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Mrs. Virgie Lovell Dies Monday

Mrs. Virgie Lovell died Monday in Red River County Hospital where she had been admitted a few days earlier. Services were Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 11 a. m. at the Bogata Church of Christ with John D. Wright and Raymond Screws, a grandson, officiating. Burial was in Cuthand Cemetery by Jolly's Funeral Home. Nephews were bearers.

Virgie Palmer was born Dec. 18, 1900, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Palmer. She was married to Jeff W. Lovell. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Raymond Screws of Bogata; three sons, Jeff W. Lovell of Lewisville, Orville of Grapevine and Ovel Lovell of Wellington; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pat Barnes Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Urie (Pat) Barnes were held Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock at Grant Funeral Home. The Rev. Glen Renfro officiated. Burial was made in Milton Cemetery. Pallbearers were Holland Bell, Bobby Kennedy, Ray Woodard, Cecil Oats, James Norwood, and Otto Baker.

Barnes, 66 year old farmer and rancher at Cunningham, was found dead in his automobile west of Cunningham Thursday morning. Justice of the Peace Chester Oakes ruled the death was from natural causes.

He was a son of the late James H. and Ollie (Rainwater) Barnes. Survivors are a daughter and son, Mrs. R. D. Gares of Deport, James F. Barnes of Abilene; a sister, Mrs. Imogene Stigers of LaHabra, Calif.; two brothers, Ira (Doc) Barnes of Bisbee, and Aubrey Barnes of Dallas.

Charges Filed In Saddle Case

Red River County Sheriff M. E. McGuire, deputy Bobby Yarborough and Game Management Officer Wayne Chapel charged Ted Bullard of Detroit with theft over \$50 in connection with the theft of a saddle from a residence east of Detroit.

At the time of the arrest, according to Sheriff McGuire, the subject had a doe deer in his possession. He was charged with killing deer out of season and possession of illegal deer in Justice of the Peace Claude Smith's court and was fined \$411 on the game violations.

CHEATWOOD HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Bogata Fire Department answered a call to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cheatwood at Cuthand Monday about 9 a. m. and found the house completely enveloped in flames. They were unable to save any part of it. Probable cause was water heater explosion. All contents were lost.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND CONTENTS

Fire Tuesday about noon destroyed a barn full of hay at the Ted Phillips home in the Lone Star community. The Bogata Fire Department answered the alarm but was unable to save the barn or contents.

There Is a Santa Claus In Deport

There is a Santa Claus! She lives in Deport, U. S. A.

Last Saturday afternoon, when the Post Office counter was closed, a thoughtless lady left her purse on the desk in the lobby. Upon arriving home, she realized what she had done and hurried back to the Post Office. When she got there she found Mrs. Ruby (Doctor) Brittain, holding firmly to her purse and looking for its owner.

Can you realize how much time it would take to replace the driver's license, Social Security card, etc. for the average American if they were lost? Mrs. Brittain's actions surely resembled those of Santa Claus, but, to Mrs. Alice Gammel, she looked exactly like the Christmas Angel!

Mrs. S. D. Hearn of Abilene, a long time subscriber to The Deport Times, observed her 93rd birthday December 9. The occasion was celebrated with a family dinner at her home.

Wright Patman's Weekly Letter

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"HE SHALL TAKE CARE THAT THE LAWS BE FAITHFULLY EXECUTED." So speaks the Constitution of the United States on the clear executive duty of the President. If there is one vital power in the Congress, it is the authority to direct the flow of funds into approved programs, and there have been too many instances where the will of the people, as expressed by their elected representatives in the Congress, has been frustrated by executive branch bureaucrats who have flatly refused to implement programs through the use of budgetary procedures like the "impoundment of funds. With his newly designated top assistants, the President now has an opportunity to correct this worsening situation.

THE CONGRESS WILL CO-OPERATE. All prudent Americans agree that proper controls must be established over government spending, but the "impoundment" of appropriated funds by the Administration is constitutionally questionable — it is certainly far from the cooperation Congress has a right to expect. Cooperation is a two-way street, and it has been my belief for some time now that the Congress must recapture its role in the budgeting process or become a rubber stamp for an ever more powerful bureaucracy. In a letter to the Speaker of the House, I have, therefore, asked that the issue of control over the purse strings receive priority attention in the 93rd Congress; the complete text of my 5-page letter will be sent to constituents upon request.

REVENUE SHARING. It's now official — Texas is really getting a raw deal under the new revenue sharing program. The initial payments to state, county, and municipal governments for the retroactive period from January 1 to June 30, 1972, figure out to be \$10.53 for each Texan compared with \$15.85 for each New Yorker — in other words, New York is getting 50% more per resident than Texas! Payments for the 21 counties of Texas' First Congressional District total \$3,360,281 which is itself a decrease of \$287,255 from earlier Treasury allocations. The new figures add to the amounts received by the big cities and their suburbs, and reduce the amounts given to smaller towns and rural areas.

PRICING YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF AN EDUCATION. Basic costs (room, board, and tuition) at private colleges and universities have almost doubled from a national average of \$1,666 per year in 1961 to \$3,081 in 1971, while costs at public colleges and universities have increased from \$869 to \$1,373. This trend is likely to continue and we may reach a point where only children from wealthy families can afford to go to college — a situation which actually existed at the turn of the century. These statistics strengthen my long-held belief that we should establish a system of junior or community colleges to provide two years of free education — in either academic or vocational-technical subjects — for all young people who wish to continue their education beyond high school. Texas is far ahead of other states in this respect — we already have a fine system of junior colleges which offer excellent educational opportunities at a minimal cost.

FLAG LAWS. Our U. S. Flag is the symbol of all that is best in America, and it is always a shock to patriotic citizens when our national emblem is abused or made an object of criminal contempt. In addition to Federal laws against desecration of the Flag, each of the 50 states has established penalties for such conduct ranging from a small fine of \$5-\$10 for a first offense in Indiana to a \$1,000 fine and up to 5 years imprisonment in Montana. Texas has the nation's most stringent penalty for "public mutilation" of the Flag — up to 25 years in prison! Some courts have been reluctant to apply these penalties on the ground that flag desecration is protected under the free speech provision of the First Amendment, but I believe most firmly that both Federal and state laws protecting the Flag of the United States should be vigorously enforced.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burleson and Jeff of Dallas were Saturday visitors of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gullion and aunt, Mrs. Essie Chesshire and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skaggs.



Austin. — Proposals for major "reform" statutes and changes in the House and Senate rules have been drawn by Texas legislative leaders.

Rep. Price Daniel Jr., Liberty, slated to be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives, has announced a nine-point "reform" program.

Several Senate members and Lt. Gov. - elect Hobby, Houston, have discussed proposals to change some of the "reform" rules adopted by the fourth called session of the 62nd Legislature.

Speaking to a seminar sponsored by the Texas Society of Association Executives, Daniel listed these proposed changes in state statutes — which he feels are necessary because of a "mandate" of Texas voters this year:

1. A one term limit for the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. Elimination of the pledge card system for election of the House Speaker — where pledges are exchanged for support of legislation.
3. Disclosure by the Speaker of contributions to support his campaign for that office.
4. A limit on the number of conferees on tax bills.
5. A new "open records" law which would provide more access to public documents — with certain guidelines and safeguards.
6. Improvement of campaign contribution laws.
7. Tightening of the laws governing lobbyist registration.
8. An ethics code for legislators.
9. Changes in the state's "Open Meetings" law to provide the public with more information about actions of governmental bodies.

Daniel said these proposed "reform" measures should not be tagged with "liberal" or "conservative" labels.

"Liberal and conservative labels are unfair to the 77 new members of the Legislature. They are not yet cast a vote. The new members will be more independent and reform minded, because that's what the voters demanded in the primary, run-off and general elections this year," he added.

"I don't believe we should overreact to the problems of the past," he said when he discussed major changes in House rules which will be introduced.

CITIZENS' CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION WILL BE SELECTED — Elected leaders of the three branches of state government — executive, legislative and judicial — will be appointing 36 Texans to a citizens' commission to study needed constitutional changes and report its recommendations next November.

A resolution to create this citizens' commission will be introduced in the 63rd Legislature, and the 36 appointees will be selected by a committee of the elected leaders of state government.

This committee will probably include the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Presiding Judge of the Criminal Appeals Court.

At a recent meeting of leaders in the drive for constitutional reform, the addition of the Attorney General to that committee

was supported.

LAWMAKERS LOOK - AT BUDGET — Key lawmakers who make up the Legislative Budget Board met here this week to take a look at multi-billion-dollar state spending plans the legislature must pass on soon.

Other signs of preparation for a vital and stormy 63rd legislative session are apparent.

Lt. Gov.-elect Hobby has moved into temporary offices and has assembled a staff.

Speaker-elect Daniel also is putting together a staff.

Both the incoming Lieutenant Governor and Speaker are working on their assignments to key standing committees which process legislation, although they prefer not to take too much publicity about this important chore.

The Legislature, under new leadership and with a near-record crop of freshmen members, faces a staggering array of tasks.

In addition to the usual problems of making spending fit income, lawmakers have assigned themselves a monumental task of furthering legislative reform.

A hangover from the 1971 session is House of Representatives redistricting which must be redone or left to a federal court for boundary realignment.

Big decisions will also be necessary in the education field if the U. S. Supreme Court upholds a December, 1971, decision invalidating the present Texas system of financing public school education.

"SHIELD LAW" BACKED — Speaker-to-be Daniel has informed newspapers, radio and television stations he will back a bill in the Legislature next year to protect confidentiality of news sources.

Daniel's letter to publishers and station heads noted the U. S. Supreme Court has held newsmen do not have constitutional rights to protect their news sources.

"It is my firm belief that, in face of the recent ruling, and without statutory protection, the inevitable result will be loss of confidential sources of information," said Daniel. "News sources will dry up, thus depriving the public of the fullest news coverage possible. For the press to be an effective watchdog over public affairs and government officials, newsmen should not be required to disclose confidential news sources."

Daniel's bill provides that no newsmen may be required to disclose information or sources of information obtained in confidence in the course of news-gathering and distribution. The privilege conferred would not extend to actions for libel, slander or invasion of privacy.

IMPORT CURB PLEA RE-STATE — The Interstate Oil Compact Commission again urged strengthening of the federal mandatory oil import control program.

However, U. S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington told the 34-state group at a meeting in Houston a special Senate committee already has determined domestic oil and gas reserves are inadequate.

IOCC further called for a comprehensive national energy policy to assure dependable domestic supplies and lessen the need for foreign oil and gas imports.

Paul Doolittle added 10.

Redwater slipped by Prairiland to take third place 66-57. Leslie Taylor hit 14, Billy Dowdy 12 and Skidmore 11 for Prairiland. McMahon hit Redwater with 25.

Detroit's boys took consolation honors with a 62-51 victory over Roxton. Joe Latimer and Gray hit 14 each for Detroit. Boone hit 13 for Roxton. Young and Franklin hit 11 each.

Hometown Paper Makes Good Gift

Many send the hometown newspaper as birthday and Christmas gifts. It is a gift that is enjoyed by the whole family every week during the year. The nicest courtesy you can pay your visitors is to report their visits and let them read about it in the next edition of the paper.

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DeBerry Named To Texas State Highway Post

B. L. (Luther) DeBerry, a native of Bogata, has been named Texas State Highway Engineer to succeed retiring Chief J. C. Dingwall.

DeBerry, 58, currently is assistant state engineer. He joined the Texas Highway Department in 1937 as an instrument man with the Sherman office. He later worked in Paris, Clarksville and Greenville.

After his discharge from military service during World War II, he was named resident engineer at Emory in 1946 and senior resident engineer at Greenville in 1950.

In 1953, he became assistant district engineer at San Antonio. During 1958, he became district engineer at Lufkin. He was transferred to the same post in Dallas in 1960 and for seven years guided one of the five largest construction programs in the history of the department.

DeBerry will direct some 18,000 employees maintaining the state highway system.

Rebelettes Defeat Prairiland Pats

Rivercrest Rebelettes defeated Prairiland Patriots in final play at the Rivercrest tournament Saturday night. The game went into overtime and ended with a score of 63-61.

Betsy Glover led the Patriots with 34 points, LaNell Nixon 19, Paula Crawford 6. Guards, Vicki Basinger, Vicki Woodall and Kathy Clement played outstanding defense. Linda Montgomery scored 40 points to lead the Rebelettes.

Patriots To Play Top Okla. Team

Prairiland Patriot girls basketball team will play the top AA team, Latta, Okla., Saturday. A and B teams will play at Ada, Okla. Game time is 6:30.

Coach Stout reported that it is a two hour trip. Best route is to Hugo, to Antlers, to Atoka and then Ada. Fans are invited to make the trip and see two good teams in action.

Mashburn Elected Farm Bu. Head

Joe Mashburn of Howland was elected to head the board of directors of the Lamar County Farm Bureau for the ensuing year when the board members met recently at the Farm Bureau offices.

Other officers to serve with him are Gary O'Connor of Sumner, first vice president; Wallace Winters of Paris, second vice president; and O. W. Woodard of Paris, secretary. Edwin Sander-son of Paris is resident state director and Charles L. Padgett of Paris is agency manager for the county organization, which has 970 members. N. A. Neisler of Brookston is retiring president of the 14-member board of directors.

Mashburn and the new slate of officers assumed their duties December 1.

New programs currently instituted in Lamar County for Farm Bureau members include the Accidental Death Program and the Property Protection Program, both under the Expanded Program of Texas Farm Bureau.

Rebels Win Dist. Opener, 36-33

The Rivercrest Rebels' boys basketball squads won their district opener at Rivercrest gym Thursday night playing host to the Red Raiders of Winnsboro. The score for the varsity game was 36-33, with a hot offensive display by the Rebels in the first period.

Terry Giddens led the charge for Rivercrest, sinking five straight from the charity line. Free throws provided the margin of victory for the Rebels as they actually were outshot 16-13 from the floor.

The win for the Rebels' boys varsity gives that team a 1-0 district record and a 11-12 season record.

Giddens and Savage led Rivercrest in scoring with 12 points each. Other Rebels scoring were: J. T. Morgan 4 and Bruce Case, W. M. Simpson, Ron Graham and Ricky Norman with two each.

Earlier in the night, the Rebels' "B" squad boys had also beaten the Red Raiders "B" squad 27-26.

Charles Riggs paced the Rebel "B" squad hitting for nine points, followed by Larry Taylor and Henry Norman with eight each. Fulbright and Jones each scored seven and Jimmy Curtis with four and Mike Baker with two for the Rebels.

The Rebels "A" and "B" teams travel to Mineola Friday for another district game.

Talco Christmas Parade Thursday

The annual Talco Christmas Parade was held Thursday afternoon. Deputy Sheriff John Kirkpatrick led the parade which included approximately a dozen floats and decorated cars.

A 1920 Model T Ford, owned and driven by J. H. Gilleau of Mt. Pleasant, was a feature of the parade and bands from Rivercrest, Mt. Vernon and Talco performed.

Santa Claus, riding the fire truck, distributed candy and gum. Queens riding floats included:

Revenue Sharing Payments Made

Initial Revenue Sharing payment checks have been received. Total for Lamar County Government was \$114,946. Blossom received \$4,514; Deport \$3,776 and Paris \$170,928. The grand total for Lamar County, \$294,164.

Red River County government, \$76,767; Bogata, \$854; Detroit, \$4,446. In Titus County, Talco received \$1,659.

The data from the 1966 census was used in calculating amounts due states, counties and cities when Congress was considering the legislation, but the checks are based on 1971 tax information. Key factors in the formula determining the amounts are tax effort, population and per capita income, according to the Associated Press.

Ice Storm Strikes This Area Sunday

This area began to thaw out Tuesday morning after being ice in since Sunday morning. Sleet and freezing drizzle covered streets, highways and sidewalks Sunday, slowing traffic and bringing all activity to a halt. Most church services were cancelled for Sunday evening. Schools over the entire area were closed Monday; some re-opened Tuesday. Many report trees and shrubs broken from heavy ice. Telephone and electric service was hampered as temperatures dipped to a low of 18 degrees.

The sun came out briefly Tuesday and helped rid the country side of ice. Old Man Winter painted a beautiful picture for us, a little early perhaps, but one of a picture book variety.

Teresa Allums, freshman queen; Debbie Miller, sophomore queen; Patti Smith, junior queen; Karen Baird, senior queen.

First prize for floats was presented to the senior class of Talco School, second prize to Sulphur Bluff School and third prize to the freshman class of Talco School.

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MRS. BERNIECE WYATT
Mr. and Mrs. Almer Norwood were in Matador over the week end to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.
Mrs. Fred Allen won the Yard of the Month plaque at the meeting of the Friendship Club Monday evening.
Buddy Fynes and Dennis of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bushaw and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fynes Sunday.
Mrs. James Cruise and James Boyd and Kathy Sharp of Garland spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cruise.
Mrs. Ronald Kelsie and girls of Naples visited Mrs. Allie Rees and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Taylor, Saturday.
Zeb Page is reported on the sick list.
Hugh L. Baker of Cameron, Tex., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baker.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norwood spent Saturday night with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Young of Seymour and attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Matador, Sunday.
Morris Cox of Dallas spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox.
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pitman of

Johnstown visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Neal during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Page visited Mr. and Mrs. Porter Page of Bogata Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Brown of Blessing and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Mae Posey of Talco spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ural Deshong.

Mrs. Ora Crump spent four days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Harvey and Mr. Harvey of Clarksville.

Last week's visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Page were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellis of Hail, Mrs. Earnest Hamm of Deport, Mrs. Odis Aubrey and Elder of Minster, Rev. and Mrs. Weldon Allen and Alvin Crafton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Deshazo of Houston spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Williams and attended the singing at the auction sale.

Several from here attended the Rivercrest Basketball Tournament last week end.

Sgt. Charles Davis who has been stationed in Okinawa, is here until Jan. 1 with his wife and son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Malone.

The United Pentecost Church of Cunningham announces its participation in the Annual Christmas for Christ Fund Raising Drive of United Pentecostal Church in U. S. and Canada, sponsored by Home Mission Division of the

church. The drive annually supports the building of new churches where needed. Each family in the church is asked to give a part of the money they would normally spend on Christmas gifts rather than encourage the complete omission of exchanging gifts. The program suggests reducing the amount they would spend on another and contribute to Home Missions.

The success of the program can be measured by the accomplishments of the first six years. Eighty-three new churches have been established by supplying full time ministers and their families with sufficient backing as well as partial assistance has gone to fifteen others. According to the pastor, Rev. Weldon Allen, the offering will be received at the local church at the evening service on December 17.

(Delayed last week)
Members of the Methodist Church with their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Gary Lindley enjoyed their annual Christmas supper at the church Saturday evening. Visiting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lampard, Greg and Dan and Britt Phillips of Lone Star, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Smith and Mona of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Council of Paris and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Taylor and Morris Cox of Dallas.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cruise during the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cruise, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Henderson, Angie and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Sharp and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garmon of Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Claudell Malone, Karen and Mark of Whitewright visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Malone Sunday.

The Friendship Club held their Christmas party at the Community Center Monday evening. Mrs. Tina Burris of Paris was the speaker.

Mrs. Otto Baker with Mrs. Margie Byers, Judy and Jeff of Mesquite spent the week end with Mrs. Charles Lewis of Bogata.

Morris Cox of Dallas spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Norwood and Mr. and Mrs. John B. Whitney attended a birthday party for little Shane Currin of Deport, Saturday evening.

Mark Jr. Malone of Dallas spent Thursday night with his mother, Mrs. Lessie Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Page and Mrs. Marie Crafton visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ellis of Hail, Monday.

Leonard Archibald is a patient at the McCuiston Hospital.

Robert Shannon, Jim and Brett of Euless spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen.

Aubrey O'Neal of Grants, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powell of Bogata and Mrs. June McBride and Karen of Paris visited with Mrs. Gladys O'Neal during the week end.

Fred Allen accompanied Mrs. Ross Warren of Milton, Mrs. Muri Roach of Deport and Kenneth Allen of Rugby to Hurst Sunday to visit their sister, Mrs. Silas Howell, who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Pitman of Johnstown and Mr. and Mrs. Foy Babcock and Jimmy of Odessa

visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence O'Neal during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman T. Gray returned home from Houston Sunday. They were in Houston for Mr. Gray to receive medical treatment.

1st Homecoming At Prairiland Friday Night

The Prairiland High School Student Council wishes to invite the public, and especially ex-students of Prairiland, to attend the first Homecoming to be held this Friday night, Dec. 15, at Prairiland High School.

It shall begin with the Patriot junior-varsity boys playing Rains at 6:30. The varsity boys will play following this game, and during half-time, the coronation of a queen will take place. The queen nominees are as follows: Seniors — Rita Allen; Juniors — Brinda Epps; Sophomores — Vicky Anderson; and Freshmen — Lisa Gifford.

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Gary Swaim of Edmond, Okla., spent part of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swaim. They all attended the funeral of Urie Barnes of Cunningham, a cousin of Gus Swaim.

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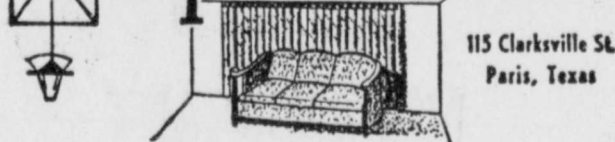
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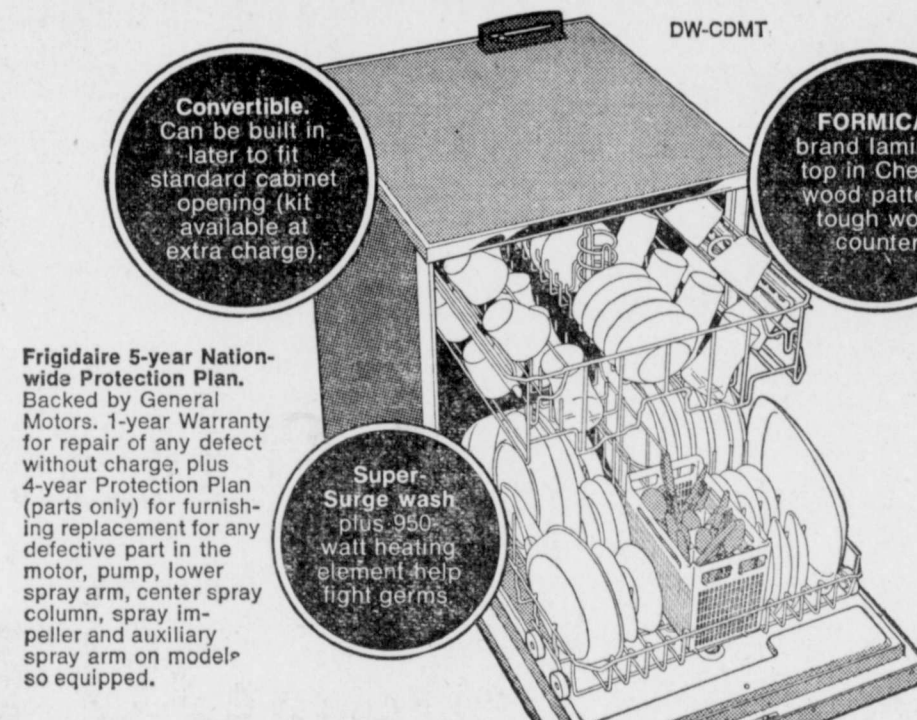
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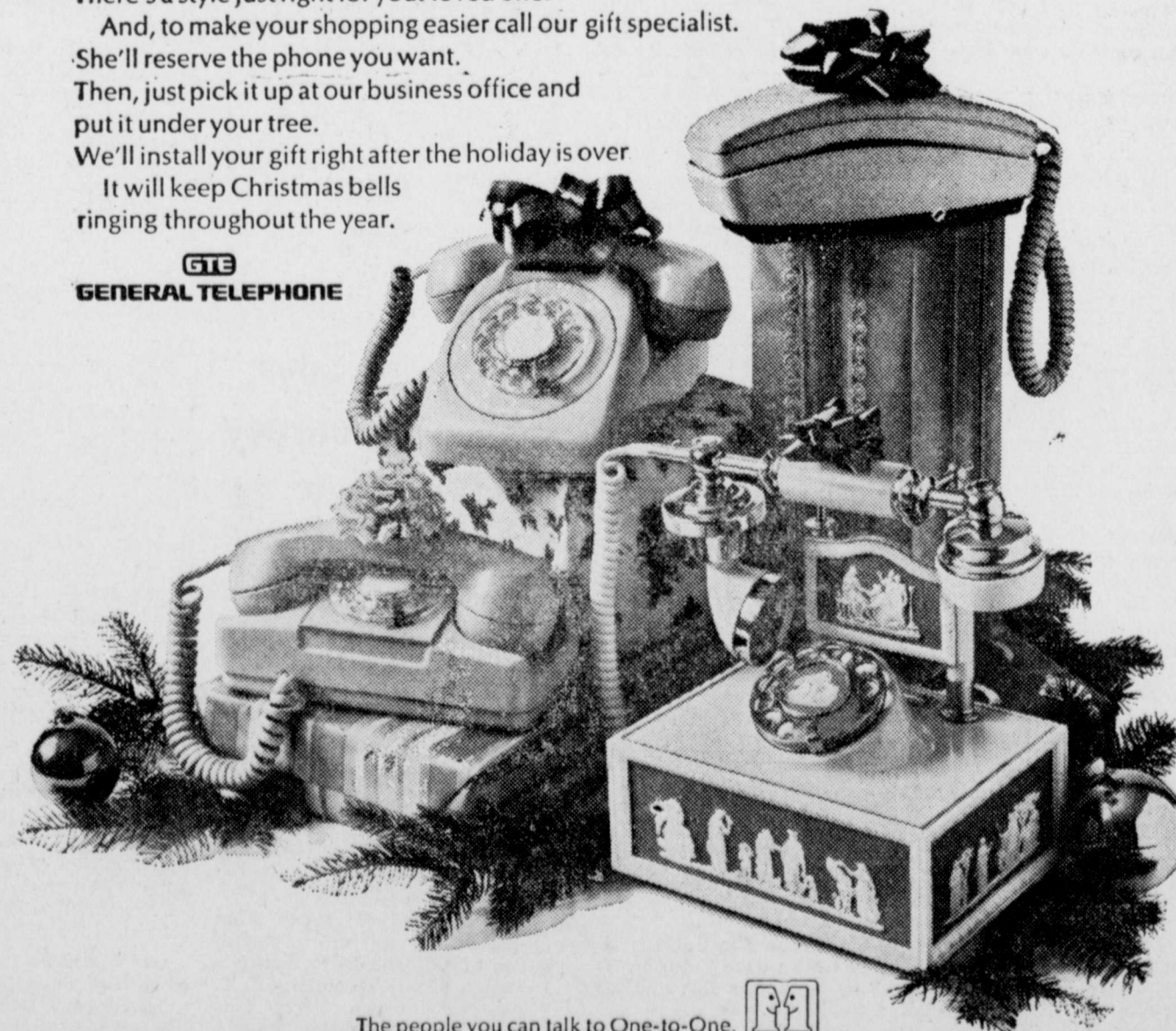
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Belcher and Trimm Receive Reg. Bulls

Randy Belcher and Craig Trimm of the Rivercrest Chapter were two of 44 Texas FFA members who became the proud recipients of registered Hereford bulls during a recent bull selection day held at Flat Top Ranch near Walnut Springs. The bulls were purchased from Flat Top Ranch by the Texas FFA and distributed to the members on a draw for position basis. This is the eleventh consecutive year that Flat Top Ranch has supplied bulls for a program that was begun eighteen years ago by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation and which is now under the sponsorship of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The program is administered by the Texas FFA.

The program works like this: After the local vocational agriculture teacher has selected the FFA member to receive the animal a 10 to 12 month old bull is placed with the member for a period of two years. At the end of the two years the FFA member may purchase the bull for the original cost or the bull is turned back to the area supervisor to be reformed to another FFA Chapter and FFA member.

Miss Hinson To All-Reg. Clinic Concert

Miss Bonnie Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hinson of Jothtown participated in auditions for All-Region Band in Pittsburg Saturday, Dec. 9. Miss Hinson placed 8th out of 60 entrants in cornet and trumpet. The top 12 are to perform in All-Region Clinic-Concert in Daingerfield Saturday, Dec. 16. She is a junior at Rivercrest High School and section leader of the Rivercrest Band.

RIVERCREST HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT DEC. 17

Rivercrest High School Choir will present a concert Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p. m. in the auditorium. The program will be a pageant of the Christmas Story with music and projected scenes. The public is invited to attend this free program. Come and support your school program.

Family Dinner Honors M. B. Salter

Attending a dinner Sunday honoring M. B. Salter on his 90th birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Salter, Mr. and Mrs. Talma Fowler and Melanie, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sparks, the honoree and his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Salter.

The birthday cake was baked and beautifully decorated by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Salter. A granddaughter, Mrs. Jerry Richey and family of Arlington, were unable to attend. She called at noon to wish him a happy birthday. Numerous friends and relatives called during the day, making it a most pleasant occasion.

RUGBY

By MRS. VERA GROGAN
Mr. and Mrs. Buford Freeman of Paris were Wednesday night guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Slaton and Kathy.

Mrs. Kenneth Harold Allen was a patient at Red River County Hospital for medical treatment part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wright and daughter of Deport were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wright.

Things began icing over Sunday afternoon and Monday morning everything was covered with ice. Several trucks had trouble on the highway in our community.

Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. John L. Starks of Paris, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ada Kay, to Robert Ellis Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wright, Deport.

The couple plans a semi-formal evening wedding in First United Methodist Church, Paris, on February 10. The Rev. Sam Rice, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Deport, will officiate. Miss Starks is a graduate of

Paris High School and Paris Junior College. She is presently attending East Texas State University, majoring in elementary and kindergarten education.

Mr. Wright, a graduate of Deport High School, received a BS Degree from ETSU and is a candidate to receive a MEd degree in May. He is currently employed by the Paris Independent School District.

Commissioners Consider Clean-Up Deport Creek

Requests from the U. S. Corps of Engineers have prompted Lamar County commissioner consideration of plans for cleaning up Deport Creek in and near Deport.

County Judge Lester Crutchfield told a meeting of the court Monday that the Corps committee suggested removing debris from the channel bed. He said a survey of existing conditions would be ordered and renovation plans drawn for presentation to the Corps' New Orleans, La., district office.

Birthday Club Has Christmas Party

The Rugby Birthday Club met Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood for their December meeting and Christmas Party. The birthdays of Mmes. Wood, Mac Mitchell, Wayne Alsobrook, Jewel Lemens, Dick Scott and Frances Summers were honored.

Attending and enjoying a covered dish supper were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fortner, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smelser, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Alsobrook, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson and Steve Gray, Miss Mattie Chesshir, Mmes. Josie Fennell, Jewel Rowe, Carlos Vaughan, Vera Grogan and Francis Franklin, Wayne Alsobrook, Mack Mitchell, the honorees and Mr. Wood. Mrs. Nina Hudson was a visitor.

Gifts were distributed from a lovely tree. A card was signed by the group to send to Mrs. Myrtle Moore, a patient at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

A NEW DIMENSION IN FAMILY GAMES



Christmas shopping is an endless occupation. In some families, it starts early in the year. Collecting and hiding games, toys, clothing and accessories for everyone on the list. It sounds like a good idea, spreading the buying throughout the year, keeping up on bargains, snapping up stocking stuffers. But it often winds up costing a lot for too many things that are all but forgotten by New Years.

This year, why not get a big present for the whole family? This, added to a few stocking stuffers apiece, may just make for the least expensive, most together Christmas ever.

But what do you get for a family? What would everyone enjoy? The kids like games and toys. Grown-ups go for games, too. But more sophisticated, complicated types.

The best suggestion to come along in a long time is

a pool table. Milton Bradley's new PIVOT POOL game. Small enough to fit in the tiniest mansion, PIVOT POOL is table-top size. Yet large enough to make for an exciting game of pool for the big kids in grown-up suits.

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chapter, "Happy Birthday" was sung by the group.

Following the closing, refreshments of coffee, punch, sandwiches, cookies, chips and olives were served from a table decorated in a red and white Christmas theme. The white cloth was overlaid with white net caught up with red clusters and centered with poinsettias arranged in a milk glass bowl. The registration table was identical. Other Christmas decor of candles, poinsettias and holly were placed about the hall. On the decorations and refreshments committee were Mrs. H. E. Bryson, Mrs. Jewel Barnard, Mrs. Jewel Rowe, Mrs. Ora Tyer and Mrs. Velma McConnell.

DECEMBER PTA MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the busy holidays the Bogata PTA will not meet in December. The committees are busy planning new programs and projects for our school, however. Have a very nice Christmas and join us in January and help our schools.

Times Want Ads Pay

BOGATA NEWS

Mrs. Roy Grayson is at home after being in a Paris hospital several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swaim were in Mt. Pleasant Monday to visit Jim Patterson in a nursing home.

Mrs. Jessie Bryson was dismissed from Red River County Hospital Tuesday after several days.

Tom Wilkinson was carried to Red River County Hospital Tuesday morning after becoming ill at home.

Mrs. Dink Greer sends The News to Mr. and Mrs. James Watts of Longview for Christmas.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pope and family were his mother, Mrs. George Pope Sr. of Alba and his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pope of Houston.

Mrs. Jess Watkins spent the week end with her son, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Watkins and family of Paris.

Attending a pre-Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mauldin were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hancock of Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Benson of Clarksville and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benham and Ronnie of Hutchins were week end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Benham. They were all joined by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Benham and Jill of Paris for a pre-Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Logan and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sloan and Mrs. Inez Peaden spent Sunday to Tuesday with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Peaden and family of Garland.

Week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cody were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan of Dallas and her aunt, Mrs. O. L. Scott of Commerce.

Mrs. Gordon DeBerry and Mrs. J. P. Pinkham have been attending their sister, Mrs. Ira Giddens and Mr. Giddens of Clarksville, who are both in Red River County Hospital. She is also a sister of Mrs. J. B. Humphrey of Red River Haven Nursing Home.

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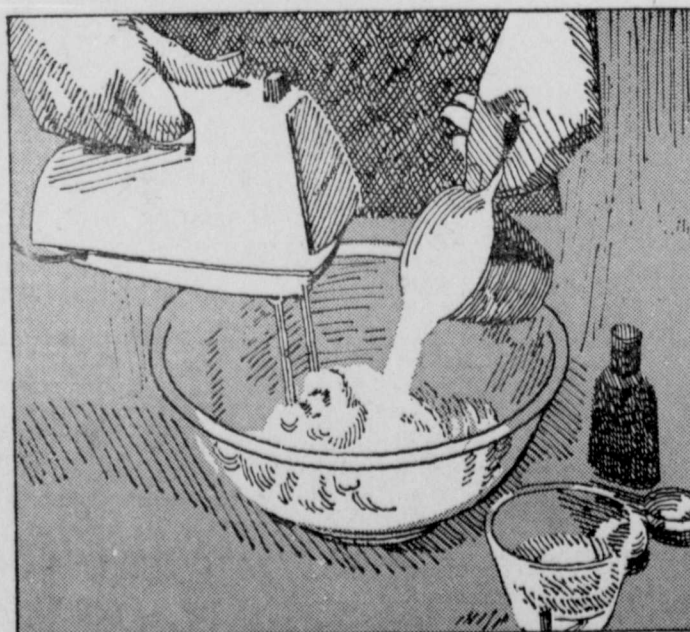
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