour, Jackie Woodard, Mrs. Linley Henderson, Mrs. Tomas Godina, Juanita DeLoera, Mrs. Elbert Stewart, Mrs. Oscar Hackfeld, Buin Claxton, Clarence Cain, Bert Young, Mrs. G. W. Herrin, Dale Walker, Mrs. Tom Seown, Mrs. J. F. Walker, Jerry Deas, Mrs. Juan Lujan, Bob Horton, Mrs. W. O. Davis, Mrs. L. L. Jackson, Mrs. B. R. Hare, James A. Ray, R. M. West, Nelda Jean Panks, Loyd Campbell, Loraine, Mrs. Ross Dixon, Colorado City, Wayne Fritz, Mrs. O. B. Paty, O. D. Paty, Hermleigh, Mrs. Weldon Cooper, Roscoe.

Dismissed: Mrs. Cecil McIntire, W. C. Henderson, Gary Sturdivant, George Henley, Mrs. Virgil Parnell, Mrs. O. B. Paty, Mrs. Jimmie Merket, Mrs. W. J. Hague, Mrs. J. R. Wheeler, Wayne Fritz, James Herm, Mackie Harris, Ted Miles, Jackie Woodard, Mrs. Linley Henderson, Mrs. E. B. Stewart, Mrs. Tomas Godina, Buin Claxton, Mrs. Annie Barbour, Mrs. Weldon Cooper, Clarence Cain, Bert Young, Mrs. Valentine Rodriguez, Juanita DeLoera, Mrs. J. F. Walker, Mrs. G. W. Herrin, Dale Walker, Robert Horton, Jerry Deas, Mrs. Juan Lujan, Mrs. W. O. Davis, Mrs. B. R. Hare, Mrs. Tom Seown, James A. Ray, R. M. West.

Attending the Mitchell-Scurry Workers Conference at the Greenhill Baptist Church in Snyder Tuesday night were Rev. and Mrs. Lenard Hartley, Rev. W. D. Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, and Mrs. Dee McCollum.

Girls Team Wins Consolation Prize

The Loraine girls and boys entered in the Noodle basketball tournament the past weekend.

The girls team won consolation by defeating McCauley. They won over Hamlin to enter the finals of the consolation. The Loraine girls also won the trophy for the best sportsmanship award for a team.

The boys team defeated McCauley and were defeated by Hamlin for the consolation title. Larue Sheppard and Jimmy Hall of Loraine were chosen on the all-tournament team.

Both teams are entered in the Ira tournament this weekend.

District play will begin January 7. The district is composed of Loraine, Westbrook, Ira Hermleigh and Fluvanna.

Colorado City Gives Loraine Fire Engine

Loraine has added another fire engine to its fire fighting equipment through the generosity of Colorado City, C. City replaced a fire truck in October and had the old model LaFrance and decided to give it to Loraine.

Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jackson of the Looney community are announcing the engagement of their daughter Fay Nell, to James Herm, son of Mrs. Mattie Herm of Loraine.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Roy Baird and Dale Sunday were Barbara Courtney and Peggy Muston of Hardin-Simmons University, Jack Sheriff of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Earl Cook of Westbrook. Pvt. Jasper Hart of Fort Bliss was an afternoon visitor.

William White Dies In Corpus Christi

Funeral services for William Anton White, 61, were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Dunn Methodist Church. He died Saturday in a Corpus Christi hospital after a long illness.

Mr. White was born in the China Grove community. He had lived in the area until 1951.

He had been making his home more recently in Rockport. He was a former cotton gin operator and auto salesman.

Survivors are his wife, a son, Charlie, and a brother, Frank White, both of China Grove; and two grandchildren.

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Now Living In California



MRS. JAMES LEBRON PUGH

Mrs. James Lebron Pugh, the former Betty Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horton, and Mr. Pugh will be at home in Englewood, California, after a

T. E. L. Class Has Christmas Party

The T. E. L. Sunday School class held their annual Christmas dinner party Thursday evening, December 10, at the educational building.

The tables were laid with white and held lovely holiday centerpieces and Santas made from apples and other holiday decorations.

The dinner consisted of baked turkey, salad, mashed potatoes, cranberries, pickles, celery, pie, coffee. Mrs. John Johnson, class president, was master of ceremonies. Rev. W. D. Green gave the invocation.

The book, The Man Called Peter, was presented the class teacher, Mrs. R. K. Thornhill. The class is sponsoring a church library and recently installed the first book case. Mrs. Thornhill started the collection of books by placing her gift book in the library. Mrs. Johnson invited all to go to the Ready classroom to see the newly purchased case.

Rev. Lenard Hartley gave the Christmas devotional and Nolan Barmore led in prayer. Talks were made by Rev. Green and J. C. Hall. Sr. T. J. Riden led the singing.

Present were Rev. and Mrs. Hartley, Rev. and Mrs. Green, Messrs. and Mrs. R. K. Thornhill, John Johnson, W. H. Long, L. E. Crutcher, Ed Shultz, Hal Bennett, Jim Martin, Thomas Riden, W. C. Rogers, J. W. King, J. C. Hall and Mmes. Dottie Marshall, J. D. Sheffield, Henry Howell, Bessie Mahoney, Henry Riden, Henri Gay Leon, Lizzie McGee, Grady Furlow and Mr. Nolan Barmore.

Dec. 31 Deadline For 1954 ACP Work

All work such as deep plowing, terracing, tanking, etc., for 1954 should be completed on or before December 31, in order to earn payment under this year's program, according to Mitchell County ASC Committee.

Beginning December 16, 1954 requests will be taken through December 30, for practices to be carried out early in 1955.

Details for the 1955 program may be obtained at the ASC office in Colorado City.

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United Fund Drive Now Under Way

The Mitchell County United Fund which includes Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook, is an organization which for the first time in this county brings together six different welfare and health agencies under one campaign. The agencies included are the American Heart Association, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Salvation Army, and United Defense-USO.

Already started in Colorado City, the campaign in Loraine is just getting under way. It is hardly necessary to point out that now, instead of six separate drives calling on business houses and individuals, there will be only this one campaign that includes the agencies named above. This organized effort is not only the sensible way to conduct fund solicitations, but it is economic too, by saving time and effort of many people.

The goal for the county is \$22,050.00. This is the minimum amount that will provide for operation of the six agencies during 1955. And this solicitation is for next year's work.

"Since we here in Loraine are just in the beginning stage of this important campaign," said Percy Bond, Campaign Chairman for Loraine, "I earnestly ask the careful consideration of our business people and individuals when they are asked to give to solicitation. It is important to help those who are unable to help themselves, and I am sure that Loraine will do its part in a good way."

The campaign is making solicitations from firms, individuals and employees under three separate divisions. It has been noticeable that a number of employee groups especially, companies are taking it as a challenge to get 100 per cent participation among their employees and the result has been most encouraging.

This community-wide effort certainly should have the wholehearted support of everyone, and since it is the first organized effort in the county, it is even more important because this year's drive will set a pattern for the years ahead.

Builders Class Has Holiday Party

The annual Christmas party for members of the Builders Sunday School class was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Blair Thursday evening.

The house was beautifully decorated with holiday decorations and the dining table held a gold centerpiece surrounded by greenery and brown pine burs.

Games were enjoyed during the evening and the former teacher, Mrs. J. M. Templeton, was presented a gift.

Refreshments of pie and coffee were served to Rev. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Jonila, Bobbie, Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Richburg, Rebecca, Dane, Ruth Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hallmark, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Measore, Mike and Jan, and Mrs. G. C. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wiggins and son Robert moved last week to Morton. They returned here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wiggins, until Christmas Eve, when they will go to Childress to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wright.

Mrs. Pearl Albright is spending this week in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albright, in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Butts of San Angelo were visitors of Mrs. T. F. Finley Saturday night. Visiting her Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richey of Big Spring, and Estes Finley of Coahoma visited her Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Nelson and son Bob of Abilene were guests of his aunts, Mrs. W. E. Dickinson and Miss Lillie Nelson Sunday.

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David W. Ratliff Elected Senator

David W. Ratliff, owner of a radio station at Stamford, and member of the House, was elected State Senator for the 24th Senatorial District in a special election held in the 13 county district last Saturday. Ratliff came out ahead of his nearest opponent, Pat Bullock of Colorado City, about 700 votes.

Other candidates in the race were Juston Morrow and Cecil A. Lotief of Rotan, Dan Sorrells and Rep. Latimer of Abilene and Dr. Wasson of Snyder.

Gleaners Class Has Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party and luncheon for the Gleaners Sunday School class was held at the home of Mrs. John Mahon Tuesday.

As guests arrived, Mrs. C. T. Beights presented each a green and red holiday corsage.

The house was beautifully decorated with holiday decorations. The dining table was laid with red linen cloth with applied border of holiday motifs. The centerpiece was a basket of greenery, colorful Christmas balls and candles.

A manger scene was displayed from the table in the living room which also held a huge candle and other holiday decor.

Mrs. J. E. Price gave the invocation. After the dinner of baked turkey and trimmings, the Christmas program directed by Mrs. J. D. McDonald, was presented with Mrs. Hugh Hallmark leading in the songs and Mrs. Earl Hallmark accompanying. Opening the program, Joy to the World was sung by the group and prayer offered by Mrs. S. E. E. Price, followed by the song, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

Mrs. Frank Crowmover and Mrs. Josephine Marshall sang There's A Song in the Air. Preceding the Bible story from Luke 2 by Mrs. J. G. Bruce, the group sang O Come All Ye Faithful. Mrs. J. D. McDonald gave the Christmas story. The Angel and the Shepherd, which was followed by softly singing Silent Night and prayer by Mrs. J. E. Price.

All joined hands as they sang Bless Be the Tie That Binds. Mrs. Jim Johnson gave the closing prayer. An offering was given for the Methodist Orphans Home in Waco.

Those enjoying the occasion were Mmes. Jim Johnson, Joe Bennett, C. C. Hamilton, J. J. Land, Cora Hall, S. E. Meadows, W. S. Thomas, C. T. Beights, J. E. Price, Bessie Johnson, J. D. McDonald, Josephine Marshall, Frank Crowmover, Earl Hallmark, J. G. Bruce, Hugh Hallmark, William Martin, J. B. Mahon, and Misses Lillie Nelson and Annie Jarratt.

Now Living In Colorado City



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McGee, who were married at the First Baptist Church here December 4, are at home at 1037 Elm Street, Colorado City. Mrs. McGee is the

Mrs. H. W. Caswell Buried Here Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lona Jane Caswell, 69, were held at the Lightfoot Street Church of Christ Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Ministers Jack Hutton of Abilene and Foy Moore of Bronte officiating.

Mrs. Caswell was born Lona Jane Yirtle in Nashville, Tenn., February 31, 1885. She married the late H. W. Caswell in Falls County in 1902. Mr. Caswell preceded her in death September 29, 1953. Mrs. Caswell has been in ill health the past few years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Caswell lived in Runnels County before moving to Mitchell County in 1920. They lived in the Landers Community South of Loraine.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Mary Williams of Riverbank, California, Mrs. Ora McCann of Colorado City, Mrs. Oleta Duross of Perryton, Mrs. Savanah Yarbrough of Roscoe, Mrs. Irene Johnson of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Betty McAdams of Eunice, New Mexico; by six sons, Carl of Hermleigh, Lennu of Colorado City, George of Odessa, Mitchell of Bronte, Shao of Colorado City, and Leonard of Eunice, New Mexico.

Burial was in the Loraine Cemetery with Weils Funera Home of Roscoe in charge.

Delta Kappa Gamma Has Party Here

The Delta Kappa Gamma Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Coffee Monday evening, with Mrs. Jim Johnson, Mrs. D. W. Haralson, Mrs. R. B. Cope, Mrs. Floyd Coffee and Miss Edith Wilkerson as co-hostesses.

The home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Small Christmas corsages were pinned on guests as they arrived.

Mrs. Laura Barber of Colorado City had charge of the program. She read the Christmas story from Luke. Paula Jean Coffee, as guest soloist, sang White Christmas and The Night Before Christmas, accompanied by Mrs. O'Rear of Snyder.

Mrs. Lynn Halbert of Colorado City told the Christmas story, God's Trees, and Mrs. Jim Johnson told The Shepherd Story.

A short business session was held following the program, after which gifts were exchanged from the lovely lighted tree.

A refreshment plate of holiday cream cheese, pineapple salad, ritz crackers, osgood pie with whipped cream, coffee and Christmas candies was served.

The condition of Boyd Richey remains grave. Mr. Richey suffered a stroke three weeks ago at his home in Colorado City and has been a patient in Root Hospital since.

Mrs. Myrtle Lee Buried Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Lee, 69, were held at the Lightfoot Street Church of Christ at 3 p. m. Thursday, with Floyd J. Spivey officiating.

Mrs. Lee died in an Odessa hospital December 2, after several months illness.

She was born November 22, 1885, in Dallas County, and moved to Mitchell County, settling near Loraine, in 1897. She was married to James William Lee on September 23, 1906. Mr. Lee preceded her in death in 1945. Since his death, Mrs. Lee made her home here until two years ago when she moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where she lived with her son, Elvis Lee. After she became ill, she moved to Odessa in May of this year and made her home with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jess L. Davidson.

Survivors include four sons, Olan Lee of Loraine, James A. Lee, Phoenix, Arizona, Raymond Lee, Westbrook, and Elvis Lee of Little Rock, Arkansas; five daughters, Mrs. Davidson of Odessa, Mrs. C. C. Slaughter of Eagle Pass, Mrs. L. W. Compton of Colorado City, Mrs. Perry Turnbow and Mrs. L. D. Brookshire, both of El Indio, Texas; one sister, Mrs. I. Kidd of Sheridan, Arkansas; 20 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Palbearers were C. L. Lee, Jr. of Midland, Homan Lee of Lameza, and Joe Lee, Doyce Lee, B. B. Lee, Roscoe Hudgins, J. C. Freeman and G. M. Lee, Loraine.

Burial was in the Loraine Cemetery with Kiker and Son of Colorado City in charge.

F. F. A. Team Talks Poultry To Lions

Gary Mathis, Bill Ray and Dale Haralson demonstrated the method of vaccinating chickens for New Castle disease at the Lions Club meeting Tuesday. The team is coached by Raymond Holt, agriculture teacher.

George Witten, G. D. Foster, and Eldon Mahon of Colorado City were visitors and Mr. Mahon talked on the United Fund drive now in progress in Mitchell County. Mahon pointed out that the United Fund is for charitable organizations that have heretofore made individual drives for funds in the county. The United Fund this year includes six charitable organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, heart and U. S. O.

Worth Bruce is a patient in the Sweetwater hospital this week.

Mrs. B. A. Parker left last week for Dallas, where she will spend the holidays with her sister and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barron and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barron visited in the James Barron home at Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Templeton and Virginia spent Sunday in Lubbock visiting their daughter and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowen.

Santa Claus Will Be In Loraine Saturday

Santa Claus will make a pre-Christmas visit to Loraine on Saturday, December 18. He will arrive in town at 1 o'clock and remain here to visit with the children of this area until 3. He will have some goodies to distribute to the children and will be happy to see all of them here. He will be disappointed if he does not get to see all the children.

The event is being sponsored by the Lions Club.

Prizes Announced For Best Decorations

The Lions Club committee has announced that prizes to be offered by the Lions Club for the best decorated yard, home or business building for the Christmas season will be \$5, \$3 and \$2.

1950 Club Has Holiday Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner party of the 1950 Club was held at the home of Mrs. Bessie Johnson Monday night, December 13. The spacious living room was beautiful with its holiday decorations. A large lighted Santa centered the mantle and was flanked by miniature plastic trees. The dining table was laid with holiday cloth and held a centerpiece of silver and blue balls, surrounded by red candles. The buffet dinner of baked turkey and trimmings was served from four round tables which were centered with Santa's cards. Tables were spread with holiday cloths. Favors were Santas and green and red gum drops. A redbird Christmas tree was used on one table and was surrounded at its base by red Christmas motifs. The buffet held red, green and white candles. Gifts were exchanged from a beautifully decorated tree which was placed at one end of the room. Games of canasta were played after the dinner and exchange of gifts.

Guests included Mrs. Josephine Marshall, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Max Caswell, Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Golda Cary. Members playing were Mmes. Doris Martin, Lily Bennett, F. H. Baumann, Elmore Baumann, Pauline Smiley, J. H. Boone, Thelma Hacker, Marie Taite, Troy Jones, Cora Hall, Misses Elizabeth McDonald and Revel Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Young and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stahl, and his mother, Mrs. Young, at Hermleigh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Albright and son of Andrews spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Albright.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster McElwee have moved to the Dee Land farm South of Loraine, coming from Throckmorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron were business visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Fifteen Years Ago

In Loraine

(Taken from files of the Mitchell County News December 21, 1939)

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church for James Henry Beaty.

C. T. Marth, recently elected manager of the Loraine Cooperative Association, moved with his family to Loraine this week.

"The Quest of the East," by Kirkley, a beautiful Christmas pageant, will be presented at the Methodist Church Sunday night. Mrs. K. L. Taylor is in charge of the choir and Mrs. W. R. Martin is directing the pageant.

Billy Joe Hale was introduced in the high school senior news. Coach McCasland presented football sweaters to lettermen

on his squad last Friday. Those receiving sweaters were Jack Rowland, Leon Duke, Jack Albright, Sidney Meek, Armando Baumann, Gene Baird, Ray Sanford, Marvin Hall, T. J. Green, Jr., Doyle Mathers and Royal James.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thurston and children and Mrs. V. B. Page and son Charles will spend the holidays with relatives in Naacogdoches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Small and daughter will leave Friday for Louisiana for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Come to Church

Methodist Church

Methodist church calendar
 Church School 10 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 M. Y. F. 7:15 p. m.
 Prayer Services 7:15 p. m.
 Evening Services 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service 8:00 p. m.

Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Preaching 11 a. m.
 Training Union 7:30 p. m.
 Preaching 8:00 p. m.
 West Prayer Meeting 8 p. m.
 Monday, W.M.U. 3 p. m.

Baptist Church Notes

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union 7:00 p. m.
 Preaching Service 8:00 p. m.
 Week Day Program
 W. M. S. Monday 4:00 p. m.
 Sunbeams Monday 4:00 p. m.
 "Hour of Power" Wed. 8:00 p. m.
 Girls Auxiliary, Wed. 8:00 p. m.
 Royal Ambassadors Saturday 2:00 p. m.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Sermon 11 a. m.
 Training Union 7:30 p. m.
 Sermon 8:15 p. m.
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible Study 8 p. m.
 Everyone Invited

Church of Christ

220 Snell Street
 Morning Worship 10:30
 Communion Service 11:30
 Evening Service 7:45
 We cordially invite you to worship with us

Church of Christ

Corner Lightfoot and Colorado
 Sunday
 10:00 a. m. Bible Study
 10:45 a. m. Preaching, and Communion
 6:00 p. m. Young People Meet
 Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.
 Wednesday
 Wednesday Service 7:30 p. m.

Gospel Mission

Pastor, Rev. E. L. Dorris
 Sunday Services
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning Worship 11 a. m.
 Evangelistic Services 7:30 p. m.
 Crusaders for Christ Wednesday Evening, sermon follows 7:30

Salem Lutheran Church

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Divine Service 10:45 a. m.

Champion Baptist

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
 Preaching 11:00 a. m.
 Everyone is cordially invited to worship with us.
 Training Union 6:30 p. m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p. m.

The Beginning Of Christmas

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void; darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said, Let there be Light, and there was Light." Gen. 1:1-3
 What is Christmas? Christmas is "giving"; Christmas is "love"; Christmas is the observance of the birth of Christ who was sent to the world to save men from their sins. For many years before Christ was born, men were groping about worshipping first one "god" then another. They were living mostly under the law of Moses and were drifting away from the true God. Rulers were wicked

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and were leading the people to paths of unrighteousness.

God saw and knew the condition the world was getting in. He had sent the flood to destroy the world; He had destroyed such wicked places as Sodom trying to get the people of the world back in the path of righteousness—worshipping the true and living God.

The people continued in their wicked ways until God saw that He must send His Son into the world to save it.

Christ, the Son of God, was born in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea. He was born in a manger because there was no place in the inns available to His parents, Joseph and Mary. His parents were poor and had made the long journey to Bethlehem to pay taxes due the government of the country.

Even though Christ was born in humble circumstances, His birth was heralded by the angels and the place of His birth was pointed out by a blazing star. Wise men saw the star and went to the place for they knew that a Saviour had been born. They went to the place where He lay to carry gifts and to worship Him.

From that day men have taken up the custom of giving gifts to loved ones and friends at Christmas—the birthday of Christ.

Some believe that the custom of giving has become commercialized until all that is left of Christmas is the giving and receiving of gifts. But that is not true.

If we are moved in our hearts to give at Christmas, it is because we love the ones to whom the gifts are given and not that we may receive a gift in return. In this modern age of merchandising, it is necessary that

stores advertise their gifts—to sell them in their means of making a living. People have become accustomed to reading ads in newspapers all through the year because it is easier for them to buy the things they need and want. So when the merchant advertises a list of things suitable for Christmas gifts, he is helping his customers as well as himself.

So the custom of giving originated at the birth of Christ and we are reminded of that fact over and over at Christmas. Giving and receiving gifts does us good; it makes us happy; it reminds us again that Christ—whose birthday we observe—came to the world to save it.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Looney visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Kinder, in Coahoma Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Pierce of Sweetwater is spending this week in the Tom Bennett home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bennett and Tom returned to their home in Snyder Sunday after spending last week with Mr. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Forbes and Marilyn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mearse, in Snyder Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mrs. W. J. Jones Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisson of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bog Long and baby of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones and Billy and Mrs. Cora Hall. Others visiting Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Smith Jones of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schroeder and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Killian at Payne Sunday.

Texas Cotton Av. Near Half

Austin, Texas, December 13.—Texas cotton farmers averaged just under one-half bale to the acre this year, in spite of the drought, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The average yield was 242 pounds per acre, well over the 200-pound record which stood for 37 consecutive years, from 1912 to 1949, the Bureau points out. Some individual areas, notably Central and East Texas and the Blacklands, did not fare so well, but their deficiency was more than made up with high-grade, long-staple cotton from irrigated sections in the Trans-Pecos and El Paso areas.

When the new Congress convenes in January, Texas cotton acreage allotments are expected to be increased, the Bureau notes. If this happens, there will be an even greater demand for methods of fighting the bollworm and boll-weevil problems and for some way to facilitate cotton stalks so mechanical pickers can be used.

The answer to both of these problems, Bureau officials say, may lie in the use of helicopters instead of less maneuverable, conventional airplanes. The helicopter, using the advantage gained in its "downwash" from the overhead propeller, can spray much more thoroughly than airplanes, and "hard-to-get-at" places are virtually eliminated. The helicopter's maneuverability even enables the pilot to fly at night under favorable weather conditions.

The Bureau reported that farm cash income from cotton was 29 per cent greater in the first nine months of 1954 than in the same 1953 period.

WOODS FAMILY TOGETHER

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Woods entertained with a covered "dinner Sunday for members of their families and friends.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Woods and family, Ray Doggett and Betty Hodges of Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Woods and Glenn of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrough of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith and children and Mrs. Louis Graham of Roscoe, Billy Narrell, Maurice Coldewey, Mrs. Beale Yarbrough, Mrs. Louise Knight, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter, Mrs. Mildred Channess and daughters Sandra and Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Moore and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richard and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Doyle and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hudgins and girls.

NO THANKS, I'M DRIVING

"When the smart driver is offered 'one for the road' he says 'No thanks, I'm driving.'"

This advice came today from Mr. R. B. Rooper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer for Humble Oil and Refining Company, as he discussed the holiday traffic hazards program being conducted this month by the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety Council.

"If any driver doubts the wisdom of my words," said Mr. Rooper, "I ask him to come to the local morgue and view some of the results of drinking and driving. I believe any such visit would convince any skeptic that drinking and driving are a fatal combination."

"It takes strong proof to convince some motorists that they may not only kill themselves by drinking and driving, but also endanger the lives of innocent victims."

"According to the National Safety Council, the driver had been drinking in one out of five fatal traffic accidents in this country in 1953."

"I know every citizen in Texas will agree that this should be stopped."

Mr. Rooper pointed out that in December drinking and driving become a particularly serious problem because of holiday parties and celebrations.

HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Frank Machart was honored on her birthday, November 29, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Krejci of Roscoe. All of her children were present.

The supper of stuffed goose, chicken meat balls, gravy, potatoes, sweet potatoes, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, pickles, macaroni and cheese, chocolate and fruit cake, hot rolls and iced tea was served at 5 o'clock.

A white Christmas was words Happy Birthday. The table was set with red roses, and candles entered the table. After supper, gifts

were opened by the honoree as the grandchildren sang Happy Birthday Grandma.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Guelker and son Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Holland Darlen, Mrs. Frank Machart and son Leslie and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.

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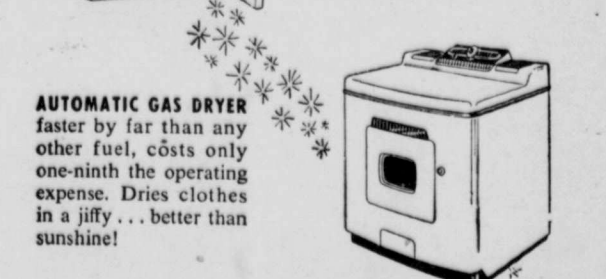
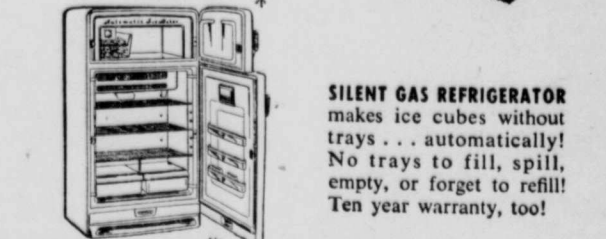
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BAPTIST W. M. U. CIRCLES

The Willie Mae Kennedy Circle met at the church at 9 a. m.

Tuesday. The chairman, Mrs. George Mahoney, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Edgar

Baumann led in prayer.

The Bible study was given by Mrs. Leonard Hartley on the subject, the Bible. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton. The circle voted to prepare a scrap book of the work and at the end of the year mail to Mrs. Willie Mae Kennedy, for whom the circle is named. Mrs. Kennedy and her husband are missionaries in Africa.

A community mission project was also accepted for the month and the meeting set for 9:15 on Tuesdays for the circle meetings. Mrs. Mahoney led the closing prayer.

Present were Meses E. J. Schroeder, Edgar Baumann, Lynn Hamilton, Howard Tarrt, Leonard Hartley, and George Mahoney.

The Elizabeth Pool Circle met with Mrs. Loyd Wiggins Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bob Horton gave the study lesson from the book, Vessels of Honor.

Present were Meses Earl Phillips, L. E. Crutcher, Dexter Taylor and Bob Horton.

The Ruby Hines Circle met with Mrs. Hal Bennett Monday afternoon at 2:30 for Bible study. Silent Night was sung by the

group. Mrs. Tony Snyder gave the devotional, reading the 10th chapter of John.

A short business meeting was held with Mrs. Snyder, circle chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Bennett gave the third chapter of the Bible study, Great is the Company. Closing song was Away in a Manger.

Chicken salad sandwiches, cake and hot spiced tea were served to Meses A. R. Miles, Jack Richey, Tony Snyder, J. W. King and two visitors from another circle, Mrs. W. H. Long and Mrs. Dottie Marshall.

The Mewshaw Circle met with Mrs. Henry Howell. Mrs. J. C. Hall, Sr. led the opening prayer and Mrs. Nash taught the lesson on Topical Studies of the Bible.

In the business meeting it was voted to help some needy family for the holidays. Mrs. Evert Henderson led the closing prayer.

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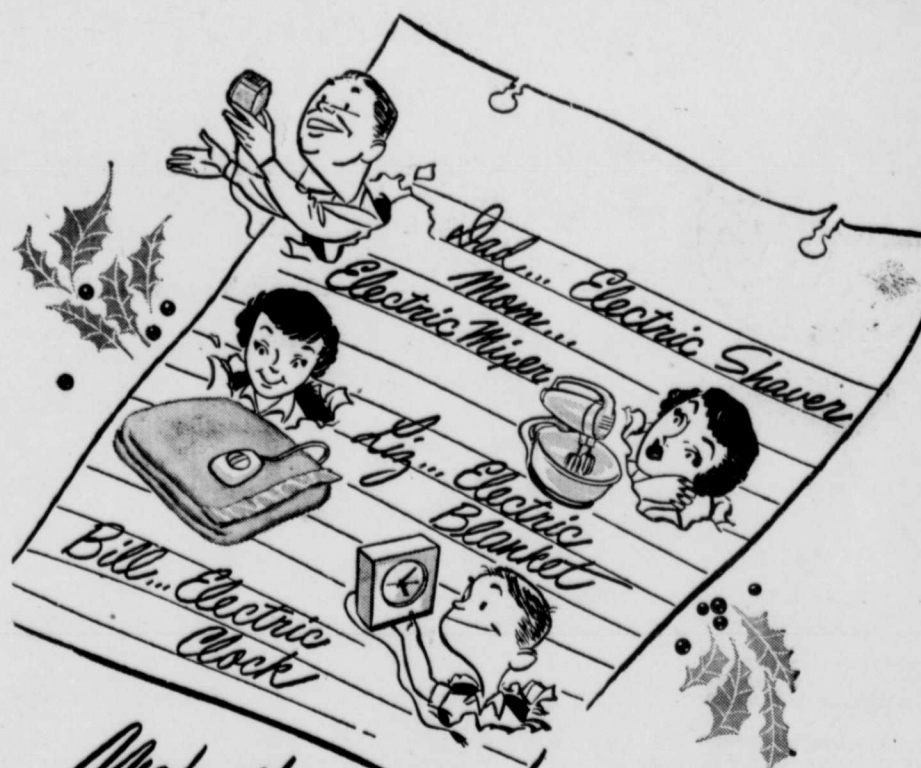
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Senior News
Remember all you people with newspaper just sitting around, to call the seniors here at school to come pick up your task paper. We'll be glad to come.
The seniors are planning a Christmas party. So, we're sending in our request for Santa to bring up a Merry Christmas.

Maybe he'll persuade Mr. Robbins to give us a Christmas holiday from now until graduation time, maybe??
More and more senior girls keep getting those diamonds! We're still excited, because, no one knows who'll get one next!

Junior News
The juniors are planning a Christmas party for Dec. 21. Next time you happen to be by the school up on the hill why not stop and look at the cute little L. H. S. Bulldogs. You

can't find a better bargain anywhere. Just think, a genuine L. H. S. Bulldog for only \$2.50. Sure and buy one from a junior today. A perfect Christmas gift for that special somebody.

Sophomore News
The sophomore class had a meeting and planned to join the other classes in a school Christmas party.

The few sophs. that went to Abilene to see McMurtry present Harvey, the play that was once a show, really enjoyed the trip even though we were disappointed when we found that it had been called off.

We did go to the TV station when it was on the air. It was very interesting and educational, and we did see the station at work.

We also visited the radio station and watched a disk jockey in his work.

F. F. A. News
Reporter, Clayton Cleaver.

The F. F. A. and F. H. A. are having a Christmas party Monday night at 7 o'clock. We are looking forward to a good attendance. Mr. Raymond Holt is the F. F. A. advisor, and the F. H. A. advisor, Mrs. Mangan, selected for the refreshment committee. Gary Mathis, Tommy Linam, Maxie Shepherd and Fay Nell Jackson. On the entertainment committee are Roy Johnson, Don Templeton, Connie

Liles and Kinnie Sue Butler. There will be approximately 70 guests present at the party.

At the first of school, the F. F. A. elected officers: President, Roy Johnson, Vice President, Ronald Branch, Secretary, Jimmy Hall, Treasurer, Yary Mathis, Reporter, Clayton Cleaver, Sentinel, Arlie Neel.

In V. A. classes some boys have been working on skills of all kind on the farm and radio. We are starting to work on livestock, poultry, and grass judging. There are some boys raising stock for the spring show.

Band News

The Loraine High School Band will present their Christmas Concert Monday, December 20. This concert will consist of a good selection of program music. All who respond to this invitation will have a very entertaining evening. Be sure and get your ticket in advance, which are on sale now at all band members. Prices are 25c for students and 50c for adults.

Following the concert will be a Band Banquet sponsored by the Band Booster Club. This is the first year the band has had a banquet. All the band students are looking forward to it and feel sure it will be a success.

The band has been quite active during the past few weeks. December 1, they went to Monahans and put on a good show at their annual Christmas parade.

On December 4, the band participated in the band contest held in Abilene. Here they received a rating of second division. This is quite an improvement from the past year.

Again the invitation is extended—be sure and attend the Christmas Concert.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the love and kindness shown by all our friends during the recent illness and death of our mother.
The family of Mrs. Myrtle Lee

YOUTH RALLY

The Associational Youth Rally was held at the Plainview Baptist Church Monday evening. Twenty-eight were in attendance from the First Baptist Church here.

Clifton Robbins of Snyder, president of the organization, had charge of the meeting. The group

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For Sale—3 bedroom house on one acre, \$3500, Guy Branch, Phone 240, 29-4tc

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Von Dell Drinkard of Snyder. The attendance banner was awarded to Loraine for the largest number in attendance.

Erma Hays, program chairman, planned the worship service in which Mrs. Lenard Hartley presented Her Lengthened Shadow, the life of Lottie Moon. Approximately 115 were in attendance. The next meeting will

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hart of Andrews and Pvt. Jasper Hart of Fort Bliss, Texas, were weekend guests of Mrs. S. H. Hart and Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dockery and son Jim of Westbrook spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Combs and Barbara and Dale Haralson and Clyde Parnell visited in the J. L. Boyle home in Sweetwater Sunday afternoon.



Veterans' News

Questions and Answers

Q. I am attending school under the World War 2 GI Bill. I am planning to switch to a different school, although my course will be the same. How much time will I have to resume my training in my new school?

A. You will be required to resume your training within 30 days after you leave the old school, or on the first date students are admitted to the course in the new school—whichever comes later.

Q. I am a disabled veteran attending law school under Public Law 16. After I finish my classroom work, would I be allowed to take a bar review course, also under Public Law 16?

A. Yes. Review courses are permitted under Public Law 16, but they must be bona fide review courses and not merely a repetition of the course previously taken.

Q. I have a GI endowment insurance policy from World War 2. After the endowment matures, how will I receive the money?

A. You will have a choice. You may elect to receive payment either in a lump sum or in a specified number of monthly installments.

Q. I served in the WAC during World War 2, and have been holding a GI insurance policy ever since. I expect to get married next month. Does VA want proof of my marriage—such as a photostat of the marriage certificate—in order to change in VA's records.

A. No. It's not necessary. All you need do is write a letter, over your signature, requesting that your name be changed in VA's records.

Mrs. J. B. Belvin of Roby spent the weekend and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Belvin of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the B. B. Belvin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie King, Jr. and children of Port Lavaca visited Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Moore Thursday night.

Mrs. W. H. Sandlin of Dallas is here visiting Mrs. H. B. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hart and son of Hamlin visited Mrs. S. H. Hart Saturday.

FIDELIS CLASS PARTY

Members of the Fidelis Sunday School class of the Baptist Church held their Christmas dinner party at the fellowship hall Thursday night. B. B. Lee gave the invocation.

After the dinner of baked chicken and trimmings, Janie Lee gave the Christmas story from Luke. Judy Hudgins gave a Christmas poem, and recorded music was played.

During the social hour, games were played.

Enjoying the occasion were Messrs and Mrs. B. B. Lee, Richard Purvis and children, Delmas Bowlin, A. J. Barron, Mardell Sheppard, Mrs. James Stewart and Miss Gladys Phillips.

LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a floor punching bag, space radio set and a stocking full of candy like you gave me last year. My little brother, Jimmy, wants a train. Look under the Christmas tree for a surprise. Love Danny

Among relatives and friends attending the funeral of Mrs. T. R. Bennett Tuesday were Mrs. John Pendergrass, Mrs. Barbara Estes and daughter, Virgil Bennett, W. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Richards, Mrs. Ada Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wilson, Mrs. Alonzo Phillips, all of Sweetwater; Mrs. Ernest Griffith, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shewbert, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryant, Tom Clark, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Burdine and son, Mrs. M. M. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Bennett, Mrs. W. W. Rowland, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Richardson, Rev. Orion W. Carter, Mrs. Lowell Baird, Big Spring; Mrs. C. H. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Crowover, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Olan Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feathers and Herbert Feathers, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Duffach, Paul Keaton, J. L. Hester, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson, Morgan Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Battle, Roosevelt, Oklahoma; Brad Thompson, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith, Strawn; Robert Hendrick, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Griffin, Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thomas, Weatherford; Mrs. Myrtle Hart, Mrs. Rosa Hart, Mrs. Avus Baird, Wayne Hart, Midland; Lt. Billy Bennett, San Antonio; F. B. Altman, Mason Altman, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bennett, Midland; Mrs. James K. Avery, San Angelo; Pfc. and Mrs. Charles Lee Griffin, San Francisco, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd G. Griffin and girls, Seminole; and a host of friends from Colorado City.

Words cannot express what our good friends mean to us, because we know every expression of love and sympathy came from your hearts. May God bless and keep you.

The Tom Bennett family. The Thompson brothers and sisters; The Bennett brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Pendergrass left Sunday night for their home in Alhambra, California, after spending ten days with her father, John Richburg, and in Delton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pendergrass.

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Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bee Wilkerson Sunday were John Leveridge and son and Mrs. Eva Bowlin of Cisco.

RICHBURG REUNION

J. W. Richburg had his 16 children with part of their families for a reunion Sunday, December 12.

The affair was held at the Lions Club building and the dinner of baked turkey and all the trimmings was served buffet style, after the group had attended church services.

Pictures were made continuously during the day and all took part in singing Christmas carols and old time favorites and visiting with the father, which was the first reunion with all the children present since 1918.

Those present were Mrs. G. L. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bryant, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bryant and Dobby, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richburg, Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. Macon Richburg and children, Abilene; Mrs. Lillie Faulkenberry, Monahans; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Richburg and children, Hermleigh; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Richburg and children, Kress; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Richburg and children, Inadale; Miss Margaret Richburg, Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Richburg, Sweetwater; Mrs. James Watkins, Morenci, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richburg and children, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Pendergrass, Alhambra, California; Furman Richburg, Silver City, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Winston Wilson and children, McCombs; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adrian and children, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herm and children, Knox; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richburg and children, Mrs. Nola Forsythe and Kitty and John Richburg, Lorraine.

Others present for dinner were Mrs. H. B. Baglier and Mrs. Ada Richburg, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Richburg, Mr. and Mrs. Cristo Richburg and children, C. J. Martin, Miss Ollie Mae Martin, Mrs. Emma Land, Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry, Jr., Lamesa; Miss Teresa Griffin, Big Spring; Mrs. Vanda Martin, Lorraine.

Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hallmark, T. J. Newton, Lorraine; Mrs. Ethel Burrus and daughter, Misses Eva and Era Richburg, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin and Janie, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Martin, Roscoe.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the good people of Lorraine and community for the many nice things that were done for us during our time of sorrow.

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John Wayne, Claire Trevor in

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Saturday

DECEMBER 25

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Mrs. Mack W. Pyle, C. L. Lee, Jr. of Midland and Mrs. Paul Gerron of Sweetwater visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lee, Thursday and attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Lee.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Moore, Bob and Pattie over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey and Wanda of Big Spring, and LaNeil Jones of Abilene.

WINS IN TENNIS
Hal Haralson won in doubles and later won in singles at the Intramural tennis tournament at HHU last week. Hal is a sophomore at HSU and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson of Lorraine.

Dell Barber of Tucson, Arizona, spent Friday night in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson.



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Mrs. Marshall Bruce had major surgery in the Sweetwater hospital Wednesday.

M. M. Page and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Evans of Lubbock visited Mrs. Sallie Clement and Mrs. G. R. Baker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groves and family of Carlsbad, N. M., visited Mrs. Mildred Chamness and girls Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Barron visited in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Craighead, at China Grove Sunday.

Charles Walker of Odessa spent Monday night with his mother, Mrs. Willie Walker.

Max Sheppard left Saturday for Camp Pendleton, California, after spending a 20 day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sheppard. Max recently completed basic training in the Marine Corps at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Battles of Roosevelt, Oklahoma, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bennett and attended the funeral of Mrs. T. R. Bennett.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Ruby Robertson and Mrs. John Marshall were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Marshall and Nancy of Big Spring.

Captain T. A. Thompson of Wichita, Kansas, was here Tuesday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. T. R. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Ballard of Orville, Washington, are here visiting in the J. H. White home and with other relatives in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White and Tiny spent Friday night and Saturday in Seminole with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Emfinger.

Mrs. Homer Wilson left Tuesday for Vernon, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowers.

Mrs. W. E. Stridling and Mrs. Nuke Henderson were visitors in San Angelo Thursday.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
The Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ met Monday afternoon at the church with Mrs. W. F. James teaching the lesson. Mrs. D. E. Gunn led the closing prayer.

Present were Meses W. C. Farrar, Kate Jones, D. E. Gunn, Glen Coon, Doyle Hester, C. A. Hughes, S. M. Adams, David McKenzie, Guy Branch, Ralph Alsbrook and W. I. Barron.

Pvt. Ira D. Baird left today for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after spending a ten day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Roy Baird.

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LUTHERAN W. M. S.

The Lutheran Womans Missionary Society opened their meeting by singing Rejoice All Ye Believers.

Mrs. R. H. Marth had charge of the Christmas program. Scriptures were read by Mrs. C. C. Etheredge, Mrs. Gilbert Hrbacek, Mrs. Troy Rannefeld, Mrs. John Roggie and Mrs. R. E. Sauer. Christmas hymns were sung and a special number was sung by Meses Herbert Pletsch, Wilbert Pletsch, Frank Pletsch, Walter Watt and Tillman Willman.

Mrs. Marth read a very interesting letter from Mrs. C. M. McPherson of Slaton, who had attended the national convention at Rapid City, Michigan.

A cheer box was packed for the Lutheran Old Folks Home and the Orphanage at Round Rock.

Gifts were exchanged. Refreshments were served to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Grote, Meses Clyde Linam, Willie Backhaus, Edith Pletsch, Herbert Pletsch, Frank Pletsch, Troy Rannefeld, Frank Sasin, C. H. Hackfeld, B.

O. Mueller, Walter Watt, Fred Lassig, Pete Etheredge, Charlie Dowlearn, Richard Sauer, John Roggie, Gus Baumann, Elnora Baumann, P. H. Baumann, Annie Hantsche, Albert Willman, Tillbert Willman, August Hackfeld, Gilbert Hrbacek, R. H. Marth, A. J. Marth, Albert Rannefeld and Miss Sophie Klas.

W. S. C. S. LOCAL CIRCLE

The Local Circle of the Methodist Church met Monday in the home of Mrs. Frank Crownover and Miss Annie Jarratt.

The program opened with Mrs. Jackie Walker at the piano and Mrs. Crownover leading the group in singing Joy to the World and Silent Night. Mrs. J. D. McDonald gave the devotion.

On the theme, The Prince of Peace, and Mrs. Lily Bennett led in prayer.

Mrs. Harold Marth led in the following program: Mrs. James Bennett discussed Peace Among the Nations; Mrs. Jim Johnson, Peace in Industry and Business; Mrs. Jack Linam, Peace in the Church and Community; Mrs. Frank Sasin, C. H. Hackfeld, B.

Jackie Walker, Children, Very

Important People in the Home, Mrs. Bennett Blair, Children, Around Us; and Mrs. Lily Bennett, Children in Africa. Mrs. Harold Martin explained the U. N. I. C. E. F. and Mrs. J. M. Bruce led the closing prayer.

Mrs. Percy Bond was in charge of the business meeting. It was voted to send a gift of \$5 to the Waco Orphanage in memory of Mrs. Tom Bennett. Paula Coffee was presented a Youth Membership from the W. S. C. S.

Miss Irene Norman gave two Christmas readings and Mrs. Jim Johnson gave a Christmas story.

Refreshments were served to sixteen members and two visitors. Mrs. J. D. Norman and Miss Irene Norman of Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bruce and Juanice accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hallman and children to Goldthwaite for the weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Richards.

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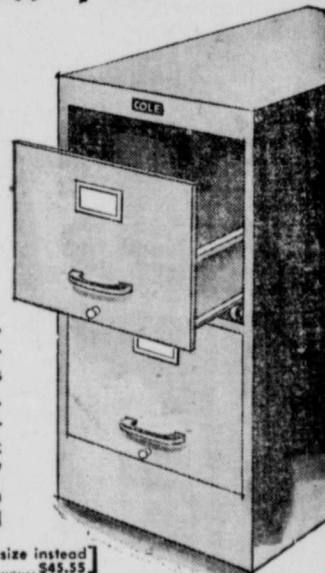
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