

Snooter Knows

By JAMES E. KELLY
(Opinions expressed in this column are the views of the writer and should be so interpreted.)

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS



As we pay homage to the birth of the Christ Child, we humbly give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us by His coming and the inspiration of His message of peace and good will.

To all who have been indulgent with this column throughout this Old Year, which rapidly is drawing to a close, we wish a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

If good fortune will decree, I hope to be "carrying on" in this column during the New Year, which is peeping around the corner.

Stanton and Martin County took another progressive step forward when the taxpayers voted a \$75,000 bond issue to pay off the indebtedness against the Martin County Memorial Hospital and place it under the charge of the county to operate and maintain.

Rare it is, if any institution can be found which is more abused than a hospital. Patients suffering from illness, or who on the spur of the moment suffer injuries, are rushed to the hospital for treatment. As a matter of course they are accepted, treated and discharged with the "promise to pay" for the services. Many times these promises never are fulfilled, and the hospital is left to hold the bag.

Other "promises to pay" in the early campaign fund raising period to build the hospital have not been fulfilled, and the hospital is made to suffer financially.

Here comes a boy seven-years-old who has an eye for business. He has heard so much talk about the high cost of living, depressions and recessions, it appeared to him that Santa Claus was going to be short of money and he isn't taking any chances about this Christmas.

This little boy named Ronnie and living at Hollis, Okla., wrote a letter to Santa Claus and enclosed \$7 to make sure the old gent wouldn't run short of funds.

He explained he made the money pulling cotton bolls this summer. Recollections of a three-year battle the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One waged in an attempt to defend its rights to reserves, was brought to the preserves, was brought to the fore last week when a legal publication notice was published called for an election of new directors for the district's five precincts.

The election will be held Jan. 12, 1954, at the Courtney School House. The terms of the present directors expire the second Tuesday in January.

Eligible voters in the election are those legally qualified to vote in the state and county, and who are property tax-payers residing in the five precincts in the Water District.

A. E. Pittman of Tarzan, is the president of the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One, and A. T. Angel of Stanton, secretary.

Soon after the Martin County Water District was organized and was shaping itself to function, the district was met with an injunction suit filed against it by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, comprising the cities of Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder. The district had drilled a cluster of water wells in the area covered by the Martin County Water District, preparatory to piping water to Odessa and Big Spring. In the court battles, Martin Water District won decisions. The last court the CRMWD appealed to was the U. S. Court of Civil Appeals, which refused to hear the case.

This threw the contested matter See SNOOTER KNOWS

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Stanton Prepares For Merry Christmas

Winners Announced In Stanton's Home Decoration Contest

The gaily decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Burnam was judged Monday night as Stanton's most beautiful for the 1953 Christmas season.

The committee of judges took one look at the carefully-planned decorations and made it their unanimous choice of more than a dozen homes inspected during the night.

Lighted bulbs were scattered through the trees and shrubbery, lighted candy cones edged the doorway and a big red Santa Claus was caught in the act of going down the chimney.

Other Winners Listed.

The other winners in the annual contest sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, with Mrs. Leo Turner as chairman, included the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bridges, third place.

Judges asked that special mention be given — for attractive doorway and window decorations — to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mr. and Mrs. June Graham and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitaker.

Cash prizes will be awarded the winners.

'Drive Safely' Is Christmas Appeal Of County Officials

Martin County officials proved this week they meant what they said when they warned they were going to be tough on drunken drivers—particularly during the Christmas season.

And a 38-year-old enlisted man from Webb Air Force Base at Big Spring was the first one to feel the effects of the new campaign against driving while intoxicated.

Claude A. Skinner, the Air Force man, was fined \$500 and costs when he pleaded guilty before County Judge James McMorris to charges of driving while intoxicated.

He was released after paying the fine and his companion, another Air Force man, was fined \$19.50 when he pleaded guilty Monday before Justice of the Peace Martin Gibson to drunkenness charges.

Appeal Issued

County Attorney Ralph Caton Monday joined Sheriff Dan Saunders in an appeal for motorists to drive safely and soberly during the Christmas week.

"We're going to vigorously prosecute all drivers who are picked up on drunk-driving charges," he said. "We are determined to make the holiday season a happy and safe one in Martin County."

Skinner and his companion were arrested Saturday by Chief Deputy Sheriff A. C. Abernathy and Constable Bill Pinkston.

Abernathy said he and Pinkston were headed toward Stanton when they saw Skinner, approaching them about five miles west of the city on U. S. Highway 80.

He said Skinner was driving on the wrong side of the road and when they finally stopped him, he was booked on the drunk-driving charges.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

The Post Office will close noon Dec. 24, and remain closed Christmas Day. The office will close noon, Dec. 31, and remain closed for New Years Day. Mrs. Eldson, postmaster, announced Tues.



From The Stanton Reporter Staff

Two Men Charged In Safe Burglary

A 25-year-old former Stanton man and a companion faced charges of burglary Wednesday after thieves broke into the Billington Motor Company office and cut their way into a steel safe with an acetylene torch.

Justice of the Peace Martin Gibson has placed the pair's bond at \$10,000 each.

Charged were Ervin Ross, a radio technician, employed in Stanton until about a year ago, and William I. Johns, a Californian.

The two were arrested Monday night in Lubbock by Texas Ranger John Wood of Midland and Deputy Sheriff A. C. Abernathy of Martin County less than 15 hours after the safe had been broken open and \$2 or \$3 taken.

The two men also are being questioned in connection with the burglary in Midland in which a safe, found abandoned Monday eight miles southwest of Stanton, was taken.

Sheriff Dan Saunders said only \$2 or \$3 was reported missing after thieves broke into the Billington Motor Company and cut open a big safe with an acetylene torch.

A large amount of money in a strong box in the safe was not taken, he said.

Entrance was gained through a window, according to Deputy Sheriff Abernathy, who investigated the safe-robbery report.

"The thieves broke through a window, wheeled the safe from the office into the back shop and went to work on it," he said.

Using a torch, which is part of the shop's equipment, they cut a large hole in the bottom of the safe. The missing \$2 or \$3 was in a petty cash box in the lower part of the safe.

But the thieves were unable to reach the strongbox at the top of the 40-inch-high steel safe.

A short time after the robbery was reported, an oil field pumpjack, Dick Madison of Stanton, reported to the sheriff's office he had found an abandoned safe eight miles southwest of the city.

Midland officers were notified and Abernathy and Ranger Wood went to the scene.

They were joined shortly by Captain Billy Patterson and Sergeants Wayne Taylor and Jack Fillyaw of the Midland police department's detective division.

The safe was identified as the one stolen a week ago from the Commercial CIT Credit Corporation office in Midland.

The safe had contained \$285 in cash and about \$18,000 worth of checks, as well as numerous automobile titles and manufacturer certificates.

An undetermined number of checks and automobile papers were recovered from the safe, which was removed to Midland.

Oil News

Martin County Deep Tests Are Drilling Ahead

By JAMES C. WATSON

The Texas Company is making hole below 8,518 feet in lime at its No. 1-AR State, one-half mile southeast of the discovery well of the Block 7 (Devonian) field of Northwest Martin County.

Site is 660 feet from east and 1,980 feet from south lines of section 17, block 7, University survey and 21 miles northeast of the town of Andrews.

Stanford Oil & Gas Company No. 1-BO University, 13,500-foot wildcat in extreme Northeast Martin County to test the Ellenburger, is drilling below 11,578 feet in lime.

It is 660 feet from south and east lines of section 44, block 6, University survey. The drillsite is one and three-quarter miles northeast of the nearest production in the Block 7 (Devonian) field.

Vega Corporation of Midland No. 1 Snyder-Arnett, wildcat in Central-South Martin County, was quit at total depth of 4,040 feet in the Grayburg. That section was tested but there was no commercial production developed.

Location was 330 feet from north and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 30, block 36, T-1-S, T&P survey and three-quarters of a mile north of the Martin-Midland County line. That made it three and one-half miles southwest of Stanton.

Jake L. Hamon of Midland, and Dallas has abandoned and plugged his No. 1-C University, Ellenburger wildcat in Northwest Martin County.

This project drilled to a total depth of 13,386 feet in the Ellenburger. That zone made only water.

The exploration was one-quarter of a mile east of Devonian production in the Block 7 field. It tested the Devonian and had a slight show of oil and gas and salt water in it.

Location was 1,980 feet from south and 660 feet from west lines of section 13, block 7, University survey. It was 20 7/2 miles northwest of Lenorah.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO TAKE LONG HOLIDAY

A quiet and peaceful Christmas weekend is in store for Stanton as most retail stores, service firms and offices will extend the holiday period through Sunday.

Forty business firms, including the courthouse, signed an agreement earlier this month to close shop Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Hospital Transfer Awaits Opinion Of Attorney General

Transfer of Memorial Hospital property in Stanton was being held up this week pending word from the office of Attorney General John Ben Shepperd.

Neither county officials nor directors of the hospital are sure just how to effect the change of ownership.

So the matter was to be turned over this week to the attorney general by County Attorney Ralph Caton and District Attorney Elton Gilliland.

Martin County taxpayers two weeks ago approved a \$75,000 bond issue to finance the retirement of the indebtedness against the institution after it is turned over to the county for operation.

"We want to be sure everything is exactly right and legal," said the county attorney.

"There is very little law on the subject and an opinion from the attorney general would have the effect of giving legal backing to any action taken."

It probably will be a couple of weeks, Caton said, before the attorney general is able to furnish the opinion.

Photostatic copies of the charter and by-laws of the hospital association will accompany the request for an opinion.

After the transfer is made, county commissioners will name a six-man board to supervise the hospital's operation.

Pioneer Resident Of Stanton Dies; Services Held Here

Mrs. Luola Haynes, 77, longtime Stanton resident, died at 1:10 a. m. last Sunday in a Stanton hospital.

A native Texan, she had resided in Stanton about 30 years. She was born July 24, 1876, and has been a member of the Methodist Church the last 50 years. Her husband died in December, 1942.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Monday in the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. Hugh H. Hunt, pastor, officiating. Interment was in a Big Spring cemetery, under the direction of the Arrington Funeral Home.

Survivors include four sons, Comer Haynes of Stanton, Julius Haynes of Midland, and A. G. and Dodson Haynes, both of San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Parker of Stanton and Mrs. Lucille Klatt of San Antonio; a brother, Cecil Edwards of Rotan, and six grandchildren.

Martin County Is Ready For Gayest Yuletide Season

Christmas business really picked up in Stanton this week as last minute shoppers crowded streets, sidewalks and stores to complete Christmas gift lists and to purchase other holiday supplies. "Merry Christmas" was the popular greeting everywhere.

The buying spree actually got underway here last Saturday when larger than usual

crowds thronged the downtown section. The Pet Parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was a special feature of the day.

Most merchants reported Christmas shopping moving at a fast tempo, with Thursday expected to be the "big day" of the 1953 holiday season.

Well-stocked stores found their Christmas merchandise diminishing rapidly, but ample stocks of gift items remained for the last-minute shoppers.

As a more or less "last-minute" gesture before Christmas, a two of Stanton's automobile dealers held showings last Friday and Saturday of the new 1954 model automobiles which they represent. They are the Alsop Chevrolet Company (Chevrolet), and the Billington Motor Company (Pontiac). Scores of persons viewed the new models at both concerns.

Cash registers jingle. Some stores stayed open later than usual this week as an accommodation to customers.

Cash registers played a merry tune in most stores as clerks rang up the Christmas sales. Merchants smiled at the buying spree, which was late in starting but which promised to wind-up in the desired fast and furious fashion.

Most retail stores, offices and service establishments will be closed from Thursday night until Monday morning, giving business personnel a longer than usual Christmas holiday.

The spirit of Christmas, too, has spread throughout the community, as evidenced by the unusually large number of beautifully decorated homes.

College students began arriving last weekend to spend the holidays with their families in Stanton. Scores of other out-of-city guests are spending Christmas with friends and relatives here. Some Stanton residents, likewise, plan to spend Christmas with friends and loved ones elsewhere.

Public schools in Stanton and throughout Martin County dismissed classes Wednesday for Christmas holidays.

Turkeys are plentiful and markets report a heavy demand for the traditional Christmas fowl. All other Christmas food items were in excellent supply.

It's a Very Merry Christmas outlook which faces the residents of Stanton and Martin County on Christmas Day, 1953.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Christmas Mail Is Handled On Schedule. The Stanton Post Office has been able to handle its Christmas rush of mail without any extra help.

"Our regular force," said Mrs. Leta B. Eldson, postmaster, "has been able to handle all the work, although they have had to work some overtime."

All packages and other mail have been moved out of the post office on schedule, she added, and there has been no delay in the distribution of incoming mail.

Mrs. Eldson reported December postal receipts were slightly below those reported for the same period last year.

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'Good Will Toward Men'

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)"

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (St. Luke 2:4-14).

What a marvelous story concerning the birth of Christ, as related by St. Luke in his gospel. It is told in masterful fashion, yet in language so simple that all can understand and appreciate it.

It is the Christmas story—a story which has thrilled mankind since the birth of Christ, and which is just as thrilling and as inspiring today as it was 2,000 years ago.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Great joy to ALL people, the angels declared, and it has been just that indeed through the succeeding centuries. For unto you a Saviour is born, the angels continued, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.

Then the angels followed with the thrilling and inspiring statement, "... And on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Christmas story has been told and retold through the centuries to the joy and delight of the young and old who are believers in Christ.

It is a story of promise, of hope, of good cheer, of peace and of a better life on earth.

It was the story for which mankind long had waited. It is the story which has been received and appreciated in the hearts and minds of men since the birth of Christ.

Yet, today many of us are inclined to think of and to stress things other than the birth of Christ in connection with the Christmas observance—forgetting in most instances that it is the birth of the Saviour which we should be celebrating on this happy occasion.

It appears that more and more we are inclined to push Christ out of Christmas—yet this surely is impossible in the Christian world.

We hear the statement, "Let's put Christ back in Christmas," which seems to us a rather negative approach.

We think the cry should be, "Let's keep Christ in Christmas." Let's stress the affirmative approach, remaining firm in our convictions that Christ is and always will be uppermost in the hearts and minds of Christians at Christmas and throughout the year.

If that be true, and we know it is, then, certainly, the good tidings of great joy which the angels heralded so many centuries ago, remain today, as they always will, as a guiding light to a better and fuller life in a troubled world.

It is during the Christmas Season that we especially should be reminded of the blessings which a merciful God has bestowed upon us—especially the greatest blessing of all, His only begotten Son, our Saviour, whose birth we celebrate at Christmas.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Bible Comment:

Christianity Built By Men United In Brotherly Love

UPON the foundation of Jesus Christ the early Christian church was built by two things—conversion and fellowship. The first great in-gathering was on the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after the Passover, when Peter preached with such power and boldness that about three thousand were then converted and baptized.

This company of believers was soon increased.

But someone has said that no one goes to heaven alone, and the first immediate manifestation of this new life in conversion was an intense clinging of Christians to one another in a fellowship so deep and strong that at first they held all things in common.

The early Christian communism did not last long, just as most schemes of Christian communism have failed since.

If the Christians had all been as noble as Barnabas, it might have been successful, but a liar and self-seeker like Ananias can make havoc of a noble experiment.

In any case, Christianity places a strong value upon the individual soul, and upon the rightful independence of each life.

Paul understood this well. When he urged that Christians should bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, he also said that every man should bear his own burden.

That was good, sound democracy. The strength of democracy, of a church, of a Christian fellowship, is built upon the integrity and strength of the individual units.

But the strength of the early Christian church was in the way the individual Christians loved one another. It became a byword, marking them from the world in which they lived: "See how these Christians love one another."

One speaks thus of the early Christian church. Can one say as much for the Christian church of today?

When one looks at the great number of sincere Christians today, the answer to that question must be "yes." But one cannot help wishing there were more in that company of true Christians.

Philosopher Favors More Christmases, More Giving And Receiving

Dear editor:

I was talking with a man the other day. I won't call his name because even if we have got freedom of the press I don't like to be horse-whipped, and he was muttering about how much trouble Christmas is.

"Just not worth the effort," he complained. "All this running around, trying to buy everybody a present you figure you are gonna buy you one, tryin' to gauge just about what price range they'll be in so you don't over-do the thing. I tell you, we ought to call the whole thing off."

I do not look at it that way. I go on the theory that if everybody buys everybody else a Christmas present, the amount of cheer is about the same as it was before we started so the thing for some of us to do is to hold back and stay on the receiving end exclusively, so the total amount of cheer can be increased. I'm in favor of sending Christmas presents all right, but at the same time I recognize some of us have a duty to keep our arms open so the senders have a chance to achieve their aim. I don't intend to be a kill-joy.

It's the same thing on the national level or the international level. If a man running for office didn't have somebody who needed help, he wouldn't have enough planks in his platform to stand on, and very few candidates could think of any reason for running. If every nation in the world suddenly informed the United States everything in their countries was in fine shape and they wouldn't be needin' any more help, this nation would be as lonesome as a country dog when the folks have all gone visitin'.

As far as I'm concerned, Christmas is a fine institution and I'm in favor of more of em. Maybe not too close together, but the idea of abolishin' em altogether is ridiculous.

Maybe givin' is sometimes overdone, especially for the people who've already got nearly everything they need, but the idea of givin' is sound and we don't want to do anything to discourage it.

I just want to say I sure have enjoyed writin' for The Stanton Reporter this year and while it was a sacrifice lots of times to be sittin' leanin' against a tree



WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

FORMER GOVERNOR

HORIZONTAL

1, 6 Pictured former governor

11 Chest of drawers

12 Eats away

14 Poem

15 Signify

18 Anger

19 Scent

21 Descendants

22 Brain passage

23 Biblical word

25 Rock

26 Exchange

27 Worries

28 Medical suffix

29 Boy's nickname

30 Dinner course

33 Tumults

37 Designs

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45 He governed (ab.)

46 Sounds

48 Pedal digit

49 Annoyed

51 Turn back

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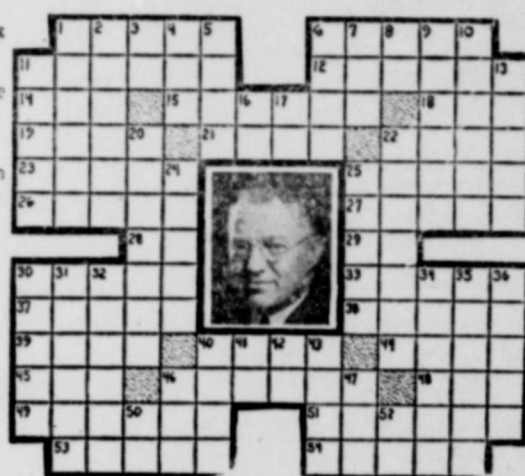
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VERTICAL

1 Vessel part

2 Interstice

Here's the Answer



Ten Word INTELLIGRAM

Check correct word.

1. The Grand Canyon is in (Arizona) (Nevada).
2. "My cup runneth over" is in Psalm (23) (44).
3. (Magellan) (Balboa) named the Pacific Ocean.
4. The giraffe (does) (does not) utter sounds.
5. (Three) (four) children of Henry VIII sat on the English throne.
6. Aelurophobia is a morbid fear of (nightmares) (cats).
7. There are (several) (no) volcanoes in Alaska.
8. Ice (is) (is not) heavier than water.
9. (Polk) (Taylor) succeeded Tyler to the presidency in 1845.
10. The romance languages are derived from (Greek) (Latin).

Check your answers, scoring yourself 10 points for each correct choice. A score of 0-20 is poor; 30-60, average; 70-80, superior; 90-100, very superior.

Decoded Intelligram

1-Arizona. 2-23. 3-Magellan. 4-Does not. 5-Three. 6-Cats. 7-Several. 8-Is not. 9-Polk. 10-Latin.

with a pencil and tablet when I could have been on my tractor going up one row and down another addin' to the surplus, enlightenment has to keep pace with material progress and a pencil is easier to sharpen than a plow point.

Merry Christmas to you and all your readers.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

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Snooter Knows

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ter back into the lap of the Martin County Water District to proceed to carry on its organization. The legal publication appearing in The Stanton Reporter for an election to name new directors is the first step to be taken looking toward the Water District to resume its operations at the point where it was stalled by the injunction suit.



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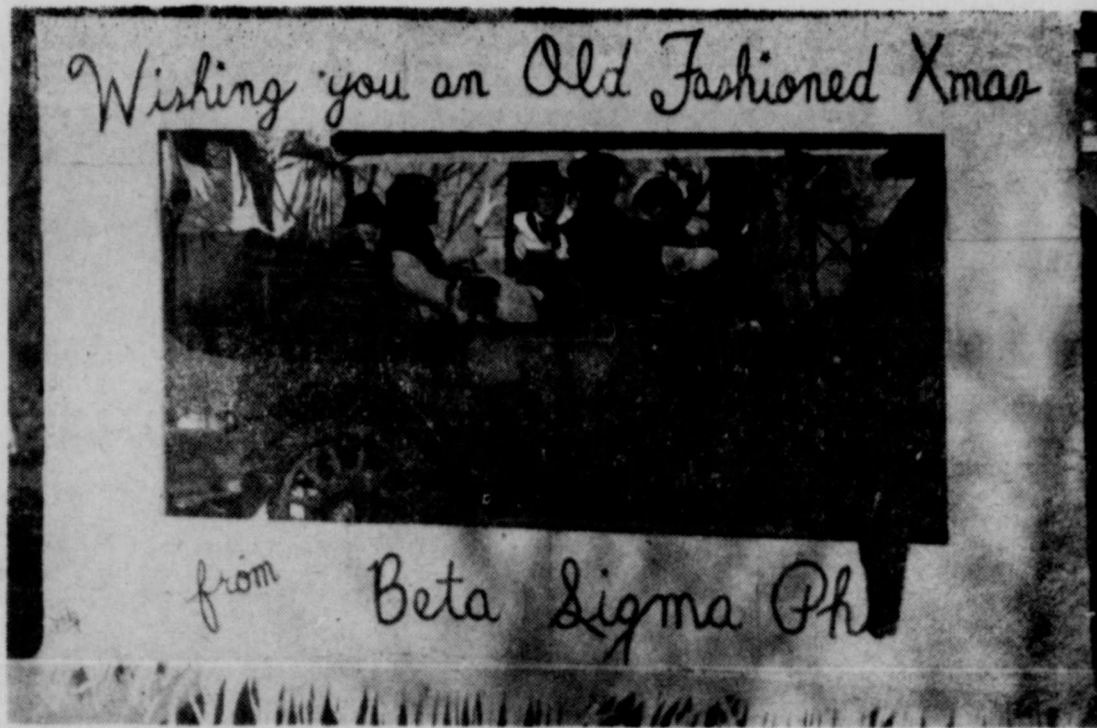


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CHRISTMAS CARD FLOAT—Beta Sigma Phi's "Christmas Card" float attracted the "ohs" and "ahs" of the multitudes as it traversed downtown streets in the Santa Claus parade held December 10 in Stanton. It was one of a number of beautifully decorated floats entered in the procession, which was led by the military band from Webb Air Force Base. A near-record crowd was on hand to witness the Christmas spectacle.

James Jones Spends 47th Christmas In 'Old Home Town'

Last week Stanton and Martin County went through a period of achievements accomplished by both boy and girl members of the 4-H Clubs. The boy and girl winners of the Gold Star awards were named. Now, this week, Stanton and Martin County come up with an individual whose record of achievement, although in a different line, is due the presentation of a gold medal. His achievement record is one of spending 47 Christmas Days at home — right here in Stanton.

James Jones, one of the owners of the James Jones Hardware and Appliance, first saw the light of day in 1906. He was born at Altus, Okla., the son of Wilmer and Pinkie Jones. The parents had moved into the then Greer County, Okla., in search of a piece of land on which to homestead. They moved Texas way after a few years, and young James landed in Stanton with his parents in 1906.

From that date to the present, the family has lived in Stanton. The father, Wilmer Jones, died here several years ago. The mother still resides here.

Another One Here, Too

"I have spent 46 Christmas Days in my home town of Stan-

ton—never been away on Christmas Day. I have no intention now of spending this Christmas Day — the 47th — any other place than Stanton," Jones said.

Jones could not remember any special incident that happened to him on any of his 46 Christmas Days he has spent at home in Stanton. He did relate an incident that occurred, but not on Christmas Day, but which did take place on a certain day in one of the 46 Christmas years. He said he and Guy Eiland were waiting for a group of hunters to come along to join them on a hunting trip. During the interval of wait, Eiland remarked to Jones he would throw his hat into the air and bet Jones he couldn't hit it. The banter was accepted. The blast of the gun attracted the attention of the city marshal who made post haste for the point of the explosion. Jones said he was arrested and made to pay a fine. As to sending a charge in the hat, Jones said he could not remember for sure.

Business Career Cited

Jones worked as a clerk for the J. L. Hall Drug Store and in the Home National Bank, which then was in operation.

His first introduction into the business world for himself in 1925, opening with a small stock of men's furnishing, later to be added a tailor shop and clothes cleaning shop. The shop was located in the building where the Eat Shop is now situated.

In 1941, Jones entered the hardware and appliance business in Stanton, which enterprise he still operates.

He has served Stanton as city councilman, president of the Lions Club, and has been active in the commercial, civic and religious life of the community.

Returns to Quanah

Mrs. Neva Brooks has returned to her home in Quanah, after a ten day visit with her sister, Mrs. James E. Kelly.

Seattle, Washington, is farther north than Nova Scotia.



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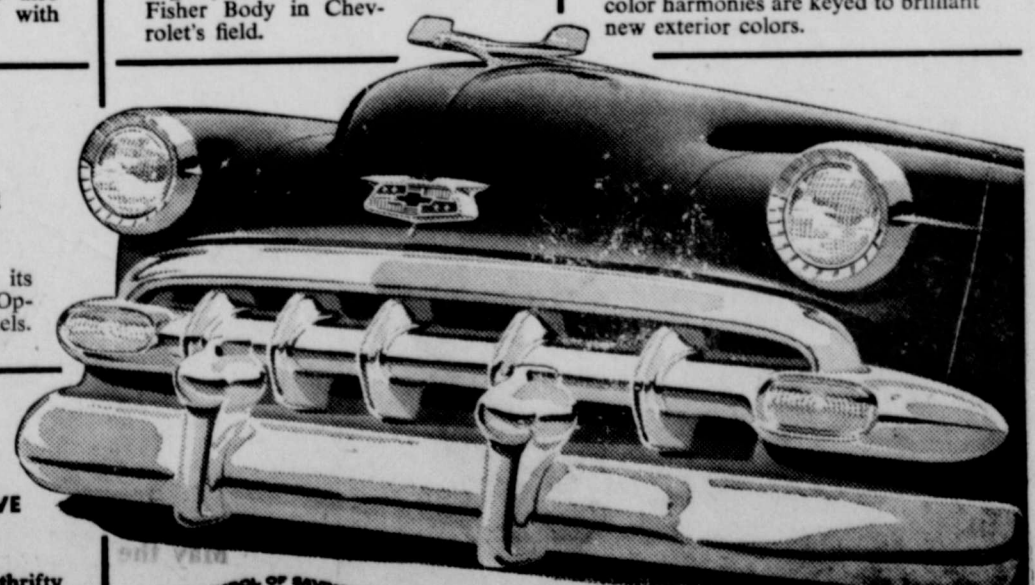
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Xi Alpha Beta Entertained At Yuletide Dinner

Miniature Christmas trees accented foursome tables when members of the Xi Alpha Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met for a Yuletide dinner.

Mrs. J. C. Sale was hostess to the group Thursday at her ranch home.

The serving table was laid with a white linen banquet cloth, and held an arrangement of greenery and multi-colored balls in

wrought iron, flanked with four large, white candles.

Gifts were exchanged from the gaily lighted Christmas tree. Those attending were Billie Estes, Joyce Woody, Hallie Sale, Mary Haislip, Cora Kelly, Mildred Eiland, Dorothy Deavenport, Mamie Bolen, Mary Rogers, Polly Talton, Sammie Laws, Louise Stallings, Irene Long, Jen-do Turner, Mary Prudie Brown, Mary Kathryn Bristow, June Reid, LaNelle Davis, Doralene Robnett, Mary Orace Latimer and Naomi Hedrick of Baird.

Two Lenorah Lads To Enter Fat Steers In Houston Stock Show

Roy Koonce and Bobby Carlile, Lenorah Future Farmers of America members, have entered Hereford steers in the Junior Division of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, February 3-14.

Including a World Championship Rodeo program with Hollywood entertainers, the annual stock show features an auction of ribbon winning steers to benefit the farm youth of Texas.

Texas Future Farmers last year netted \$319,431.45 from their livestock and poultry sales with ribbon winning steers selling for an average of \$4.8 cents a pound. The prize Hereford at the 1953 festival brought \$18,800 to its owner.

The fat steer entry deadline is January 31. This year's judge is John Burns, a livestock and ranch consultant from Fort Worth.

Story Behind Recent 'Rediscovery' Of Sesame Is Related

The story behind the recent "rediscovery" of the ancient oilseed plant, sesame, is featured in the December, 1953, issue of TOPICS, Texas and Pacific Railway's company magazine.

The article recalls that although sesame nourished Asian people centuries before Christ, just recently has intensive experimentation at the Texas Research Foundation at Renner, perfected the plant for large scale commercial cultivation.

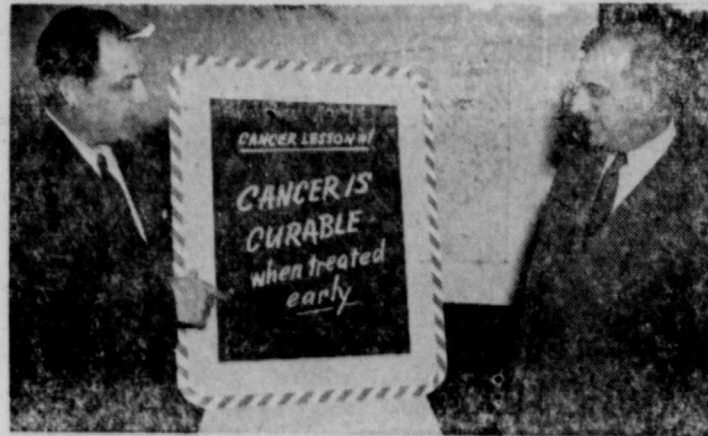
Sesame's attractions as a new short term, cash crop are its capacity to thrive under drouth conditions due to a large tap root and a well-developed root system, and its resistance, so far, to insects and plant diseases.

According to the railroad magazine, there was this problem to be overcome before the plant could be acceptable as a money-making crop: "Pods low on the stem of the sesame plant . . . ripened while the top of the plant was still flowering, which made it necessary to harvest the crop by hand."

Semi-Shattering Strain

Dr. Earl H. Collister, plant breeder at the Texas Research Foundation, worked five years to develop an improved semi-shattering strain of sesame which matures uniformly long the stalk so that it can be harvested with conventional farm machinery.

TOPICS recounts the careful groundwork laid for the first extensive sowing of the semi-shattering sesame, which was



"CANCER CAN BE CURED"—Lt. Gov. Ben Ramsey hears from Steve R. Wilhelm, left, during Texas Cancer Crusade kick-off ceremonies at the State Capitol. Mr. Wilhelm, Houston radio and advertising executive, told how cancer caused him to lose his voice in 1949. He has since learned how to speak without vocal chords. "Supporting the American Cancer Society, during its April Cancer Crusade, will help to save lives, and may include your own," he said.

staged in the Paris, Texas, area by 30 progressive farmers who formed themselves into a group called the Texas Sesame Seed Growers Association. They, in turn, worked with more than 200 additional selected growers who signed up this year to devote from five to ten acres to sesame.

The good profits netted by the farmers participating in this demonstration planting indicates that sesame might some day even rival cotton as a cash crop. In its conclusion, the article suggests that much of the acreage made available by the expected limited cotton quotas in 1954 might be devoted to sesame.

Save with Owl Stamps on purchases at your local merchants. (Adv.)

Benjamin Franklin is said to have introduced the broom in America.

San Angelo Coach Addresses Stanton Football Banquet

The character-building aspects of football and other sports were emphasized by Coach Max Baumgardner of San Angelo College in addressing the annual football banquet here Thursday night.

More than 100 persons attended the function given by the Stanton Athletic Association in honor of the Stanton High School football team of 1953.

Baumgardner, who was introduced by Lloyd Henson, lauded the Stanton Buffaloes on their achievements of the past season, and said the players all are better off physically, mentally and morally, as a result of their having participated in high school sports.

He also discussed sportsmanship and cited interesting experiences encountered during his high school, college and professional-playing career.

James Biggs, president of the football booster club, presided at the banquet.

Coach Melvin Robertson introduced the members of his football team who, in turn, introduced their dates.

The association expressed appreciation to Mrs. Pat Oren and members of her high school typing class for preparing and serving the banquet.

Friendship Class Holds Yule Party

The Friendship Class of the Baptist Church observed the Christmas season with a party in the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Cleaver. Mrs. Belva Shoemaker, was co-hostess.

Games furnished entertainment for the evening and Mrs. Katherine Wiedel gave the Christmas Story from the second chapter of Luke.

Plans also were completed for a Christmas box.

The party rooms were decorated with evergreen and the traditional Christmas tree.

Following the exchange of gifts, coffee, hot cocoa, fruit cake and candy were served to: Mrs. Loene White, Mrs. Irene Long, Mrs. Jean Nowlin, Mrs. Mae Freeman, Mrs. Margalite Wren, Mrs. Mildred Reynolds, Mrs. Dwain Ory, Mrs. Alba White, Mrs. Doris Stephenson, Mrs. Lillian White, Miss Elina Sprawls and Mrs. Wiedel.

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Award Texas 4-H'ers Chicago Trips



Bernardine Hoelscher, Bondell Jaster, Murray Milner, Jr., Janell Meyer

COVETED all-expense trips to the 32nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago have gone to four Lone Star State club members who have distinguished themselves in the 1953 National 4-H Canning, Farm and Home Electric, Food Preparation, and Girls' Record programs. Summaries of achievements of the state winners follow:

State honors in the 4-H Canning program for 1953 in Texas were awarded to Bernardine Hoelscher, 18, Robstown, who put up 4,927 quarts of vegetables, fruits and meats in her ten years in club work. Much of the food preserved was grown in her own 4-H garden. Kerr Glass provided her all-expense trip to the Congress.

Bernardine has been active in 4-H work in many phases, but she is especially proud of her achievements in the home canning field. Through instructions at the 4-H Club under the guidance of her leader, Mrs. Paul Wendland, she has learned the newest and most efficient methods of canning. Bernardine has her own garden and says that her canning project helps her to plan it.

Her all-around outstanding record in home economics has brought a high honor to Bondell Jaster, 16, Chilton. She has been named state winner in the 1953 4-H Girls' Record program. Her reward of a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress was provided by Montgomery Ward.

During her seven years in 4-H Club work, she has received many honors in county Dress Revenues, attaining first place in 1953. She received the County Electric Medal in 1952 and was, also, County Gold Star Girl that year. Bondell has eight demonstrations to her credit before a total attendance of 186. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jaster, have encouraged her in all her 4-H work. Her mother was a 4-H member and it had always been Bondell's dream to follow in her mother's footsteps. She has

All these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Noteworthy efforts in the 4-H Farm and Home Electric program have gathered State laurels and an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for Murray Milner, Jr., 17, of Brownwood, provided by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation. During three years in the project he has utilized electricity and electrical equipment, which has meant greater productivity on the farm.

Murray built two electrical brooders, two portable motors, six trouble lamps, and one electric stock fan, as well as repaired 70 irons, 20 fans, 6 mixers, 30 lamps, 15 motors and 20 lights. He installed 75 plugs, 50 switches, 50 fixtures, 10 floodlights and 50 air conditioners. He gave an electrical demonstration at District 8 4-H Club camp in 1951, and directed a group through the power plant of the Texas Power and Light Co.

Planning, selecting and preparing nourishing foods has been a challenge to Janell Meyer, 19, Cuero, during her nine years in 4-H Club work. Due to her outstanding record, she has been named state winner in the 4-H Food Preparation program. The trip award was provided by Kelvinton.

Janell has cooked and served 5,954 meals and prepared 1,545 dishes. In addition, she has canned 2,240 quarts of foods, and frozen 1,620 fryers.

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SOLDIERS IN KOREA PLAN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Forty-Fifth Division in Korea will give Christmas gifts to more than 600 children in a Korean orphan's home on Cheju Island. Worth of the gifts from the soldiers of the 45th Division will approximate \$50,000.



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Editor's First Recollection Of Santa Claus Was 'About 1880'

By JAMES E. KELLY

My first recollection of seeing Santa Claus was along about the year 1880. I had arrived at the age of accountability — in my language — six years old. It was my first remembrance of discovering Santa Claus with any degree of interest. The discovery came about when standing by my mother's knee she pointed out to me a picture of Santa Claus on a page of a Christmas story book. He was a white, be-whiskered, red faced, fat and short, jolly old fellow. He was seated in his sleigh, drawn by reindeer skipping over the white snow. Around the deers' bodies were sleigh bells which jingled with every move of the reindeer. But what impressed me most was the pack Santa carried on his back, and the toys protruding from it. My face lit up when I saw a wooden train, red wagon, ice skates, and a little red sled—four toys I was very much carried away with. Mother told me if I were a good little boy, Santa Claus might bring them to me for Christmas.

Santa and His Reindeer
Mother said Santa Claus would come from his home in Toyland, at the North Pole, Christmas Eve, with his reindeer, Dander, Prancer, Vixen, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Dasher and Comet, pulling his sleigh, packed with Christmas gifts for all the good little boys and girls. He would come down the chimney, she

said, and fill my stockings, hanging at the foot of the bed, with candy, nuts, and an orange. He would hang my gifts on the Christmas tree or place them under it.

Mother's remark that Santa Claus would come down the chimney with my presents was a little puzzling. The chimney on my house was a galvanized pipe affair not big enough for me to crawl down. Entering the home of my little neighbor playmate it seemed possible for Santa Claus to accomplish because the chimney was one to a large fireplace. But the remark made to mother, "Yes, but how can Santa Claus get down the chimney without getting soot all over himself," turned her conversation quickly to other things about Christmas.

Christmas Eve finally came to a little six-year-old boy, who had been told so much about Christmas and who had been looking at Santa Claus and pretty gifts in store windows. It was difficult to get to bed and to sleep. If Santa saw even one of my eyes open he wouldn't leave me a present, mother had told me.

For a six-year-old boy who had been sampling fruit cake, cookies and mince pies, and licking pans all day, it was a Herculean effort to be quiet enough to go to sleep.

Church Christmas Party
This little boy also had visited the Christmas tree ceremony held Christmas Eve at the combined school house and church building. The tree glistened with tinsel foil decorations and sparkled with lighted candles.

Presents hung on the Christmas tree and on the floor under it. Many mosquito bar stockings filled with candy, nuts, and fruit, were on the tree. There was a stocking for every child, and this six-year-old boy was there to say "here" when his name was called. My eyes were almost ready to leave their sock-

ets as I looked at the many gifts on the tree and wondered which one was mine. It was an exciting evening. But finally we made it off to slumberland.

Creeping out of bed at an early hour Christmas morning and going to the fireplace where my stocking hung from the mantle, my eyes fell on a tin horn—one of those "one-tone" horns, which, when you blew it sent the dishes in the china closet trembling and the ear drums of the parents to close in deafness.

Little Red Wagon

Under the tree I found my little red wagon, wooden train, and the surprise gift of my life — a rocking horse with white mane and tail, saddle and stirrups. That gift for the time being almost made me lose sight of the other things Santa Claus had brought me. That rocking horse was an object that drew into my home all my little playmates, who, one at a time, and sometimes two at a time rode "Nick," named for "St. Nicholas."

Bedlam reigned Christmas Day throughout my house as my playmates came to see what Santa had brought me. They brought along some of their gifts to show me.

It was a frazzled-nerved mother when Christmas Day ended. Putting up with the noise of happy, shouting children, and preparing turkey and all trimmings for Christmas dinner, mother was ready for bed when the sun set in the West.

There have been few, if any, changes in the general Christmas and Santa Claus procedures since that time. The boys and girls of Stanton will have about the same joyous experiences in this good year of 1953. They will enjoy the merry-making and the thrills and excitement of this Christmas Day.

Christmas Still Christmas

This Christmas Day, however, the little six-year-old boys and girls are living in the age of electricity for lights, instead of coal

SNOW BLANKETED COUNTY ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1939

Thumbing through the musty newspaper files of The Stanton Reporter we found published in the issue of December 29, 1939, the headline set in 90-point wood type, "SNOW BLANKETS COUNTY." According to the story the snowfall ranged from three to six inches deep on the ground. Oldtimers at the time scratched their heads to stir up recollections of a date at Christmas time when the county was visited with such snow. All the oldtimers agreed they had not experienced anything like it in 25 years.

The snow began falling on Christmas eve and continued at intervals all Christmas Day. Temperature stood at 30 degrees Christmas morning.

oil lamps and lanterns; automobiles, trucks, fast trains and 600-mile per hour airplanes, instead of horse-drawn vehicles and other slow modes of transportation. Conditions have changed as have the toys but Christmas still is Christmas.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the little six-year-old in Stanton and Martin County. May we expand that wish to include all the grownups in the county, too.



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Stanton Rebekahs Hold Christmas Party

The Stanton Rebekah Lodge 287 held its annual Christmas party Monday night in the IOOF Hall, following a short business session.

A Yule theme was featured in decorations, and gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christ-

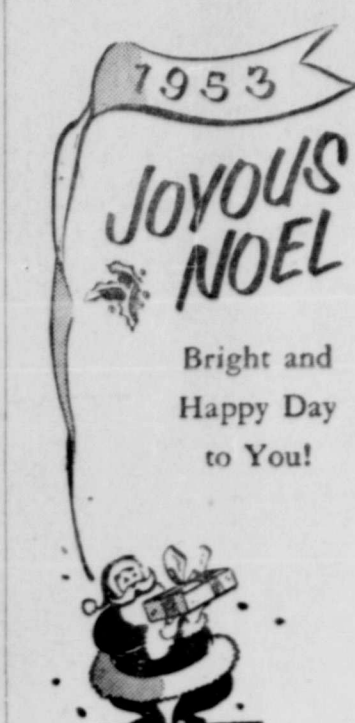
mas tree. The group sang, "Silent Night." Refreshments were served to 35 members and guests.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "In the White House you do not live; you are just Exhibit A."



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LATIMER MOBIL SERVICE

Buffalo Trail Boy Scout Banquet Will Be Held In Snyder

The thirty first annual meeting and banquet of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in Snyder, January 28, P. V. Thorsin, council executive, announced. The annual event will be held in the new high school building with the business session scheduled at 4:30 p. m. and the banquet at 6:30 p. m.

H. W. Lewman of Dallas, regional Scout executive, will be the principal speaker.

A committee on attendance, headed by Wayne Miller of Odessa, now is at work promoting attendance of some 400 persons. Ladies will be especially welcome at the banquet. Tickets will be available from district Scout executives and from district chairmen of each of the Council's nine districts, covering seventeen counties of West Texas.

District Chairmen Listed

The districts and their chairmen are: Buffalo Hide, includ-

VISITORS FROM FT. WORTH

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hart of Fort Worth will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. William Counts and family.

ing Scurry and Borden Counties, Myron Roe; Pecos Valley, Reeves and Loving Counties, Charles Fitzgerald, Jr.; El Centro, Midland County, the Rev Clyde Lindsley; Lone Wolf, Mitchell County, J. M. Moore; East, Stonewall, Fisher and Nolan counties, Clay Reeves; Lone Star, Howard, Martin, Glasscock and Sterling Counties, Will J. Sheppard; Keystone, Winkler County, G. L. McGuire; Black Gold, Ector and Andrews Counties, W. T. Barrett; and Arrowhead, Ward County, G. D. O'Quinn.

Lyle Deffebach of Snyder, council president, will preside at the business session, and will serve as toastmaster at the banquet.

An acre of forest releases more moisture into the atmosphere, than an acre of water.



GRAND CHAMPION—Top honors at the International Livestock Exposition, held recently in Chicago, went to "Lone Star," 1050-pound, white-faced Hereford steer, owned by 18-year-old Sue White of Big Springs, Tex. When Jess Andrew, president of the exposition, announced "Lone Star" Grand Champion of the show, Sue cried. But in photo above she is far from tearful as she is about to accept the prize ribbon from Andrew.

Mrs. Bryan Presents Rythm Band In Christmas Recital Here

Mrs. O. B. Bryan presented her Rythm Band in a Christmas recital Friday night in the First Methodist Church.

The following program was presented:

Rythm Band selections: "Oh Suzana," "Lazy Mary," "Lucy Lockett," "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman," and "Rudolph".

Readings: Kay Bryan, "Logical Jim"; Linda Brice, "When I Am Happy"; Beth Biggs, "Daddy's Girl"; Guy Brown, "My Little Pony"; Alma Nell Mashburn, "Modern Nursery Rhymes"; Linda Manning, "My Little Ball"; Gayle Leonard, "Grasshoppers Can Jump"; Brenda Standefer, "A Bow of Ribbon"; Larry White, "Five Little Dogs".

Songs by the class: "Georgia Porgie," "A Birdie," "Horace the Horse," "Old Mother Hubbard", and "All I Want for Christmas".

Duet: Mrs. Bryan and Kay

Bryan, "On a Christmas Morning".

Piano duet: Mrs. Bryan and Kay, "May Day".

Song: Linda Brice, Beth Biggs, Alma Nell Mashburn, Linda Manning, Gayle Leonard, Nelda Carr, Larry White, Debbie Leonard, Brenda Standefer, Larry Haggard and Guy Brown, "Three Little Kittens".

Christmas reading: Class, "Santa and the Mouse".

Other members of the band include Lana Brice, James Mashburn, Kerry Stevens, Paula and Jimmy Cook, Robert Roten, Karl Herzog, Kay White, Larry and Virgil Pittman, Kathy Biggs, Tim Bristow, Nancy Hursh, Sandy Smith, Scherry Avery, Cindy Daniels, Jerry Ann and James Webb, Rita Jean Knight, Judy McMorries, Ronnie Wheeler, Butch Robnett, George Gentry, Terry Carr, and Johnnie Wells.

MISTLETOE IS BIG BUSINESS IN EDEN

The Eden Echo says: The mistletoe, known as a parasite on various trees and gearing glaucous white berries, is proving to be big business here in Eden.

A check this week on the business establishment of R. W. Elliott & Sons, a firm that makes its business that of paying people good money for the parasites on our trees, will soon convince one that it has certainly brought a lot of money to Eden.

The Elliott mistletoe business which is very short lived due to the once-a-year demand for

mistletoe, is employing some 18 women and girls in packing and sorting of mistletoe, which is being shipped to New York state where it brings a premium price at Christmastime.

The business not only employs the some 18 women, but has paid out hundreds of dollars for the product which has been gathered by farmers, ranchers and town-folks as well and at the same time rid our trees of the parasites.

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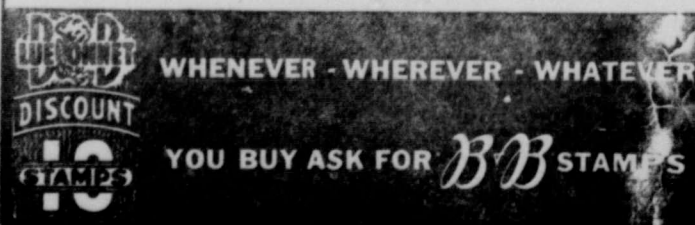
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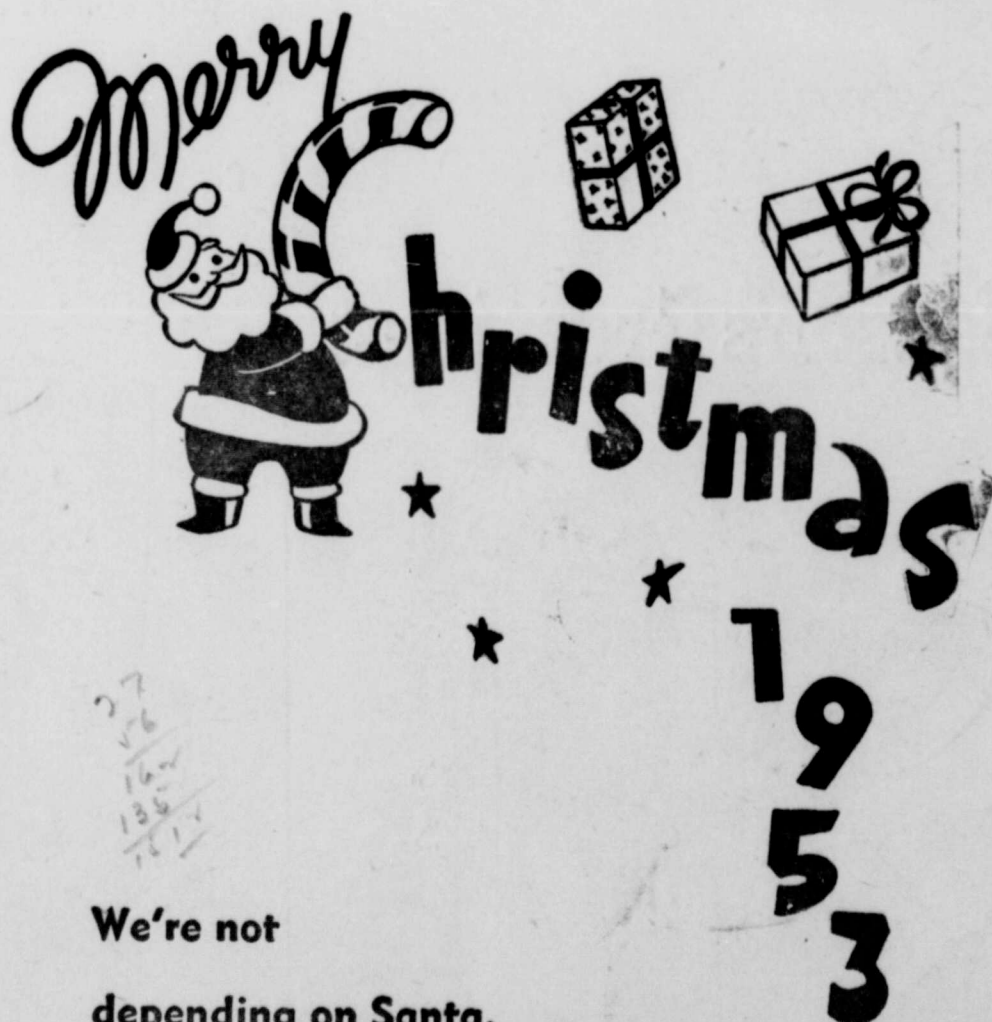
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THE STANTON REPORTER, THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1953



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H. H. PADGETTS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Padgett entertained a few friends at a Yule party Monday evening in their home.

Games of "42" were played, and gifts exchanged from the Christmas tree.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in Christmas motif.

Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Atchison, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boyce and sons, Robert and Royce, Mrs. Johnie Rhodes and Mrs. Alta Henson.



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Legal Notice

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for constructing a Four-Unit Equipment Storage Shed in Stanton, Texas on State Highway No. 137, covered by M-6-H-8, in Martin County, will be received at the Highway Department, District Office in Pecos, until 10:00 A. M., January 5, 1954, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with the provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained and set forth in the proposal the wage rates, for each craft or type of workman or mechanic need to execute the work on above named project, now prevailing in the locality in which the work is to be performed, and the Contractor shall pay not less than these wage rates as shown in the proposal for each craft or type of laborer, workman or mechanic employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates.

Plans and specifications available at the office of G. T. Orenbaum, Sr., Res. Engr., Midland, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Pecos. Usual rights reserved. Dec. 24-31.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MARTIN

TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED TAX PAYING ELECTORS OF MARTIN COUNTY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUMBER ONE:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 12th day of January, 1954, within said District, in obedience to an order of the Board of Directors of said District made on the 30th day of November, 1953, which said Order is made a component part of this notice. Such order is in words and figures as follows:

ORDER FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MARTIN

WHEREAS, under the terms of Article 7880-38a of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended, the terms of all of the present directors of the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 expire on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1954;

AND, WHEREAS, it is incumbent under the law for the present directors of the said District to call an election for such date for the election of directors in each precinct of such District as now constituted;

And, whereas, by order duly entered in the minutes of the Board of Directors of such district, the boundaries of the five precincts of the said district were altered and changed, and that each of the present precincts are within the respective areas described by metes and bounds as follows:

PRECINCT NUMBER ONE

BEGINNING at the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 8, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE along the half section line approximately 2 miles

to the NW corner of the South 1/2 of Section 7, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 3.1 miles to the Martin County line;

THENCE eastward along the South Martin County line approximately 1.1 miles to a point where such South Martin County line intersects the East Section line of Sec. 30, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE North along Section lines to the NE corner of the South 1/2 of Section 30, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Eastward along the half section line to the SW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 29, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along the half section line approximately 1 1/2 miles to the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 20, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Eastward along section lines 1 1/2 miles to the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 17, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 1 1/2 miles to place of beginning.

PRECINCT NUMBER TWO

BEGINNING at the NE corner of the South 1/2 of Section 12, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Westward along the half section line approximately 3 miles to the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 10, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Southward along section line approximately 1/2 mile to the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 10, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 2 miles to the NE corner of Sec. 15, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Southward along section line approximately 2 miles to the South Martin County line;

THENCE Eastward following the South Martin County line to a point in the East Section line of Sec. 25, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S; where said South Martin County line intersects such section line;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 3.1 miles to the place of beginning.

PRECINCT NUMBER THREE

BEGINNING at the NE corner of Sec. 34, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the NW corner of Sec. 34, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 4 1/2 miles to the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 10, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Eastward along half section lines approximately 5 miles to the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 8, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 1/2 mile to the NE corner of Sec. 8, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Westward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the NW corner of Sec. 8, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 1 1/2 miles to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 43, Block 36, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along half section line approximately 1 mile to the NW corner of SW 1/4 of Section 43, Block 36, Township 1-N;

THENCE Northward along section line approximately 1/2 mile to the NW corner of Sec. 43, Block 36, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along section lines approximately 1/2 mile to the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 48, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along half section line 1 mile to the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 48, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Eastward along section line 1/2 mile to the SE corner of Section 48, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section line approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 6, Block 36, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Westward along section line approximately 1 mile to the NW corner of Sec. 12, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along section line approximately 3 miles to the NE corner of Sec. 38, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along section line 1 mile to the NW corner of Sec. 38, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the place of beginning.

PRECINCT NUMBER FOUR

BEGINNING at the NW corner of Sec. 7, Block 38, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 3 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 18, Block 38, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 3 miles

to the SW corner of Sec. 30, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 2 miles to the SW corner of Section 42, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Eastward along section line approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 41, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 44, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 45, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 4, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Section 3, Block 37, Tsp. 1-S;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 4 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 27, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 1 mile to the SW corner of Sec. 26, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 3 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 11, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along section lines approximately 7 miles to the point of beginning.

PRECINCT NUMBER FIVE

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of league 320 of the Garza County School Land Survey in Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Southward along section lines, approximately 8 miles to the SE corner of League 325 of the La Salle County School Land Survey in Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Westward approximately 1.2 miles along the South boundary line of League 325 of the LaSalle County School Land Survey in Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Southward approximately 1/4 mile to a point in the North boundary line of Sec. 3, Block 38, Tsp. 1-N of Gunter, Munson, Maddox Bros. and Anderson Survey, Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Eastward along section line approximately 0.2 miles to the NW corner of Sec. 2, Block 38, Township 1-N of Gunter, Munson, Maddox Bros. and Anderson Survey, Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Southward along section lines approximately 2 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 1, Block 38, Tsp. 1-N of Gunter, Munson, Maddox Bros. and Anderson Survey, Martin County, Texas.

THENCE Eastward along section lines approximately 7 miles to the SE corner of Section 10, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately one mile to the NE corner of Sec. 10, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Westward along section lines approximately 3 miles to the SW corner of Sec. 5, Block 37, Tsp. 1-N;

THENCE Northward along section lines approximately 7.75 miles to the NW corner of Sec. 132, Block A, R. E. Montgomery Survey, Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Westward along the North boundary line of the R. E. Montgomery Survey approximately 1.25 miles to the SW corner of Survey 321 of the Rusk County School land in Martin County, Texas;

THENCE Northward along the West boundary line of Survey 321 of the Rusk County School Land to the NW corner of the said Survey 321 of Rusk County School Land;

THENCE Westward along the North boundary line of the Wheeler County School Land until it meets with the North Boundary line of the Garza County School Land and then along the North Boundary Line of the Garza County School Land to the place of beginning.

Note: All of the lands above mentioned and described lie and are situated in Martin County, Texas, and all of the sections mentioned and described above in the above metes and bounds descriptions lie in the T. & P. Railway Company Survey in Martin County, Texas, except where specifically designated otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered by the Board of Directors of the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One that an election be held on the second Tuesday in January, 1954, and in the said Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One as now constituted, for the election of Directors for each of the 5 precincts above described.

Said election shall be held at the Courtney School House within said District, and the following named persons are hereby

appointed officers at said election:

Bruce Frazier,
Presiding Judge
Mrs. Bruce Frazier,
Assistant Judge
E. W. Holcomb,
Clerk
Roland Myrick,
Assistant Clerk

Any person duly qualified to hold the office of Director and desiring his name upon the ballot of such election shall make application therefor to A. T. Angel, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, at least 10 days prior to the date of said election;

That ballots be prepared for such election in the manner such ballots are prepared for voting for precinct offices in the County at general elections, and each voter shall vote only for the director of the precinct in which the said voter is a qualified voter.

NONE but legally qualified voters of this State and of Martin County, and who are residents within the said District, and a property tax-payer therein shall be entitled to vote at said election.

NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION shall be given in the manner and form required by Article 7880-25 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by causing such notice to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Stanton Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation published in Martin County, the County in which such District is located, with the first publication thereof to be at least 21 days prior to the election and not more than 35 days prior thereto; such notice to be signed by the President and Secretary of the said District.

THIS NOTICE is issued and given by the undersigned pursuant to the aforesaid order, and by authority of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto sign our names officially this 15th day of December, 1953.

A. E. PITTMAN,
President of Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One.

A. T. Angel,
Secretary of Martin County Underground Water Conservation District Number One.

Dec. 17-24-53

JUNE GRAHAMS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. June Graham announce the arrival of Clay Wilson December 20, at the Martin County Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and five ounces. Mrs. Ruby Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes are the grandparents.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Clay, Mary Beth, Jack and Sunny Lynn, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keen of Odessa, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Atchison, here over the weekend.

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Merry Christmas

May Your Holiday be a Glad One

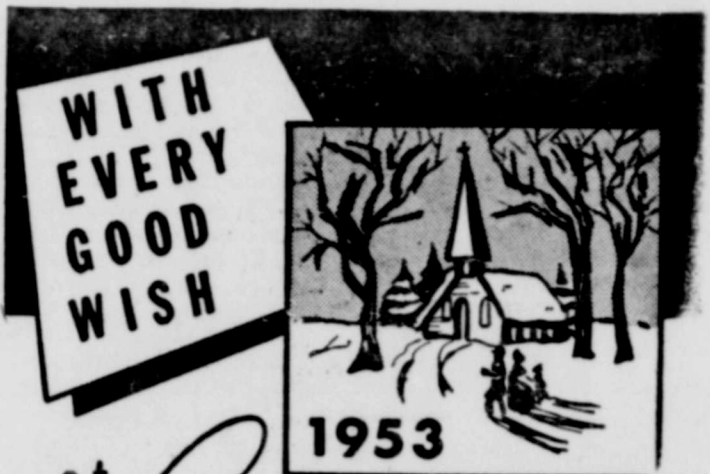
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

NOTE: Santa has received some letters unsigned, some signatures weren't clear enough to read the name. These Santa letters are omitted from publication. Please sign all letters and make the signature clear

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll buggy but I don't want one like I had two years ago. I want a View-Master and some reels. Then I want some house shoes. I have been a good little girl.

Linda Louder

P.S.: I hope I see you Christmas.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old. I have a sister name Sharla, who is one year old. Please bring me a doll as big as Sharla, a little iron and ironing board. Bring Sharla a baby doll and set of blocks.

We have been nice girls so please come see us.

Thank you
Shelia Richardson

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a shoe shine box. I want an Indian suit. I want a barnyard, a tent, a pair of Western gloves and some Lincoln logs.

Love
Smitty

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 10, 1953

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little three-year-old. I want you to bring me a doll, some doll clothes, and a doll buggy. I'll be watching for Rudolph Christmas night.

Love
Kathy Biggs

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old.

Please bring me a Tiny Tear Doll in suitcase, wagon, set of dishes, and please don't forget to fill my stocking.

I love you Santa, do you love me?

Love
Cindy Britton
Stanton, Texas

Stanton, Texas
Dec. 10, 1953

Dear Santa Claus:

I've tried to be a good little

girl all year. I'm five years old.

Please bring me a doll, a little girl's sewing machine, leather jacket, and a Bible. I sure did like the candy you gave me at the parade.

Lots of love
Beth Biggs

Lenorah, Texas
Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Santa:

We are twin boys four-years-old. Will you please bring us a tricycle each, a play stove and some pans so we can play cook; some Roman candles and sparklers; also some fruit, nuts and candy.

We love you
Pat and Mike Springer

Martin Countians' Kin Wins Award As 'Friend Of Boy'

News of the selection by the Midland Optimist Club of Mrs. Inez Luce of Midland as that city's "Friend of the Boy" for 1953, attracted unusual interest in Martin County.

Mrs. Luce, visiting teacher for the Midland Independent School District, is a sister of Mrs. J. B. Harvard and Mrs. Jim Webb of Stanton and Mrs. Mamie Foreman of Lenorah, and is well known here.

Mrs. Luce received the club's annual award for her outstanding service to youth. Each year the award is given to some person who has made a contribution to the welfare, education, recreation or religion of Midland boys "over and beyond the call of duty."

In presenting the award, John Grimland, club president said, "Mrs. Luce's one purpose in life seems to be to help boys and girls improve themselves. She feels this can be done only through education."

Mrs. Luce has been connected with the Midland public schools the last nine years.

Black Widow Spider Bite

Mrs. Bob Cox, residing on the ranch near Hico, was bitten last week by a Black Widow Spider. She was rushed to a Hico hospital for treatment. After suffering several very painful days, she has recovered and feeling fine. Mrs. Cox, is the former Jo Jon Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall of Stanton.

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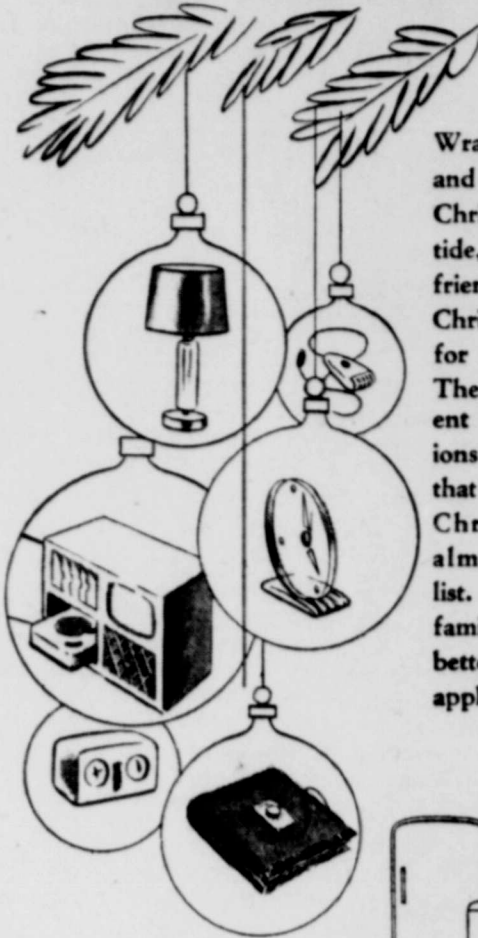
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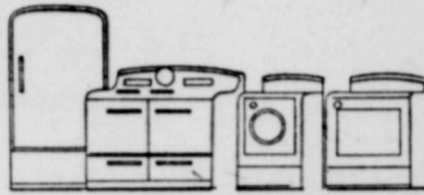
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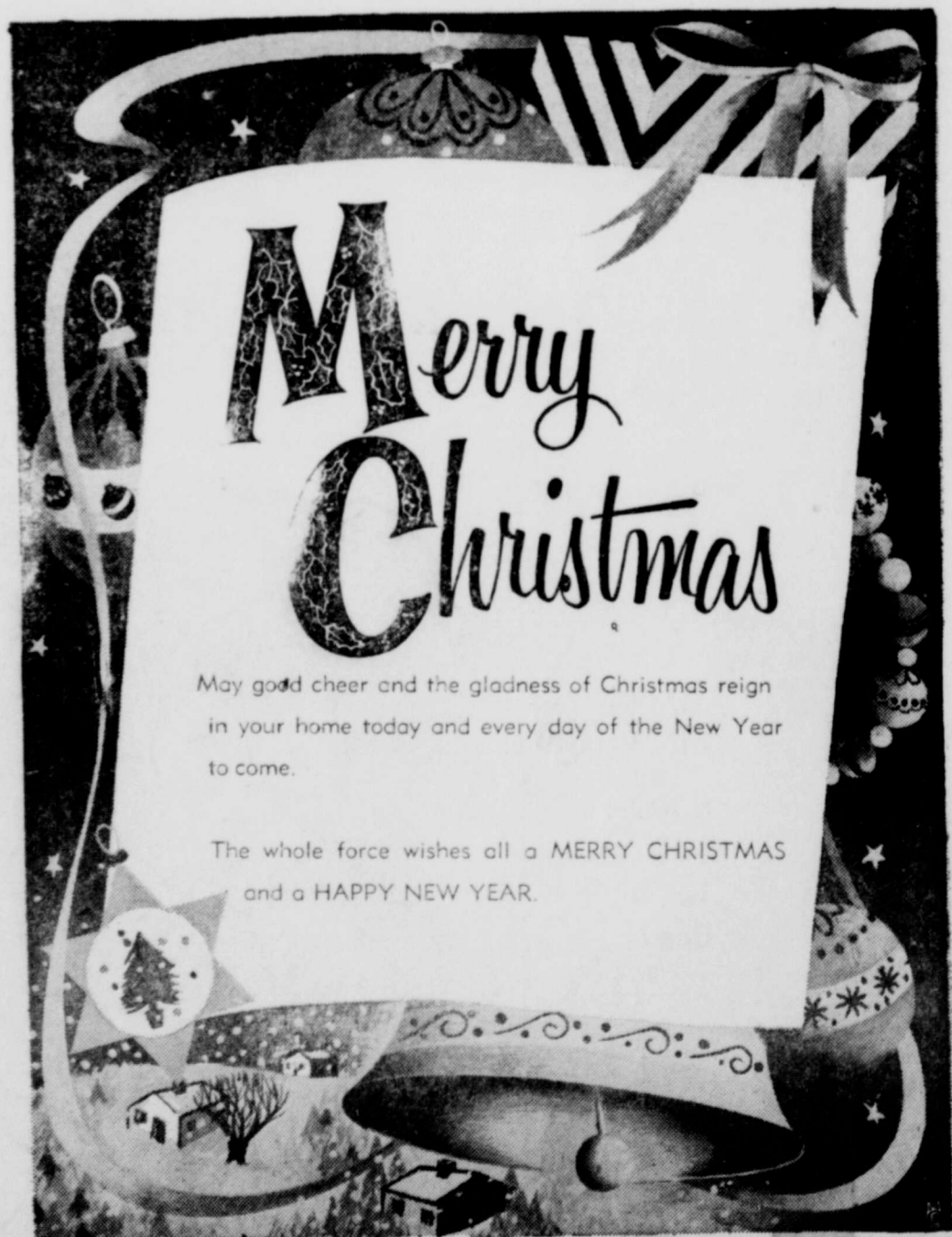
Wrap up years of pleasure and convenience in electrical Christmas gifts this Yuletide, and your family and friends will remember this Christmas with happiness for a long time to come. There are so many different electrical gift suggestions from which to choose that you'll find a gleaming Christmas appliance for almost everyone on your list. This year make your family and friends a gift of better living with electrical appliances.



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STANTON SCHOOL NEWS

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EDITORIAL

My Christmas wish to everyone is this: "May your Christmas be the brightest one ever, may all your troubles disappear, all your wishes come true, and all the happiness in the world be yours."

Christmas is a holiday celebrated around the world by all people. It isn't held on December 25 by all people and it isn't celebrated in the same way by everyone, but it is Christmas. It has the same meaning to all, a day of joy for the birth of the Christ Child; a day of love for all men.

To the children, the arrival of Santa Claus is the time of ultimate joy. Santa Claus and his reindeer have lived on top of the world for a long time and have brought joy to millions of boys and girls for centuries. Santa Claus in a tweed suit and top coat carrying warm clothing and good food can put a light in the eyes of many children who do not know a Santa Claus in a red suit and long white whiskers.

The Bible passage, "Peace on earth, good will to men," is a wonderful phrase to apply to our present world; even as it was when Christ was born. Peace on earth, the hope and prayer of all people. "Good will to men." We may not be able to say that all people in our world today make that wish, but those of us who do, make it so fervently that the hatred of the others cannot possibly dim our love and prayer for the people who need them most.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FIFTH GRADE

Linda Nichols

Dr. George O'Brien and Mr. Deaander, representatives of the Gideons International, visited the Fifth grade Thursday. They gave each pupil a New Testament. We enjoyed the visit of these Big Spring men and we appreciate the Testaments very much.

Patsy East and Pedro Arreguin have moved back to Stanton. Arvil and Arnold Fincher are our new pupils. They moved here from Lovington, New Mexico.

We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. May the real Christmas spirit live in your hearts.

SIXTH GRADE

Jean Mott

The pupils of the Sixth grade are proud of our new World map. We wish to thank our parents for helping us get it.

This is our last news until next year, so we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SENIOR CLASS FAVORITES

Angie Chesser—Senior

Jeanette Graves is our Senior Girl of the week. Besides being president of the Senior Class and co-editor of the Buffalo-Round-Up, Jeanette was elected Class Favorite. She has attended school in Stanton twelve years and has been a member of the Choral Club, F. H. A. and Math Club. Also for the last three years she has been on the honor roll every six weeks.

Jeanette is five feet, six inches tall and weighs 105 pounds. Her eyes are blue and she has brown hair. Jeanette is always neat and well-groomed. She has good taste in clothing and makes all of her clothes.

When Jeanette graduates she plans to attend Howard County Junior College and major in business.

Virgie Polson, our Senior Boy of the week, is vice president of the Senior Class and is also Class Favorite. Virgie was selected the Friendliest Boy for two years. He has lettered two years in football.

Virgie is five feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. He has blue eyes and blond hair.

When Virgie graduates he plans to join the Navy.

FAVORITES

The moment that the students of Stanton High School had looked forward to arrived Thursday morning when, at a general assembly, the favorites of the school were elected. Although it was hard to decide who should have each honor, the following students were chosen:

Best of all—Reggie Myrick, Eula Mott.

Most Athletic—Burley Polk, Nancy Glaze.

Friendliest—Jimmy Butcher, Paula Russell.

Most Popular—Mike Baulch, Shirley Shoemaker.

Most Handsome—Jimmy Henson.

Most Beautiful—Virginia Ory.

Class favorites are to be chosen at a later date. These students will have their pictures made for the annual after the holidays.

FRESHMAN NEWS

Ann Shoemaker—Freshman
The Freshman Class party was held December 19 in the home of Mary Beth Ory.

Virginia Bryant was second in 4-H clubwork. She received \$25, a pin for frozen foods, and a certificate for completing four years of clubwork. All girls who entered the dress review last Spring received certificates. Loveta Hull won a pin for having the highest grade on her dress.

Our class favorites are Jane Blissard and Bobby Shipp. Runners-up for favorite boy were Nolan Sorrels and Richard Cross.

SOPHOMORE NEWS

Mar Frances Hedrick—Soph.

The Sophomore Class really is proud of its favorites, Martha Baugh and Corky Blocker.

Names have been drawn for Christmas and everybody is ready for the Christmas tree which was to be held Wednesday, December 23.

The Sophomore Class had a meeting Tuesday to further plans for its party, which was held, December 21, in the home of Mrs. M. L. Koonce. Other mothers helping with the party were Mrs. Cecil Hedrick, Mrs. Harry Echols, Mrs. Pat Orren, Mrs. Jack Jaggers, Mrs. Walter Graves, Mrs. Elmer Mashburn, and Mrs. Joy Glaze.

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Winstead

We have 40 children in our room now. We are reading stories in our lessons, and have learned to say a few Christmas readings and sing some Christmas songs. But most of all we all are looking forward to Christmas.

Last week Mr. Baulch brought us Indian war bonnets from the Billington Motor Company, and we studied about Indians.

JUNIOR NEWS

Sarah Louder—Junior

The peak of excitement this week was trying out for the Junior Play. The name of our play is "Crashing Society," to be presented February 12. The characters are:

Adam Dunnigan, Gordon Stone, Elsie Dunnigan, Shirley Shoemaker.

George Dunnigan, Bobby Carille.

Marguerite, Elaine Hazelwood, Christabel, Linda Cathey.

Mrs. Van Witherspoon, Jimmy Henson.

Mrs. Van Witherspoon, Anna Bell Hecker.

Cyril Van Witherspoon, Jimmy Wheeler.

Scruples Scruples, Mike Baulch, Agatha Mulrooney, LaRue Angel.

Pianist, Ima Joy Williamson, Louise Miller, Sarah Louder.

Miss Dadgett, Larie Fisher.

Property Managers, Lorene Burns, Margaret Pierce, Joyce Overby.

Stage Managers, Bub Rhodes, Tommy Williams, Ellis Britton, David Johnson.

Class and school favorites also were elected. Class favorites are: Ima Joy Williamson and Ellis Wayne (Juggy) Britton.

Our class members received their class pins, necklaces and bracelets last Friday, but our rings will not be in until sometime in May. Our main worry is Can We Wait?

SECOND GRADE

Mrs. Gray—Mrs. Brice

We would have all children know that we are looking forward to a beautiful and loving Christmas. The second grades wish all a happy holiday. There are several of us who will not be eating since we have the mumps—Richard Marrison and Joey Stephens from Mrs. Gray's room and Gary Morrison from Mrs. Brice's room.

Let us all look forward to a better Christmas than we have ever had. We wish that all teachers everywhere would read the article written in the December issue of the Texas Outlook, "On What To Do About

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EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Sara Mott—Jeanene Gibson

The Eighth grade held a class meeting last Friday. The program was given by Jan Nichols and Janelle Jones. Janelle read, "Most Perfect Minutes Ever Read." We discussed plans for our banquet. Mrs. Batton helped conduct our meeting.

Wednesday we had visitors from Big Spring. They were Dr. George O'Brien and Mike Alexander.

Christmas." And what some teachers really did in one Austin school. Let's get something like that started next year.

F. H. A. NEWS

Joyce Burchett

The F. H. A. Chapter had a meeting Monday, December 6. The decided to make a float for the Christmas Parade. The float was made by the F. H. A. Chapter Tuesday evening and Tuesday night.

The F. H. A. members have been very busy making monkeys for Christmas. The money we receive will go into a fund to finance chapter trips.

A Christmas Party was held at Mrs. Hastings' residence, December 18.

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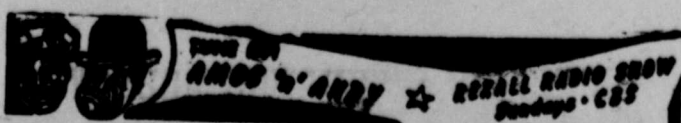


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Mrs. Priddy Is Speaker For WSCS Silver Tea

Mrs. John F. Priddy spoke on "Christmas" recently at a silver tea sponsored by the Courtney Woman's Society of Christian Service for the Methodist Home in Waco.

The event was held in the home of Mrs. L. C. Hazlewood at Courtney.

Mrs. Priddy pointed out in her talk that our Christmas has become so commercialized, that we forget to put Christ in Christmas. We spell Christmas with an "X", most of the time, and since "X" means the unknown quantity where does that leave Christ?

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Priddy, Mrs. John Harvard, Mrs. Richard Thomas, Mrs. J. C. Sale, Mrs. Jimmy Holloway, Mrs. Nell White, Mrs. Cliff Hazlewood, Jr., Mrs. R. S. Lewis, Mrs. Joe Stewart, Miss Myrtle Lynn White, Mrs. L. B. Hazlewood, Mrs. W. E. Hazlewood.

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MRS. C. B. GREEN

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The first official redemption of an Owl Savings Stamp Book was made just four days after the introduction of Owl Stamps in Stanton. Mrs. C. B. Green, local business-woman, who is very conscious of saving, made the redemption and became the first person to complete and redeem a book.

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Mrs. Green moved to Stanton from Oklahoma City in June of this year. She is a very enthusiastic Stanton Booster, and sincerely believes in the future of Stanton. Her day starts at 7:00 o'clock each morning, when she prepares breakfast for her husband, sets the house in order, helps with the chores around their country home. Then she hurries down to her office in the First National Bank Building where she busies herself over payroll reports, income tax reports, and all the details essential to accounting. "I close at 4:00 o'clock each afternoon, do my shopping and hurry back to the evening chores and fixing supper, and until 11:00 o'clock each night waiting on customers in the store," Mrs. Green reported in an interview. "I believe in Owl Stamps because, first, I get extra savings at absolutely no extra cost, and second, that the Owl Stamp is a home town project, designed to help home town people save more by trading at home! I think everyone can enjoy extra savings by asking for Owl Savings Stamps wherever they trade."

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SANTA CLAUS ASSEMBLY LINE—Four young patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, at Dallas, prepare Christmas presents on an assembly-line basis. With Christmas almost here, the children—left to right, James Pool, 5, Dallas; Shirley Newberry, 5, Dallas; Larry Joe Thompson, 6, O'Donnell, Texas; and Mary Ann Board, 3, Mineola, Texas—are busily painting and wrapping clay mugs adorned with Santa Claus faces. The youngsters, who will send the presents home, are assisted by Occupational Therapist Elizabeth Graves at the Scottish Rite Hospital, which is supported by contributions from generous Texans.

Nativity Pageant Held At Methodist Church

A Nativity pageant, "Every-one's Star", was presented Sunday night by the children's department of the First Methodist Church.

In the cast were Ila Mae Gray, angel; Linda Barbee, Mary; Tommie Newman, Joseph; Tommie Davis, Norman Donelson and Warner Walker, shepherds; Weems Williams, Bobby Rogers and Ronnie Houston, three wise men; Kay Bryan, Anita and Jenny Beth Newman, Smittie Smith, Brenda Standefer, Janice Sims, Carolyn and Linda Manning, Mary Alice Houston, Bobby Newman, Glen and Gary Reid.

Bobby Adkins, Mildred Cawthorne, Freddie Newman, Margaret Ann Byrd, Carol Nichols, Elizabeth Pickett, Jean Ann Fitzpatrick and Billy Davis, children from other lands.

The Youth Choir presented Christmas carols throughout the pageant. Members of the choir are Barbara Jane Smith, Linda Bess Bryan, Jan Nichols, Janelle Jones, Betty Berry, Sandra Shipp, Sue Walker, Ima Joy Williamson, Alice Sims and Judy Morgan. Mrs. Richard Walker, Mrs. James Biggs, Mrs. John Wood and Mrs. Lawrence Adkins assisted the choir.

At the close of the pageant, Linda Nichols sang "Silent Night," and the children presented gifts at the manger scene. The entire congregation sang "Joy to the World."

Mrs. O. B. Bryan directed the production and Lorene Burns was organist.

Carol Singers
Saturday afternoon the church's Carol Singers visited about 12 shut-ins and sang Christmas carols and presented them with homemade candy and cookies.

LIONS CLUB CANCELS MEET FOR DECEMBER 28
At its regular meeting Monday evening, the Stanton Lions Club canceled the meeting for December 28 due to holiday activities of its members.

Miss Joyce Howard presented five of her music students who sang Christmas carols.

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WHO'S AFRAID?—O! Man Winter may be; doing his dirty work in other parts of the nation, but he doesn't bother pretty Iris Maxwell at Miami Beach, Fla. She has abandoned her winter wardrobe, except for some fur trim, in order to take in the warm sunshine.

'Messiah' Party Held In Brice Home

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brice were hosts to a group of friends who gathered at their home to sing carols and to hear a lecture by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, who have studied extensively the life and music of Handel.

The group then listened to the thirty-seventh broadcast of "The Messiah," from Independence, Mo.

This was the Christmas message to the world from the Reorganized Latter Day Saints.

The guests included Carl Leonard and family, C. M. Koonce, and family, Thomas Hursh and family, Steve Church and family, Douglas Chu ch and family, Marvin Standefer and family, Sara and Frieda Standefer, and Patsy Reid.

Out-of-city friends present were Earl and Gail Koonce of Alpine, Fred Church of Graceland College, Chuck Brown of Springfield, Mo., and Bill Curtiz of Winters.

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Delta Omega Has Program Meet And Christmas Party

Members of the Delta Omega Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi, met Thursday for a program meeting and Yule party in the home of Nadine Steele.

Mary Caton gave the program on "Designed for Living". She discussed the beginning and history of various periods of furniture.

A beautiful Christmas tree and seasonal decorations gave a festive appearance to the home.

Ruby Nell Greenhaw acted as Santa Claus during the exchange of gifts. Dorothy Riley, president, was presented with a gift from the chapter.

Coconut cake squares topped with a miniature snowman, hot punch, spiced crabapples and nuts were served to Eula Arrington, Doris Brewer, Mary Caton, Ruby Nell Greenhaw, Dorothy Riley, Leslie Jean Tom, Eloise O'Connor Alyne Kelly and Margaret Roueche.

Mrs. Inez Woody Entertains Supper Club

Mrs. Inez Woody was hostess to members of the Lucky Seven Supper Club recently in her home.

A delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, was served to Mrs. Flora Morris, Mrs. Lester Durham, Miss Sammys Laws, Miss Eva Mae Cook, Mrs. Fannie Rogers, Mrs. Clayton Burnam, and Mrs. Morris Zimmerman of Monahans.

Mrs. Ory Hostess To Garden Club

Mrs. Pearl Ory was hostess to members of the Royal Garden Club at her home Friday.

Roll call was answered with "Something New I have learned about the care of flowers."

Mrs. Annie Herzog and Mrs. Anna Thomason were welcomed as new members into the club.

An exchange of Christmas gifts was held, following the meeting.

Present were Mrs. C. E. Crow, Mrs. Henny Ringhoffer, Mrs. T. W. Haynie and Mrs. D. F. Clark. The club will meet January 15 in the home of Mrs. L. F. Clark.

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Mrs. Flora Rogers Holds Christmas Open House

Mrs. Flora Rogers entertained with her annual Christmas open house Friday evening in her country home, three miles south of Stanton.

The refreshment table, laid with white linen cloth, was centered with an arrangement of Christmas greenery and balls and a huge red candle. Other Christmas decorations were featured throughout the open rooms.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Rogers. Her two daughters, Mrs. Leo Turner of Stanton and Mrs. H. B. Mills of Midland, presided at the crystal punch bowl.

Approximately 100 guests called during the receiving hours 6 to 12 p. m.

Whitaker Home Is Scene Of Party
Spruce, holly and mistletoe, were used to carry out the holiday theme for the annual Christmas party Thursday evening of the Stanton Study Club in the R. B. Whitaker home.

Mrs. Elmore Johnson gave a colorful demonstration of Christmas decorations for the home. Using the native plants, yucca and tumbleweeds, she demonstrated how one can make lovely, yet economical, decorations for the mantle, table and door.

Mrs. Whitaker was assisted in leaving by her mother, Mrs. Lula Rice, and mother-in-law, Mrs. B. T. Whitaker.

Members attending the Thursday party included Mrs. S. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. H. L. Alexander, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Ralph Caton, Mrs. Harry Haislip, Mrs. Ollie Morphew, Mrs. Curtis Erwin, Jr., Mrs. A. E. Murr, Mrs. George W. Dawson and Mrs. Glenn L. Brown.

Stitch, Chatter Club Has Christmas Party

The Stitch and Chatter Club held its annual Christmas party December 16 in the home of Mrs. H. C. Burnam, Sr.

Gifts were exchanged from a gaily lighted Christmas tree. Refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, potato chips, Christmas tree salad and fruit cake were served to Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. T. Y. Allen, Mrs. Flora Rogers, Mrs. Martin Gibson, Mrs. R. M. Deavenport, Mrs. J. N. Poe, and Mrs. A. J. Stallings.

Mrs. G. W. Alsop will be hostess to the club in January.

Garden Club Party Held In Houston Home
The annual party of the Stanton Garden Club was held Tuesday in the home of Mrs. H. A. Houston.

The house was decorated with greenery and large red candles. The traditional Christmas tree with its beautiful ornaments and lights occupied a vantage point near the fireplace.

In the breakfast room, a cloth of white linen covered the refreshment table, which had a centerpiece of evergreens and fruit. Miniature canes were used as favors.

Gifts were exchanged by the members.

Present were Mrs. P. M. Bristow, Mrs. Phil Berry, Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mrs. T. Y. Allen, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler, Mrs. Alex Haggard, Mrs. J. C. Greenhaw, Mrs. Glen Cox, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mrs. George Dawson, Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, Mrs. A. E. Murr, Mrs. Glenn Gates and Mrs. S. Arthur Wilson.

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