

The Gay Philosopher

ONE OF THE nicest things about Christmas is to drive around and see what Santa Claus brought the youngsters. You see new bicycles at one place, wagons at another, an archery set somewhere else and bright new clothes everywhere.

As far as we could tell from driving around, everybody had a fine Christmas. It was good at our house.

THREE CISCO ladies — Mrs. Ray Chapman, Mrs. Paul Brahear and Mrs. Shy Osborn — were given an opportunity last Tuesday night to put to use some of the things they learned sometime ago in a Garden Club school. They were invited to be judges for the Christmas lighting contest at Breckenridge.

Mrs. Chapman, president of the Cisco club, reports that they thoroughly enjoyed the assignment and that the Christmas lights were very beautiful in Breckenridge. She was also complimentary about the lights in Cisco. Maybe the Garden Club will help sponsor a bigger and better contest in Cisco next Christmas.

IT WAS VERY interesting at the luncheon of the Cisco Lions Club last Wednesday. Mr. Robert Page, a Rotarian, of Portales, New Mexico, came in with the idea of making up his Rotary Club attendance because he was missing his home club meeting.

He was kind of embarrassed when he discovered that it was a Lions meeting. Local club members fixed him up a fancy certificate of attendance to take back to his home club as a make-up card. Mr. Page reported that he thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon.

COMES A LATE season's greetings card from Mr. Roy Killingsworth, Ozona teacher who used to be principal at the junior high school here. He wrote a little note to say that "we enjoy the Daily Press even though it reaches us a week late. We have never had it so good. Deer hunting is good and the house is full of venison." Roy reports that their basketball team won a Menard tournament recently.

FROM CALIFORNIA comes a card and note from Captain Elton Kennedy and family. He's with the U. S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton and used to be with the Humble Pipe Line Company here. Captain Kennedy reports that "we'd like to see some of the folks. Maybe will take a leave one of these days. Too warm out here for Christmas."

Mrs. Kennedy recently spent several days in the Naval hospital, but now is back home and doing nicely.

THREE COUPLES of this area will celebrate golden wedding anniversaries this Sunday afternoon with open houses. They are:

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Coldwell, Cisco, will be honored at an open house at the family home Sunday afternoon with their children as hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sprawls of the Scranton Community will be guests of honor at an open house at their home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend of Nimrod will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 3 to 6:30 p. m. Sunday at their home.

Old friends have been invited at each of the events.

WORD HAS JUST reached us that Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Taylor of 409 East 8th Street, Cisco, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on last December 17.

Today's a wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith of our town, and Monday December 28, is the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fonville, Sr., observe their wedding anniversary on Dec. 30, and a similar celebration will be in order for Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Warwick on Dec. 31.

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AREA OIL OUTLOOK BRIGHT AS YEAR ENDS; 13 RIGS RUNNING

The oil development business is better in the Cisco area as the year nears its end than it has been in many months, oil men reported Saturday. Some 13 drilling rigs were operating within a 15-mile radius of Cisco.

And the outlook was bright for continued development activities. In the new Mangum Ranger lime pool, the Clark P. Chandler Company was reported to be making plans to move in two more rigs.

Wildlife Harvest To Reach Peak In Holiday Hunting

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. — The wildlife harvest apparently will reach the season's peak during the holidays, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

He said nimrod probably will emphasize big game and waterfowl shooting because of the apparent abundance of those species.

Reports from the Gulf Coast areas as well as from most inland lakes and reservoirs indicate that the ducks finally have moved into Texas after belated migration from the northland where fall weather was unusually mild.

The Executive Secretary estimated that a substantial number of hunters "will resume the quest of deer and turkey mainly in the Hill Country.

Meanwhile, the annual quail season continues de-emphasized because of the low population of bobwhites, blue quail and scaled quail.

Field reports indicate that quail hunting has been practically non-existent in most Texas areas with existing in Cisco generally discouraging land owners to spare the seedling hunting to spare the quail stock. But some north central and northeast areas have had some fair quail hunting.

Wildlife Biologists incidentally forecast that with the return of favorable weather in a hurry, quail population will rebound in a hurry and believe that this major fall sport again will be resumed full scale.

The big game season under the General State Law ends December 31 while waterfowl shooting will continue through January 4. The quail season under the General State Law ends January 16.

See DON PIERSON
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Before You Trade!

TREES

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM, SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE." — JOHN 3:16

Abilene Club To Hold Roping And Cutting Contest

The Abilene Range Riders Club will stage a two-day roping, a cutting horse contest and girls barrel race at the Range Rider Arena, southeast of Abilene, on January 1 and 2.

A feature of the roping program to be staged on the first day of the meet will be a matched contest between Doyle Riley of Ballinger and toots Mansfield of Big Spring.

This contest is to be sandwiched between a jackpot roping contest for amateurs and all R. C. A. members in good standing and another jackpot open to amateurs only. Fifty fresh brahma roping calves will be used for roping stock.

The second day of the show will be devoted to open and novice cutting horse contests and a girls barrel race, open to any girl who wants to enter.

The Range Riders will present belt buckles to the first place winners of each contest and money prizes will be given in the roping and cutting event.

The contests will begin at 1:00 p. m. on each day and entries will close at 12:00 noon on Friday for the roping event and at 12:00 noon on Saturday January 2 for the cutting contest.

At Nimrod, the Gray Drilling Company No. 1 Anderson Bros. and McCrea was continuing completion work after equipment troubles were cleared up. A lower Caddo lime formation was treated with acid for a potential completion.

Goble-Shive Drilling Co. et al, Nocona, were drilling at 2,500 feet Thursday in their No. 1 Lee Leiske, some ten miles south of Cisco, as they shut down for the Christmas weekend. This is a Phillips Petroleum Company farm-out.

Just northwest of Cisco, the Bankline Oil Company No. 2 Albrecht Hansen was drilling at 1,624 feet late Thursday. Operations got off to a slow start when water lines were frozen in Tuesday night's 20-degree weather.

The latest discovery for Eastland County was the J. E. Connally et al, Abilene, No. 1 D. B. Crawley et al in the B. Y. Baller well-emption survey, seven miles northwest of Gorman. The well pumped 64 barrels of 40 gravity oil from the Marble Falls lime at 3,020-26 feet during a 24-hour test.

Employees in jobs covered by the law will have 2 percent instead of the present 1 1/2 percent deducted from their pay beginning with the first of January up to earnings of \$3600 a year; their employers will contribute an equal amount.

The new rates will apply to all taxable wages paid after December 31, 1953, regardless of when earned.

The social security tax for the self-employed will increase from

the present 2 1/2 to 3 percent, for the period commencing January 1, 1954. Since the self-employed whose work is covered by the law pay their tax just once yearly at the time of filing their Federal income tax return, they will pay the present 2 1/2 percent social security tax on their 1953 income that counts toward social security. This will be due not later than March 15, 1954. Their first payments at the increased rate of 3 percent will be due March 15, 1955, for the calendar year 1954.

In the meantime the Internal Revenue Service reports that employers are being furnished with income tax withholding tables and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) tables reflecting rates applicable next year.

Chapping Weather Is Coming, State Official Warns

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. — State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox looked at the calendar today and saw chapping weather ahead.

"Two weather changes — dew point and barometric pressure — cause skin to chap and crack," the season-conscious Dr. Cox pointed out. "Chapping is always more frequent and severe from December through February."

That is the time of year when weather forecasters are likely to read: "low barometric pressure, moist air followed by sudden high pressure and dryness with low dew point." It adds up to real chapping conditions.

Dew point is the temperature at which moisture begins to condense into visible form. It makes a useful index of actual humidity. When it is low, chapping can be severe.

Wind hastens chapping, too, Dr. Cox commented, especially when skin is wet. Quick evaporation is the big factor here. Dryness might actually be increased by hot water, soap, or the so-called protective oils, lotions, and creams. A day's injury sometimes takes weeks to heal.

A chapped condition can run the gamut from plain dryness and itching to splits and fissures which bleed and crust.

An artificial humidifier in the house would be a big help, the health officer said, but you could probably get the quickest relief by checking with your doctor.

And if you happen to have a psychrometer, an instrument which determines humidity, you'll be able to foresee chapping weather ahead and take precautions. Don't think in terms of "relative humidity," though. That indicates the percentage of atmospheric saturation at a given temperature, and is unreliable because warm air can hold more water vapor than cold air. For example, relative humidity of 80 percent indicates far less moisture at 40 degrees than it does when the thermometer stands at 60 degrees.

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Absentee Voting Begins For Election On Gas Proposition

BUSINESS FIRMS TAKE DOUBLE HOLIDAY FOR XMAS OBSERVANCE

Moran business firms took a double holiday for Christmas when they closed Friday and Saturday, with only a few firms, such as cafes and service stations remaining open.

Schools closed for the holidays on December 18. Students will resume classes on December 23, but will close Friday, January 1, for an additional holiday.

Superintendent Harold D. Thomas and his family are spending the holidays in Fort Stockton with his parents.

Donald Bowne, a student at A&M College, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Bowne and brother Billy.

Mrs. Homer McDonald has been a patient in a Stephenville hospital for the past two weeks. Her condition was reported as being as well as could be expected.

Pete Morris of Camp Rucker, Alabama, is home on three weeks leave. He will report to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for assignment to duty over seas upon the completion of his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pool of Jal, New Mexico, were spending the Christmas holidays with his parents.

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Ballots Are Ready For Jan. 12 Vote

Ballots were ready Saturday for the beginning of absentee voting in the January 12, 1954, City Election in which citizens of Cisco will decide on the proposition of consolidating the two gas distribution systems in operation here.

City Secretary Hal Lavery reported that qualified voters who do not expect to be in town on election day may cast absentee ballots at the City Hall. Absentee voting will continue until two days before the election.

Attorneys for Lone Star Gas Company, Cisco Gas Corporation and the City of Cisco met with Mayor G. C. Rosenthal and Secretary Lavery at the City Hall on Wednesday to approve the official ballot. Minor changes were made in the wording to simplify the ballot.

According to an amended election notice in today's edition of The Press, the ballots will have printed thereon the following propositions:

FOR Lone Star Gas Company acquiring the gas distribution system of the Cisco Gas Corporation.

FOR Cisco Gas Corporation acquiring the gas distribution system of Lone Star Gas Company.

Against consolidation of the gas distribution system.

The election notice adds: "A square shall be placed on the ballot on the left hand side of each of the above named companies, and instructions shall be printed on the ballot instructing each voter to place a check mark in the square of the choice of the voter; a check mark in FOR square will be a vote for consolidation of the gas distribution systems; a check mark in AGAINST square will be a vote against the gas distribution system consolidation, and a check mark in both FOR squares and the AGAINST square will void the ballot."

The order was passed by the City Commission after each company expressed a desire to purchase the assets of the other, and the two firms decided to leave to the people the choice of the system they would rather have in Cisco.

Both concerns have filed formal applications for rate increases. The increase would have to be larger with two systems to earn a just return on their investments than would be necessary for one system to operate in Cisco. The city took no action on the request for higher rates, deciding to await the election returns.

The city recently obtained a ruling from authorities in Austin to the effect that qualified voters for 1953 elections would be the only ones able to vote in the January 12 election. Poll taxes qualifying voters to cast ballots in 1954 elections will become effective on February 1, it was pointed out.

The election will be open to all qualified voters. Local voters recently turned down a proposition for the city to purchase both gas companies.

John A. Noble To Be Buried Sunday

John A. Noble of Plainview, former of the Cisco area, will be laid to rest Sunday in Oakwood Cemetery following final rites here. Funeral arrangements were incomplete early Saturday afternoon. Thomas Funeral Home was in charge.

Mr. Noble was born in Eastland on Nov. 24, 1907, and died early Saturday in Plainview. He was the son of Mrs. Jess W. Noble of Cisco.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one son and four daughters and other relatives. Complete information will appear in the Tuesday edition of The Press.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Turner of Houston are spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner.

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Travel Picture Shown At Rotary Club's Luncheon

A film, "America For Me," showing many of the scenic beauty spots of the country, was shown Rotarians at the regular weekly meeting at the Hotel Victor Thursday.

The film, shown through the courtesy of the Greyhound Bus Company, gave a picture story of a trip through the country by way of bus. Scenes in all parts of the country and Canada in natural color were in the picture story.

Included were beauty spots of Texas, the West, the Pacific Northwest, Canada, New England, New York, Florida and the Keys.

Rotarian J. W. Slaughter was in charge of the program and Rotarian B. A. Butler was in charge of the coffee shop and to Rotary Sweetheart Pat Mayer.

Prior to the showing of the film President W. H. McAnally presented gifts to the employees of the coffee shop and to Rotary Sweetheart Pat Mayer.

Visitors at the meeting were Rotarian Hugh Wagoner of Odessa, and Layden Stroud and Emmet Graham of Dallas, Major Brand, Jack Lauderdale of Norman, Oklahoma, and Bill Morrison of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Barnett, Becky and June, visited in Moran Monday en route to Goree where they will remain until January 4. They formerly lived in Moran and are now in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Elliott are spending the Christmas holidays in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery and children. They are the parents of Mrs. Montgomery.

The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Mathis and family left Monday for a few days visit in Quail with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Robinson. They planned to return to Moran Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Booth of Ranger are the parents of a son, Keith Jay, born November 28. He weighed seven pounds and eight ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Booth are former Moran residents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Shelton and Oma Dale and James and Mr. and Mrs. Britt Pippen were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Higgins of Sweetwater Christmas. Other members of the party included Mrs. Aleta Pinnell and Jane Ann of Sweetwater.

Mrs. R. E. Forrester left Wednesday to spend Christmas with her son, R. E., Jr., and his family in Fort Worth. She will also visit her father in Dallas.

Mrs. Lulu Snyder left a week ago to spend the holidays in Amarillo with her daughter, Laura Snyder.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend of Nimrod will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage with open house Sunday, December 27, from 3 p. m. until 6:30 p. m. All their friends were invited to call during the hours of the open house to help celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McGowen of Houston are visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McGowen.

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THE CANDLE'S BEAM

"How far that little candle throws its beam," says an old poem. It could be paraphrased, if unpoetically, to read, "How far the consequences of a strike extend."

The New York newspaper strike, which deprived the world's second largest city of its principal media of information and advertising for 11 days, is a perfect example. Moreover, it illustrated how unique a place the newspapers hold in a community.

The strike was brought by a photoengravers' union which has 400-odd members employed on the major New York papers. Actually, only 207 votes were cast in favor of the strike, but it was a majority. The papers, of course, could have appeared without pictures but other unions honored the engravers' picket lines and made publication impossible.

As a result, some 20,000 people were temporarily forced out of work, and a very large payroll was temporarily suspended. And, on the publishers' side, a huge amount of holiday advertising business was lost.

This was only the beginning. To many stores, and especially those which major in phone and mail orders, the newspapers is the dominant factor in advertising. It is the only day-by-day medium for visually offering goods to vast numbers of potential buyers. No one will ever know how much retail business was lost because of the strike but many store executives are sure it was substantial. Time was bought on radio and TV stations. But these media are of only limited value to retailers for the most part and, on top of that, relatively little desirable time was available.

New York City has 10,000 newsstands and about 2,500 of them shut down entirely. All of the rest, naturally, suffered from the lack of papers to sell, which are the backbone of the business. A considerable proportion of the stands are one-man operations which at best bring it very modest incomes to the owners.

The effects of the strike went far. For instance, a Wall Street Journal article pointed out what it did to the art and entertainment worlds. Two musicians had invested \$1,500 apiece to give recitals at Town Hall, in the hope that favorable reviews from the critics would lead to engagements elsewhere in this country and abroad. The music was played, and the critics were present — but there were no places for the reviews to appear. An artists' agent commented, "Good reviews here can make an artist's whole year profitable. Absence of reviews can be disastrous."

A play also opened during the strike — and no one knew whether it was a hit or a flop. Movie theatres and sports arenas had no effective means of publicizing their attractions.

Finally, of course, the public, which buys 5,000,000 copies a day of the New York papers, was discomfited. The news magazines diverted extra copies into the city, but there were not enough of them to meet the demand.

Whether or not the photoengravers' wage and other demands were justified is a matter of argument. But there can be no argument about the fact that the action of a very small number of people in a case like this can directly affect the lives of many millions.

Q — I'm planning to train under the Korean GI Bill, and I want to claim my mother as a dependent. She earns a little money, but not enough to get along without my help. What are the requirements as to dependency of parents?

A — Dependency is held to exist if your mother does not have an income large enough to provide for her "reasonable maintenance." That term includes not only the bare necessities of life, but also a reasonable amount of the conveniences and comforts in keeping with her standard of living.

Q — I am the widow of a World War II veteran. In figuring out my yearly income for VA pension purposes, am I supposed to count the proceeds of my late husband's commercial insurance, which I receive each month?

A — Yes. Commercial insurance proceeds must be included as income, in determining whether you meet the income ceiling requirements of the law for a VA pension.

Q — If I go to school under the Korean GI Bill, will I be allowed to earn money on the side, to supplement my GI allowances?

A — Yes. There are no restrictions on the amount of money a veteran may earn to supplement his monthly GI education and training allowance. But there is a ceiling on on-the-job trainees only. If training pay plus allowances exceed \$310 a month, the VA allowances will be pared down accordingly.

Q — I understand that I'll need my original discharge paper, in order to get a GI home loan. I lost mine. What should I do?

A — Apply for a certificate in lieu of the discharge paper from the branch of service from which you were discharged. This is acceptable, in place of your original discharge.

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RESOURCEFUL—Mary Hulbert went to Miami, Fla., on a trip, but forgot her bathing suit. By taking two scarves, she fashioned the fringed effect shown at left. Delighted with the experiment, Mary used two more scarves by winding one oblong around her upper curves and draping the other carefully around her hips, right. There's no keeping Mary off that beach.

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 keeps 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 Reves, 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 Kelvinator.

Janell has cooked and served 5,064 meals and prepared 1,545 dishes. In addition, she has canned 2,240 quarts of foods, and frozen 1,020 fryers.



Alan Ladd is the victim of James Mason's cruelty in Paramount's brand new lavish Technicolor sea drama, "Botany Bay," which is due to open next Sunday & Monday at the Majestic Theatre. Heading up the top-notch cast are jet-tressed beauty, Patricia Medina, and Sir Cedric Hardwicke. The action-filled film tells the thrilling story of the settling of Australia.

FOR SALE

Elegant 3-bed-room home on paved corner.

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Home on Bullard Street with small down payment.

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Brick home on five lots with rock chicken house on old Eastland Highway.

Large home on 4th Street with 3 lots — cheap.

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See me for a bargain.

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FOR SALE — 292 acre ranch with modern 5 room house 3 miles from Cisco. For information call Fannin 3125 or Pershing 7789 in Fort Worth or write A. H. White, 4117 W. Vickery. 151 t/c.

FOR SALE — Recently built modern 4-bedroom home; 3 baths, den, fireplace, air-conditioned (refrigerated) for summer and winter; storage house; large lot. Fleming Waters, 1308 West 14th.

FOR SALE — Number of keys in brown leather holder. Reward for return to The Press office. 16

STRAYED — From my place, 1910 Ash Street, Monday afternoon, large pale red Jersey cow with horns. If found please call R. E. Warren, phone 1140. 14

Notice

NOTICE — Have nice Buick car and would take Spinet piano in trade for car. Perry Valliant, Box 163, Rising Star.

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Capit. William C. Peters of Barksdale, Louisiana, with his wife and sons, will arrive in Cisco December 28 for a visit with his father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. T. Peters.

O. B. Poyner of Arabia is visiting in the home of his brother, A. L. Poyner, and wife during the holidays.

For Sale

6:00—Sunday Devotions 6:30—What's Your Trouble 6:45—Going Places with Uncle George

6:55—Weathercast 7:00—Man of the Year 8:00—Crown Theater 8:30—Public Prosecutor 8:45—Paradise Island 9:00—Sunday Report 9:15—This Is The Life 9:45—Movietime 10:45—Vespers

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ELECTION NOTICE As Amended 12-22-53

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND CITY OF CISCO

On this the 8th day of December, 1953, the City Commission of the City of Cisco, Texas, convened in regular meeting, at a regular meeting place, with the following members present,

Mayor G. C. ROSENTHAL

Commissioners ALBERT HANSEN J. W. SITTON JOE BRITAIN J. W. SLAUGHTER

City Secretary HAL LAVERY

present, with the following agenda: Ace Lucas, constituting a quorum of the City Commission, at which time the following propositions were had:

Commissioner Slaughter introduced a resolution and made a motion that it be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Britain. The motion carrying with it the adoption of a resolution prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Hansen, Sitton, Britain, Slaughter, Mayor Rosenthal. NOES: None.

The resolution as adopted is as follows:

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE QUESTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS SERVING THE CITY OWNED BY THE LONE STAR GAS COMPANY AND THE CISCO GAS COMPANY BY ALLOWING SAID GAS COMPANIES TO ACQUIRE THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE OTHER GAS COMPANY AND TO CONSOLIDATE SAID GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS IN THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS WITH REFERENCE TO HOLDING SAID ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the Lone Star Gas Company and the Cisco Gas Company each now owns and operates a gas distribution system in the City of Cisco, Texas, and the City Commission of the City of Cisco, Texas, deems it advisable that an election be held to determine whether or not one of said companies shall be allowed to acquire the gas distribution system of the other gas company and thereafter own and operate the gas distribution system in the City of Cisco, Texas;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held in the City of Cisco, Texas, on the 20th day of January, 1954, at which election the following propositions shall be submitted:

"SHALL EITHER OF SAID GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, TO-WIT: THE LONE STAR GAS COMPANY OR THE CISCO GAS COMPANY, BE ALLOWED TO ACQUIRE THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE OTHER GAS COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATE THE TWO SYSTEMS AND OPERATE THE BUSINESS OF DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AS A SINGLE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, AND, IF SO, WHICH OF SAID GAS COMPANIES SHALL BE ALLOWED TO ACQUIRE THE GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE OTHER GAS COMPANY."

2. That said election shall be held at the City Hall, within the City of Cisco, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers of said election, to-wit:

Presiding Judge GEORGE E. DAVIS Assistant Judge E. R. BIBBY

Clerks E. J. POE MRS. FORBES WALLACE MRS. TROY STEWART MRS. R. B. CARSWELL

3. The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 20, Title 23, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, and only legally qualified electors shall be entitled to vote.

4. The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following propositions:

FOR Lone Star Gas Company acquiring the Gas Distribution System of the Cisco Gas Company.

OR Cisco Gas Company acquiring the Gas Distribution System of Lone Star Gas Company.

AGAINST Consolidation of the Gas Distribution Systems.

A square shall be placed on the left hand side of the ballot of the above named companies, and instructions shall be printed on the ballot instructing each voter to place a check mark in the square of the choice of the voter; a check mark (x) in the square will be a vote for consolidation of the gas distribution systems; a check mark in the square will be a vote against the consolidation of the gas distribution systems, and a



The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us. Most business establishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime, but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is more in order than demands for adjustment.

Department stores are under no legal obligation to take back a purchase and refund your money or deliver other goods in exchange just because you changed your mind. Most stores do make refunds and exchanges, but that is because it is their policy to do so — not because they are required to.

However, a promise to refund or exchange merchandise made by the store or the salesman should be honored. Similarly, if a store misrepresents the quality of certain goods or if the goods are defective, you are justified in expecting a satisfactory adjustment. But you have no more legal right to expect a store to refund or exchange because you change your mind about a purchase than the store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold to you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

Suppose you buy a coat in one store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference, any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competitor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it.

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on used merchandise toward the purchase of a new article, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his

mind about the purchase. When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

The same principles apply to a trade-in allowance on used merchandise toward the purchase of a new article. Such a trade-in allowance is considered the same as a deposit.

check mark in both FOR square and AGAINST square will void the ballot.

5. A substantial copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor of said City and attested by the City Secretary shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended. The Mayor is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the City Hall and at two other public places in said City not less than fifteen days prior to the date for holding said election. The Mayor shall cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in the "Cisco Press", a newspaper of general circulation published within the City of Cisco, Texas. The date of the first publication shall not be less than fourteen days prior to the date set for said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Article 704, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws governing general elections.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of December, 1953.

G. C. ROSENTHAL Mayor, City of Cisco, Texas ATTEST: HAL LAVERY City Sec., City of Cisco, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF EASTLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Eastland County, Texas, on the 30 day of November, 1953, in Cause No. 671A, wherein the City of Cisco was Plaintiff, and The State of Texas and Eastland County, Texas, and the Cisco Independent School District, were impleaded party defendants, and Joe M. Seabourn was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff and said impleaded party defendants, for the sum of Six Hundred Nineteen and 81/100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; said judgment foreclosing a lien on the hereinafter described property, I did on the 10th day of December, 1953, at 10 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Eastland County, Texas, as the property of Joe M. Seabourn to-wit: "Being the East 50 feet of the West 150 feet of Lot No. 3, in Block "B" in the City of Cisco, Eastland County, Texas, and known as the Joe M. Seabourn property, and on the 5th day of January, 1954, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, all for cash to the highest bidder, all for cash to the highest interest of Joe M. Seabourn in and said above described property.

Witness my hand this 10th day of December, 1953.

J. F. TUCKER Sheriff, Eastland County, Texas. By TOM HALEY Deputy.

AT THE PALACE



ANN SHERIDAN and GLENN FORD in a stolen moment of love from RKO's "APPOINTMENT IN HONDURAS," in new Eastman Color.

Hunters Need To Know More About Hunting License

AUSTIN, Dec. 26. — The Director of Law Enforcement for the Game and Fish Commission said wardens' arrest reports indicate that some Texans "are a little careless in NOT informing themselves about their hunting license requirements."

He said the latest tabulation shows 50 prosecutions for the lack of hunting licenses. Thirty-two of the hunters were residents and eighteen were non-residents. The Law Enforcement Director said persons hunting small game out of their own home county must have licenses. Persons hunting big game everywhere except on the property upon which they reside must have licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Moon of Grafford arrived Thursday for a holiday visit with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Bond, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming of Dallas arrived Christmas Day to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper.

Mrs. D. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie of Rising Star visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Woolridge Tuesday.



DOTS FOR TOTS—There's no cause for alarm when junior breaks out in spots—provided the spots are like these on his panties. The attractive, all-nylon fashion for the diaper set is done by Princess Pat Panty in red, blue, yellow or green dots on a background of white. Those spots are enough to brighten up any child's life.

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Birthdays will be observed this week by Rochelle Gory, Dec. 29; Mrs. S. E. Hittson, Dec. 30; and Mrs. Ed Aycock and Loretta Whitehead, Dec. 31. And there are probably a lot of others we haven't heard about. We'd like to know about birthdays to add to our calendar. Call us.

Miss Betty Brogdon of N.T.S.C. in Denton is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brogdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Harrelson and daughter of Lubbock arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Harrelson and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Lomax.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 500 West 6th Street Rev. H. Grady James, pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sabbath School. 10:50 a. m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m.—young peoples Meeting. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. Mid-Week Service, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 304 West 7th Street MAURINE SHORT, Pastor Morning worship 11:00 a. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Evening Worship 8:00 p. m. Weekday service — Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH 8 Miles South of Cisco LLOYD GIST, Pastor Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning Service 11 a. m. Training Union 7 p. m. Evening Service 8 p. m. Prayer Meeting — Wed. 7:30 p. m.

MITCHELL BAPTIST CHURCH Bea Cearley, full time pastor Sunday School 10 a. m. Worship Service 11 a. m. & 8 p. m. B. T. U. — 7 p. m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST 1101 Avenue A C. L. CASEY, Pastor 11 a. m.—Services First Sunday and Saturday before. 11 a. m.—Third Sunday.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH REV. E. H. LIGHTFOOT, 9:45 a.m.—Church School. 10:50 a. m.—Morning Worship 7:00 p. m. — Young Peoples Meeting. 8:00 p. m. — Evenging Worship.

Church of The Nazarene D. M. Duke — Pastor Sunday school 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 N. Y. P. S. 7:15 8:00 Preaching Meeting Wednesday Night 8:00.

HEALING FAITH MISSION Corner E. 7th and Ave. A TERRELL CROWDER Sunday School 10 A. M. Preaching 11 A. M. & 8 P. M. Thursday 8 P. M.

Fred's Grocery and Market 900 W. 8th Phone 423

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MISSION CHURCH 900 Avenue A L. C. ANDERSON, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Sunday Services— 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Mid-week Service—Thursday, 8 p. m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH (Fundamental) Rev. R. S. Day, Pastor Avenue E. at 17th Street Sunday School 10:15 a. m. Morning Service 11:00 a. m. Prayer Service 7:30 p. m. Wed. prayer service 8:00 p. m.

Cisco Lumber & Supply "We're Home Folks" 110 E. 10th Phones 196-197

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CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH Cisco — Eastland Highway Rev. J. B. HICKS, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Training Union 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship 9:30 p. m.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 18th and Avenue D Rev. James F. Hennig, Pastor 1603 Avenue F. 10 a. m. — Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Morning Worship. 8:00 p. m. Young Peoples Meeting "The Church of the Lutheran Hour"

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Avenue E at 9th Street Dr. H. M. WARD Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. 6:45 p. m.— Training Union 8:00 p. m.— Evening Worship. Mid-week Prayer Meeting— Wednesday, 8:00.

CHURCH OF CHRIST DAVID DARNELL, Minister 501 West 8th 10 a. m.—Bible Study. 10:50 a. m. — Preaching service. 11:40 a. m.—Communion Service. 6:30 p. m. — Young People's Class 7:30 p. m. — Worship Mid-Week Service — 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 301 West 8th St. Rev. SIDNEY SPAIN, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Bible School. 10:55 a. m.—Morning Worship. 6 p. m.—Young People's Meeting. 8:00 p. m. — Evening Worship.

CHURCH OF CHRIST West 4th at Ave. J. Morning worship service 10:30. Communion Service 11:40 each Sunday morning.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 710 S. Seaman, Eastland The Rev. Arthur E. Hartwell Morning Prayer 9:30 A. M. Holy Communion 10:00 A. M. Church School 10:00 A. M. Cottage Service, Cisco at 7:30 P. M.

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 400 West 17th St. REV. AND MRS. J. E. BLACKWELL, Pastors. 10 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m.—Evening Service. Week-day Services—Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. and Friday, 7:30 p. m.

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH 1185 Avenue A REV. BOB SANDERS, Pastor 9:45 a. m. — Sunday School 10:50 a. m. — Morning Worship 7:00 p. m. — Study Groups 6:30 p. m. — M. Y. F. 7:30 p. m. — Evening Worship Midweek Service — Wednesday — 8:00 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD 1006 Avenue F. C. S. MOAD, Pastor. 10 a. m.—Sunday School. 11 a. m.—Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m. — Evening Worship. Mid-week Service — 8 p. m. Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dunn and family and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Dunn of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Casper and sons of Tahoka, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lambright of Pampa were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bailey.

J. G. Rupe, Jr., of Houston is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rupe.

Bob Curtis left Thursday for his home in Fort Worth following a visit in Cisco with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dietiker.

Miss Laura Lou Morris, student at the University of Texas, Austin, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dietiker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Keefe and daughter, Jackie, of Strawn are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Poppo during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rice and son are to leave Monday for Midland for a visit with their son, James, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Phagan left Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Phagan, in Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt Springer of Mineral Wells and their daughter, Mrs. Lou Sloan and husband of Dallas, and Mrs. Louise Sloan of Arkansas, are visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Guinn and other relatives.

Leon Cagle is spending the Christmas holidays in Oklahoma City with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell were Christmas holiday visitors with relatives in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, Jr., and children of Dilley, Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hintz and son, Mark, of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hintz of Wisconsin, and Clifford Thomas and daughter, Paula, of Fort Worth are holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Layden Stroud and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Graham and daughter of Dallas are visiting in the home of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tableman of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patterson and Patsie of Ft. Worth are visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Tableman.

Miss Scripp Cluck of SMU in Dallas is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cluck.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Flood of Abilene were visitors this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Hansen, parents of Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Flood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wagner and family of Odessa are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D'Spain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffey of Ranger visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rice, and other relatives here Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cates and children left Friday morning for a visit in Floydada with her mother and other relatives.

Lonnie Cates of El Paso is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cates.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Williams and children of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson and children of Cisco, and Mrs. Louise Warren and daughter of Eastland were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dobbins on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Huddleston and children, Ronnie, Beverly Ann, Randy and Rodney Lynn of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Parks and children, Linda and Suzana, of Breckenridge spent the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. S. B. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Fields and daughter of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pee and baby of Sweetwater, Jay Warren of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. John McGee of Fort Worth, and Pvt. Jimmy Warren of Fort Leonard Wood are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Caudle of Stephenville spent the Christmas holidays with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Poe of Beaumont spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Shaw of Lubbock, Miss Mary Poe of Portales, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw of Amarillo are visiting in the J. E. Spencer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Weaver of Lubbock, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas E. Bibby and family of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Allen H. Bibby of Fort Worth were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bibby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hazlewood and children, Beverly and Mark, of Fort Worth and Rev. and Mrs. Eric Knippa and children, John and David, of Pottsville spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hazlewood.

Pecan Crop Falls Below Estimates

The pecan production in Texas has been estimated at 31,000,000 pounds by the crop reporting board of the Agricultural Marketing Service, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced last week. This is 34 per cent below the exceptionally good crop of 47,200,000 produced last year, but 8 per cent above the 1942-51 average.

This year's crop was found far short of earlier expectations as harvest progressed. Many trees apparently carried a good crop into late fall, but the nuts failed to fill due to the drought. Late season insect and disease losses were also heavy. The crop was very spotted in all areas.

Production of improved varieties is estimated at 3,720,000 pounds, while production of wild or seedling pecans was placed at 26,280,000 pounds.

The U. S. pecan crop in the 10 important producing states was estimated at 173,065,000 pounds — 17 per cent above 1932 and 37 per cent above average. The current estimate is six per cent down from the November 1 forecast with the deadline in Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Courtney will have as their guests during the Christmas holidays their children; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd and family of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shellenberger of Ft. Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Aron Courtney of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Seay of Tujanga, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lee and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Flood left Thursday night to spend Christmas with the parents of Mr. Lee at Sandown and Mr. Flood at Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mosley and children of Gail arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McClelland left Thursday evening for Houston to spend Christmas with their son, Durward, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schacht of St. Louis, Missouri, are spending the holidays in the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Cooper, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Estill and baby of Brownwood spent Christmas Day in Cisco with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Askins and Mr. and Mrs. George Estill.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hightower and children of Mid-West City, Oklahoma, spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nelms of Andrews are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Joyner, and his mother, Mrs. Allie Nelms.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Poyner and sons, Wesley, Garland, and Richard, of Seminole were expected for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Poyner, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grantham of Cisco and daughter, Mrs. Jean Armstrong of Austin, are spending a few days with their son and brother and family in Houston.



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