

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sonora Polio Victims Home From Gonzales Warm Spring Foundation



Roberto Samaniego, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Samaniego of Sonora, has been discharged from Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation where he has been undergoing treatment for poliomyelitis.

Year old Esmeralda Sanchez, daughter of Mrs. Endina Sanchez of Sonora was discharged from the foundation on Friday, December 22. She had also been receiving treatment for polio.

Victims of all types of crippling

diseases undergo extensive rehabilitation treatment at Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation.

Monday Deadline For Filing 1956 ASC Practices

All 1956 Agricultural Conservation practices must be completed and approval sheets turned into the local ASC office by Monday, December 31, 1956, according to Mrs. Marie K. Ellis, office manager.

Mrs. Ellis also says that the new ASC handbook has been received in the office and will be mailed out this week.

The sign up period for 1957 Agricultural Conservation practices began December 15, 1956. Ranchers desiring to participate must sign up 15 days prior to the beginning of the month during which they plan to start the practices.

Sutton County's budget is \$32,300. A maximum of \$1,000 has been set by the county committee as the optimum each producer can earn on the cost-share

Stores Here To Close For New Years

Sonora business houses will be closed Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. A survey of local establishments showed all downtown houses will be closed although service stations will remain open.

January 31 Deadline For Paying Poll Tax

January 31, 1957 is the deadline for paying poll taxes, Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector Wess Hill reminds county taxpayers. Although no general or county elections are scheduled for 1957, there will be an election for a United States Senator to replace Price Daniel, governor-elect of Texas.

This office will be much sought-after and it is hoped that all voters in the county will pay their poll taxes in order to be eligible to vote in this contest. basis. The optimum has been raised from \$10 which was set for last year.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cooper had as their guests last weekend the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Brewster of Fort Stockton.

St. John's Church Sponsoring New TV Program

Peggy Wood, beloved TV and Broadway veteran, Cynthia Wedel, international civic and religious leader, and Dr. Thomas V. Barrett, versatile author and clergyman, star in "Another Chance", a new once-a-week dramatic series to be heard locally on KENS at 8:15 a.m., beginning Sunday, December 30.

"Another Chance", presenting 13 original plays, based on true family experiences, runs the gamut from subtle humor to soul-searching.

"Another Chance", produced by the Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation, directed by Caroline Rakestraw of Atlanta, is presented by St. John's Episcopal Church of Sonora.

From the files of "The Devil" we bring a resume of 1956 in Sonora and Sutton County.

JANUARY
Sonora sees first strike in 65-year history as telephone employees leave switchboard... Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McKee are parents of a daughter, Sheri Lynn



We have strikes in Sonora...

Ground Observer Corps organized... George Johnson, Ted Bailey Joy and Tommy Ray Adams named to Class A All-State Teams... Mrs. W. C. (Duck) Joy buried at Cedar Hill... Mrs. Luella O'Leary dies... Music Club presents "Smoky Mountain"... Mrs. Josie McDonald buried... Nancy Hunt received DAR award... Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wallace are parents of a son, David Warren... W. B. McMillan and George E. Creagh injured in auto accident... 4-H Club raises more than \$2,100 with Annual Sale... Henry Greenhill winner of 4-H television set... Daon Locklin tops Kerr County show.

FEBRUARY

Roads slippery as "icer" hits... Eddy Pearl, Noel Jones killed in motorcycle accident... 980 voters in county eligible... State Railroad Commission okays passenger service discontinuance... Heart attack fatal to G. E. Ellis... Carlos Loeffler honor guest at San Antonio youth banquet... Fling Ding Club has annual dance... Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hollmig are parents of a daughter, Ella Lu... Jan Vander Stucken shows top ewe at San Antonio... Gerry Mayfield crowned Valentine Queen at Elementary School bus supper... Mrs. Dorothy Dullnig attacked by rabid coon... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb are parents of a daughter, Sherree Faye... Wool incentive payment applications ready... Lee Patrick elected president of Hill County Firemen's Association... Senior play "Time Out For Ginger"... Shannon Ratliff named to all-conference basketball team... SCD asks investigation of local flood problems... Glyn Rose Mike-ska, Billy Frank Turney married.

MARCH

Kids, Adults take last rides as train takes off coaches... Sonora High School host to seven schools for eighth speech meet... Broncos take first place at Eldorado relays... Mrs. Duke Wilson elected president of PTA... Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sykes are parents of a son, Jack Martin... Lions Club has broom sale... Six records broken in Sonora relays as Junction takes top honors... Heart attack claims life of Bob Doran... Mrs. Nell Lovelace buried in San Angelo... Citizens urged to vaccinate against rabies... Sonora may get \$50,000 armory... Jane and Nancy Neill to tour Europe... 4-H members win \$530 in prizes at San Angelo Stock Show.

APRIL

Hudspeth Hospital received \$5,000 from Ford Foundation... Scouts begin scrap metal drive... Rabid fox killed near St. John's Church... Dr. G. V. Brindley, president of the American Cancer Society, makes addresses

Billy Scott, Baylor University student, is spending his vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott.

here... 1956 Little League organized... Marilyn Bennett, Frank Adkins married in San Angelo... Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Mills are parents of a daughter, Martha Lou.

MAY

Rains leave as much as three inches of moisture... Dr. W. T. Hardy elected Lions Club President... Connie Mack Locklin receives top honors in California Wool Show... Ratliff, Badillo place high at State meet... Mrs. J. A. Parker, oldest citizen, dies at home here Monday... Art Club hold annual show... Mrs. and Mrs. Wayne Hale are parents of a son, Jimmie Michael... Graduation exercises held on school lawn May 21... Over 300 "hunters" search, find Scott and "Rusty" after six hours... Ethel Lee Moses, Clifton Ray Doran married.

JUNE

27 Pony Leaguers sign up for play... Sutton 4-H judging teams take all top places in Kimble meet... Tommy Espy named drum major for Bronco Band... Yvonne Davis delegate to Chicago FHA convention... Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sawyer are parents of a daughter, Mollie Ward



and champion pole vaulters like Pete Badillo...

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Hamilton are parents of a daughter, Trisha Lane... Bounty offered on foxes killed within Sutton County limits as result of rabies spread... 19th Annual Wool Show is nation's largest... Yankees on top as Little League closes first half of 1956 season... Sutton County producers to receive \$334,482.18 from Wool Incentive payments... Harold Friess named outstanding conservationist... Jan Keng, Shannon Ratliff on trip to Europe... Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rousselot are parents of a daughter, Michelle... Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cooper are parents of a daughter, Roy Lisa.

JULY

City, County to call bond election on proposed flood prevention plan... Bradleys accept position in Bridgeport... Spotted showers leave little moisture... A. C. Hart named director of Bronco Band... Mrs. John Eaton slightly hurt in car accident... Jess David Cook received a broken arm when struck by pickup... Nancy Hunt, Miss Mohair crowns successor... Marion Elliott new owner of Chevrolet agency... Royce Franklin joins SHS staff as assistant coach... G. C. Allison dies.

AUGUST

\$100,000 loan trust established by unnamed local Samaritan... Easements obtained for flood-control dams; funds nearly complete... Price Daniel, Will Wilson carry county by wide majority... Giants cop Little League crown... Norman Davis accepts principalship at Hillsboro... Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wallace are parents of a daughter, Ruth Ella... Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Mayer are parents of a daughter, Lisa Claire... Passage of Public Law 566 assures low cost flood control... Wolf killed on Halbert Ranch... W. E. (Buck) Archer

dies of heart attack... Pictorial story on Mayfield Cave... H. J. Walter named high school principal... Football season tickets go on sale... Dolores Ruiz, James Carl Morrow married.

SEPTEMBER

Rus Chalk recipient first educational trust loan... Spotted showers fall over county... Mrs. B. C. McGilvray buried here... Cynthia Ann Hall, Albert C. Ward married... Bronco "hustle" pays off with 42-12 victory over Bandera... New motel to be built on 290... Lions Club, PTA honor teachers with annual barbecue... Broncos tame Wink Wildcats 53-6... Inventory of soil and water needs underway here... Sonora Drug sells to Glen Hay... Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nance are parents of a daughter, Melinda Denise... Lois Marie Landrum, William Lee Baldwin married... Iraan Braves fall before Fast Bronco offensive 31-6.

OCTOBER

Dynamite truck explosion fatal to Baldomero Favela... Broncos stomp McCamey Badgers 26-7... H. T. Rutledge buried here... Mr. and Mrs. Hut Moore are parents of a daughter, Darla Sue... Patricia Ann Czarnetski, Wayne Ogden married... Rex Merriman opening new station... Broncos Breeze by Bulldogs 41-13 at Coahoma... Vicki Jo Savell, Charles Shannon married... Showers bring needed moisture... Wanda Mackey injured in fall from horse... Broncos take Mason 13-6... Broncos squeeze by Ozona 21-19.

NOVEMBER

Yvonne Davis crowned Halloween Carnival Queen... Mrs. W. J. Haines dies... Eisenhower and Nixon carry County... Junction Eagles fall before Broncos 46-7... Altizer takes top money in roping contest... Broncos overpower Menard 32-14... Music Clubs hold convention here... Mrs. Zella Lancaster dies suddenly here... Truck accident fatal to Wesley Poteet... Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Tolliver are parents of a son, James Harold... Sonora cops District 8-A championship with 37-6 victory over Eldorado... Joe Moore brings in season's first deer...



and the wonders of Mayfield Cave.

Hospital gets patient radios... Broncos down Owles 23-13 in bi-district play... Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Langford parents of a daughter, Nina Claire.

DECEMBER

Civic Loyalty Program proclaimed by Mayor Schwiening... Johnson named to all-state, Adams, Love to second team... Mrs. G. P. Hill buried here... James S. Morgan dies... Broncos end season at hands of Merkel... Sammy Baugh chief speaker at Quarterback Club dinner... Paul Turner elevated to Texas Grand Master post.

The Devil's River News

Published in Sonora, Texas - "The Capital of the Stockman's Paradise"

SIXTY SEVENTH YEAR

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 28, 1956

THIRTEENTH WEEK

County Judge Urges "Buy At Home"

Judge G. A. Wynn Says Home Trade Pays Off In Community Growth

Live communities are not accidents. Only the consistent cooperation of merchants and the buying public can accomplish the results we all desire for our community.

When you find high class public schools located accessibly to your children; when you find a community of fine churches; when you find all the conveniences of modern life at your elbow, just stop and think that this is the result of successful home trade, which has made it possible to create a splendid center of civilization for the locality. If everybody had decided to trade away from home these things could not exist in that neighborhood. They might exist in some remote city where your welfare is never considered, and you might as well be in the wilds of Africa, for all those who had profited by the money you sent them would care.

A safe and sound bank, a live mercantile establishment, or an industry that is commanding business in the community is a great asset to every person in that community. It is the thing that decides the stability of the town, and determines the growth of the place and its desirability as a place in which to live. No person cares to locate in a town where business is shaky, or where conditions are so uncertain that investments in real estate would be a doubtful venture. And all of these conditions depend in the final analysis on what you are doing with your money and whether the town is receiving the

business to which it is entitled.

In home trade, however, you are dealing with neighbors and friends. You are dealing with those who are your joint partners in the joys and sorrows of your home community. Disaster to you is disaster to them.

The welfare of the people of a community is inseparable. Selfishness and shortsightedness exist but it's the liberal broad-minded spirit of live and let live that makes your home community an abiding place worth while.

Very few of the country towns of the state offer better business opportunities than they did twenty years ago, and in many of them the prospects are not so promising as they were at that time. One reason for this, perhaps, is the growing tendency to patronize mail order houses and stores located in the larger centers. It is worth noting that farm values depend in some measure, at least, on the proximity of property to a good town. Eliminate the country town, and land values surely will drop. We believe the small town is needed, and that ranchers and townpeople are exceedingly shortsighted when they fail to patronize home merchants and their home institutions.

Duval Conty Series Points Out Dangers to Individual Freedom

Sponsoring Better Government

This newspaper carrying a series of articles the Duval county oligarchy at we think will open the eyes of our readers to the dangers that exist in the never-ending fight for freedom of individual rights included in this 10-part revelation of graft and corruption are in heretofore unrevealed incidents.

These articles have been written by two New York newspapermen who were able to approach the subject without bias and without political leanings of any kind. One of these men, Franz Rosenwald, is a German refugee who was forced to flee from Nazi terrorism. The other, Frederick Hodgson, is a newspaper correspondent and magazine and screen writer.

Hungarian Funds Being Accepted By Red Cross

Mrs. Ernest McCand, fund raising chairman for the American Red Cross, has announced that she will accept donations for Hungarian relief. This is a special fund which will be administered by the Red Cross from its regular program.

With refugees arriving almost daily in Hungary's neighboring countries more and more money is needed to provide for clothing and medicine.

Shop in Sonora and save.

Emergency Fed Program Gets New Extension

The Emergency feed program in Sutton County has been extended. Under this extension, farmers and ranchers may now file applications through February 15, 1957 for a supply of feed grain necessary to carry basic livestock through March 15, 1957.

Applications for feed grain may be signed at the Sutton County ASC office.

fore unrevealed incidents.

Throughout the series the thoughtful reader will be impressed with what can happen when people become complacent and negligent about their governing bodies. The reader will be able to grasp the awful significance of government and how a cancerous growth of corruption and oppression can almost imperceptibly, until the citizens of a county are gripped in fear for their very lives and property.

The concluding articles of this series will show how this reign of terror never could have happened had Texas had laws that make public business public. They will show how 16 proposals for better government being sponsored by the Texas Press Association can complete the cleaning up of Duval County and prevent such a situation from ever arising again in Texas.

We commend this series of articles to our readers and ask that they lend their support to Texas newspapers in their effort to obtain better government in Texas. You can do this by appealing to your representatives and senators to pass these bills when they come before the Texas Legislature.

Just bear in mind that what happened in Duval County could happen in any county in Texas under today's lax laws.

Border Patrol Scheduled To Establish Branch Headquarters Here 1 February

A Border Patrol station will be established in Sonora in the near future according to information received from the officer in charge of the Border Patrol division of the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization

in Del Rio.

G. W. Archer of San Angelo and formerly of Sonora will be officer in charge of the local office, which will employ some 12 or 15 men on a full time basis. Office space adequate for the

division and permanent headquarters are being negotiated.

Applications for employment with the Border Patrol are being accepted now. Young men who are interested may obtain applications at the local Postoffice or mail them to Personnel Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C.

Starting salaries for inspector trainees are \$4,525 with a raise of \$4,970 within the year for successful probation trainees.

Classified Section

CLASSIFIED RATES - Classified ads are three cents per word per insertion, payable before publication. No charge is made for cards of thanks pertaining to funerals. All other cards of thanks are fifty cents for the complete message for one insertion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosson wish to express their gratitude to the Second Grade Brownie girls and their leaders, Mrs. Maxine Ellingson and Mrs. R. J. Hanson, for the delicious cake they presented to Mr. Rosson Tuesday night.

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LOST

LOST - Blue Sheaffer Pen with gold band, with B. W.L. engraved on it. Reward. Mrs. Boyd Lovelace. 3 tp 10.

25.00 REWARD

Lost from my residence in Sonora Sunday night, black and white Border Collie, rather large, very friendly, white only half around neck, left side, named Sam. Phone 23861. O. L. Richardson. tfn 13.

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FOR SALE - 1949 Hot Point Automatic Washer in good working condition. Price \$40.00. Call 24082. Wallace Wade. 1 tp 13.

HAMILTON HOSTS TO TWICE TUESDAY CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hamilton were hosts to the Twice Tuesday Club in their home Friday night with a supper and bride. Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the party rooms.

Mrs. Sid Awalt and George Wallace won high prizes, Mrs. W. A. McCoy and Nolan Johnson won slam prizes, Mrs. Joe Nance and Clayton Hamilton won bingo prizes, Mrs. Jack Kerbow and Joe Nance won duce prizes.

Attending were Messrs and Meses. Sid Awalt, W. A. McCoy, Joe Nance, George Wallace, Nolan Johnson, Reggie Trainer, Cleveland Nance, J. W. Pepper, Jr., Tommy Smith and Jack Kerbow.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Voight and family of San Angelo visited friends and relatives in Sonora during the holidays.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drennan for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Drennan, all of Durant, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mittel of College Station.

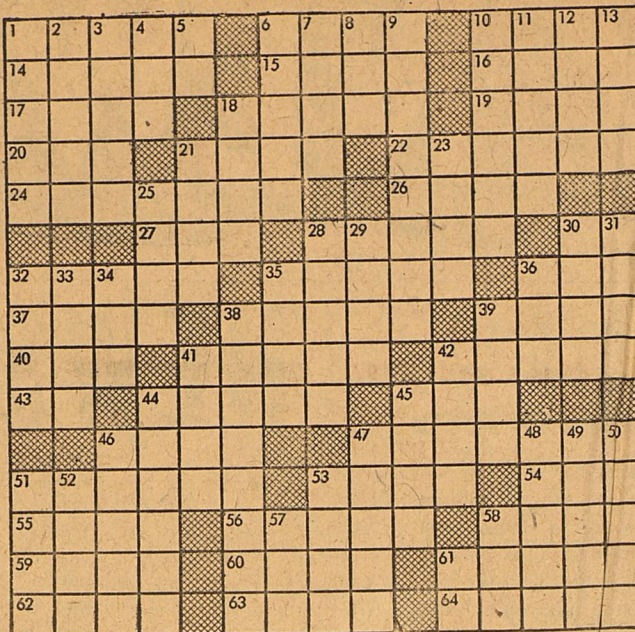
Mrs. Jack Drennan and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mittel left Wednesday of El Tejan, California for a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Mrs. Lottie Kelley returned Wednesday from Houston where she enjoyed Christmas with her cousin, Miss Agnes Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown Ross had as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Chastant, Lee and Leslie of New Orleans, Joe David and Betsy Ross, who are attending schools in College Station and Austin.

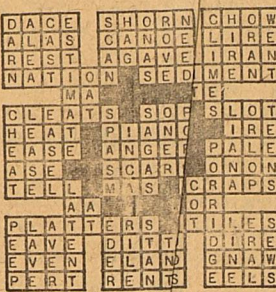
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Answer to Puzzle No. 425

Mrs. A. E. Newton and Sandra spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Newton's mother, Mrs. J. F. Riley, in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Miers Savell and Mrs. Theresa Friend spent Christmas in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savell and Mr.

and Mrs. Charlie Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward, students at Baylor University, Waco, spent the holiday in Sonora with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rip Ward and G. H. Hall.

Frank P. Bon of Dallas was at home during the holidays visit-

Church

Notices

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Alanson Brown, Rector
Office Hours
9:00-12:00 A. M. Daily
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
Family Worship and Sermon 11:00 a.m.
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Worship Service 8:00 p.m.
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W.M.U. 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bond, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cooper of San Angelo spent the weekend in Sonora visiting relatives.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caldwell during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Snelson, Stephanie and Leah, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McGregor, all of Garland and J. R. Caldwell who is a

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Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

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Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:45 p.m.
W.M.U. Each Wednesday
Deacon's meeting first Monday each month.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Minister J. E. L. Harrison
Sunday:
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:
Ladies' Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

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student at the University of Texas in Austin.

Ernest Carroll Stephen of Kingsville is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glascock and family spent the holidays in Boerne the guests of Mrs. Glascock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schwarz.

Happy New Year

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THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 28, 1956

"The Capital Of The Stockman's Paradise"

Mrs. A. C. Elliott went to Abilene Sunday and returned on Sunday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. T. McQuary of Abilene, and her cousins, Billy and Ray McQuary of Caracas, Venezuela, who spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Drennan were Mr. and Mrs. Billie Dee Drennan and son of Jacksonville and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hayden and son of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Scott and daughter of Arlington spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols spent last weekend in Harper visiting friends and relatives.

Pat McBride who is a student at Pamona College in Clairmont, California, is spending the holidays at home with his mother, Mrs. Allie McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Shurley and children of Marfa are spending the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shurley and Kay.

Ralph Copeland, student at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and Dick Copeland, who is a student at Colorado A. & M. College in Fort Collins, Colorado are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Copeland for the holidays.

Lamb is nutritious.

Congratulations TO THESE NEW PARENTS

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Browne are the parents of a son, Paul Douglas, who was born December 6, and weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces. He arrived at home with his mother December 20.

Paul Douglas has a sister, Brenda Ann, who is 6, and a brother, Charles Foster, Jr., who is 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Browne of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Reeder of Altadena, California.

Brownes Hosts To Annual Christmas Party

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Browne were hosts Christmas night to their annual open house Christmas party. Traditional Christmas decorations were used throughout the house and a snack supper and Christmas drinks were served.

HOSPITAL NOTES

ADMISSIONS
Mrs. Peggy Clark, Eldorado
John D. Lowrey
Mrs. Bernice West, Eldorado
Mrs. Maria Gonzales
Lue Gonzales

DISMISSALS
Pete Doran
Mrs. Gwen Glimp
Willis Dean Minnick, Midkiff
Charles Bein
Mrs. Bobbie Fawcett
Bobby Wayne Granger
Santos Quebedo
Mrs. Oda Mae Crawford
Clara Margaret Schwenning
Pat Cooper
Jean Ellen Schwenning

Exchanging News

Eldorado Success —

The annual American Legion Christmas party for the children of Schleicher County is set for Friday 21. All children of the county are urged to be present.

Eldorado's famous Santa Claus will be present in person, wearing his tailored Santa suit, and driving his decorated car with its dancing dolls.

He will distribute candy, apples and oranges to all children under 12 years of age, assisted by Legionnaires. Arrival will be preceded by a half hour program of Christmas music by Mrs. Irene Teele's choral group from the school.

The Junction Eagle —

About 800 bags of Christmas fruit and candies were distributed to youngsters who came to the courthouse to visit Santa Claus Friday evening.

Riding into town at 7 p.m. on a bright red fire truck to match his suit, Santa was welcomed by a crowded courtyard of youngsters and their families.

Sterling City News-Record —

Silver wings of the Army Air Forces Ground Observer Corps, were presented to Sterling City watchers Sunday afternoon. Certificates were given along with the wings to those who made up the Corps here.

Ozona Stockman —

Slow falling wintertime rain, the kind that could cure what ails West Texas and most of the southwest if it could last ten to fifteen days without a let-up, covered a big part of this West Texas area Tuesday night. The fall was from a quarter to half inch over most of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Saunders, Jr. returned Tuesday night from Kerrville where they spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Auld.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carroll of Tahoko will return to their home Sunday after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carroll, Sr.

Mrs. Rena Trainer had as her guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Trainer of La Port, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Nunley and children of Rocksprings and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGuire of Pasadena.

Mrs. Violet Morrow arrived last Saturday to visit relatives and friends in Sonora until the first of the year.

Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Browne during the Christmas holidays were Mrs. Browne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Reeder of Altadena, California.

Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By--FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,397 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber.

The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44 and cattycorner to the West is the Court-house and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade.

The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion.

George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be tanned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans," but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other counties of the area. A man from north of the Nueces River is a

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host slam a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him."

Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing . . . out of a bar when . . . said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then played the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexicans as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

naughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr foes to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medic.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepperd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition. He knew of the other things that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bi-lingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the Boss and his henchmen.

- K T X L - TV

Friday, December 28,
1:15 Test Pattern
1:30 Previews and Music
2:00 Movie Matinee
3:00 News
3:05 Community Calendar
3:15 Short Story
3:30 Love of Life CBS
3:45 Uncle Al's Carnival
4:30 Fury
5:00 Western
6:00 World News
6:10 Weatherman
6:15 World We Live In
6:30 Kings Crossroads
7:00 Life of Riley NBC
7:30 Rin Tin Tin ABC
8:00 Crunch and Dez
8:30 Playhouse of stars
9:00 Lineup
9:30 China Smith
10:00 Tomorrow's Headlines
10:10 Weathercast
10:15 Homicide for 3
Saturday, December 29,
1:15 Test Pattern
1:30 Previews and Music
2:00 Movie Matinee
3:30 Mr. Wizard
4:00 Western Theater
5:00 Bowling
6:00 Bill Matry Show
6:30 Texas Wrestling
7:25 News
7:30 Laugh Time
8:00 Beat the Clock
8:30 Gale Storm
9:00 George Gobel
9:30 People are funny
10:00 News and Weather
10:05 Encore
Sunday, December 30,
1:15 Test Pattern
1:30 Previews and Music
2:00 Encore
3:15 Church of Christ
3:30 Movie Matinee
4:45 Church of Christ
5:00 Roy Rogers
5:30 Air Power
6:00 Annie Oakley
6:30 Jack Benny
7:00 Ed Sullivan
8:00 Celebrity Playhouse
8:30 I Spy
9:00 \$64,000 Challenge
9:30 Top Plays of '56
10:00 News
10:10 Weather
10:15 The Big Wheel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, December 28,
None
Saturday, December 29,
J. B. Renfro
George Lindon Hearn
Charles W. West
Davis Lee Wuest
Sunday, December 30,
Mrs. Lewis Roueche
Stanley Harris
Mrs. Ellen Ray
Monday, December 31,
Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary
Mrs. Earl Merck
Gay Copeland
Tuesday, January 1,
Mrs. I. B. Boughton
Vernon Cook
Leslie Fambrough
Mack Cauthorn
John Lee Nisbet
Wednesday, January 2,
Mrs. Bud Smith
P. J. Taylor
Giles Hill
B. M. Halbert, Jr.
Thursday, January 3,
R. C. Luckie
Ronald Dean Mela
Mrs. T. L. Smith
Nancy Kaye Voight

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley spent the holidays in Beaumont with Mrs. Kelley's Mother, Mrs. Harry Pearson.

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Saturday, January 4, 1896

Berry Ketchum, Mark Fury, Bill Cheney, B. Wilson, W. Welsh, Pat Smith and Harris left with their horses Tuesday.

The Devil's River News will be sent for one year as a wedding present to the first Sonora young lady who marries after January 1, 1896.

Miss Winnie Buchanan intends leaving today for San Angelo, to resume her studies at the Convent at that place.

The supper given at the Decker Hotel on Christmas night was the finest ever spread in Sonora. It was patronized and enjoyed by everybody.

Sonora Merchants report having done the best business this Christmas than ever before in the history of Sonora.

Thomas Bond, the well-known sheepman from the lower edge of Sutton County, was in Sonora for supplies. It will be remembered that Mr. Bond was seriously injured by being thrown from his buggy several months ago and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he is now able to attend to business without artificial aid.

G. B. Duke, the blacksmith, will shoe horses for \$1 and \$1.25 a set, for cash as long as he can get shoes as cheap as at present. He wants to give his customers the benefits.

Charlie Adams says he is not

Zoning Proposal In Hands Of State Committee

The proposed setting up of speed zones within the city of Sonora is in the hands of the Zoning Committee of the Texas State Highway Department, according to information received here this week.

If recommended by the Committee, speed zones will be set up around the schools on Highway 290 and Highway 277. Graduated speed zones will also be established on these highways through the city and will range from 55 miles per hour on the outskirts to 30 miles per hour through the business section.

Mrs. Pearl Crites spent the Christmas holidays with her son Jack Crites in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Some of the University of Texas students seen at home for the Christmas vacation are Darcy Carroll, John Stanley Hamby, Connie Mack Locklin, Nancy Hunt, Martha Jean Valliant, Robert Hardgrave and Betsy Ross.

Joe Renfroe arrived December 14, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Renfroe, before leaving for the Azores Islands where he will be stationed for 18 months with the Army Air Force.

going to resign his position of president of the Sonora Jockey Club. He likes the job too well.

The dances during the holidays were attended by so many that thorough enjoyment was out of the question. There were four dances in all and the crowd never thinned out.

Tomorrow is H. Q. Kendall's regular appointment to preach in Sonora.

Carter Johnson the popular and obliging livery man of Ozona was in Sonora for the races New Years with his fine young race horse Skinny. Skinny is said to be the fastest horse, 250 yards, in the state.

NOTICE

New Banking Hours

Monday Through Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Closed Saturday

On March 3, 1955, the Texas Legislature passed Bill No. 19 enabling banks within this state to observe the five-day week. A great many banks throughout the State are now observing the five-day week, and in all instances, the program has met with complete success and satisfaction on the part of the banks and their customers.

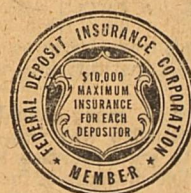
We now feel that a year and a half experience has proven the five-day week to be not only acceptable, but in fact, to be a wise procedure for banks as well as customers.

Since most all of the banks in the surrounding areas have adopted the five-day week, effective JANUARY 12, 1957, THIS BANK WILL BEGIN OBSERVING THE FIVE-DAY WEEK. THEREFORE THIS BANK WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 12, 1957, AND EACH SATURDAY THEREAFTER.

This action on our part is a move to adopt the five-day week which is being observed by industry generally throughout the United States.

We trust that you will agree with us that we could do no less than offer our employees the opportunity to work under the provisions of the new law. It has worked so successfully in so many other cities that we see no inconveniences to our patrons - - - to whom we owe so much. We know that you will find it just as convenient to do your banking between Monday and Friday of each week.

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