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ANTONE TEST WEST OF MORRIS DISCOVERY MISSES OIL SAND

A dry hole, was the verdict Saturday night for the Eugene Talbot No. 1 Joe Antone test for oil drilled last week 330 feet from the north and east lines of a 200-acre tract in the John Guest survey.

The test is west and slightly north of the location of No. 1 E. E. Morris, which is the discovery well.

The test was drilled to 2080 feet and formations were 80 feet lower than the Morris well.

Efforts to save the No. 1-A E. E. Morris, a 660-foot offset from the original wildcat, were in vain.

A drilling error ran the test eight feet into the Paluxy sand and water pressure was too great for successful production. Several attempts were made to cement off the water but none were successful.

Another E. E. Morris well, pro-

bably 990 feet west of the No. 1 E. E. Morris, is expected to go down in the near future.

Several other wildcats are still in the planning stage, as oilmen continue to try to map the pool around the No. 1 E. E. Morris. The No. 1 well, which touched off the oil search, continues to flow at a satisfactory rate.

Leasing activity is still running at a brisk pace in the Red River County wildcat country, but failures continue to slow the drilling.

Unconfirmed reports credit Magnolia Petroleum Company with acquiring heavy acreage four to five miles northeast of Bagwell. Monsanto Chemical Company at El Dorado, Ark., and Millsap Oil Company of Arkansas are reported active in the leasing.

There is also considerable leasing between Fulbright and Clarksville.

Samuel Johnson Buried Tuesday

Samuel Johnson, 83, of Soper, Ok., was buried Tuesday, following his death on Sunday. He was the father of F. B. Terry, Wells, Clyde Johnson, all of whom live near Deport, and Lee Johnson of Soper. Other sons are Winfrey, of Yuma, Ariz., Tom of Myrtle Creek, Ore., and Raymond, who lives in California.

Surviving daughters are Mrs. Ethel Ferris, Frederick, Ok., and Mrs. Geneva Ferris, San Benito, Calif.

He was a former resident of Lamar County and had been ill for some time. All his sons in this area, except F. B., who is ill, attended the funeral; also a grandson, Pete Johnson of Bogata, and granddaughter, Mrs. Al Parks of Deport.

You're only young once. After that you need some other excuse.

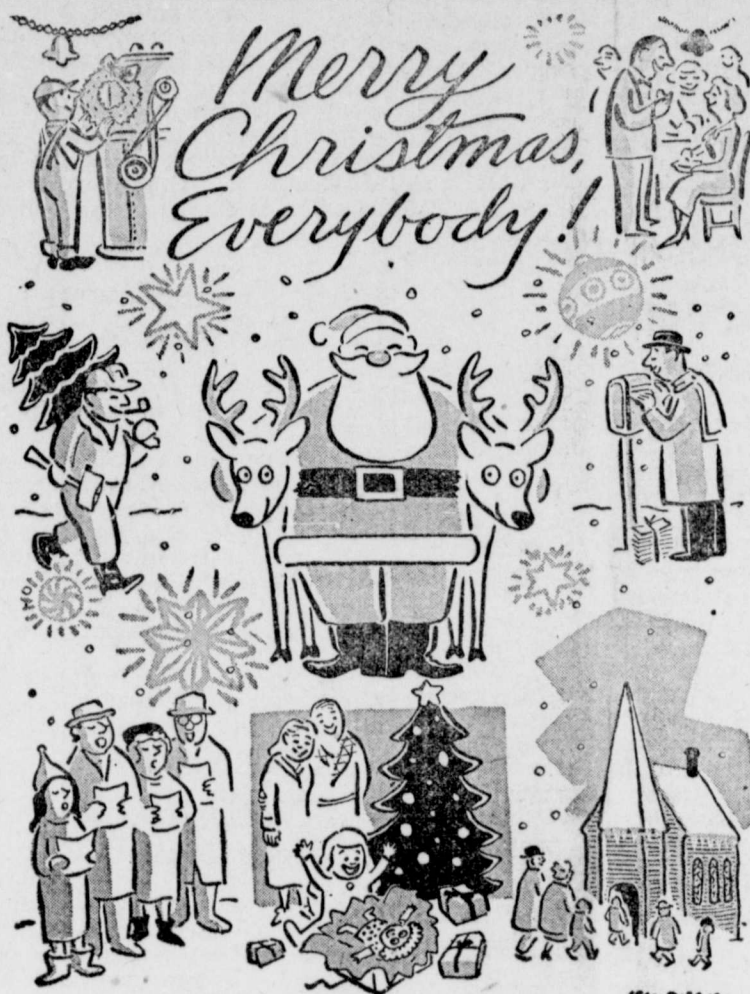
Cotton Deal Here Involved \$30,000

Says the Clarksville Times: Largest cotton deal made in Clarksville this season was closed Friday when Pete Storey, local buyer, purchased 200 bales from Otto Ferris of DeKalb.

Storey's price for this lot was 0.35 cents a pound. The deal involved slightly more than \$30,000. This transaction recalled activities of 20 and 30 years ago when big deals were often reported here.

A large percent of this year's cotton has been placed in the Government Loan program as it has been ginned. Thousands of bales brought to Clarksville in the last three months have been handled in this manner.

Miss Era Mae Smelley of Morehead, Ky., spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, D. J. Smelley and Mrs. Smelley.



Talco State Pays 15% Dividend Rewards Officers

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Talco State Bank they voted to pay stockholders a regular dividend of 10 per cent and a special dividend of 5 per cent.

They also voted to pay bank employees 115 per cent of their annual salaries as Christmas presents and ordered upward of 10 per cent of the bank's funds passed to the undivided profits account. Talco State has had a most successful year. A similar story about the bank appeared in these columns a year ago.

Those who direct its affairs take a leading part in the business, social and church life of the community.

Talco Resident Is Claimed by Death

Mrs. Emma Ora Dickinson, resident of Talco, passed away at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Surviving are her husband, Charles H. Dickinson; one daughter, Mrs. Joe White; one son, Charles Dickinson, and three grandchildren, Jimmie White and Charles Dickinson III and Nelda Ruth Dickinson. Two brothers, Doyle Crim of Essex and Clifton Crim of Bend, Ore., also survive.

Funeral services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Talco, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, under direction of the pastor, Rev. Joe Denton, and burial followed in a cemetery at Pittsburg.

Former Talco Man Dies Heart Attack Temperatures Hit Season Low of 14

Gus L. Miller, 59, died Dec. 1 at his home in Mt. Vernon, following a heart attack. He was a former resident of Talco.

Funeral services were held at Glade Springs Baptist Church, where he was a member. Rev. O. O. Harper and Rev. James V. Bonner officiated. Interment was in the Ebenezer cemetery at Pittsburg.

Pallbearers were Carl Davis, Will Brown, Fred Flowe, Sam Luallen, Aubrey Turner, Carl Crane, Leblan DeShazo and Gordon Loyd.

Mr. Miller was born in Waco, August 11, 1896, the son of Joe and Fannie Miller. He was reared in Titus County in the East New Hope community.

The greater part of his life was spent in Franklin County where he was engaged in farming. He was married in 1917 to Miss Ann Jackson, who survives him.

He is also survived by six sons, Ray Miller, Houston; Winford Miller, Ft. Rucker, Ala.; Leon Miller, Liberty; Joe Herschell Miller, of the armed forces; John L. Miller, Columbus; Billy Glenn Miller, Monahans and eleven grandchildren; one brother, Clyde Miller, Paris; one half sister, Mrs. Dennis Henry, Liberty; one half brother, Luther Stuart, Talco.

Temperatures have returned to about normal after the coldest weather of the season hit a low of 14 degrees Friday morning. The dry norther moved in Thursday and the mercury dropped to the new low.

An overcast sky prevailed Tuesday and Wednesday but little moisture has fallen the past several weeks. The area was foggy and misty early Wednesday. A good rain is needed to replenish water supplies and step up growth of cover crops.

In Northeast Texas, surface moisture is practically gone. Small grains are disappearing and winter legumes are not making any growth. There is still plenty of stock water in some regions, cattle are in fair to good condition and are being fed by ranchers and farmers.

The weather was too cold and land too dry in East Texas counties for vetch and oats to grow. Counties in the southern part of the district have some green grazing, but grass in other areas is very short. Some beef cattle are being fed, but most cattle are losing weight.

Talco Public Schools closed last Friday for the Christmas holidays. Teachers whose homes are elsewhere have left Talco for the vacation period.

THREE MEN CAPTURED WHILE BURGLARIZING DEPORT STORE

Constable Pick Anderson, Albert Crosson and Wayland Ward interrupted an early morning burglary at the City Drug Store in Deport Sunday, the would-be thieves being caught red-handed. Anderson arrested three Dallas men and charges of burglary were filed against them in justice court.

Crosson and Ward, who had planned a duck hunt, arose early, noticed a strange car parked at the rear of the drug store and notified Constable Anderson.

The three approached the back door of the store and found two men, who listed their names as Richard Francis Schoennagel and Carl Courtney Hunt, in the car and the third, Fred Wayne McKeel, inside the store. When McKeel failed to come out of the store when ordered, Constable Anderson fired one shot into the

building and he immediately came out with his hands up.

The man inside had collected more than \$500 in loot in a box and was preparing to leave. Articles put in the box included electric razors, costume jewelry, watches, etc., and the money drawers had been relieved of all change left in them, which was recovered.

Owners C. B. Glover and Duane Glover were called and they, with Hale Glover and Buck Mathews, joined the group. They took the three to the Lamar County jail in Paris.

McKeel is an ex-convict, having previously served two terms in the Texas prison, according to Anderson.

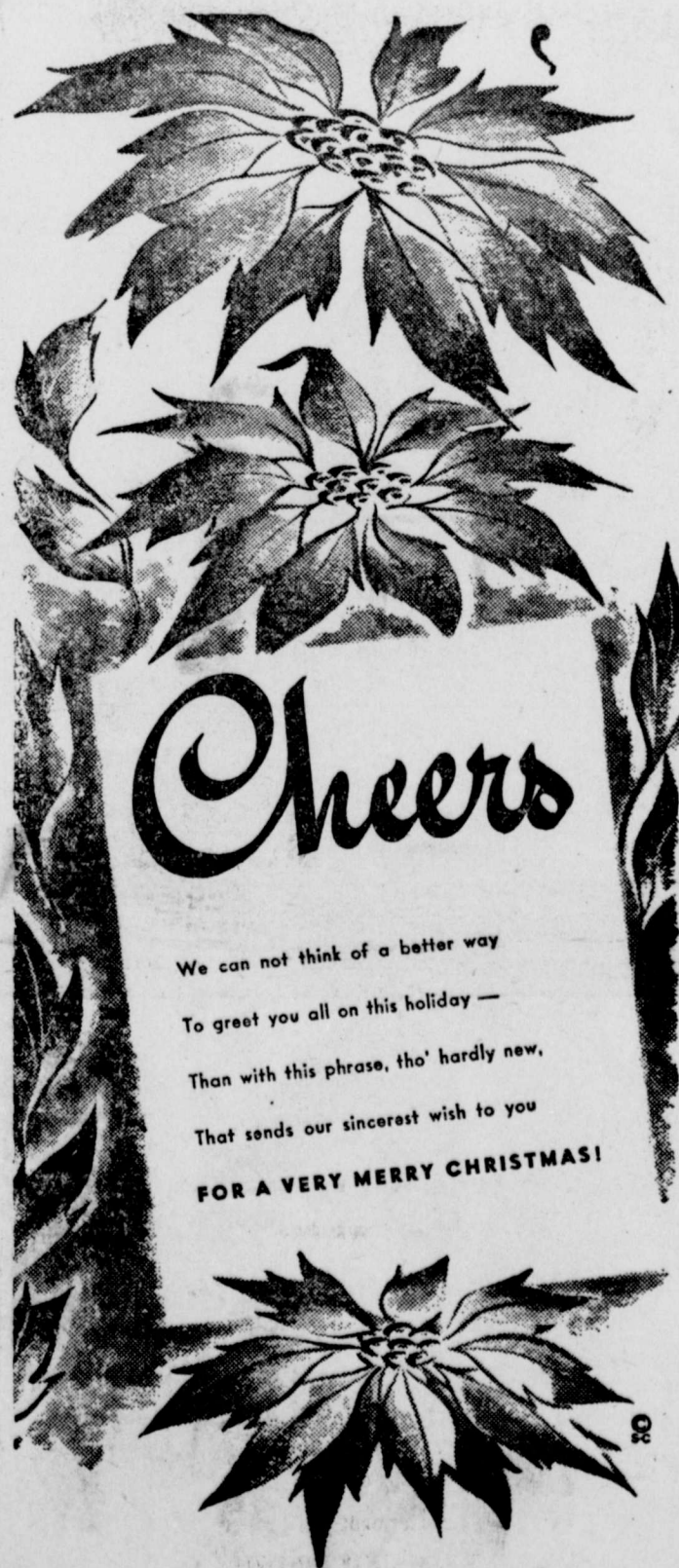
This is the third time thieves have hit the City Drug in the past 18 months, the second time six weeks ago.

John N. Wilson, 73 Dies Tuesday

John N. Wilson, 73, a rancher who had lived in Bogata for 50 years, died Tuesday in a Clarksville hospital after a short illness.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Wayland McLeond and Mrs. L. L. Petty, both of Dallas; Mrs. J. P. Lambert of Linden; Mrs. Robert Whitman of Clarksville, and Mrs. Emerson Broyles of Long Beach, Calif.; and two sons, R. M. Wilson of Paradise, Calif., and James C. Wilson of Dallas.

Mrs. Olin Williams and Sharon went to Dallas Sunday to visit her mother and other relatives.



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SOME GIFTS ARE TAXABLE; HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Since thoughts of gifts come quite naturally to mind during the Christmas season, the subject of gift taxes may be a timely one. Although it may surprise some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However, the government has no desire to tax ordinary birth-

day and Christmas gifts. The law excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000—before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000.) On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift.

Farmers Says Land Lubricated; Wants Oil Well Drilled

Houston.—A farmer called on Mike Halbouty, the oilman, and asked him to drill a well on the farmer's place.

The farmer was so positive oil lay beneath his land that Halbouty asked him why he was so sure.

"Look," said the farmer patiently, "the railroad passes over a trestle on my place. Every time a train goes over the trestle, my land shakes. Why does it shake? It's lubricated with oil that's why."

Crude Allowables For January

The Railroad Commission set allowable production of Texas crude oil for January at 3,275,891 barrels per day, unchanged from the current level.

Five companies at the statewide proration hearing agreed with the decision to maintain the present production pattern of 17 days statewide.

Five companies asked 16 producing days, which would have slashed the allowable 133,000 barrels a day. Shell Oil Co. recommended only 14 days of flow.

The next statewide oil hearing will be held Jan. 18.

Companies recommending 17 producing days were Sun, Humble, Magnolia, Texas and Atlantic Refining.

In favor of 16 days were Gulf, Phillips, Sinclair Crude Oil, Cities Service, Continental, and Stan-lind.

Helpful Offer Left Him Flat

Dakota City, Neb. — Paul G. Cromwell, San Bernardino, Calif., had a flat tire near here.

He got out and prepared to go to work. Just then two men drove up and said they would be glad to help.

In a way they did. One pulled a gun and the two helped themselves to \$72 in Cromwell's wallet and to a suitcase full of clothes.

But what really made Cromwell sizzle was that they drove away with the spare tire of his car.

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

A real estate agent was showing an old farmhouse to a woman prospect, who made a few sketches on a pad and admitted, "I could do a lot with that house." But then she added wistfully: "On the other hand, I believe I said the same thing the first time I looked at my husband."

NOT THAT KIND OF BOY

"They say he married her because her husband left her a million dollars."

"Oh, I don't think Jack is that kind of boy. I think he'd have married her no matter who left it to her."

Juvenile Troubles Talked by Lawmen

Longview.—A return to religious and moral training and greater discipline in the home and school were urged by speakers before the Texas Police Association's juvenile delinquency conference here last week.

Taking the paddle out of the teacher's hand and permitting children to sleep past the Sunday school hour were blamed by Willie Bauer, Beaumont's assistant police chief, for the growing juvenile delinquency problem.

"The tremendous softness in moral fiber of this country," was attacked by W. H. Murphy, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office.

Long Fight Vowed In Ink Wrangle

New Orleans.—Dr. Joseph La Nasa, 54, ordered to pay a fine of \$400 or spend five days in jail for refusing to use black ink in signing death certificates, thus climaxing a controversy that has been raging for five years, said: "I'll fight this thing to the State Supreme Court. I have been using blue-black ink for 30 years, and I plan to continue using it."

The Bureau of Vital Statistics reported, however, that the doctor has recently switched his color of ink—to baby blue.

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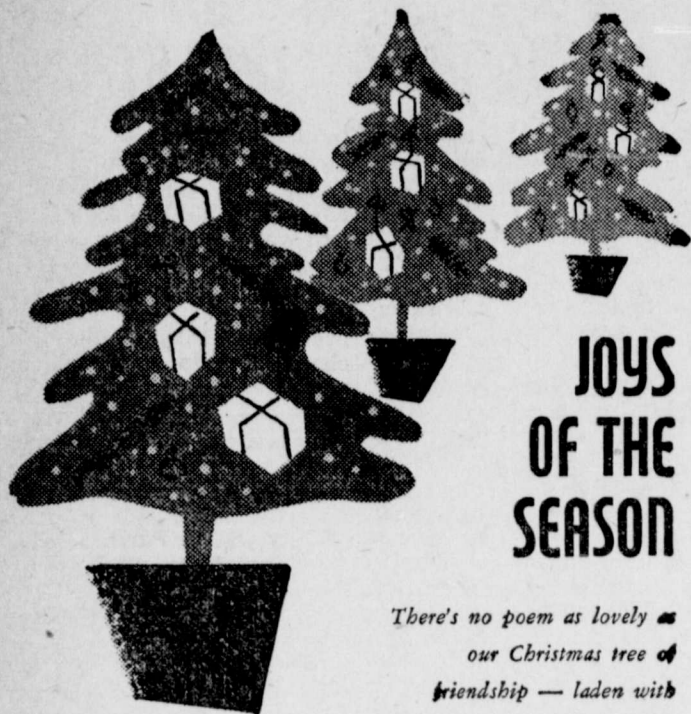
FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE

Jackie Gleason, who has been working much too hard recently, visited his doctor for a check-up.

"You've got to relax mentally, Jackie," warned the M. D. "For the next six months I want you to forget everything except the money you owe me."

Three-fourths of the American towns having newspapers before 1765 were seaports.

The first printing press in America was set up in 1638 in Cambridge, Mass.

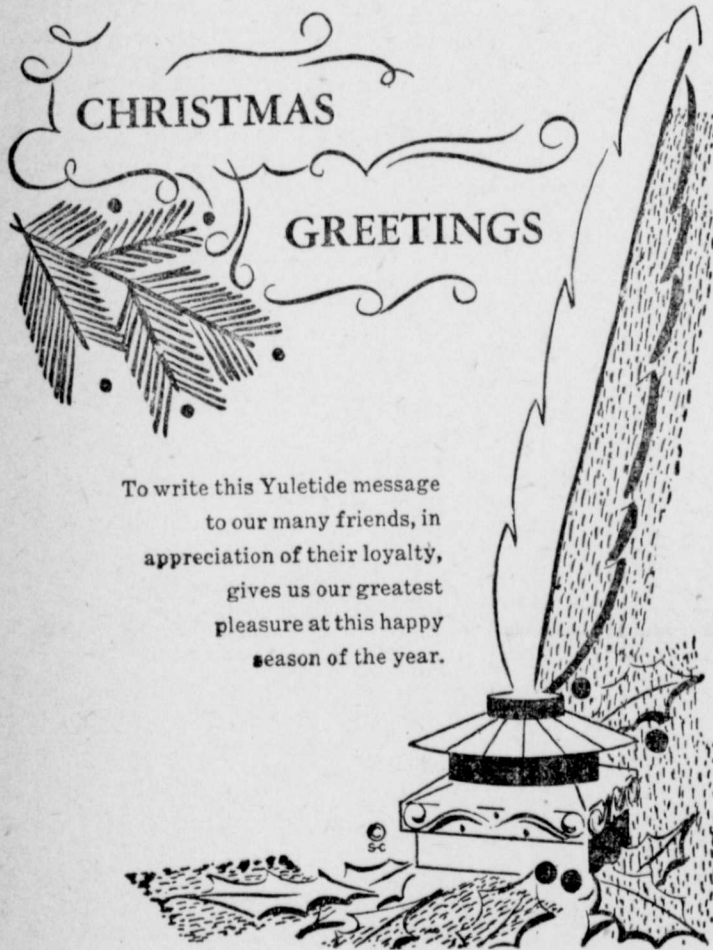


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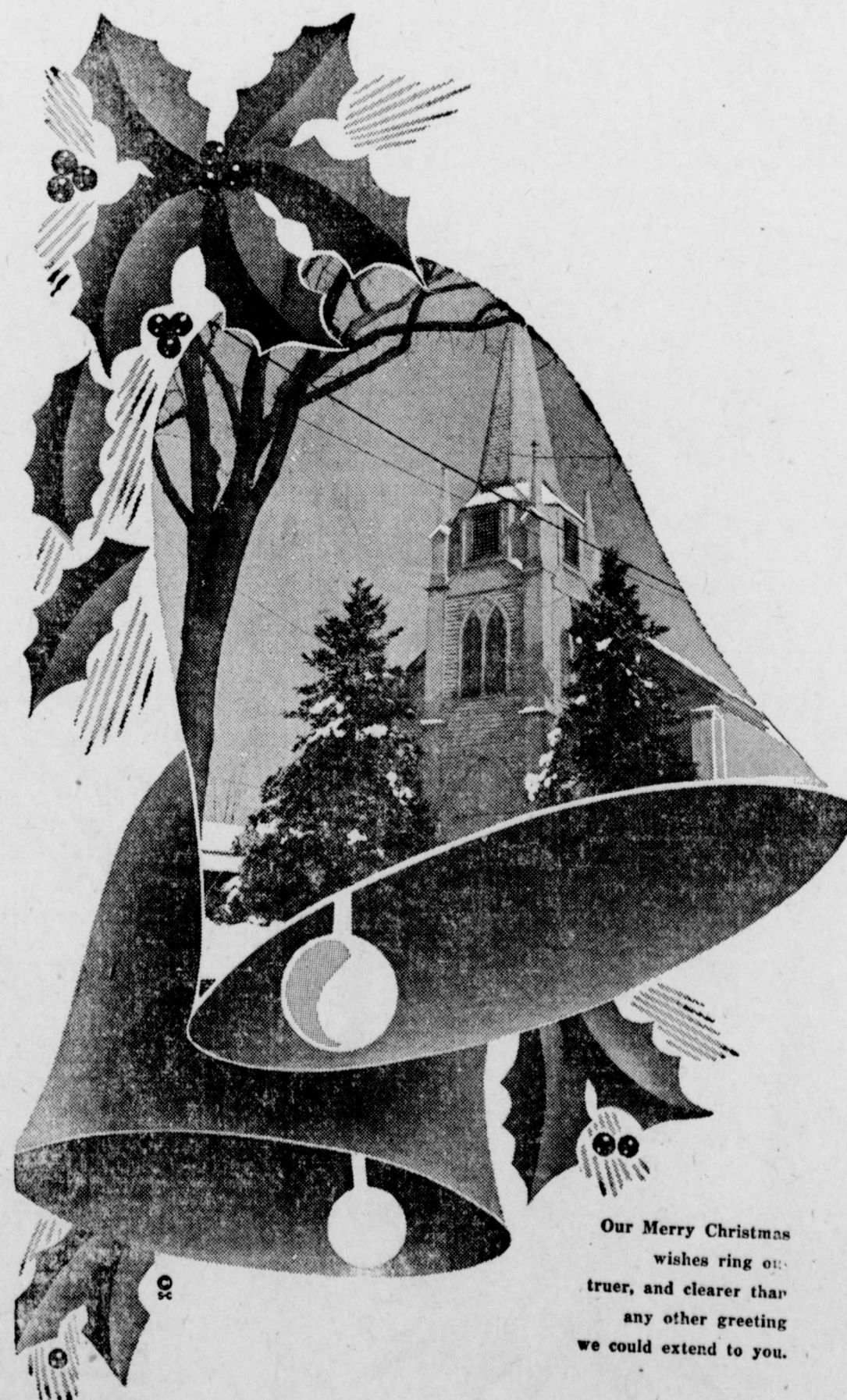


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Alcorn Amazed to Find Christmas Here Again, But Has the Spirit

Editor's note: Achin Alcorn, philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sulphur apparently has got the Christmas spirit, which must make it unanimous.

Dear Editor: It doesn't seem like a month since last Christmas but I see by the calendar another one is almost on us. Unless it's the due date on a note, nothing comes around faster than Christmas these days, and while some people attribute this to the speed we're going at, it doesn't apply to me, as I'm going at the same rate of speed I've been going at for years. It's hard to vary your speed when you're sitting under a tree in the summer or in a rocking chair by the fire in the winter reading a newspaper. Oh, I'll admit I can read your paper for example faster than I can The Dallas News, but just because a cow can eat a pound of cottonseed cake faster than she can a bale of Johnson grass hay is no sign she's gonna come out any more thoroughly nourished, so you can see speed has nothing to do with it.

However, to tell the truth, I'm not sorry Christmas is here again. I know there are people who claim the day has been made into

a racket, but there's nothing original in their thinking. Ole Schrooge claimed the same thing a hundred years ago.

Also, I know the world is about as far from peace as it was the day Christmas started, that is, some parts of it, but not this part out here on this Johnson grass farm. If everybody in the world was as peaceful as I am, there'd be a lot of hydrogen bombs as rusty as my tractor and as little used.

At any rate, at this particular season, I can't be bothered about the foreign situation, and I want to say I have appreciated your publishing my letters in 1955, it means a lot to a man to have something to do to take the place of plowing, thinking may be hard work, but I've never failed to choose it when it came to a choice of it or plowing, you can't plow stretched out dozing under a tree. I know some people say they do their best thinking while they're plowing, but it's not true in my case, nor have I ever done by best plowing while I was thinking. Come to think of it, I've never done my best plowing at any time, and I hope I can get by with the same system in 1956.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas. Yours faithfully, A. A.

FIRST THOUGHT

The teacher was trying to make Elsie understand subtraction and she said: "You have ten fingers, now supposing there were three missing, what would you have then?"

"No music lessons," said Elsie promptly.

NOT SO FOOLISH

Employer: "Have you any references?"

Applicant: "No, sir; I left them at home."

Employer: "That's a very foolish thing to do."

Applicant: "You wouldn't think so if you had read them."

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Editor's Note:—This letter was first published in the San Antonio Express during the Christmas Season of 1952. The writer was Miss Lois Weekes, then Society Editor, and now an Odessa housewife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Mr. Santa Claus
c/o Childhood Hearts
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files.

—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k" several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME, then," from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas Cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
LOIS WEEKES

IT'S NEVER QUIET LONG

Things had been extremely quiet around the police station for quite a while and the desk sergeant was worried.

"I don't know what to think!" he explained one morning. "Here's a whole week gone by and no robberies, no drunk or disorderly cases—and not even a traffic arrest. If something doesn't happen pretty soon, they'll be laying us off."

"Don't worry about a thing, Sarge," replied a patrolman. "Something's bound to happen soon. I've still got a lot of faith in human nature!"

IMPORTANT QUESTION

A Chinese student was riding in an auto with one of our western speed-demons one day. The driver saw a train coming, and said: "Unless we beat that train across we shall be delayed three minutes." He stepped on the gas, and made it, with only seconds to spare. When they were safely across, the Oriental asked quietly: "Now, what are you going to do with the three minutes?"

The New England Courant was founded August 7, 1721 by James Franklin, brother of the more famous Benjamin.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



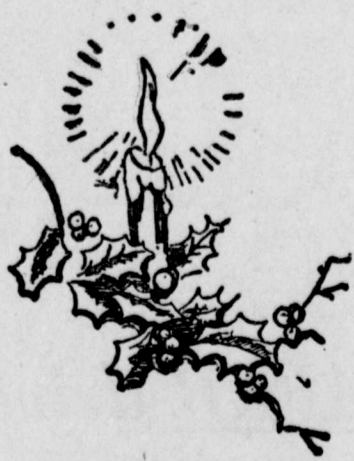
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Knowles Struck By Pickup

Robert Knowles, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Knowles of Maples, and a student in Bogata elementary school, suffered severe bruises and lacerations when he was sideswiped by a pick-up truck Thursday afternoon while on his way to the home of a schoolmate, Raymond Mauldin, after school hours.

Robert and several companions were shooting firecrackers and in an attempt to escape a lighted one, he ran into the path of the pick-up, driven by Clyde Sidons, also of Maples. A medical examination disclosed no broken bones and Robert should be able to return to school in a few days.

Speedy Sheriff Is Amateur Racer

Morristown, N. J. — If you get in trouble in Morris County, don't try a fast getaway. Sheriff Arnold Ladd is an amateur car racer.

His English NG-TC racer has got not only speed—but endurance as well. Ladd came in seventh in the recent 12-hour endurance grind for sports cars in Linden.

And the sheriff does it all despite an artificial leg. He lost his right leg when his jeep hit a land mine in North Africa during the war.

BEST YEAR HE EVER HAD

From Washington comes this little anecdote about Representative Brooks Hays of Arkansas.

Seems he was in a crowded elevator in the House of Representatives when a friend said, "Hello, Brooks, how's the world been treating you?"

"Fine," answered Hays. "Best year I've ever had."

Suddenly he spotted the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in the same elevator.

"That is," he added, "spiritually, of course—not materially!"

Giving Money Away Not Easy Matter

Boone, N. C.—It's not easy to give away money. At least that's the conclusion of J. B. Johnson, who likes to study human psychology.

With ten crisp one-dollar bills, Johnson recently stood on a street corner here and offered money to 23 pedestrians. Only three people accepted dollar bills.

"Truth of the matter is, humans don't trust each other anymore," Johnson observed. For instance, one woman told him, "Young man, don't bother me. I'm not interested in your tricks." Another said sharply, "Please, out of my way."

The experiment led Johnson to this summation: "People work hard for money. Some steal it. Some try to manufacture it. But few will let you give it to them."

Chance For Oil In All Texas Counties

Austin.—If you live in an area where oil and gas production hasn't materialized, don't give up hope.

At the present rate, each of Texas' 254 counties may some day have petroleum discoveries—nothing like the East Texas field or the Canyon Reef, perhaps, but at least some production.

Oil has been discovered in at least 198 counties to date. Natural gas has been discovered in at least 199 counties, with 183 now showing on the taxrolls.

In every other county, some land is under lease for oil and gas development.

WHERE MONEY WENT

Financial Wizard: "Where in heaven's name does all that grocery money go that I gave you?" Wife: "Stand aside and look in the mirror."



May Christmas bring Joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity...

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Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship, when worries are left behind and the future looks more cheerful than ever before.

This institution plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours. So we say again

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doors last Friday morning you
just knew Old Boreas was blow-
ing his breath on the back of your
neck directly off the North Pole.
Thermometer registered 14 de-
grees—coldest of the winter.

Winter puts in its official ap-
pearance Thursday, Dec. 22 at
9:12 a. m. It is also the shortest
day of the year with sunrise at
7:30 and sunset at 5:31. When
the editor recalls how cold he
was two mornings in November
on a deer stand, he thought then
winter had arrived and the cal-
endar in error.

Advertisements in this edition
are quite interesting. Some are
suggesting last minute selections
of holiday gifts, while others ex-
press Christmas Greeting to all
our readers. Folk who make this
newspaper are always proud of
our Christmas issue. It is replete
with local news and stories of
Christmas parties and gatherings.
All the newspaper folk extend to
every reader our best wishes for
a happy Yuletide Season.

It is probably a little old-fash-
ioned and not generally practiced,
but this editor has a habit of
not only endorsing checks given
him for advertising, subscriptions
and printing with a rubber
stamp, but also personally sign-
ing the checks. Some times, es-
pecially at Christmas time, he
nearly gets writers' cramps from
signing his name to several hun-
dred checks for subscriptions.
Maybe it doesn't amount to any-
thing, but it does give expression
to our personal attention to sub-
scription checks, even though
their denominations are small,
and our appreciation of the pat-
ronage of the senders, whether
they are large or small. Merry
Christmas!

HOW OLD?

"How old are you?" inquired
the visitor of his host's little son.
"That is a difficult question,"
answered the infant prodigy.
"The latest personal survey
available shows my psychologi-
cal age to be 12, my moral age
4, anatomical age 7, and my psy-
chological age 6. I suppose, how-
ever, you are referring to my
chronological age, which is 8.
That is so old-fashioned that I
seldom think of it any more."

COULDN'T AFFORD IT

Joe E. Lewis, after losing most
of his earnings at Las Vegas, was
told by his doctor that he needed
an operation.
"Will it be dangerous?" asked
Joe.
"Certainly not," sneered the
medic. "You can't afford a dan-
gerous operation!"

According to Fred Feers, the
best demonstration of a man's
poise is his ability to talk fluently
while the other fellow is pay-
ing the check.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

BURT LOCKHART
in Pittsburg Gazette

The best things in life have no
price tags on them.

The only clouds on the horizon
will be those from people who
don't believe in Santa Claus.

He's a happy man who takes
the world as it is, although he
knows that half of it is mort-
gaged.

No Christmas ever provides
the same glamour and thrill as
those we experienced when we
were kids.

People used to be satisfied
with their lot in life, but now it
takes a corner lot with a house
and double garage.

The joys of the old time Christ-
mas were enlivened with a com-
munity Christmas tree. Time
marches on and now it's a tree in
every home.

Knowledge is wealth. There's
the little woman psychologist
who won \$64,000 on a TV quiz
show because she knew boxing
from "A" to "Z."

The A. F. L. and C. I. O. have
at last married. The union brings
into the organization 18,000,000
members. Politicians are already
casting goo-goo eyes at the new
union.

We are not as demanding of
Santa Claus as we were when we
were a kid. Then we wanted the
earth with a little red fence
around it. Now, if it is all the
same to Santa he can leave off
the fence.

That man Washburn was given
a life sentence for planting a
bomb in a car that killed the mo-
ther of his former wife. Only a
life sentence! Thought the elec-
tric chair was built for criminals
of that type.

Talco Activities Ten Years Ago

NOVEMBER 29, 1945

Hijackers had held up Mrs. A.
V. McElroy's dry goods store in
Talco and took \$20 in cash. A
series of robberies and thefts had
occurred in Titus County. A car
belonging to W. R. Sosebee was
stolen and later located near
White Oak; license plate from
Lester Watts' car, and homes of
Alex Young, Earl Kirk and A. J.
Luna near Winfield and Ralph
White home near Talco, entered.
Two Hagansport men were ar-
rested and placed in jail at Mt.
Pleasant; two men in Dallas with
two others sought for the crimes.

Births: Daughter to Mr. and
Mrs. J. C. Cooper; son to Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. Caldwell of Talco;
daughter to Mr. and Mrs. I. C.
Griffith of Talco.

The first American newspaper
outside Boston was the American
Weekly Mercury, founded in
Philadelphia December 22, 1719,
by Andrew Bradford.

Birthday Party for Mrs. J. W. Via

The home of Mrs. W. H. Cog-
burn was the scene of a surprise
birthday party Dec. 19 at 7 p. m.
honoring Mrs. J. W. Via. The
house was beautifully decorated
with Christmas greenery and col-
ored balls. The refreshment ta-
ble was a winter scene with a
Christmas tree, reindeer, green-
ery and colored balls reflected in
mirrored arrangement. The birth-
day cake was served by Mrs. Leo
Roberts and Mrs. R. W. Prestidge
poured coffee from a golden ser-
vice. A lace cloth over red cov-
ered the table.

Attending were Mrs. R. L.
Prestidge, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs.
Acie Cannady, Mrs. Luie Elkins,
Mrs. W. A. Hawthorne, Mrs. Bill
Wilkie, Mrs. J. L. Gandy, Mrs.
Gene Gandy, Mrs. L. M. Gandy,
Mrs. O. J. Holland, Miss Eloise
Roberts, Miss Jimmie Sue Gandy
and Mrs. G. G. Ryan. Several
friends who were unable to at-
tend sent gifts.

Hostesses for the occasion were
Mrs. W. H. Cogburn, Mrs. R. W.
Prestidge and Mrs. Leo Roberts.

Miss Holland Weds Billy Lovell Ramey

Miss Peggy Gail Holland,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J.
Holland, became the bride of
Billy Lovell Ramey, son of Mrs.
Dessie Ramey of Talco, Dec. 19
at 6:30 in the evening at her home
on the Maple Springs road.

The double-ring ceremony was
performed by the Rev. Joe Den-
ton, pastor of Calvary Baptist
Church, with only the bride's
parents present.

The bride wore a powder blue
boxer suit of wool and mohair,
with matching jersey blouse. Her
accessories were black, with
white hat and gloves scattered
with tiny pearls and rhinestones.
Her shoulder corsage was of
white carnations.

After the wedding the couple
left for a short honeymoon. They
will be at home with the bride's
parents until school is out in the
spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Elmer Harris and Miss
Alice Ruth Tidwell entertained
the Junior Sunday School class
of the First Baptist Church with
a party at the former's home in
the Lavada community Monday
night. After games and exchange
of gifts the hostesses served re-
freshments to these members of
the class: Barbara Harris, Don-
ald Stockton, Gail Henley, Linda
Blalock, Jerry Richeson, Gary
and Jerry Black, James Mills,
Donald North, Barbara Gaddis,
Stella, Shirley and Edgar Brad-
shaw, Aline Grammer and Rita
Jo Martin.

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SOMEBODY MUST RISK!



Security, and Risk-takers

Security comes in a good many different forms, most
of them desirable. There's an odd thing about security,
though. It is the product of risk—yet risk is the oppo-
site of security.

In searching for security, don't go to people who are
looking for the same thing. Go to those who are risk-
takers, not security-seekers. And this applies regardless
of what kind of security we hope to find.

To start every business, people had to put their re-
sources on the line—their ideas, energy, time and
money. There is never a "sure thing." Government looks
to risk-taking private enterprises and the income they
create for most of its funds.

We may not be conscious of it, but wherever we seek
personal or economic security, we expect it to be pro-
vided by people who are willing to take risks—and they
seldom let us down.

SOME POSE

"Those new people across the
road seem very devoted," said
Mrs. Jones to the newspaper
which hid her husband.

A rustle of the sheet was all
the reply she got, but she was
used to that.

"Every time he goes out he
kisses her, and goes on throwing
kisses all down the road. Ed-
ward, why don't you do that?"
"Me!" snorted the man behind
the newspaper, "I don't know
her."

Why don't teenagers ever go on
a phone strike?

CHURCH NOT ON FIRE

Evangelist Billy Graham caus-
ed a laugh on "Meet the Press,"
when he told about a fire that
broke out in a small town church.

When the fire department ar-
rived, the minister recognized
one of the men. "Hello, there
Jim," he chided. "I haven't seen
you in church in a long time."

"Well," was the answer, "there
hasn't been a fire in church in a
long time."

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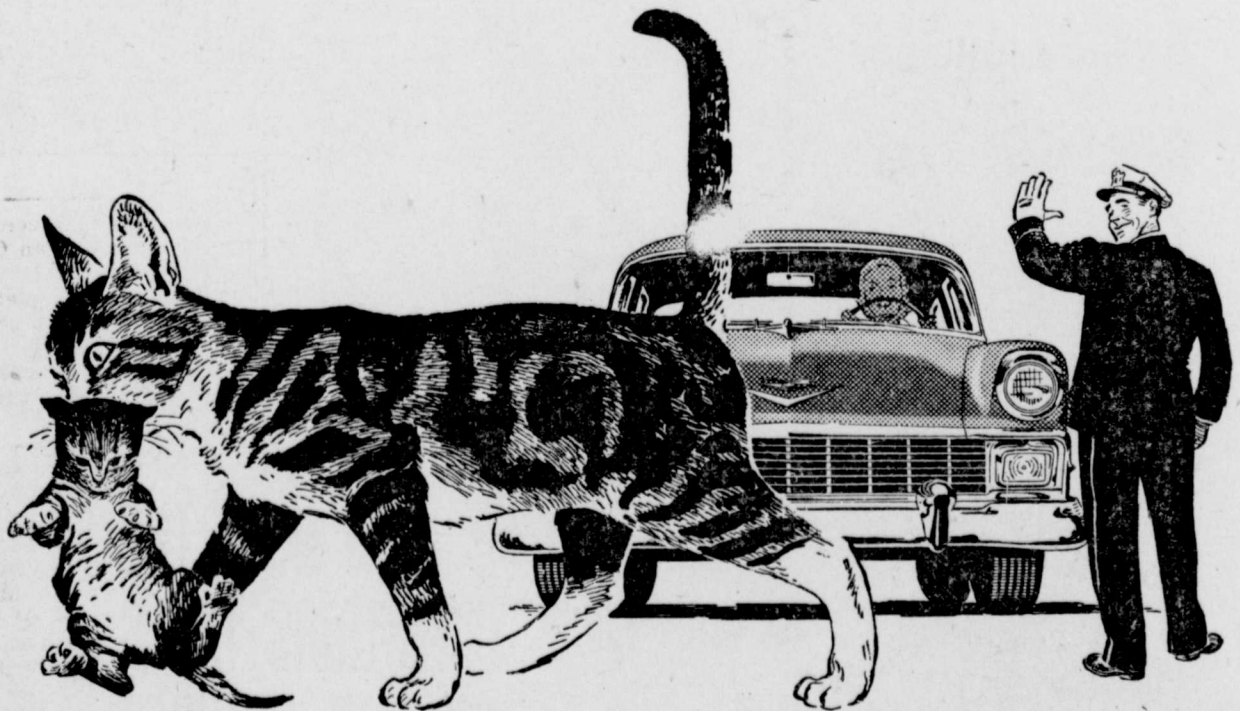
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comes from advanced suspension
and better balance—the sweeping
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LOCAL NEWS

By MRS. O. B. HOPWOOD
DIAL DR 9-3855

Mrs. Elton Welch and Mrs. Sallie Gage visited in the Grover Ard home Wednesday night.

The First Baptist Church will meet at 8:45 a. m. Sunday for classes for convenience of its members.

Mrs. Ney Blackburn, Ney and Wayne were in Longview Monday and visited Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Russell and Pam.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins have ordered The Talco Times sent to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore at Palestine as a Christmas gift.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morgan over the week end were Mrs. W. H. Hughes and Mrs. Mildred Spruell of Tyler, Milton Babin and small daughter of Lavada.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johnson and Joe Bob of Dallas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClung, Mrs. Nadine Caldwell and Gayla through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keeling left Wednesday to spend the holidays with their son, Luther Keeling and family in Dallas.

Mrs. Nancy Hazlewood will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Coye Blasen-game and family in Palestine.

Mrs. Elwood Jones went to Commerce Monday and brought her mother, Mrs. Sallie Wages, home with her Tuesday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mauldin of Bogata, will receive The Talco Times each week for the next year as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Madge Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Reece and two children of Grandview, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Reece's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coker.

Mrs. Bettye Ruth Hopwood, Barry and Wendalyn Jo of Texarkana, arrived Monday to visit Mrs. O. B. Hopwood and Mrs. F. A. Jones, Sr., until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thomas of Portales, N. M., visited their cousin, Mrs. Bob McClung and family Tuesday. Mrs. Effie Sparks of Wimborsboro, also visited the McClung family Tuesday.

The Greatest Story Ever Told

From The MANGER to the CROSS

Holy Bible.

The Shepherds said, let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord hath announced they came and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger

LU 2:15 16.



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PORTALES IN OIL!

WILLIAM A. SMITH,
POPULARLY KNOWN AS **UNCLE BILLY SMITH,** WAS HIRED BY COLONEL E. L. DRAKE TO MAKE DRILLING TOOLS AND WORK AS A DRILLER ON THE DRAKE WELL.

ORIGINALLY A BLACKSMITH, AND SALTWELL DRILLER FROM SALINA, PA., SMITH AND HIS SON WERE BOTH HIRED BY DRAKE FOR TWO AND A HALF DOLLARS A DAY!

AFTER DRILLING 69 FEET "UNCLE BILLY" PEERED INTO THE PIPE AND FOUND OIL FLOATING ON THE WATER AND NOTIFIED DRAKE THAT THE WELL HAD COME IN!

A SHORT WHILE AFTER THE WELL WAS DISCOVERED SMITH WAS CHECKING THE FLOW OF OIL WITH A LAMP IN HIS HAND AND SET THE FIRST DRAKE WELL ON FIRE. ANOTHER WELL WAS DRILLED AT THE SAME SPOT.




Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith and daughter of Houston, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffith and other relatives.

Lloyd Graf Jr. underwent a major operation at a Paris hospital on Tuesday. He was given only a 50-50 chance to recover by the surgeon. He was doing nicely Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smelley spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. Smelley's sister, Mrs. C. E. Whitmire and Mr. Whitmire in Winters. They took Mrs. Smelley's mother, Mrs. L. W. Hendon to her home in Richland enroute to Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Byrd of West, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Byrd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smelley. The Smelleys' son, Wayne, employed in Dallas, will spend Sunday and Monday with the family.

Members of the Church of Christ honored the minister, Earl Edge and family Tuesday evening with a meeting at the Humble Recreation Hall. The family will leave Monday for Smithville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Gray and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gray and children of Marshall, will spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. W. Gray and their sister, Mrs. Sallie Gage.

Mrs. Jerry Caldwell's sister, Mrs. Leo Adams and two daughters, Kaye and Karen of Orlando, Fla., arrived Monday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell before going to Ada, Ok., to visit other relatives.

C. W. Pittman of R2, Talco, will receive The Talco Times for one year from his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Austin in Dallas as a Christmas present. Mrs. Austin also enclosed a check for her renewal to The Times.

All of the girls and boys away at school came home for the holidays except Freddie Rodgers, who is attending Texas University. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rodgers and Monty visited them the past week end.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones were Mrs. Cora Seaman of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Willson and daughters of Argo, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Roberts and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blakely of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Edgar Stevens and two children of Morgan City, La., are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Zela Neugent and children and with Mr. Stevens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stevens, and Mrs. Ted Adams. Mr. Stevens will arrive during the week end.

A daughter was born Saturday night at a Mt. Pleasant hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Jones. She weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones, all of Talco. The young lady had not been named up to Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Nadine Caldwell, Mrs. Bob McClung, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Flanagan and Mary Jo, Judy Cain, Sue Webb, Pamela Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Duffie, Jerry Caldwell and his house guests, Misses Kaye and Karen Adams of Orlando, Fla., attended the program of tap dancing Monday night at the West Ward School building in Mt. Pleasant in which Gayla Lou Caldwell, Jane Dell Flanagan and Nancy Buchanan took part.

PLEASE

Times subscribers are asked to notify the subscription department promptly of any changes in their addresses. Under the new postal laws, newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any changes in address furnished by the postoffice. In addition, there is also the problem of delay in delivery or failure to get the paper. The best plan is to send the change of address in advance.

Hoffmann And Redfearn Buy Sinclair Motors

Alvis Redfearn and O. C. Hoffmann have purchased the Sinclair Motors, the Lincoln-Mercury Dealers from J. O. Sinclair on Highway 67 in Mt. Pleasant.

The new firm is to be known as R. and H. Motors.

Dave Hitt and Mrs. Etna Smith will remain with the new firm. Mr. Redfearn has been in the automobile business since 1930. He has been with the Joel Steed Motors since 1951.

Mr. Hoffmann has farming and ranching interests. He also pioneered the Mt. Pleasant Air Port and is well-known in the Talco area.

ASK THE REASON

A man usually buys something because he needs it. When a woman buys, however, she has a choice of eight reasons. She may use any or all of them.

She may buy:

Because he says she can't have it.

Because it will make her look thin.

Because it comes from Paris.

Because the neighbors can't afford it.

Because it's different.

Because nobody has one.

Because everybody has one.

Because.

SHE WANTED TO KNOW

Fortune Teller (to bride of a few weeks): "You wish to know about your future husband?"

Bride: "No. I wish to know about the past of my present husband for future use."

Long Fight Vowed In Ink Wrangle

New Orleans.—Dr. Joseph L. Nasa, 54, ordered to pay a fine of \$400 or spend five days in jail for refusing to use black ink in signing death certificates, thus climaxing a controversy that has been raging for five years, said: "I'll fight this thing to the State Supreme Court. I have

been using blue-black ink for 30 years, and I plan to continue using it."

The Bureau of Vital Statistics reported, however, that the doctor has recently switched his color of ink—to baby blue.

The first printer of the Boston Gazette in 1719 was James Franklin, who had as his apprentice his 13-year-old brother, Benjamin.

A Happy Yuletide

As Christmas again lights the world with its message of peace and good will, so our thoughts are brightened by the warm memories of pleasant associations contributed by our friends.

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Wonderful treat! She'll love to find the Samsonite Train Case under her tree! It looks so smart—carries so much (holds 52 feminine travel needs)! With a removable plastic tray, spacious pockets, and a luxurious water-resistant lining.

And note—its better-than-leather finish stays clean with just a flick of a damp cloth.

In a choice of glamorous costume colors.



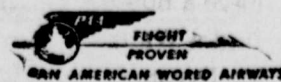
"Carry on" plane luggage! Her's small enough to share her seat on plane or train.



Traveling dressing table! The top's a big mirror that stays up while she makes up.



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TEXAS INCOME FROM SESAME CLIMBS TO NEARLY \$500,000

Texas' new crop, sesame, this year promises to net the farmers of the state between \$400,000 and \$500,000, the highest by far in its 4-year history, Robert L. Parker, executive vice-president of the Texas Sesame Seed Growers, said in Dallas.

Parker heads an organization of farmers with headquarters in

Paris. He spoke at the first report meeting of the community division of Texas Research Foundation's 1,500,000 5-year operating fund campaign.

Parker used the story of sesame to point the ways in which the research produced at Renner is strengthening the economy of the area.

MAY THE
CHRISTMAS BELLS
RING IN A MOST
HAPPY SEASON



May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

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"—TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY?"



"In 1952 several of our farmers working in close co-operation with the Texas Research foundation, planted test plots of sesame totaling two acres," Parker said. "The results were so successful that in 1953 these farmers, using their own money, organized the Texas Sesame Seed Growers and produced about 420,000 pounds of sesame on approximately 1,000 acres."

Last year, despite the severe drouth, about 1,200,000 pounds of sesame seed were produced on 7,500 acres.

"The new crop introduced by the scientists at Renner is reaching major proportions for the first time this year," Parker told the group. "Between four and five million pounds of seed will be produced on about 10,000 acres in the Dallas area and in the High Plains of Texas."

"The 1955 crop is really beginning to roll to market now," Parker said. "More than 800,000 pounds of the seed were delivered to market last week in the Paris area alone."

Benjamin Franklin was the publisher of the Philadelphia Zeitung, which in 1732 was the first foreign-language newspaper in the American colonies.

Farmers to Have Better Market, 1975

Washington.—American farmers will have in 1975 a market for 40 per cent more food and fiber products than now if latest forecasts of government economists pan out.

The prediction was made by Agriculture Department economists at a Farm Outlook Conference being attended by several hundred state farm extension service workers and department officials.

The estimate, based upon prospective increases in population and export demand, raised this question: Will farmers be able to increase production enough to supply markets of that size?

PREVENTIVE MEASURE

The young cousin of the mountaineer blade had come over the mountain to visit him, and was standing entranced as the older youth went over his face with a straight razor.

"Don't you ever cut yourself?" he asked wonderingly. "Naw," said his kinsman, "I been shavin high on to two years, and I ain't cut myself either time."

FARMERS URGED NOT TO BURN COTTON STALKS AND STUBBLE

Don't burn those stalks or stubble, urge Lamar County Soil Conservation District officials. Farmers who burn crop residue are violating a fundamental law of nature. The burning of any form of crop residue is a violation of the laws of nature and it is also a bad practice from the standpoint of soil conservation.

Organic matter has often been called the life of the soil. Cotton or corn stalks, small grain stubble or any form of crop residue adds many tons of organic matter to the soil each year if properly managed. It is highly important that this residue be properly managed if the soil is to be conserved and its structure and productivity improved. Soil conservation technicians agree that organic matter or crop residue should be cut or turned into the upper portion of the top soil for several reasons. First, it forms a protective mulch. This mulch helps protect the soil against beating raindrops, running water or blowing winds. It also helps to keep the soil several degrees cooler when the summer sun is beaming straight down.

Secondly, organic matter improves the physical structure of the soil. It helps keep hard pans or plow pans from reforming once they are broken up by the plow or by deep rooted plants. The texture of some of our better clay soils is so fine that organic matter is needed to help open them up for water, air and root penetration. On the other hand, some of our sandier soils are so coarse textured they need organic matter to give them fertility and water holding power.

Experimental tests show that 100 lbs. of organic matter will hold 190 lbs. of water while some soils can hold only 25 lbs. of water per 100 lbs. of soil. Think what this could mean in terms of moisture supply during the growing season. Soils with a good supply of organic matter can hold enough moisture to extend the growing season for several days or even weeks during dry spells.

It is very encouraging to see so many farmers doing such a fine job of shredding their stalks and leaving the residue near the top of the soil. This is an important conservation practice and its continued and extensive use is strongly recommended. Burying the residue too deep into the soil is almost as bad a practice as burying it on the surface. If buried too deeply, it turns to

ashes and loses its value as a soil conditioner.

The burning of native meadows is a bad practice any year. It is doubly so this year. Our more desirable native grasses do not make viable seed very often. This is the first year in the last 5 or 6 that the better grasses have set a good seed crop. To burn these grasses now would destroy a badly needed supply of grass seeds. The less desirable grasses produce seed every year. The better ones produce good seed about every 6 years. If they are not allowed to produce, our native meadows will be reduced to wire grasses and weeds in another decade. The stands of the more desirable grasses are already reduced to the danger point in most of our native meadows where annual burning is done.

Yawned, But Now Can't Shut Eye

Wellington, England.—Farmer Jim Langford yawned so hard he won't be able to shut an eye for the next six weeks.

Langford was tired after a hard day's work and let go with a giant-sized yawn. Something snapped and he found he couldn't close his left eye.

Doctors said he wouldn't be able to close his eye for six weeks.

JUVENILE SECRETARY

A businessman, phoning an associate at home, was answered by a child. "Tell him that Mr. Brown called," he said.

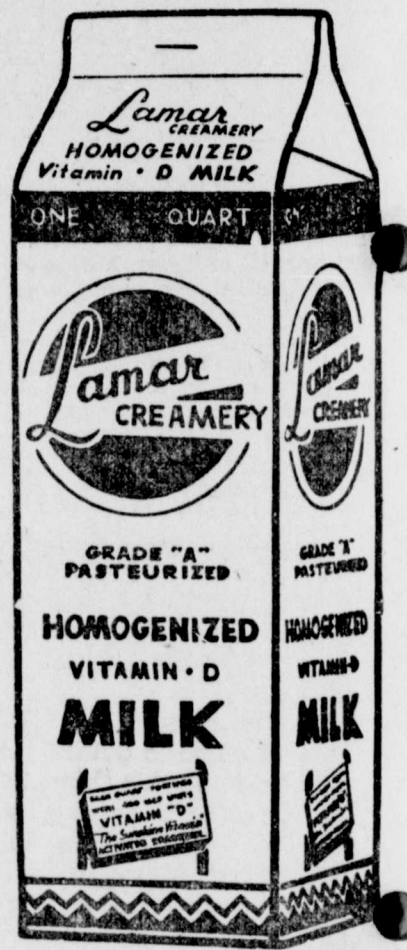
"Wait till I get a pencil and paper," the child replied, then, "How do you spell Brown?"

"B-R-O," the man began. Then there was a labored silence. Finally the difficulty was explained. "How," asked the child, "do you make a 'B'?"

Try Soda For Bugs On Windshields

Detroit.—Household baking soda is a valuable adjunct for motor security, auto maintenance men report. It is especially helpful in removing insects from windshield or from the car finish. Half a pound of baking soda in a gallon of water makes an ideal solution. Sponged liberally it will float bugs off with no effort. It should be rinsed off with clear water. A saturated solution also is good to keep battery terminals free of corrosion.

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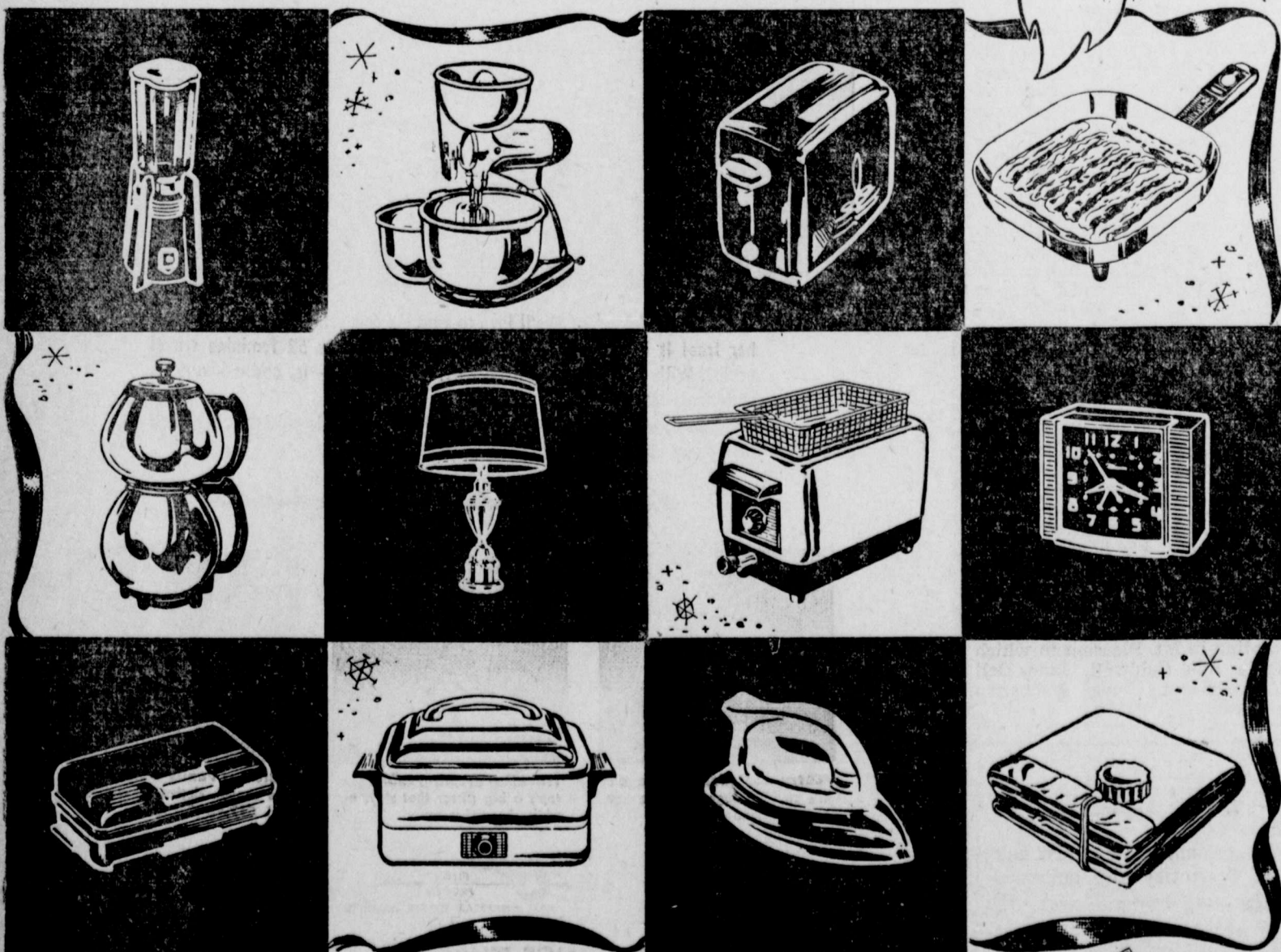
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B. Conn Anderson Wins Scholarship At Oxford Univ.

Cadet B. Conn Anderson, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. B. Conn Anderson of Auburn, Ala., outstanding student of West Point, has won a Rhodes scholarship in competitive examinations held recently at New Orleans, La., and Birmingham, Ala. He was selected on the basis of character, intellect, leadership and physical vigor.

Anderson was recently presented the West Point star award for being in the top five per cent of his class in the academic year 1954-55.

Cadet Anderson stands 7th in a class of 484. As a star award winner, he holds one of the highest honors in the Corps of Cadets at the Military Academy.

Prior to his appointment to the academy by Senator Lister Hill, Cadet Anderson was graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., in 1951.

Anderson, as a cadet at West Point as a senior, plans to be a professional soldier, as was his father. The Army will give him leave to study at Oxford. The 21-year-old cadet says he will study political science, economics and philosophy.

Deport friends of the Anderson family will be glad to learn of Junior's high scholastic standing and of his winning the Rhodes award.

Schoolboy, 15, Weds His Teacher

Modugno, Italy.—A 15-year-old boy and his pretty 29-year-old mathematics teacher who gave him special instructions are living happily as man and wife, it was disclosed recently.

Giuseppe Aragno, son of a petty officer, and Terese Marega shyly admitted to friends that they were married last Oct. 10, after she proposed.

Friends of the couple said romance blossomed between pupil and teacher last summer.

Mistreating Mate Costs Six Years

Hamburg, Germany.—Mrs. Gerda Thimm, 22, has been sentenced to six years in prison for mistreating her husband and trying to poison him.

Mrs. Thimm was convicted of: 1. Dropping—on 13 nights—hydrochloric acid into the ears of her sleeping spouse.

2. Placing a splinter of a razor blade under his eyelid.

3. Placing rat poison in his bed. "I wanted to make him look ugly because he flirted with other women," she told the court.

TWO "SOWS" AND 25 PIGS

An editor received a story from one of his reporters about the theft of 2,025 pigs from one farmer. Curious about the large number, he phoned the farmer to verify the report.

"Are you the farmer whose pigs were stolen?" he began.

"Yeth, I thure am," replied the farmer.

The editor thanked him, turned, and rewrote the story about the theft of two sows and 25 pigs.

ON THE LEVEL

Motorist: "Say, this used car you sold me can't climb a hill, and you swore up and down it was a good car."

Salesman: "I didn't swear up and down. I said on the level it was a good car."

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Our American business system is quite different from government-controlled systems under which the individual freedoms we enjoy are distorted or completely eliminated. Action which limits economic freedom also reduces political and individual freedoms.

To preserve our individual freedoms we must keep a watchful eye on proposed changes in our business system, viewing each proposal as to its immediate effects compared to its long-range effects.

One of our most important civic duties is to exert our efforts against those changes in our system which would tend to destroy our individual freedoms, and to promote those policies which will improve our American business system.

A REAL SALESMAN

A man wanted a watchdog, a "real man-killer." The dealer sold him a 200-pound Great Dane. A few days later, the man returned to the dealer, irately demanding his money back.

"You call this dog a man-killer? Why my house was ransacked the other night and he slept right through it."

The dealer listened politely and then, after the customer had let off steam, sold him a little dog to wake up the big one.

AT LAST

A newcomer to the town was looking for a church to attend. He happened into a small one in which the congregation was reading with the minister. They were saying: "We have left undone those things we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself, "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

Jno. David Wright Thirteen-Yr.-Old Knocks Over Buck

It is not unusual for an adult man or woman to kill a smart, crafty old buck deer that can see, hear and smell much better than the hunter.

But when a 13-year-old boy outsmarts and kills a nice big pointer, that is real news.

John David Wright, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright of Talco, went deer hunting with his father recently and both of them killed bucks.

We would like to have been present when the father came to his son after he had shot and learned he had knocked over a big buck. We will bet John D.'s usual stoic expression gave way to one of joy, pride and happiness.

John David is a real sportsman at 13 and right now is interested in buying a good coon hound.

Tin Shingles Made From Tin Cans

Sawyer, Okla.—T. F. Stinnett, a life-long do-it-yourself exponent, has shingled the roof and sides of his home and all his farm buildings with tin cans!

Stinnett said he used 18,000 quart oil cans for the project. He collected the discarded cans at service stations. They are processed into thin plate shingles in assembly-line fashion. A can opener-like gadget removes the top and bottom. The can is then split down the side and pressed flat.

Stinnett says his roof, covered 11 years ago, is as good as ever.

AFTER TEN YEARS

"So you met Marian today?" "Yes, I hadn't seen her for 10 years."

"Has she kept her girlish figure?" "Kept it? She's doubled it!"

End of An Era In Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The horse and buggy days in Pittsburgh have ended—officially.

Just before Labor Day city officials decreed the last remaining horse watering trough in the mid-town section be dismantled.

The decision came nearly nine months after the city disbanded its mounted police horse troop as an economy measure.

Officials said since the police horses have gone there aren't enough horses around to justify the expense of keeping the water trough in operation.

Santa Gets Blame For Bad Colds

New York.—Santa Claus has been blamed as a prime causer of bad colds. H. J. Bannon, research director of Grove Laboratories, Inc., said the year's biggest cold epidemic always starts up right after the hectic Christmas shopping period.

THE HUSBAND'S DILEMMA

The young groom asked his father's advice on how to get along with women.

"Well, Son," the father offered, "stop praising a woman and she'll think you don't love her any more. And on the other hand, if you keep on praising her she'll think she's too good for you."

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THAT TRAINED SWIMMER

The teacher read the story of the man who swam three times across the Tiber before breakfast. Willie who was sitting in the front seat, began to snicker.

The teacher asked, "You don't doubt that a trained swimmer could do that, do you?"

"Oh, no, teacher. I only wondered why he didn't make it four times and get back to where he left his clothes."

NOT THE SAME VALUE

A woman tourist in Africa was admiring a native warrior's necklace. "What are those things?" she asked.

"Alligator teeth, ma'am," replied the native.

"Oh, I see. I suppose they have the same value for your people as pearls do for us."

"Not quite," he answered gravely. "Anybody can open an oyster."



May this Holiday bring you the utmost of joy and may the New Year bring with it success as a reward for your every effort. You have been very considerate.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
BRIGHT AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR

As another Christmas comes around we feel that we have an unpaid obligation, an obligation of gratitude. Friends of this institution have made possible a certain amount of progress and prosperity for our organization. These friendships have been an enjoyable experience, one in which we believe we have the confidence and esteem of the people whom we strive to serve. And now, all we ask is the privilege of a continuance of these fine relationships to enable us to look forward with genuine enthusiasm to the future.

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McKnight and children visited in Gilmer Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. Dickerson's father, W. P. Jones, is visiting in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Morrison visited in Sulphur Springs, Saturday.

Donna Temples visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGee and son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gale Burnham and family.

Jimmy and Becky Foster are at home with their parents for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temples of Huntsville, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox.

Eddie Griggs is home from Denton to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Griggs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dickerson and their grandson, Stan, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dickerson in Grand Saline.

Mrs. J. G. Scarborough of Houston, came Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pearson.

Jimmy Stewart, student at Commerce, is home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart and Vangie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funderburk attended the funeral of Mr. Funderburk's uncle, W. C. Funderburk in Kosse, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pearson visited Mr. and Mrs. Benny Poarch in Grand Prairie Saturday. Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Pearson attended the Tyler and Abilene football game in Ft. Worth.

WANT ADS

Rates: 3 cents per word first insertion; 2 cents per word each additional insertion. No ad accepted for less than 50 cents per issue. Terms cash unless you are a regular advertiser in this newspaper.

FOR SALE—5 room house in Humble Camp, belonging to D. B. Stone, \$600. See J. W. Seabough.

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Mrs. Joe White
Charles Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Belcher announce the birth of a son, Russell Duane, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces on Dec. 15 in a Mt. Pleasant hospital. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor are his Talco grandparents.

REPOSSESSED

"Why wouldn't I feel blue! I've lost my new car!"
"Why don't you report it to the sheriff?"
"Not necessary. He's the one who came and got it."

NO CHANGE

"Has Meyer changed much in the years he has been away?"
"No, but he thinks he has."
"How so?"
"Why, he is always talking about a fool he used to be."

My Neighbors

(Illustration of a man and a dog)
"No, no, boy! That's a decoy. The kind we want goes 'Quack, quack!'"

MAPLE SPRINGS

By VIRGIE GRAF

Sgt. and Mrs. Leon Lewis and children of Lake Charles, La., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lewis.

Betty Ann Lewis of Lake Charles, La., spent the week end with Marilyn and Lavonne Graf.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman of Gladewater, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Blalock. A2c Casey Blalock of Ft. Worth, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Blalock.

Delbert Alexander of Ft. Worth and C. H. Wilson of Dallas, spent the week end with Mrs. C. H. Wilson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Randles, Mrs. Marv Ritcherson and Mary Jane and Marie Sue Randles spent Sunday with Bro. and Mrs. O. Rhyne and children at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Joe Bob Temples of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temples and Donna of Huntsville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Temples.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swofford and Cathy Lee of Dallas, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Black.

When the Reverend Smead calls his clergymen friends long distance, we assume its "parson to parson."

Birthday Party for Cook Sisters

A birthday party for Jeanie Cook, four years old Tuesday, and Sallie Cook, who will be two on December 30, was given Tuesday afternoon by their mother, Mrs. Johnny Cook, at their home in Talco.

About 14 children were invited. Ice cream, cake and cold drinks were served, with Santa Claus stockings as favors.

A Minnesota physician says people would live longer if they would wear less clothing. This sounds plausible. Women outlive men.

Talco Deep Test Is Now Drilling

A deep test for oil by John B. Stephens on 284 acre block on the O. W. Finley tract near the Welch crossing on Sulphur river, three miles east of Talco is now drilling, depth not given. The land is owned by Floyd Lewis of Ennis. It is 150 feet north of the NW corner of the Fort tract and 500 feet west.

Dean Brothers, Fort Worth, have moved into Red River County for drilling No. 1 Dave Lennox as a 2,900-foot wildcat

about a mile southwest of Clarks-ville. Location is shown to fall 490 from the north and 330 from the east lines of a 22.7-acre tract in the W. H. Hopkins survey.

SHOE LEATHER

"Johnny, what kind of leather makes the best shoes?"

"I don't know, Teacher, but banana peels make the best slippers."

"The Chocolate Soldier" is a musical version of the play, "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw.

Corpus Christi, Texas, has the nation's largest naval training station.

Bogata Gin Turns Out 3,834 Bales For 1955 Season

The Bogata Gin, under management of Paul T. Hill, turned out 3,834 bales of cotton of the 1955 crop. It is the greatest amount of cotton the gin has ever handled.

The 1954 crop amounted to only 1361 bales, due to the drouth, the increase this year being 2573 bales, or nearly three times as much cotton as was ginned last year.

Sunny faces of the kiddies will brighten the world on Christmas Day.



That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

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Mrs. G. A. Vaughan

Dr. George Grout



Man-Hungry Women Leave Britain To Seek Husbands in New Zealand

London. — Thousands of man-hungry British women are suddenly seeking free travel to New Zealand in the hope of finding husbands in the land of surplus men, the New Zealand High Commission reports.

Extra clerks have been drafted into the New Zealand migration office here to handle the swollen mail and ceaseless telephone calls which followed reports that New Zealand must import women as mates for its 40,000 lonely bachelors.

Telephone lines on two days have been blocked with calls and mail inquiries have quadrupled to 600 daily. Applicants for a free 13,000-mile ride to romance range from girls of 16 to middle-aged widows with fatherless children.

"We are just swamped by women who want to go out as brides," a migration office spokesman said. "We've never had anything like this before."

The New Zealand government maintains a special department here to handle British emigrants. Last year, 15,000 Britons left to find a new life in New Zealand. About 3,500 traveled at the New Zealand government's expense. This year the New Zealand government's emigrant ship, Captain Cook, will carry more than 4,000 Britons on free one-way trips. The cheapest one-way fare by regular boat costs \$257.

New Zealand feels underpopulated with only 2,000,000 inhabitants.

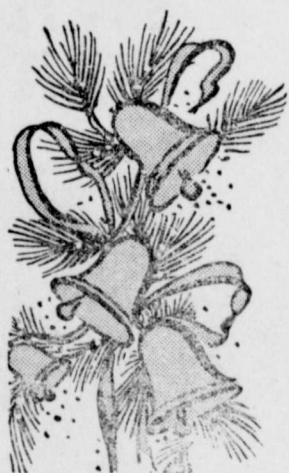
PUBLIC NOTICE

The eight-year-old daughter of a harassed businessman dropped into his office on one of his most hectic days. She watched open-mouthed as he barked orders, shouted over the telephone and snapped at his secretary. As the little girl was leaving, she stood in the doorway and announced to the office in general: "My daddy's a nice man—at home!"

NO TROUBLE AT ALL

"I'll have to admit I have a few idiosyncracies," politely confessed the new roomer. "That's perfectly all right," replied the landlady. "I'll see that they are dusted off regularly."

Marriage gives single men a new lease on life . . . at double the price. Three-fourths of the American towns having newspapers before 1755 were seaports.



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Talco Activities 10 Years Ago

Week of December 21, 1945

Ira E. Wilson of Hughes Springs, had died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. J. Rosson.

Dr. Zack C. Fuquay, prominent Mt. Vernon physician, had died of a heart attack.

A 76 to 8 standing vote by the House had restored the two-cents-an-ounce rate for local delivery of first class mail.

Talco Home Demonstration Club had met in the home of Mrs. Della Brown for a Christmas party.

Government Ordnance Division of Surplus Property had given some much needed shop equipment to the industrial arts department of Talco High School, which was under the direction of Wm. M. Jordan.

A daughter, named Patricia Ann, had been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper. The father was overseas with the Navy.

Neal Gandy, R. H. Ackley, Elwood Jones and J. T. Goodroe had received service discharges.

A daughter had been born to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Griffith of Talco. She had been named Patricia Ann.

Jack Winn had opened a new appliance and sporting goods store on Main street in Talco.

Talco's Trojan basketball team had won over Deport, Bogata and Clarksville.

For two days the thermometer had registered twelve degrees above zero.

Talco American Legion Post had conducted its usual Roy Bean court, collecting \$354.67 in fines.

TELL THE TRUTH

One blistering hot day when we had guests for dinner, I asked my four-year-old to say the blessing. Embarrassed, she protested, "But, Mother, I don't know what to say." "Oh, just say what you've heard me say," I told her. "Obediently, she lowered her head and said, 'Oh, Lord, why did I invite these people here this hot day?'"

HUNG HIS HEAD IN SHAME

The new minister caught one of his flock emerging a bit unsteadily, from the local tavern. "My son," he said sadly, "I'm sorry to see you coming out of such a place."

The culprit hung his head in shame. "I'm sorry, too, Father," he hiccuped. "I'll go right back in."

Mrs. Allie Tucker Dies of Injuries At Snyder

Mrs. Allie Tucker, about 70 years old of Mt. Park, Ok., was struck by a car while in Snyder on Dec. 12 and died a short time later. Funeral service and burial were held Thursday at Mt. Park.

Deceased, the former Miss Allie Stone, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stone. She formerly lived in the Clardy area.

Surviving are six children, a daughter, Mrs. Palmer Lynn residing at Taylortown. Eleven brothers and sisters, Mrs. W. A. Stansell, Miss Willie Stone, Miss Dealia Stone, Hershel Stone, Wiley Stone and Ransom Stone, all of Clardy, Bob and Charlie Stone of Bailey, Mike Stone, Mrs. Mattie Coleman of Paris and Tom Stone of Biardstown, also survive.

Parents these days are almost as bad about spoiling children as grandparents are.

Observes Her 90th Birthday Friday

Mrs. M. E. Childers quietly observed her 90th birthday at her home in Bogata Friday. She was born in Red River County and with the exception of a year or two when she resided in Lampasas, has spent her entire life in this area. She was married at the age of 17 to J. H. Childers, who died in 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. Childers engaged in farming and they also raised a nice crop of sons—six. They are Dick of Lorenzo, Barney of Milwaukee, Wis., Bob, Jim, John and Buck of Bogata. Mrs. Childers, who is quite active, doing all the housework for herself and son, Buck, also has six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Congratulations, Mrs. Childers!

NOT THAT KIND OF BOY

"They say he married her because her husband left her a million dollars."

"Oh, I don't think Jack is that kind of boy. I think he'd have married her no matter who left it to her."



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Fifth Case Polio In Lamar County

The fifth case of poliomyelitis for 1955 was discovered in Lamar County last week. It was a baby boy three weeks old. Both arms and legs were paralyzed but happily is showing gradual improvement. The source of the infection has not been determined.

Eleven close contacts were administered Gamma Globulin. Persons given G. G. are rendered immune for only a few weeks and it is a costly method of prevention.

Obviously the only way to effectively control polio is to vaccinate all children with Salk vaccine. All children from one to 14 years of age are eligible for Salk vaccine and an adequate supply of the vaccine is in the hands of local druggists to immunize all applicants.

Now is the time to begin vaccination so that the second dose may be given before the beginning of the 1956 polio season, according to Lane B. Cooke, M. D., Director, Paris-Lamar Health Unit.

Engagement Announced

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Peggy Sue Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Evans of Bogata, to Larry Rogers of Mt. Vernon. Date of the wedding is to be announced later.

FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE

Jackie Gleason, who has been working much too hard recently, visited his doctor for a check-up. "You've got to relax mentally, Jackie," warned the M. D. "For the next six months I want you to forget everything except the money you owe me."

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

Teacher: "How many senses did nature give us?" Little Bobby: "Seven." Teacher: "Name them." Little Bobby: "Touch, sight, taste, smell, hearing, horse and common."

OUCH, GRANDPOP!

"My my," grandpa complained "what's wrong with the younger generation?" "The main thing, I think," soothed grandma, "is that too many of us don't belong to it any more."

Juvenile Troubles Talked by Lawmen

Longview.—A return to religious and moral training and greater discipline in the home and school were urged by speakers before the Texas Police Association's juvenile delinquency conference here last week.

Taking the paddle out of the teacher's hand and permitting children to sleep past the Sunday school hour were blamed by Willie Bauer, Beaumont's assistant police chief, for the growing juvenile delinquency problem.

"The tremendous softness in moral fiber of this country," was attacked by W. H. Murphy, special agent in charge of the Dallas FBI office.

AND THAT'S FINAL

A man taking a written examination for an RFD job was amazed by the question, "How far is it from the earth to the moon?" He scratched his head and seemed lost in meditation. Finally, he wrote: "I don't know the exact mileage, but if that's the only route that's open, I don't want it."

Help Fight TB



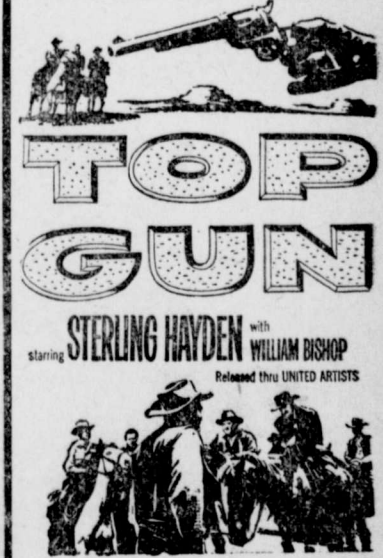
Christmas Seal sale to raise funds for support of the TB Association's year round work opened Nov. 16 and will continue through December. Everyone is urged to contribute and support the campaign by sending in a check or donation to the TB Association at an earlier date.

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SAVE!! — \$204.95

One only 13.65 cu. ft. Combination Freezer-Refrigerator — Automatic Defrosting — Reg. price — \$429.95

Now only — \$250.96
SAVE!! — \$178.99

One only 13.64 cu. ft. Combination Freezer-Refrigerator — Automatic Defrosting — Reg. price — \$439.95

Now only — \$274.17
SAVE!! — \$165.78

One only — 41-inch Gas Range — Reg. price — \$239.95

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SAVE!! — \$95.98

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LOCAL NEWS ABOUT BOGATA

By MRS. WALTER PETTIT

W. V. "Bunch" Humphreys is ill at his home here.

Mrs. Alice Vick is spending the Christmas holidays with her children in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Turner and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Branson visited in Bonham, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bryson moved to Deport Thursday. We regret losing the Brysons.

Ed Hunt, who has been ill with flu, is reported improved. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wims were Clarksville visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDonald and Mrs. Iva Hooker were Paris business visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Suel and Wanda of Dallas, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Suel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey of Dallas, have returned to their home in Bogata for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Love Fortner of Ft. Smith, Ark., were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cawley.

Mrs. George Ripley of Bogata, was a Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller in Deport.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wims, who until recently were employed in Dallas, are now residing in Bogata.

Mrs. E. G. Morgan and son, Travis, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Massey in Paris.

Rev. Fred Arnold, student at SMU, Dallas, filled his regular appointment at Rosalie Methodist Church Sunday.

A. C. Jones of Humble Lake is improving after a heart attack. He has returned to his home from a Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown, Mary Ann and Eddie of Talco, visited last week in the H. H. Lowrey home at Rosalie.

Mr. and Mrs. Son Morris will spend the holidays at Palestine with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and John Paul Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Farris, Max and Lee of Gilmer, were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkinson.

Mrs. Henry Cook has returned from Dallas, where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dick Scott, Mr. Scott and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Thomas and Cindy of Memphis, Tenn., visited Monday and Tuesday with Miss Chess and Walter Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Altus Denny were in Mt. Pleasant Sunday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Bill Denny, who is a patient in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watkins returned Sunday from a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Armstrong in Carlsbad, N. M.

Mary Margaret Barnard, student at NTSC, Denton, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hatcher of Arlington, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnard; also in the E. M. Barnard home at Cuthand.

Mrs. Leonard Picket of Gilmer, spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Stella Davidson, who accompanied her home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Isenberg of Garland, were week end guests in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leon Huddleston, Mr. Huddleston and Nelda.

Virgil Hudson, DCFN, stationed aboard the USS Telfair at San Diego, Calif., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Hudson, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Vannie Seaman returned Sunday from Texarkana, where she visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jeffus. Mr. Jeffus is confined to a hospital there after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnard were in Dallas Saturday evening, where they attended a Christmas dinner honoring employees of the L. H. Lacey Construction Co. They also visited in the D. L. Hatcher home at Arlington.

Miss Ida Franklin will spend the Christmas holidays with her niece, Mrs. R. C. Griffin and Mr. Griffin in Paris, and with Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Wright in Dallas and in the Harlan Wright home in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Childers of Arlington, are here for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Childers, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. O. W. Hudson and son, Virgil, were week end guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Chas. King, Mr. King and children at Snow Lake, Ark.

J. N. Lee of Bogata, states he will be a candidate for re-election as Commissioner of Precinct 1, Red River County. His formal announcement will appear later.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Murray of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Herring of Clarksville, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Bess Blankenship and Mrs. M. L. Stogner.

Mrs. W. H. Grayson was in Deport Thursday evening where she attended a dinner and Christmas party at the Methodist Church, honoring Mack Grant's Sunday School class.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fennell had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Dickerson of Talco and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Morgan of Paris.

A felony complaint charging Leon Province, Bogata, with forgery has been filed in Justice Court in Paris. The complaint alleges that Province passed a forged check in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright and daughter, Carolyn of Houston, arrived Friday for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crosson in Deport, and Mrs. L. R. Wright in Bogata.

Connie Mac Hobbs, in the Navy and stationed at San Diego, Cal., arrived Saturday to spend a 20-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hobbs and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cody send a gift subscription of The Bogata News to their daughter, Mrs. H. G. Pierce and Mr. Pierce, Ship Shape Trailer Court, R6, Box 46, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Singleton and son, Joe Al of Tucson, Ariz., arrived Monday for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Singleton in Deport and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward at Bogata. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Raymond Nixon of Lubbock, who is visiting her father, W. B. Spier at Bogata and relatives in Deport.

The News has received a new address for Mrs. Katie Pirtle, 814 So. Pierce St., Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fortner of Odessa, are here for a holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Lassiter presented her pupils in a musical recital Monday evening in the high school gym. The affair was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cox left Wednesday for San Antonio, where they will spend Christmas with their son, Andrew Cox and Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. W. S. Cody, Janette and Harold were in Winfield Sunday for a family reunion and Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cody.

Mrs. Will Thompson and Miss Maryanne Alsbrook visited Mrs. Willie Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Blankenship at Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Bubs Swaim, student at Texas University, Austin, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swaim, other relatives and friends.

W. S. Cody, who recently returned home from Red River County Hospital after an appendectomy and a siege of pneumonia, is reported much improved.

Miss Maryanne Alsbrook, teacher in Tyler schools, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Alsbrook, and her grandfather, Ben Alsbrook.

Airman 3c Richard Monroe, stationed at Castle AFB, Merced, Calif., arrived Sunday for a 30 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Vollie Monroe and other relatives. The airman is attached to the medical corps at the base hospital.

Wayne White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron White of Bogata, has returned to Lubbock, where he will be employed. Wayne was in Dallas, Dec. 7 for induction into military service, but was rejected because of a physical disability.

Airman 9c Robert Lewis of Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, arrived Friday for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lewis, and his brother, Charlie Lewis at McCurry. He will report back to his base on Jan. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Mogan of Paris, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. E. G. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson had their children home Saturday for a pre-Christmas dinner. Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and children of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Neal Wilkinson and children of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hudson and son of Bogata.

Week end visitors in the A. C. Jones home were Mrs. Lloyd Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dickson of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell, Mrs. Floyd Cannon and baby son of New Boston, Porter Page, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stubblefield, Mr. and Mrs. Altus Denny and daughter, June of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roach and daughter, Terry Ann of Minter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kramanek of Paris and Gaylon Embrey of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Isbell of Clarksville and Mrs. Leonard Massey of Fulbright, returned Monday from Bloomington and Anaheim, Calif., where they had been to attend the ladies' brother, Edd Pettit, who is ill and visit their sisters, Mrs. J. E. Clay and Mrs. Henry Woodall. They were met in Dallas by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Isbell and children Glenda and Jimmy.

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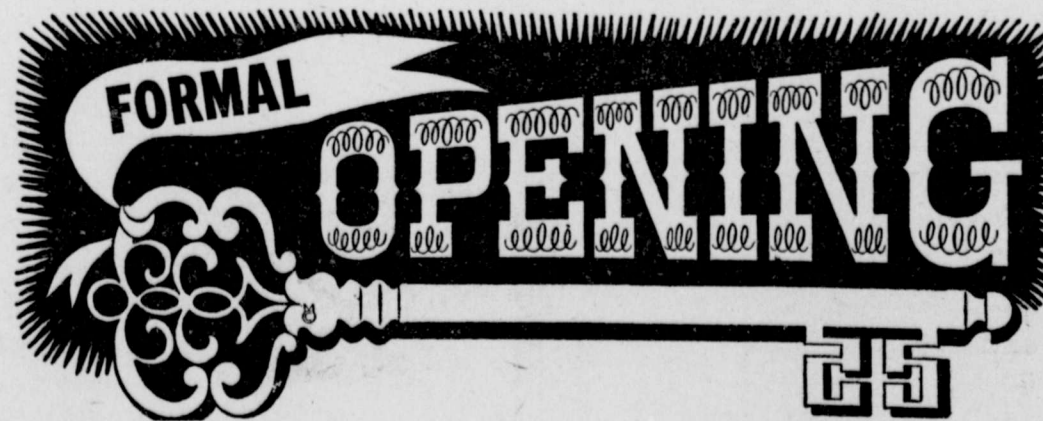
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Work Progressing On New Baptist Church at Bogata

Present expectations are that the First Baptist Church home under construction in Bogata, may be ready for occupancy early in February.

Once completed, the new sanctuary and class rooms will be a credit to Bogata and the people whose foresight, hard work and financial contribution made it a reality.

Much of the work has been done by volunteer workmen, with Robert Williams in charge. Roy Lee Hutson is laying the brick, R. J. Holt and son are decorators, Al Dunning of Paris, is the tinsmith and Bogata Lumber Company furnished the materials.

Four gas units are being installed in the building that will allow the heating of all, or certain rooms, as desired. Interior painting is underway and lined oak finish paneling is being used for the pews and the choir section.

Eastern Star Has Christmas Dinner

Talco Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star held its annual Christmas dinner Monday evening at 6 o'clock at the Humble Recreation Hall. Chicken and dressing with all the fixings, pie and coffee were served buffet style to 15 members and their families.

Following the meal several spirited games were played under the direction of Elsie Griggs, after which gifts were exchanged from a beautifully lighted tree.

The spacious auditorium has sheet rock, textured walls and an acoustical tile ceiling. Hallways have wainscot paneling and textured walls and the educational space is finished with knotty pine paneling and a tile ceiling. The attic space will be completely insulated for sound and heat.

"Work on the building has progressed much faster than was anticipated at first," supervisor James Castleman said. "It is possible it may be completed ahead of the expected schedule," he added.

SOME GIFTS ARE TAXABLE; HOW MUCH DO THEY COST?

Since thoughts of gifts come quite naturally to mind during the Christmas season, the subject of gift taxes may be a timely one. Although it may surprise some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another.

However, the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000—before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as

well as the giver in gift taxes. For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gift is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000).

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property at a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon the sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift.

MFY HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

The MYF held their Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 19, by meeting at the church and going to numerous homes to sing Christmas carols. They returned to the church for refreshments and games. Instead of exchanging gifts each person brought money for the Methodist Orphans Home. Those attending were Martha Brown, Janice Davis, Judy Cain, Barbara Richardson, Martha Johniken, Martha Chapman, Ennis Brown, Bobby Broughton, Charles Lewis, Freddie Johniken, Glen Slaughter, Douglas Cain, Richard Rothwell, Mrs. Guy Nell McAfee, Mrs. A. E. Foster, Mrs. Dick Cain and Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Sparkman.

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SMALL WORLD

A group of American tourists were being guided through an ancient castle in Europe. "This place," they were told, "is 600 years old. Not a stone in it has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced in all those years." "Well," said one woman dryly, "they must have the same landlord I have."

Book Lovers Club Holiday Party

Book Lovers Club entertained their husbands and families Friday night in the Humble Recreation Hall with a Christmas dinner and tree.

The dinner was served buffet style from a green covered table, centered with a red and green candle arrangement beside one of Santa's reindeer. Bingo and forty-two were played and the three floating prizes in the bingo games went to B. L. Gieger, Mrs. J. L. Cato and Mrs. E. W. Smith.

Mrs. Lyndon Reed and Mrs. Everett Blackburn distributed the gifts from the beautifully lighted tree to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gieger, Mrs. Harold Williams and Mrs. Sidney Frugia, and about ten children. Home movies were made throughout the evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WITH MRS. ROTHWELL

Mrs. Rothwell entertained the Intermediate class of the Methodist Church with a Christmas party Thursday night at her home. Games were played and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served to Nancy Horton, Ann Hanks, Linda Holmes, Mary Ann Brown, Jerry Ann Rothwell, Virginia Johnson, Reggie Thompson and Tommie Belcher. The hostesses were Mrs. Boyd Horton, Mrs. Son Adams and Mrs. Rothwell.

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2nd Grade Presents Christmas Program

Mrs. Vivian Westbrook's second grade room presented a Christmas program in the school auditorium Thursday morning for elementary school. Parents and friends who attended were Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Clements and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson, Clark Allen and Cathy, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gartman, Mrs. R. L. Clark, Mrs. Larkus Smith, Mrs. J. W. Haynes, Mrs. Boyd Horton, Mrs. Gaines Robinson and Fred, Mrs. Olin Williams, Mrs. Charles Russell, Mrs. T. W. Orr and daughter, Mrs. W. R. Shaw, Mrs. J. L. Stone, Mrs. J. M. Martin.

Mrs. G. E. Pinkston, Mrs. Joe Denton, Miss Edna Jobe, Mrs. C. B. Presley and Cecil, Mrs. Vira Elliott, Mrs. H. J. Hill, Mrs. Joe Morse, Mrs. Wayman Alexander and Mrs. Oscar Elliott.

TOOK NO CHANCE

A mountaineer saw his first avocado in the general store and seemed quite puzzled by it.

"Want to try one?" asked the storekeeper.

"Nope," was the reply. "I got so many tastes now I can't satisfy, I ain't aiming to take on any more."

The first legislative body in America assembled at Jamestown, Va., in 1619.



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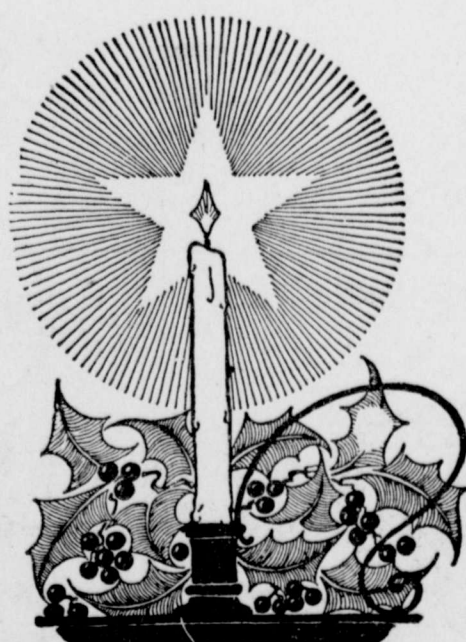
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May your Christmas candles burn brightly with happiness, and may your every wish come true.

We cannot bring back the past but we can take a great deal of pleasure in reminding ourselves of the fine things that have been ours to enjoy because of your thoughtfulness and consideration. And with these splendid remembrances we look forward to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

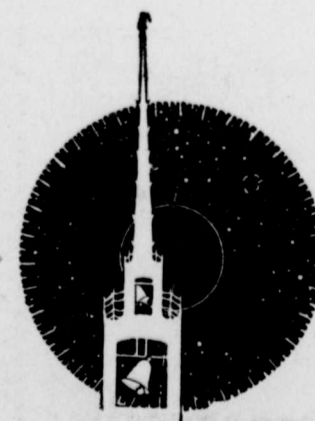
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Highlights and Sidelights FROM Your State CAPITOL

By VERN SANFORD, Texas Press Association

Austin.—Purchasers of insurance policies from U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co. are advised to buy other coverage, for their own safety. That's the recommendation of Garland Smith, chairman of the Texas Board of Insurance Commissioners.

District Judge Charles O. Betts has appointed State Liquidator J. D. Wheeler, as temporary receiver, to take over operation of the multi-million dollar Waco firm which the insurance commissioners have declared insolvent.

U. S. Trust and Guaranty Co., closed last week at Judge Betts' order, has sold fidelity, surety, guaranty, fire, auto, general liability and all forms of casualty insurance except workmen's compensation.

Attorney General John Ben Shepperd filed the suit against the firm. Action was necessary to prevent future loss to depositors and other creditors, said the insurance board.

MORE LAND SUITS—Six suits seeking recovery of \$288,489 on loans made under the veterans land program were filed in Austin last week by Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd.

The land is located in Dimmit, Zavala and Uvalde counties. Suits pertained to block deals made with 42 veterans, mostly Latin-Americans. Ten south Texas land promoters were listed as defendants. This makes a total of 30 such civil suits brought by the state. Total recovery sought is \$2,945,381. Total recovered to date, in five suits, is \$381,032.

ANTI-PARR FORCES WIN—Anti-George Parr forces are one step nearer their goal of prosecuting the South Texas political boss on charges of misappropriation of Duval County funds.

Last week the State Supreme Court unanimously upheld the suspension of a Duval County Commissioner, Mrs. Estella G. Garcia. This shifted the balance of power to a commissioners court that sides with the state on where and how Parr shall be tried for recovery of about \$1,000,000. Atty. Gen. John Ben Shepperd termed the ruling "a heartening and far-reaching victory."

TEXAS LEADS IN DOPE—Texas leads all other states in illegal narcotics traffic. So says Charles F. Herring of Austin. He stated that pushers find it easy to obtain dope in Mexico-Texas border towns. Herring is a former U. S. District Attorney. He testified at hearings in San Antonio, before U. S. Senator Price Daniel's subcommittee on dope traffic.

Both the Texas Department of Public Safety and federal units along the border are "seriously undermanned," said Herring. He recommended more men and equipment "... much stiffer laws."

SHORT SNORTS: Charles M.

Rogers of Amarillo, has been re-appointed a member of the Teacher Retirement Board of Trustees by Gov. Allan Shivers.

Only 15,000 of the state's 38,000 employers have taken steps to comply with the state's new unemployment compensation law which takes effect January 1. The new law includes employers of four or more persons. Previously only employers of eight or more had to pay unemployment taxes.

Bids totaling \$6,886,390.57 on 155 miles of road construction were tabulated last week by the State Highway Commission.

Contracts let thus far on the Dallas-Ft. Worth toll road will total \$13,524,321 after awards are made this week for six bridges. Low bids submitted to the Texas Turnpike Authority was by Harry Newton, Inc., of Graham, for \$2,196,273.

Lack of moisture, recurrent freezes and strong dusty winds are slowly strangling wheat prospects in the Plains country, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Six Texas hospital construction projects have been qualified to receive more than \$1,000,000 in federal aid. Approved by the State Board of Health were: Donley County Hospital at Clarendon, Texarkana Hospital, Llano County Hospital at Llano, Joint City-County Public Health Center at Ft. Worth and Wichita General Hospital at Wichita Falls.

Col. Homer Garrison Jr., director of the Department of Public Safety predicts violent death for 204 Texans during the Christmas-New Year's holiday. He estimated 112 traffic deaths, 39 murders and suicides and 53 other accidental deaths. Last year's traffic prediction and final count was 108.

Bright factors in the Texas Employment Commission's annual report to the governor: (1) Unemployment hit a new low in August. (2) Workers covered by unemployment compensation increased 5.1 per cent. (3) Earnings of production workers increased, to average \$75.42 weekly.

Infestation of pink bollworms is worse this year than last, says State Agriculture Commissioner John C. White. He warns farmers to plow up fields of cotton stalks. the people of Mt. Pleasant as city marshal and held the office of sheriff of Titus County for two terms. His final service to the community was a long tenure as justice of the peace, an office he gave up only last January.

QUIETING

Youth: "My love for your daughter knows no bounds. I cannot live without her."
Her Papa: "Young man, you may die peacefully and without worry. I promise you I'll defray all the funeral expenses."

HAGANSPORT

Directors Geo. P. Grout, Lenox Hudson, A. L. Buckman, W. H. Whitten and Wm. Rozell met with president, W. D. Harvey of the Bogata bank on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Dan Adams, Apt. 32, 61 Village, Commerce, drove down to meet with members of Terry Memorial Methodist Church last week. Rev. Adams is pastor of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Circuit.

Mrs. Maude Dodson is planning to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Fay Garrett and family in Dallas. Albert White (Ab), who has been elected as superintendent of the Terry Memorial Church School, will act as superintendent.

Geo. P. Grout called on Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Laws last week end at Sulphur Bluff and looked over the Gurnseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Sheppard and family of Hooks, spent Saturday with their parents and grandparents and returned home Saturday night.

There will be church services at practically all the churches in Haganport and Lakeview the week before Christmas. Rev. Jas. Sykes makes his regular appointments at the Church of God every Sunday.

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

Clerk (to customer): "No, ma'am, we haven't had any for a long time."

Efficiency Expert (angrily breaking in): "We have plenty in reserve, madam; plenty downstairs."

The customer burst into laughter and left the store.

Expert: "What did she want?"
Clerk: "She didn't want anything. She said we haven't had any rain lately."

GOOD NEWS

Notre Dame was playing Southern Methodist University. The game was close and the fans were yelling. No one yelled louder than a young priest who was cheering SMU on.

During a time out the man next to him said: "Father, I can't figure you rooting for Southern Methodist? Surely you know that Notre Dame is a Catholic institution?"

The priest replied proudly, "After all, Suh, Ah am a Texan."

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Education teaches a student good marksmanship before he takes aim at his goal in life.

It's Christmas Again!



Holiday Greetings

WHERE FROM?

One morning on vacation at a well known mountain resort, a Southern financier opened the paper to find his name at the head of an obituary column.

Immediately he called his office and got his secretary on the phone.

"Miss Lee, did you see this morning's paper?" he demanded. "It says I died!"

"Why, yes, Mr. Franklin, I saw it," answered the girl. "Where y'all callin' from?"

AND SERVICE, PLEASE

Customer: "Bring me another sandwich, please."

Waiter: "Will there be anything else?"

Customer: "Yes, a paper weight. That last sandwich blew away."

SERVICE, PLEASE

Little Frederick was saying his prayers one night. His mother overheard this gem: "And please make Tommy stop throwing things at me. By the way, I've mentioned this before."

PAINFUL SLEEP WORTH \$3,000

Los Angeles.—A pretty housewife will get \$3,000 because, she says, she was impaled on a mattress spring.

A jury awarded Mrs. Virginia Meecherlein, 29, that sum in damages after she testified the spring cut her back, necessitating surgery. She had sued the mattress company for \$10,000.

THREE CHOICES

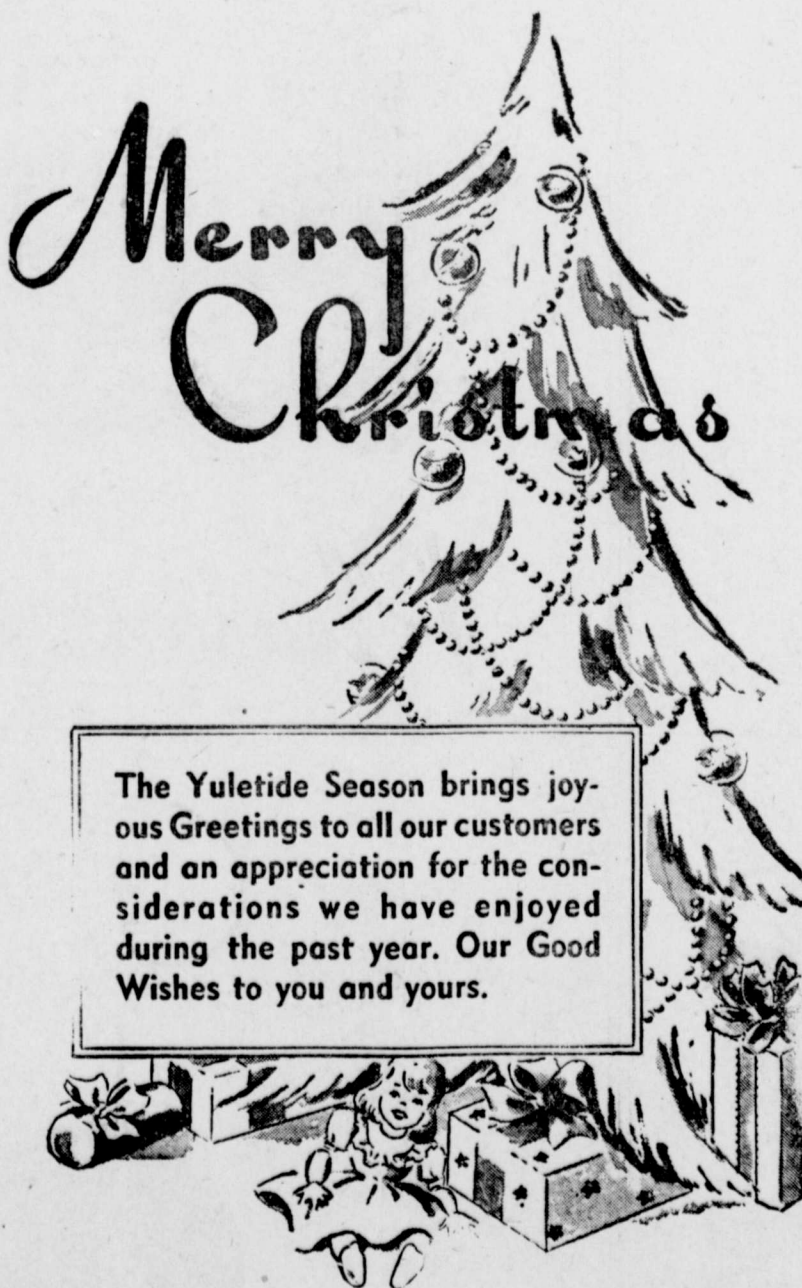
Congressman Richard H. Poff of Virginia says Washington, D. C., traffic gives him three choices:

1. Leave home between 6:30 and 7 a. m. and join the rush to beat the rush.

2. Leave between 7 and 8:30 a. m. and join the rush itself.

3. Leave after 8:30 and join the rush that waited to miss the rush.

Often a single glaring destructive habit is enough to discount exceptional effort. Good habits or nullify outstanding ability or make us—bad ones break us.



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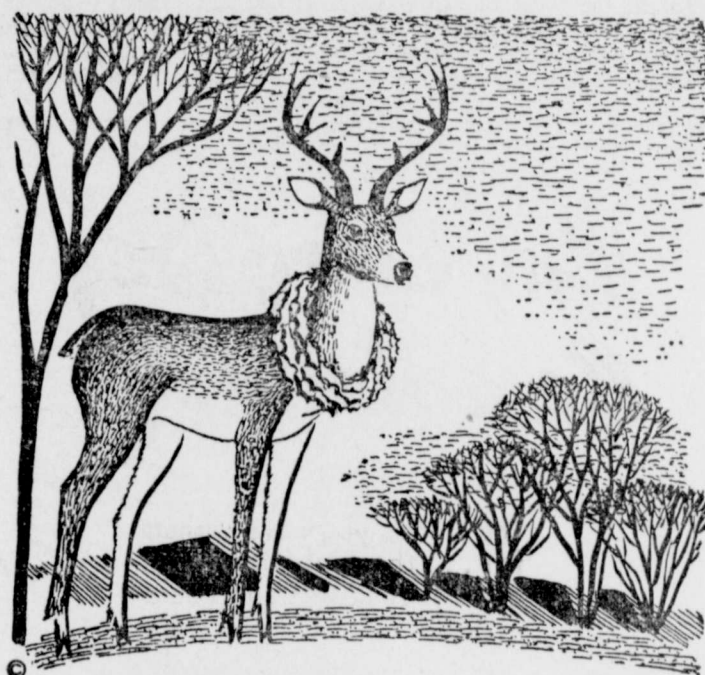
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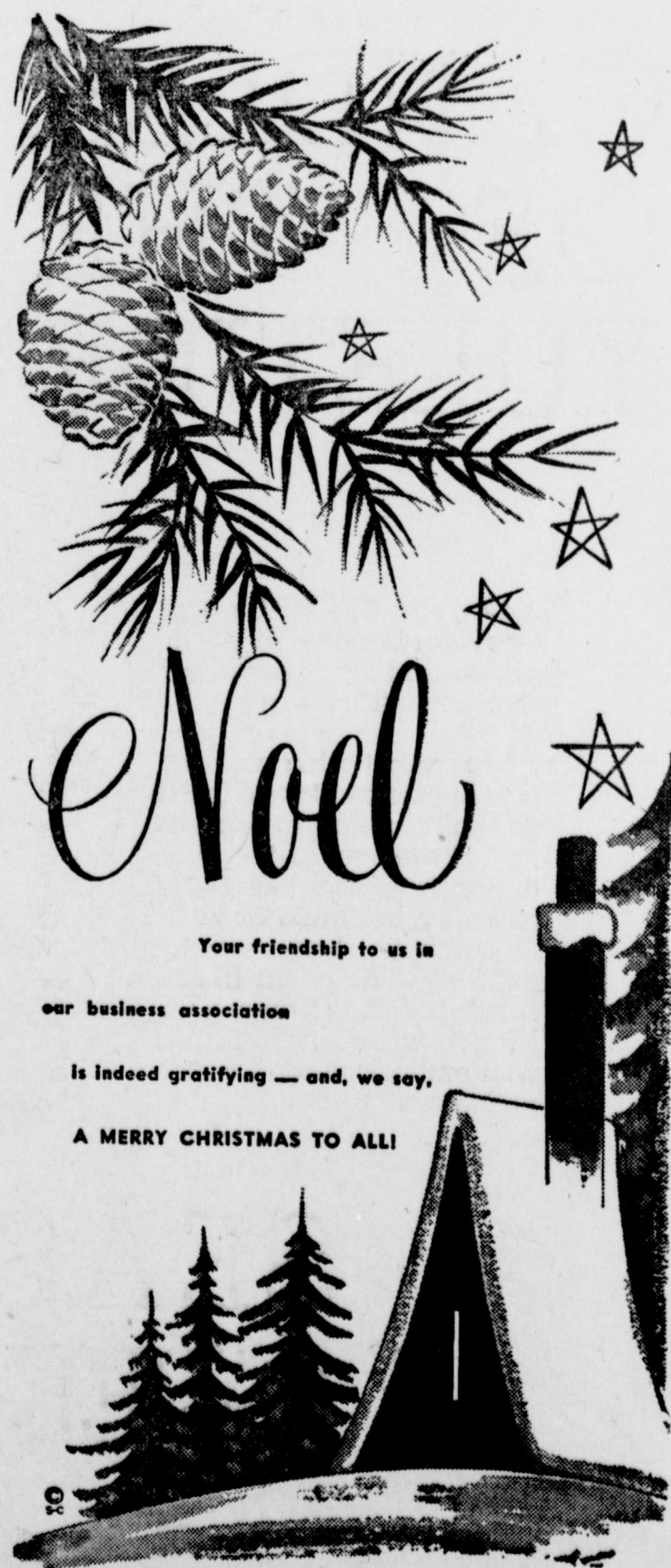
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And happiness to make your Christmas roya!

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