

A MAJOR INVESTMENT in Southwestern Public Service Company's 1970 construction program is the Clifford B. Jones Generating Station being constructed on the South Plains near Lubbock. The electric company plans to invest more than \$25,000,000 in plant and equipment in 1970.

New Electric Power Plant To Boost Service To Area

More than \$25,000,000 will be invested in new plant and equipment in 1970 to meet the needs for electric power in its 45,000 square mile service area, it was announced today by Roy Tolk, president of Southwestern Public Service Company.

The major project in the 1970 construction program will be continued construction on Jones Station, a new generating station located on the Texas South Plains, near Lubbock. Ground was broken earlier in 1969 on the new plant, which will have an original generating capability of 210,000 kilowatts, and is scheduled to go into operation mid-1971.

Slightly more than \$4,000,000 of the 1970 improvement investment will go for facilities in the Panhandle Division of the company, made up of communities in the northern and central Texas Panhandle and the Oklahoma Panhandle, including McLean.

"When it comes to electric service, people are mainly concerned about two things these days, reliability and cost. We share these concerns with our customers. That's why it has been necessary for us to invest an average of 20-million dollars a year in new equipment every year for the last ten years. New equipment improves reliability, adds to efficiency, and, thus, gives us a chance, at least, to fight galloping inflation," Tolk said in announcing the construction program.

"Reliability of electric service is not a national problem, although it has been made to sound like one in recent years. This fear atmosphere, which has been building since 1965, has been largely the product of advocates of government control for business, even though the failure which set the 1965 blackout originated on a government-owned electric system.

"There are a few areas of the country, none of them close to this region, in which some power shortages may develop in the future. If these shortages do come about, one of the reasons will be that some companies have been prohibited from building necessary plants and transmission lines by special interest groups - a handful of people. It sometimes appears to me that we have quite a few people living in this 20th Century who want all the comfort and convenience of the space age, including low cost electric power, but want the landscape to look the way it did at the time of the landing at Plymouth Rock, with no cities, no railroads or airports, no highways and no power lines," Tolk added.

Tolk asked the press to help draw the distinction between a "blackout" and an "outage." He describes a "blackout" as a shortage of power and an "outage" as a service interruption caused by some other reason than a power shortage.

"Let me say, too, that we won't have any blackouts in our service area in 1970, but we will have some service interruptions. We aren't perfect yet, our reliability record is 99.997."

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Visiting Mrs. C. O. Goodman over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Stroud, Mrs. Carolyn Tidwell, of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Daniel and David of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goodman, Susan and Mark of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Goodman and Denessa, Mr. and Mrs. Denny Deaver and Jayson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Skipper, Pat and Montica, Mr. and Mrs. Nicky Skipper, Robyn and Mikala, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Taylor and Barry all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fish and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hauck of McLean.

All of the family was present but two, a grandson Wayne Skipper and a grandson-in-law Earl Tidwell. They are in Vietnam. Also visiting on Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fish, Lynn, Joe Bob and Dan of Calif.

tions, yes; insufficient power supply and blackouts, no," Tolk concluded.

Southwestern Public Service Company's 45,000 square mile service area covers parts of four states, beginning in the southwest corner of Kansas, crossing the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, moving down on to the South Plains of Texas and then west to include the Clovis-Portales and Pecos Valley regions of New Mexico.

The company meets the electric service needs of its 220,000 customers with an interconnected generating and transmission systems that has a generating capability of 1,820,200 kilowatts, more than twice what it was 10 years ago, and is tied together by a 4400 mile transmission line network.

LOOKIN' BACK

by Vera Featherston Bask

"Just 'Fore Christmas" is over and so is "Just 'Fore New Years." By the time you read this that first day of the year will also have passed. This should be a period of reflection of looking back over the last year - even the last decade - and wondering if the world is any better for our contribution to society.

I just must look back over a few events of Christmas before going into 1970. One of the most satisfying experiences of my life was when Mrs. A. C. Wood and I carried gaily-wrapped Christmas packages from the McLean Pioneer Study Club to Gristown near Borger.

Though we did not see any of the girls (they were in school), we had an enlightening visit with the Stanleys, a young dedicated couple who serve as house parents in one of the two homes now occupied. The Stanleys' enthusiasm spilled over into our hearts and we just didn't want to leave.

We visited what might be called "the big house" because it was the first to be occupied and appeared to serve as headquarters. The "parents" of this home had gone to Amarillo to pick up a new girl so we missed seeing them, but we felt their presence in the home-like atmosphere of every room.

It was in the dining room of this home that the girls were to have their community tree the following Friday night, and it was with great joy that Mrs.

Wood and your columnist helped to arrange the many boxes each marked for a different girl-around the tree.

We went with Mrs. Stanley to Home No. 2 where she was mother to six girls. You'd love that blue and white kitchen with its white ruffled curtained windows to let the sun shine through. The living room, very nicely furnished by the town of Panhandle in memory of one of their boys who had made the supreme sacrifice in World War I, also glowed with a lighted tree.

We peeped into the bedrooms each left neat and orderly by two little girls before they caught the bus to school that morning. Though much alike when the carpenters finished the building each room was different now for it contained the keepsakes and personal belongings of its youthful inhabitants and reflected individual personalities.

The day before our visit Gristown had received a new twelve year old. With the one they expected that afternoon, there would be, so Mrs. Stanley informed us, fourteen in all. Her home had room for two more and that would be the limit until there was money for remodeling a large two-story house already on the ground.

Mrs. Wood and I became so enthused, so eager to do a little for those for whom others had done so much that spontaneously we invited the Stanleys to bring the girls down to McLean to go through the museum some Saturday. We, knowing each of you would have done the same had you been in our price, promised either a dinner afterwards

or a luncheon before the museum trip. If you are interested to help with this project, let us know.

It was Christmas Eve and as the rhyme goes, "All through the house not a creature was stirring - not even a mouse." Our telephone rang and on the other end of the line at 13232 N. 50th St. Phoenix, Arizona came the voice of Junior Wood, a member of the 1939 Class of MHS, though he had moved away before the class graduated. Junior called his former English teacher to wish her a merry Christmas and to thank her for all the good things she did for him when he sat, (likely unwillingly) in her classes. You'll never know, Junior, and incidentally he reads this column every week, how many years that call added to my life.

Junior married the former Gwen Coen who, with her sister Irma, is also remembered by many ex-students of McLean High. Make your plans, Junior and Gwen, to return for home-coming in 1971 and bring Irma along with you.

The Woods are interested in Quarter horses and believes this is also the time to look

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forward and make new resolutions that you mean to keep. This column is written especially to give publicity to the Alanreed-McLean Historical Society and to promote the society's two projects: the recording of the history of our people and the continued improvement of the Alanreed-McLean Area Museum. We hope all who read this will each resolve to support both these projects and to give your influence and ability towards these goals. Happy New Year!

Most of us consider fish pretty "cold fish" and not emotional. But that's not true. Skin-divers have seen fish actually blanch with fear.

James Holloway is home on leave from the army during the holidays.

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank everyone for all the cards, visits, calls and gifts while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to the nurses and Dr. Fabian and Dr. Wood. May God's richest blessing be with you all.
Laura Goodman

CARD OF THANKS
I want to thank the people of McLean for the nice Christmas cards. I wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Kate Jones

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The H. E. Barrett's To Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Barrett of 3618 N.E. 10th Street, will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughters, Mrs. Delma Butrum and Mrs. Barbara Williams, both of Abilene.

The reception will be held Sunday, Jan. 4, 1970, at the North Seminole Church of Christ from 2 to 4 p.m.

The couple was married Jan. 10, 1920, in Carthage, Miss. Since Jan. of 1934, they have lived in the Panhandle area with Mr. Barrett owning and operating service stations in Lefors and McLean. In 1954 the couple moved to Amarillo where Mr. Barrett was employed at the Amarillo Air Base until his retirement in December of 1962.

Holiday Greetings

I wish all my relatives and friends in McLean a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Simmons (Brother of Helen Simmons) 17093 Chatsworth Granada Hill, Calif 91344

CARD OF THANKS

We really did appreciate what the folks did for us on Christmas for coming to out house and singing carols.

We also want to thank the Lions Club for the nice basket of food that was brought to our house at Christmas. May God bless each one of you.

Mrs. C. G. Nicholson & Lona Jones

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the people of McLean for helping to make our Christmas a very happy one. We want to send a special thanks to the 1934 Sewing Club and the McLean Lions Club.

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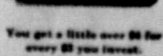
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News From ALAN REED

By MRS. CECIL CARTER

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter and girls of Pampa visited Mrs. Cecil Carter on Sunday.

Visiting the H.A. Bullocks are their children and grandchildren the Carl Ray Cox's.

Diane Gibson is visiting in Wellington with her uncle Ralph Messer and family.

Members of First Church here met together after church Sunday evening for some singing and fellowship. Also included was an old fashioned pound- ing. After a round of singing, cake and coffee was enjoyed by all.

The Joe Leonard's had Mrs. Leonard's niece and family visiting this week.

Mrs. Era Hill was still hospitalized at McLean at this writing but hoped to spend Christmas in Pampa with her daughters.

Mrs. Robert Bruce and Mrs. Cecil Carter were in Pampa on Thursday for Mrs. Mildred Prince's cooking demonstration at Southwestern Public Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill shopped in Pampa on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Warner Phillips returned home this week after being at Mrs. Phillip's father's bedside after he underwent surgery. They report he was doing nicely.

Mrs. S. T. Greenwood is visiting in Lubbock with her sons and families.

Word from the Earthman in Florida was that Mr. Earthman has been real ill, but was improving.

F. B. Carter accompanied the F. L. Daltons to Amarillo Sunday where they visited the W. W. Barkers.

Visiting here at the L. T. Goldston's this week and at the bedside of Mrs. Nona Goldston in Groom Hospital have been Mrs. Betty Miller of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Lucille Keller of San Antonio, Calif., Vernon Goldston of Dallas, Mrs. Jean Chamberlain of Lubbock, John McMahon of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goldston and sons of Memphis.

Dan McMahan who will be stationed at Tucson, Ariz. and his fiance, Vicki Lynn Halpain of Perryton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goldston of Athens, Ga. and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wilson of Miami, the Goldston's other boys, Fred and family of Lubbock and Jerry of Lubbock also and Homer and family of Fort Worth were due home for Christmas day.

Mrs. Geo. Oakley's daughter in-law, Mrs. Faye Oakley suffered a foot injury which canceled their plans to spend Christmas here with Mrs. Oakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dewebber of Jacksboro spent the holiday with the Robert Bruces.

Mrs. Cecil Carter visited the Jerry Carters in Pampa on Wednesday.

J. C. Oakley of Pampa visited Mrs. Faye Oakley during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Averitt and family of Amarillo spent the holidays with the O. W. Stapps.

Visiting the Bert McKees and Mrs. L. L. Palmer over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKee and girls of Groom, Mrs. Willie Belle Guill of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Alford and Scott of Spearman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilbert and family of Pampa spent Christmas with the J. C. Gilberts.

F. B. Carter spent Christmas Day in McLean with the F. L. Dalton and others.

Mrs. Cecil Carter accompanied the Jerry Carters to Amarillo Thursday where they spent Christmas Day with the Jim Bruces and Dean Brummers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce and Bob and the Jimmy Dewebbers of Jacksboro also spent the day with the Jim Bruces.

Visiting the Mug Castleberries over the holiday were their children and their families. They were in Pampa on Christmas Day with the Claude Williams and Mrs. Hugh Castleberry.

Mrs. Era Hill spent the holiday in Pampa after being released from the McLean Hospital on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crisp of Lockney visited Mrs. Cecil Carter on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter of Abilene visited with F. B. Carter, Mrs. Cecil Carter and at McLean with the F. L. Daltons.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leonard had as guests over the weekend Mrs. Leonard's sister Lorene and family of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Averitt Cpl. and Mrs. John Bible of Encinas, Calif., are visiting relatives in McLean during the holidays.

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and family of Amarillo spent Sunday here with the O. W. Stapps.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Simmons were in Amarillo this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Judd whose son and wife were

among those killed in the van-train wreck Saturday night.

Services at First Baptist Church Sunday evening were canceled when bad weather made it expedient that the pastor and his wife leave for their

home in Pampa. H. H. Wornham remains in Groom Hospital but is doing nicely.

Mrs. Faye Oakley is visiting in Albuquerque with the Jewel Snyders.

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