



## HULLS

By KERNEL GENE, aPo

6:30 p. m., Friday - Our town is quiet. An occasional auto breaks the stillness. Colored lights in store windows seem to have a softer glow. A bit of sleet is falling and the weekend may see our streets covered with snow. Rum-maging through books and magazines on my desk, I picked up a small brochure published by the Kendrick Poultry Farm of Eastland County. The Kendricks are noted for their singing. The center pages of this brochure contains a motto in large type: "I Will Talk About the Sins of My Fellow Christians Only On My Knees."

This brought to mind "A Club Collect" which I have printed many times in study club year-books. The first line reads: Keep us, Oh God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed."

Looking at the picture of the Masons which will be in this week's edition, brings forth a thought that is with me constantly: "Masonry, from the time of King Solomon, has looked to God and the Bible for strength and guidance in their work."

Our Pledge of Allegiance says: "One Nation, Under God."

### ARE YOU THINKING?

Time! That elusive something between birth and death. Youth is impatient with it. Middle age folk talk about it. The aged speak of it philosophically and with respect.

A few more final decisions by our Supreme Court and we will no longer have need of a Congress and Senate . . . or lower courts, either.

I wonder? If Texas loses its Right-to-Work Law and the new \$2 minimum wage law passes, just how many firms in Eastland and Comanche Counties will be forced to cut their payroll - or up the cost of their product to meet the increased overhead?

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Due to ill health we are not sending Christmas Cards to our friends this year. So we are taking this means of expressing our sincere wishes that each of you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Goodwin

#### MRS. OTHELL CLARK UNDERGOES SURGERY

Mrs. Othell Clark underwent an emergency appendectomy on Monday, December 14th.

She is doing fine and is expected to be dismissed from the hospital in time for the Christmas holidays.

#### Friendly Ladies Christmas Party Held Thursday

One of the prettiest parties of the holiday season was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Hatcher on Thursday when 18 class members of the Friendly Ladies Class of First Methodist Church met for their annual Christmas party.

"Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight," echoed thru the house from the living room, where a huge traditional cedar tree flaked with snow, draped with ice cycles, red ornaments and red and green lights, to the dining room where the melody of Silent Night could be heard from a musical china angel, a special gift to Miss Ozella Pulley from a nephew in Washington State. It centered the refreshment table which was laid with a red cloth. White tapers in white holders completed the table arrangements.

Class president, Mrs. J. W. Ramsey, gave a reading of the "Spirit of Christmas."

The thrill of exchanging gifts followed the refreshment time.

Gifts were presented by playing a musical game with each person holding a gift forming a circle while Mrs. Ed Harrison played musical numbers on the organ. After she had completed a fourth musical stop, the gift that was being held at the time the music stopped was the gift you got to keep.

Mrs. Bob Green, class teacher, was presented a gift from the class.

Guests were Randy Green and Raymond Rand.

Christmas theme was also used in the refreshments of sandwich "cake" which was white and decorated with a red poinsettia, fruit cake with whipped cream, assorted candies nuts, dips and chips, and hot spiced punch.

#### PETTY OFFICER 3/C DWIGHT BENNETT HOME ON LEAVE

Petty Officer 3/C Dwight Bennett arrived home Thursday from Norfolk, Virginia for a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bennett.

When he returns he will make a five months cruise which will take him to Costa Rica, Panama and Peru.

He visited in Austin Sunday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones and family.

#### COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME

Students arriving home from college Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents were Linda Shell of NTSU, Carolyn Gilbert of ACC, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brown of Hardin-Simmons University and ACC, E. C. Bramlett of Texas Tech, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson of Sam Houston State College, and others we are sure are home, but their names were not available at press time.

#### J. E. Ramseys to Mark 60th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ramsey will be honored on their 60th. wedding anniversary Sunday, December 27 with open house from 2 to 5 p. m. Their five children will be hosting and all their friends have a cordial invitation to attend.

James Edward Ramsey, born October 1, 1881 in Newton County, moved with his family to Carbon in 1900 and has lived not farther than 15 miles away at any time.

Rhoda and Edd Ramsey were married in Romney community on December 18, 1904, when they made their home in Eastland County. He farmed until 1955 when he retired and moved to Carbon, where they presently reside.

Their children are O. A. Ramsey and W. B. Ramsey, both of Morenci, Arizona; N. C. Ramsey of Tucson, Arizona; J. W. Ramsey of Gorman; and Mozell Ramsey Hallmark of Carbon. They have ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

#### Fire On Thursday Destroys Home Of The James Miears

The six-room cottage style home of Mr. and Mrs. James Miears, located in the south section of Gorman was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin at mid-afternoon on Thursday.

A neighbor, Mrs. Tom Broom, discovered the fire as she was returning home from work. The roof was falling in at the time the fire alarm was given and firemen were unable to save the house. Only a few items of furniture were saved by workmen using hoes and reaching through the windows to drag the items to the window that could be reached safely.

The high winds caused the fire to spread very quickly and hampered firemen's efforts to save any portion of the structure.

The family had been away from home since early morning, both Mr. and Mrs. Miears work. He is manager of Higginbotham Bros. store and she manages their Mobil products and Miears Butane Company, and their sons, Johnny and Bill, were in town with their father.

The family is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Miears, until suitable living facilities are obtained.

The Miears' recently purchased the late Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Kimble home for a future building site, and will probably build within the near future.

A gift shower party for the family was held Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Newby.

#### School Holiday To Begin Wednesday

Classes at Gorman Schools will dismiss on Wednesday, December 23 at about 2:30 p. m. for the Christmas holidays and classes will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Class Christmas parties and exchanging of gifts will be held Wednesday afternoon with a reception in the school cafeteria for high school students. Grade school students will present programs prior to having their Christmas tree and exchanging of gifts.

#### Fankie Jo Harper Hosts Youth Party

Mrs. Frankie Jo Harper, sponsor of the Junior Training Union of the First Baptist Church, was hostess for the annual Christmas Party held Thursday night in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Following singing of carols and a series of Christmas games the group gathered around the huge Christmas tree for the exchanging of gifts.

Due to the severe cold weather the group postponed their visit to shut-ins and singing of Christmas carols.

Refreshments of fruit cake, orange slices, peanuts, Ritz cracker sandwiches, candy Christmas balls and hot chocolate were served to members, Karen and David Moore, Patty Hirst, David Armstrong, Jackie Lawson, Brenda Browder, Debbie Holliday and Burl Nelson Harper.

#### Business Houses to Take Long Holiday

The Business Men's Club, at their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, voted to close on December 26th. Christmas Day falls on Friday this year, and of course, the day after on Saturday, December 26. This will provide a three-day holiday for most employees and owners.

May we remind you to stock up early on the home supplies needed for the long weekend as shops and stores will be rushed at the end of the week.

New Year's Eve Singing at Oliver Springs will be held on Thursday, December 31. Everyone is invited.

Refreshments will be served. Come and bring your friends.



TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF MASONIC SERVICE is the total of these eight men who received 25-year pins at the Desdemona Masonic Lodge No. 1147, AF&AM, Monday evening, December 14. Two of these are members of Gorman Lodge 716.

Thirty-one Masons of the Desdemona Lodge were eligible to receive 25-year pins but most of these are living in other towns and were unable to attend.

Pictured above with years of service are: (front) L. E. Clark, 35; C. E. Ragland, 36; Howard Wade, 30; W. O. Parr, Gorman, 34; (Back row): W. V. Crews, Gorman, 40; M. A. Pool, 36; Bill Parks, 40; and C. S. Eldridge, 34.

Members unable to attend, eligible for 25-years pins were: W. F. Parks, V. G. Wyatt, D. H. Mansell, Carrol B. Cone, J. A. Ivy, Ollie Burns, Warren P. Fehlman, D. C. Hoover, D. E. Hearn, W. S. Hughes, George T. Moore, James E. Moore, J. R. McKain, Sr., W. M. Rogers, C. C. Seachrist, A. B. Trotter, R. M. Watts, Brad K. Williams, Leslie P. Wooten, Roy L. Willis, S. G. Tarpley, R. B. Burns,

and F. A. McMillen.

The Desdemona Masonic Lodge was totally destroyed by fire in 1948. Special dispensation was granted by Grand Lodge for the Masons to meet in the Desdemona School Building. With grim determination the Masons rebuilt in 1949. Their building is paid for and according to C. S. Eldridge, Secy., the lodge has a nice bank account.

### Appointee To 91st. Bench Due Soon

EASTLAND — Gov. John Connally is expected to appoint a judge soon to serve as magistrate of the 91st. District Court until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy created by the death last week of Judge T. M. Collie.

The appointment was expected this week and veteran Eastland attorney Frank Sparks was considered most likely to receive the governor's appointment.

Texas election statutes provide

that a special election shall be called to fill the vacancy because Judge Collie, though duly elected, had not been formally qualified by having been sworn in. The consensus of thought among members of the legal fraternity in the district appears to be well for the vacancy to be filled as soon as possible, because the state legislature will convene in January and statewide redistricting is considered to be a prime subject.

The location of the 91st. District in Eastland County is important not only to the general public it serves, but also to the members of the bar throughout the area.

Judge E. H. Griffen of Graham,

administrative judge for this, the Eighth Judicial District, was in Eastland this week on the 91st. bench, hearing several scheduled non-contested cases.

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SARA FOSTER leaned through the doorway and for a moment watched her husband intently putting the final touches on a wood carving.

"Supper's ready, Sam."

"Be there in a moment," the man said, setting his work aside. He turned his wheel chair around to face her, but she had disappeared into the kitchen again.

"Where's the boy?" he asked.

"In his room asleep. I let him in the yard a while this afternoon after the snow fell and he was all tuckered out."

Sam didn't say anything. He was glad Timothy was sleeping. Somehow, the boy never thought to ask about the bright red wagon until the supper hour. And, he never had the courage to tell the lad that he had made a foolish promise and there was no more possibility of a red wagon for Christmas than there was that the temperature would reach a hundred degrees on Christmas day.

He maneuvered his chair into the kitchen, gave a short "thanks" and quietly plunged into the plate of greens and pork. He hoped Sara wouldn't say anything about the wagon, either.



Young Timmie busied himself with a crossword puzzle.

Shouldn't be long."

"Watch the things on the stove for me, Sam. I opened the door, letting in a blast of cold air and a small Army coat and tossing a kerchief across her head, the woman wrinkling herself in Sam's old you should go see."

Someone may be hurt. I think the slip of the road into the ditch. Valley Road. There's a car in pointed in the direction of the She stood by his side and he called.

"Sara, come here," he called.

Sara Foster sat by the window. Wooded jig saw puzzle.

on the cabin floor, meticulously fitting together the pieces of a Young Timmie busied himself dumping.

was dropped into the boiling pot and she set about the making of red rooster, long a family friend, and Sara Foster hummed a Christmas tune as she went about the morning before Christmas. The dawned bright and clear. In the late afternoon, it began to snow. The morning before Christmas. It was almost impossible to keep. She almost making prom- mine accident, he hadn't since he had lost his legs in a to be some day. Three years now, to keep his big mouth shut. May- Some day, maybe, he'd learn

Watching

Sam Foster spent the next hour or so wheeling himself back and forth between the kitchen and the front window. He saw his wife trudge back up the hill but, instead of coming into the cabin she went into the barn, emerging a few moments later with Big Red, the tired old mule, and then the return trip down the hill.

It was well after dark when Sara Foster entered the cabin. Sam was finishing the task of setting plates around the kitchen table. "I imagine, since you didn't say so earlier, no one was hurt. If not, why didn't the fellow you helped come up after that mule himself?"

"Wasn't a fella. Was a woman. A grandma. She wasn't hurt; just slipped off the road. I put her back on her way again. She wanted to pay me, but I didn't take any money."

Sam looked at her curiously. "Your time and work was worth something."

Sara smiled. "Indeed it was. It was worth very much." She leaned low to whisper in her husband's ear. "She had a bright red wagon in her car. Was taking it to her grandchildren. I took that as she said she could get another one in town."

Sam Foster grinned. "Well, I'll be . . ." He paused, then wheeled to the doorway. "Hey, Timmie, boy, put up that puzzle and come to supper. Don't you know this is Christmas Eve, boy? There'll be no red wagon for boys who don't go to bed when they should."



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### Fuller Home Is Scene Of Parties For Piano Students

Mrs. Claude Fuller entertained



THE TRAIN rattled across the Elkhorn Creek bridge and Woody Hansen casually noted that the creek was frozen solid, bank to bank. Like Anna has written, they had suffered a real spell of cold weather around Grandview. It always turned cold at Christmas.

He took his bag from the overhead rack and sat down with it in his lap. Five more minutes and the train would be at the station.



Together they walked through the station and across the square.

She stood there on the platform, proud and straight, oblivious of the snow that swirled about her, unashamed of the tears of joy that streamed down her face. Billy stood beside her, tall for his age, just as proud and straight.

"Welcome home, Woodrow. We've missed you very much." And she was in his arms.

After a moment, he turned to his son. "Billy."

"Welcome home, dad. I've missed you, too."

They walked through the station and across the square.

The house looked the same, except inside. It had been recently painted. "In honor of your homecoming, dad," Billy pointed out. "I'm sure of it, son. Now, how about sitting down. I'd like to talk to you for a minute."

Anna put an arm around each of them. "You men can talk while you trim the Christmas tree. It's on the back porch. Will you get it, Billy?"

"Sure, mom." He paused in the doorway. "You don't have to tell me anything dad. Mom has already told me. I know you never stole anything from old Mr. Smith and I know somehow we'll prove you didn't. O.K.? Let's have a good Christmas."

"O.K. Now fetch the tree like a good boy."

Visitors

A few neighbors dropped by in the next couple of days, long-time friends, old schoolmates. They brought Christmas gifts. They were friendly, yet Woody saw in their eyes the things Anna had written about. Woody found himself thinking more and more that it would always be like this and he didn't like the idea at all.

He felt even worse when the phone rang on the afternoon before Christmas. "Woody? Sheriff Cranston. I have something important to talk to you about. I can't get away from the office. Can you get up here in an hour?"

There were four men in the office, Sheriff Cranston, Mr. Wellington Smith, his former employer, and Dan Bailey, editor of the Grandview Gazette. These were solemn men, indeed. At least, Woody thought, they aren't hypocrites.

Dan Bailey spoke first. "Woody, there's a story about you on the front page of the Gazette. It won't be on the streets until tomorrow morning. But we thought you might like to have a copy before then."

Christmas Morn

Billy Hansen was first down the stairs come Christmas morning. He passed up the many gaily-wrapped packages and picked up the copy of the Grandview Gazette which had been carefully placed among his gifts.

He began to read the story headlined "Christmas Gift." It began: "Police in nearby Winchester have reported that a gunman seriously wounded in an attempted filling station holdup has made a beside confession admitting a series of robberies in the tri-county area, including, they say, holdup of Smith's Service, Grandview, three years ago. A respected, local citizen, Woodrow Hansen, manager of the station, was convicted of the crime. The amount taken in the robbery was \$2,000. Investigators found that Hansen had purchased a car earlier that day for cash, paying \$1,950. He was unable to account for the money, other than to say that he had saved it, in cash, to buy his family the new car for Christmas. Sheriff Cranston said it is his belief that further investigation will completely clear Hansen . . ."

Later in the day, much later, the Hansens opened their gaily-wrapped Christmas presents—and paid host to the good citizens of Grandview.



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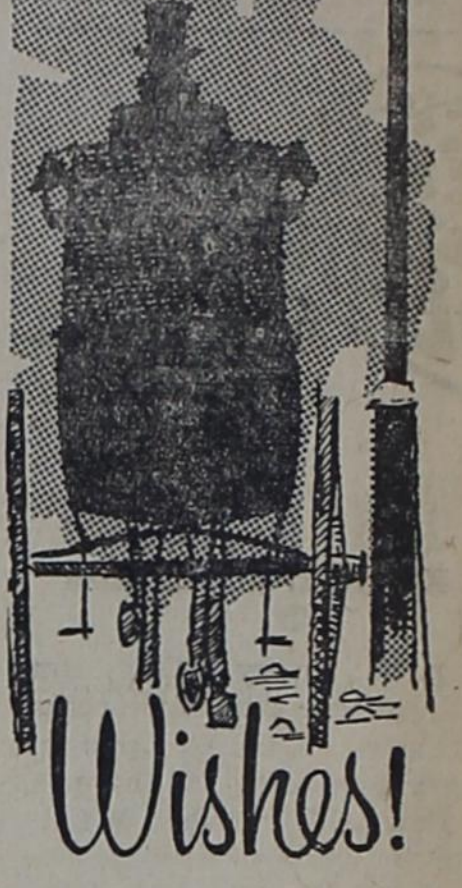
her piano students with Christmas parties Friday and Saturday evenings, December 11 and 12.

The party Friday night was attended by Linda Welch, Pamela Foster, Glenda Jordan, Joyce Joiner, Terry Gilmore, Kathy Wright, Celia Reeves, Jean Munn, Connie Park and guests, Vicki Reynolds, Michaelyn Porter, Dickie Eaves and Mrs. Bill Joiner.

The pupils attending the party Saturday night were Bernadean Reeves, Debra Smith, Marilyn Thompson, Rebecca White, Brenda Browder, Mark Arnold, Dorenda Arnold, Patricia Hirst, Denise and Nancy Grady, Karen Moore, Rex Jobe, Sarah and Karan Kirk, Tresa Duran, Dana and Brenda Weldon, June Collins, Sharon Welch, Sherry Stubblefield, Vicki Harvey, and guests, Nan Brogdon of Weatherford, Dean Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reeves, Mrs. Velma Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Erich Arnold, Cheryl and Kirk, Dean Weldon, Mrs. Peggy Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Collins and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stubblefield and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Burl Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and Jimmy.

Each student played a piece on the piano. Games were played and refreshments were served. Gifts were exchanged.

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Mrs. Ethel Keith



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**Mrs. John Felts Is  
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Christmas motif was theme of decorations of the home of Mrs. John Felts Tuesday when she entertained 20 guests at an informal Pre-Christmas coffee from 9 to 11 a. m.

Guests were greeted by Miss Barbara Overstreet, and Mrs. Felts presided at the refreshment table covered with a white and gold cloth and centered with a jeweled snow man.

Little Miss Julia Dawn Felts and six friends had their own

party in a bedroom where a modernistic Christmas tree decorated with bow lighted with twinkling lights was focal point of interest.



**LITTLE WINKIE**  
 PEGGY RAPPED on the di- pan with the broken broom handle. "Hold it, everybody. Hold it!"

They held it, Jimmy droning on in his almost-as monotone and Susie's creaking soprano as creaky as ever.

Peggy rapped again. "I didn't mean hold the note I meant to be quiet. Everybody's off-key. Jimmy, Susie, Ann, Billie, all of you. Settle down and let's practice right or we'll never be read for Christmas caroling tomorrow night. Come on, now, quiet the clowning, please."

Jimmy stopped abruptly. "O.K. We'll quit the clowning. But, let's rest a minute. And, let's be serious. In fact, let's have a meeting. Meeting is called to order. First order of business: the case of one Winkie, male, U.S. citizen, nine years old. Charge: wishes to



The Carolers made their rounds on Christmas Eve.

become a member of the Montrose Valley Carol Club. Fact No. 1—too young, too young; fact No. 2—can't sing, can't sing; fact . . ."

**Disgust**

Peggy threw her broom handle aside in disgust. "Stop it, Jimmy, will you? We've been all through this before. We've got nothing against Winkie, you know that. But the rules do say that a member has to be at least twelve years old and be able to at least carry a tune. Winkie doesn't qualify in either category. Why don't you just forget it?"

"I'm a crusader, that's why," Jimmy said. He retrieved the broom handle, stuck it in his belt, sword-fashion and struck the pose of a cavalier. "I cannot bear to see injustice, particularly during the happy holiday season. I will fight for the right of this young lad to join the carolers, to stand in their midst and be recognized, albeit he is acknowledged no budding Caruso." He, too, tossed the broom handle aside. "Now, I ask you, all of you. What harm can it do? Where is your Christmas spirit?"

"We have the Christmas spirit," Ann challenged. "What do you think we are practicing these carols for?"

**Spotlight**

"Ha," Jimmy responded. "You're here, all of you, because you like the spotlight. You think you're somebody when folks come to their doors to listen to your song and when they invite you in for a cup of hot chocolate. It's great — you're in the spotlight. Don't get me wrong. I like it, too. But, I think we're being pretty snooty. Little Winkie is the only kid in the neighborhood old enough to walk that isn't in this carol club. If he had a voice like a bullfrog, and would drown out the rest of us, I'd say keep him out. But, all he wants is to tag along, just to be part of the group. I'd say we had made a good start toward a happy Christmas if we let him."

Outside the garage door, little Winkie busied himself making a snowman.

**Welcome**

And then they were all in the garage doorway, beckoning. He ran toward them and was resoundingly welcomed. They appeared gay, laughing and shouting. He couldn't hear what Jimmie said, but he knew it meant he had been accepted.

Christmas Eve and happy carolers made their rounds, everywhere happily welcomed and received. Winkie kept the honored spot — out front — and his eyes rolled happily as he attempted to imitate every movement and gesture of the other singers.

The singing seemed to improve, house to house, and when the last carol was sung, the town mayor invited all the children in for hot chocolate and cookies, and when they had finished eating, a round of carols concluded the evening.

As they filed through the doorway, the mayor thanked each personally, and each returned the thanks, except Winkie. Winkie smiled. The mayor, a man accustomed to each night counting his blessings, later remarked to his wife that little Winkie exuded a great amount of charm and personality for a lad born without the ability to speak a single word.

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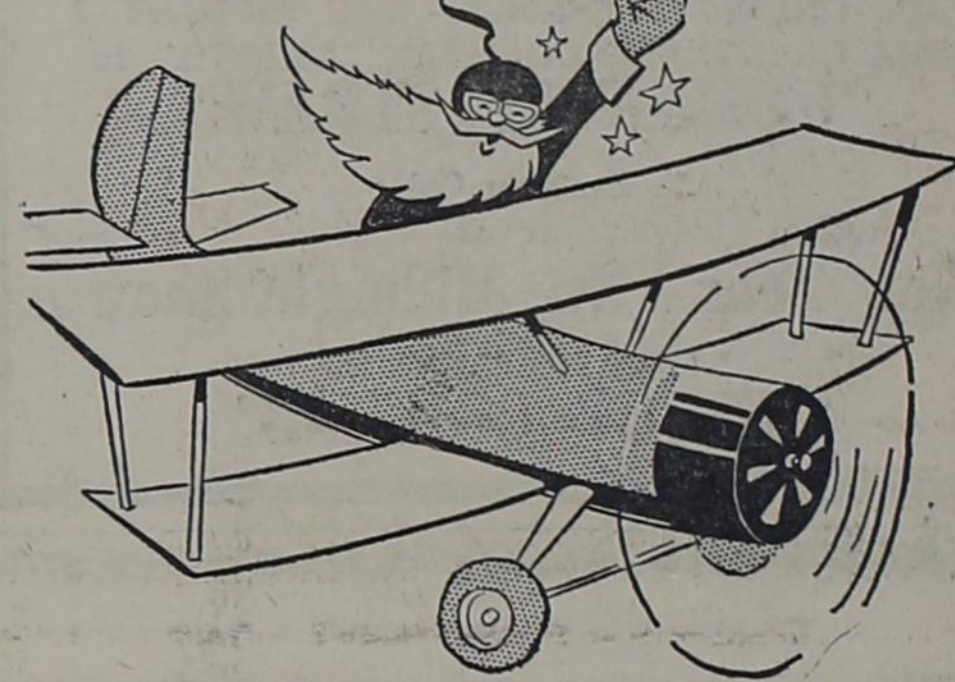
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Chances are a bicycle is a youngster's first experience as a part of the traffic. Discuss the finer points of bike-riding safety with him - or her - and see that he practices them.

Make sure your youngster rides a sturdy, well-equipped bike, and teach him how to take care of it.

Pass these admonitions on to him on having safe fun on a bike:

Know and obey traffic laws. Traffic lights and signs are for bike riders, too.

Ride with the traffic. A good bike-rider always rides on the right hand edge of the road.

Give the proper traffic signals before stopping or turning, then take hold of the handle bars again.

Ride single file. If your friend has a bike and you ride together, ride one in front of the other, with plenty of space between.

When traffic is heavy at a corner get off your bike and push it across, following the crosswalks.

Light up at night. Do all your riding in the daytime if you can. If you must be out at night, be sure you have your white light in front and your red reflector and tail light on the rear, just as automobiles do. Wear clothing that is light colored or that shines in the dark so you can be seen easily.

Use a carrier or basket for books and packages. If you have no basket or carrier, tie your books and packages to the frame.

Ride one to a bike - unless you have a special bicycle - built-for-two.

One of the most dangerous things a bike rider can do is "hitch a ride" by a moving truck or car. You could easily be thrown down - perhaps in front of a car or squeezed against a truck or bus.

Playing games or racing on

bikes should be done in empty lots or yards and not where people are walking or driving. Don't try hard stunts or you may hurt yourself.

Stop and take a look before riding out of alleys, driveways or from behind parked cars. A car can't stop as quickly as you can.

Your bike will stay nice longer if you park it in a rack or on its own stand.

Riding a bike can be fun, when you ride like a responsible part of the traffic.

(A weekly feature from the Division of Public Health Education, Texas State Department of Health.)

An octopus can change color instantaneously to any shade from white to dark, reddish-brown.

The treadle-driven spinning wheel was invented at the beginning of the 16th century.

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### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS LIKE IN BETHLEHEM?

Americans who dream of a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow, for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem, reports World Book Encyclopedia. No Santa Clause listens to children's pleas for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lies until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

After this ceremony, some may wander into the field outside the town, where perhaps shepherds long ago heard the news of the birth of Christ.

All this takes place, of course, on the eve of December 25. But

### ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO CONDUCT UPDATING SURVEY IN EASTLAND CNTY.

FORT WORTH, Texas, December 17 — An engineer from the Fort Worth District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will conduct an updating survey of newly-constructed buildings in Eastland County during the week of December 21.

Col. F. P. Koisch, District Engineer, reports that Charles Dansby will do a detailed study of the new construction of buildings in this county to determine its protection factor as a fallout shelter in case of nuclear attack.

The results of this study, which is conducted each year in this county, will be turned over to the County Civil Defense Director through the State Civil Defense Coordinator.

The Fort Worth Army Engineer District has jurisdiction over a 115 county area for this survey between Del Rio and Texarkana.

The followers of Christ first received the name "Christians" at Antioch, Syria. One of the first Christian communities outside Palestine grew up here, reports World Book Encyclopedia.

That's not the end of Christmas in Bethlehem. For the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate the holiday on January 6, and the Armenians observe it on January 18, which is January 6 according to the old style, or Julian calendar.

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The name "Christ" comes from the Greek word for "Messiah," according to World Book Encyclopedia.

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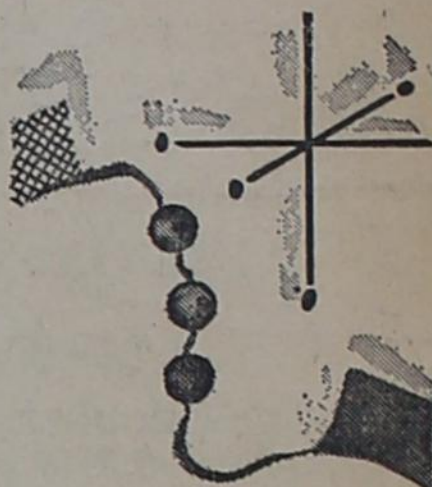
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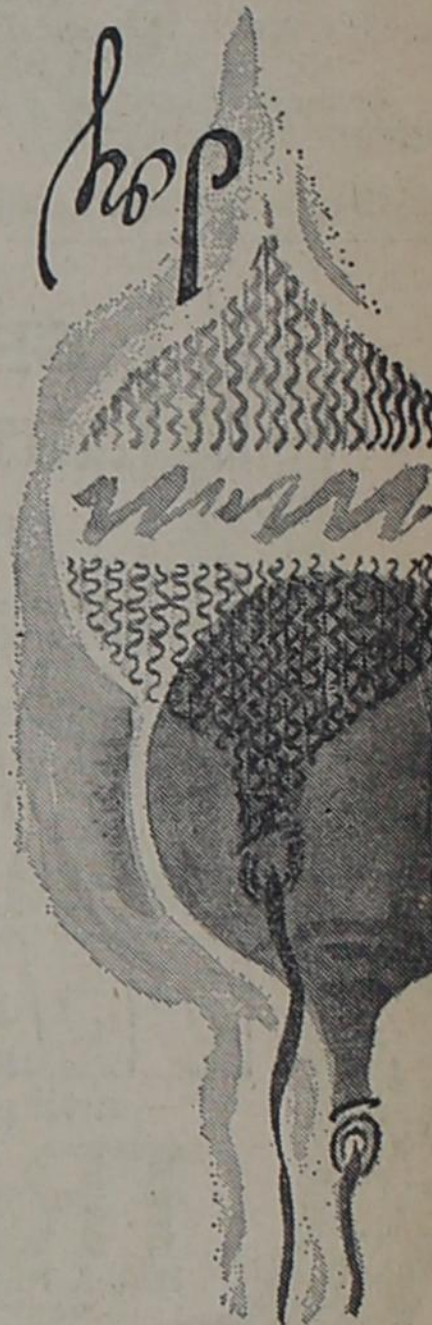
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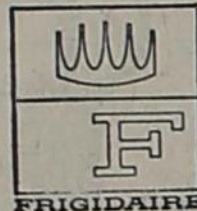
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### New Selection Method Attracts Cattlemen

College Station - A new meth-  
od of selecting breeding animals  
which emphasizes what livestock  
professors call "functional efficien-  
cy," is getting a lot of attention  
from Texas cattlemen. In it, the  
fertility potential in cattle is judg-  
ed by visual appraisal of their  
physical characteristics. It is best  
used as a supplement to perform-  
ance records.

The method was developed by  
Dr. J. C. Bonsma, internationally  
known animal scientist and head  
of the Dept. of Animal Science at  
the Univ. of Pretoria, South Africa.  
Bonsma, now serving as a visiting  
professor at Texas A&M Universi-  
ty, was brought to Texas by a  
grant from the Wortham Founda-  
tion of Houston.

Improving Texas' calf crop per-  
centage is Bonsma's primary goal.  
His solution is the selection of  
breeding animals with no structur-  
al abnormalities and showing no  
symptoms of endocrinal imbalance.  
Signs of endocrinal imbalance  
show up in an animal's appear-  
ance.

"Any experienced cattleman can  
tell at a glance the difference be-  
tween a steer and a bull," Bonsma  
points out. "But he seldom recog-  
nizes gradations in differences  
which are of great importance in  
assessing the masculinity of the  
male. A similar situation exists

### Chairman Appointed For Eastland County Historical Survey

County Judge Scott Bailey has  
announced the appointment of  
Mike Collins as chairman of the  
Eastland County Historical Com-  
mittee. His appointment is for a  
two-year term which begins Janu-  
ary 1st. "Mr. Collins has been  
appointed chairman at this time  
to prepare his plans and activities  
for the coming two years although  
his term and that of the commit-  
tee will not become effective un-  
til the first of the year," said  
Judge Bailey. In making the ap-  
pointment, Judge Bailey pointed  
out that the over all objective of  
the committee's work is the recora-  
tion, appreciation, marking, pre-  
servation and surveys of the coun-  
ty's history. The committee will  
give special attention to Eastland  
County history as a tourist attrac-  
tion by working with local coop-  
erating organizations and for the  
preserving of this history for fu-  
ture generations.

In accordance with a proclama-  
tion issued by overnor John Con-  
nally designating January 10-16 as  
"See and Save Texas History  
Week," Judge Bailey has called a  
meeting of the committee for  
January 16th to issue plans for  
the coming year.

in appraising the relative feminity  
of the female."

For instance, Bonsma says the  
subfertile female frequently has  
coarse hair growth upon the head  
and neck and is coarse in bone  
structure. The fertile female, in  
turn, is generally refined in hair  
growth and bone development,  
showing over-all feminity.

Besides hair growth and bone  
development, Bonsma's visual  
appraisal method considers such  
body characteristics as fat deposti-  
on and distribution and muscle de-  
velopment. He has measured more  
than 22,000 cows and correlated  
external measurements with each  
animal's rating.

Most objective and controlled  
studies on type, Bonsma main-  
tains, have failed to show any  
correlation with productive or re-  
productive capacity. Continual ob-  
servation and evaluation of breed-  
ing animals and their offspring in  
their natural environment and con-  
tribute greatly to rapid improve-  
ment by selection.

"Students showing aptitude for  
the general stereotyped judged readi-  
ly learn this new technique and  
have used it with success in the  
field," Bonsma asserts.

Through his work at Texas A  
& M and through speaking en-  
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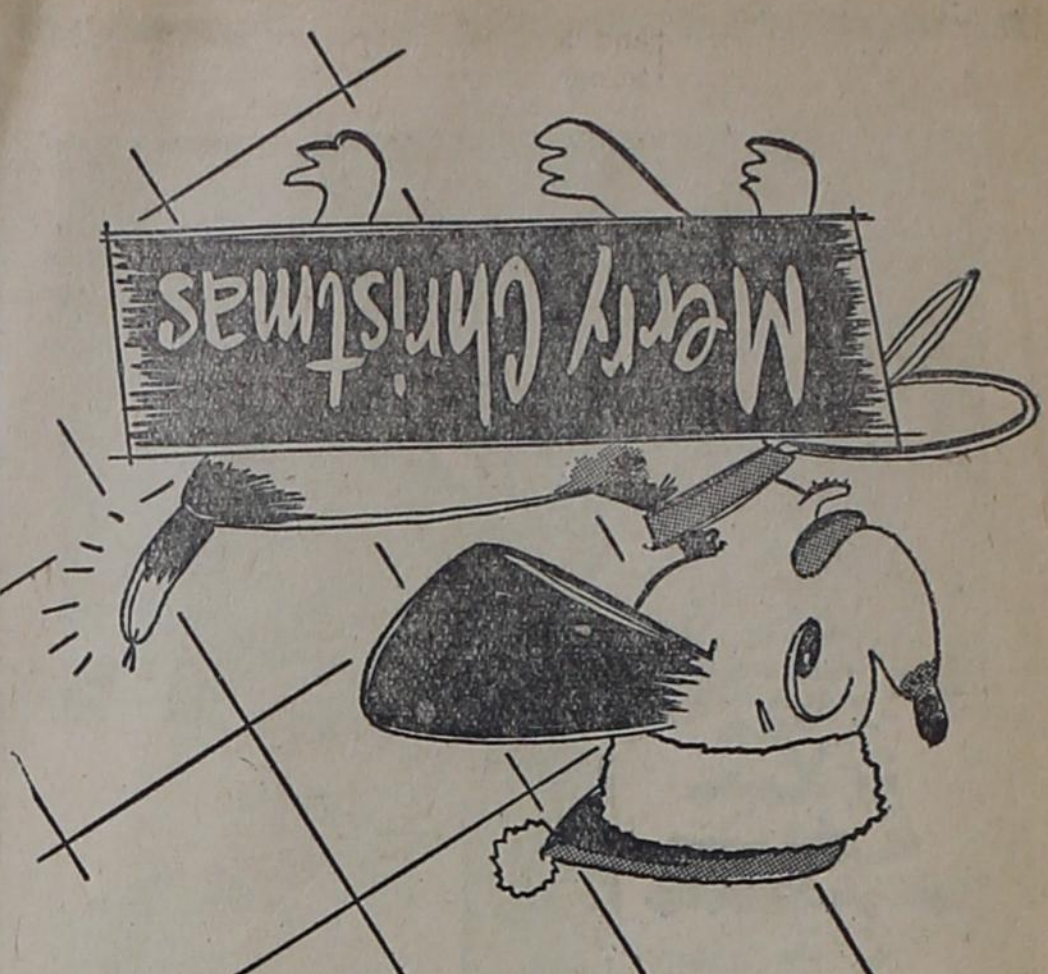
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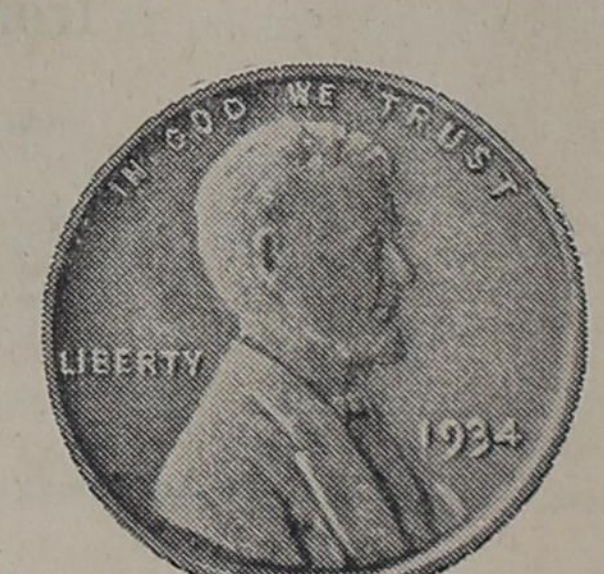
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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Leonard and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer, all of Gorman. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Underwood of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Leonard of De Leon are maternal great-grandparents. Mr. A. N. Bingham of Seminole is paternal great-grandparent.



TED KEYES almost laughed out loud at the bitter reaction of the other passengers when the driver told them the big bus was stranded in the small mountain community of Hillside.

Ted didn't care about the delay. He wasn't going home for Christmas as most of his fellow passengers were. He was going to King City to take a new job, and he had a week to get there.

He followed the others as they filed out of the bus and ran the short distance into the general store, eager to escape the fury of the winter storm as quickly as possible.

#### Somber Group

They gathered about the pot-bellied stove, quiet, oblivious of one another, each wrapped in his own unhappy thoughts.

A big man, elderly, yet straight as a ramrod, entered from a back room.



Ted didn't care that the bus was delayed.

"Welcome, folks, welcome. Nice to have so much company on Christmas Eve. Ma's putting on the big coffee pot and making some hot chocolate for the kiddies. Don't go reaching for your wallets. This'll be compliments of Ben Flowers, who wishes you one and all a Merry Christmas. If any of you want to make phone calls, reversing the charges, of course, phone's out there in the kitchen. Now, just make yourself to home."

There was a mad rush toward the kitchen. Ted found himself an unoccupied chair near the stove and relaxed.

He was suddenly conscious of the fact that Ben Flowers was shoveling more coal into the stove and that the noise had awakened him. Two youngsters were sleeping on a pallet in one corner. An old man puffed on his pipe on the opposite of the stove. No one else was in sight.

"Where is everyone?"

"Gone to church. Little mission up the road. Minister came down and issued invitations to a special service. Tried to wake you, but you're a sound sleeper, son. In fact, I had to slam this stove door five or six times to wake you."

"Why?"

"Just thought you might give me a hand. I ain't as young as I used to be, I found that out. Come along, will you?"

#### The Tree

Ted followed the man through the kitchen. The old man pointed to a Christmas tree resting against the back porch.

"Cut that tree and brought it down from the hill. Tuckered me out, for sure. Help me get it in, will you?"

"You're putting up a tree on Christmas morning?"

"Yep, first one in several years. Me and ma sorta got out of the habit, son, not having any folks or any youngsters about. Now, this stopover that is such a bother to you is a real occasion for us. We just gotta have a tree, son, and that's all there is to it."

#### Like Christmas

After that, it was just like Christmas. Ted and Ben Flowers finished the tree, then retired to the kitchen to drink coffee and watch Mrs. Flowers prepare a Christmas meal—turkey, dressing, cranberries, all the things Ted remembered as part of Christmas during his childhood days.

The church-goers returned to find that Mrs. Flowers had wrapped a small gift for each one—actually two gifts were left over, because she had erred in her count of those in attendance. No one seemed to notice.

It was an unusual Christmas dinner—served in the early morning, on paper plates. Ted always remembered how everyone had eaten heartily and had happily said goodbye to the old couple at the country store. Someday soon he would write the Foster and tell them that they'd made quite a scene in King City when the bus roared into town with a load of passengers singing Christmas Carols and shouting "Merry Christmas" to everyone in sight.

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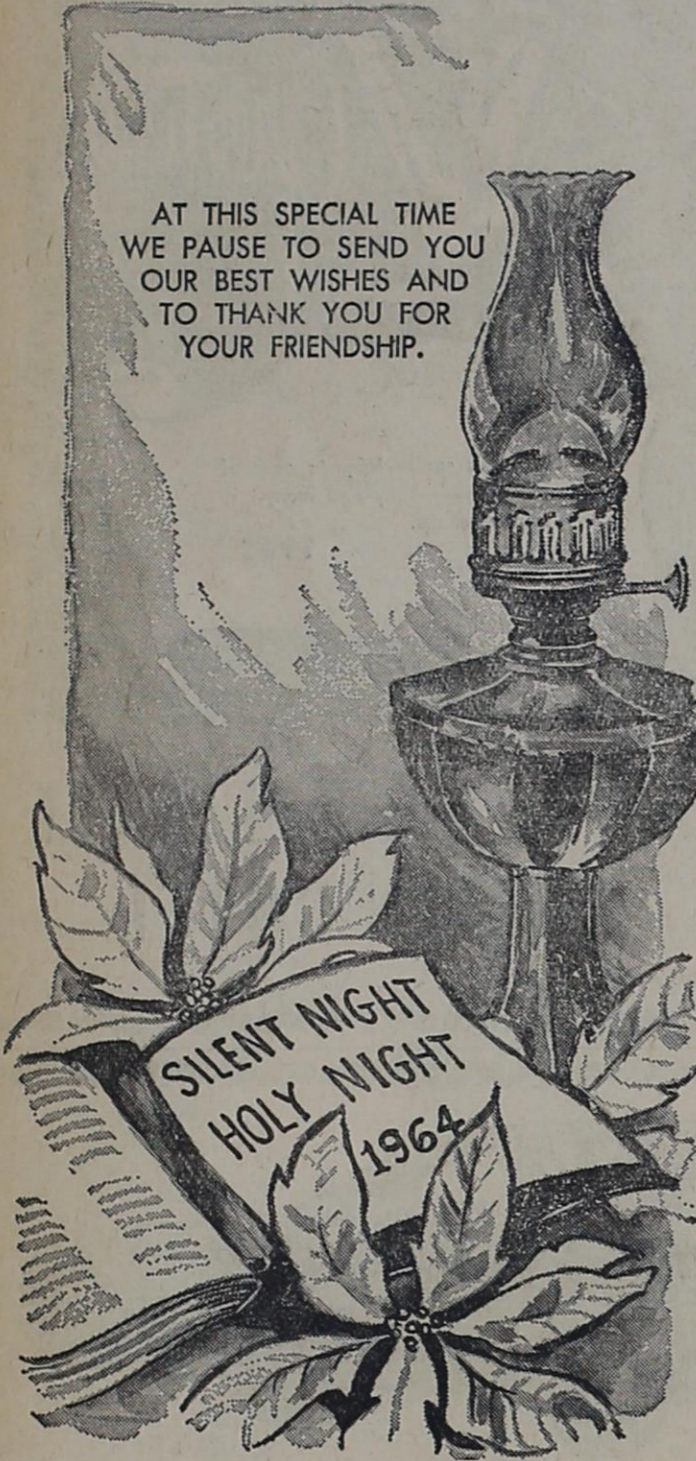
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**WELL-KNOWN DOCTOR TALKS ABOUT HEARING AIDS**

Enclosed in a report from the Texas State Journal of Medicine, written by Doctor Adin of Dallas. I wish every person that is hard of hearing in the world could read this article.

To me, Dr. Adin is one of the finest Ear Surgeons in the country. I have been sending my people that could have the ear operation to him for the past 5 years. His work is second to none, his honesty is beyond reproach. I could write a book about the people he has helped to hear again. But, what about the people that he cannot help. When you read his article, you will see the answer.

When the ear operation was discovered, the hard of hearing thought their troubles were over with. Most of them were sure the operation would cure their ills. But, it was quickly learned that only about 1 out of 10 could be helped with the operation. What about the other 9? What about the people that just started getting hard of hearing that was not bad enough for an operation, but was bad enough to miss half that was said? What about the growing number of children being born deaf, what about the many thousands suffering from nerve deafness? (Nerve deafness is where you hear the sounds but can not understand the words.) What about our older people whose health would not permit them to have

the operation? This was when our research departments, schools, Hearing aids, etc. went to work to do something about the ones that could not have the operation. Schools were opened for the Hearing Aid man that wanted to learn more about the hard of hearing. New testing machines came, to give a true picture in what part of the ear the trouble was. Electronic engineers were pressed into service to build new circuits. Clinics were set up in small towns each month to work with, and to care for the people that were fitted. With few exceptions, anyone that wants to be helped from the world of deafness, can do so.

Note, that Dr. Adin said that some doctors do not like the advertising and business practices of some hearing dealers. May I say, AMEN, to this. You check around and you will see that almost all the people that are having trouble with their hearing aid have purchased them from these crooks. They go around from door to door looking for suckers. They will keep doing it until you the people put a stop to it. They will run the ear operation down, they will run down the Audiologist, they will promise you the world, they will charge you from \$75.00 to \$100.00 more than you should pay; in most cases they have very little or no training at all in fitting the hard of hearing, they are just plain salesmen out looking for a fast buck, yet, day after day peo-

ple will fall for their line and then cry to high heaven what a bunch of crooks all of us are, and scare people that could be helped into doing nothing about their hearing problem. If someone came to your door trying to sell you a pair of glasses, you would slam the door in his face, yet, ears are just as important as your eyes.

Dr. Adin went on to say: The CAREFUL fitting and CARE of hearing aids is one aspect of the overall rehabilitation problem which the physician has neither the TRAINING nor the INCLINATION to carry out. This means that the fitting is only the first step. The person must have care and help to overcome their problem. That is why we hold field clinics in or near your town each month.

Listed below is when and where I will hold a clinic in or near your town. We invite you to come in and talk over your hearing problem. We will give you a free electronic hearing test to find your trouble. We will advise you on what can be done to help you, then you make up your own mind. If you wear an aid and do not hear with it, come in, we may be able to help you. We repair any make of aid. I am always in the Temple office on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. if you had rather come to the office. WE HAVE NO SALESMEN KNOCKING ON DOORS, but will come to your home if you are sick and have no way to get to the clinic.

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I will hold my regular hearing clinic at the Gorman Hotel in Gorman Monday, January 18 from 3 to 5 p. m.



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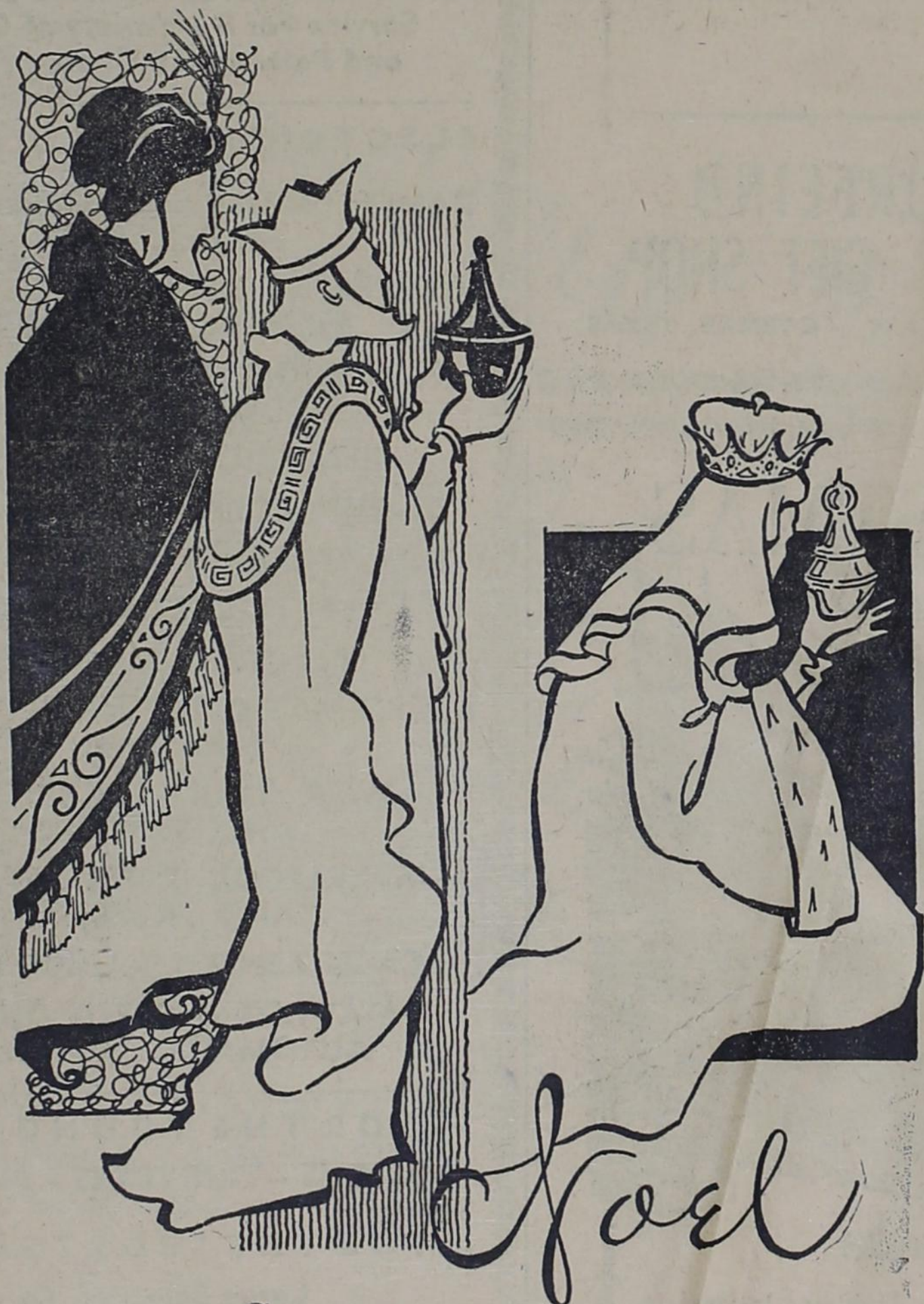
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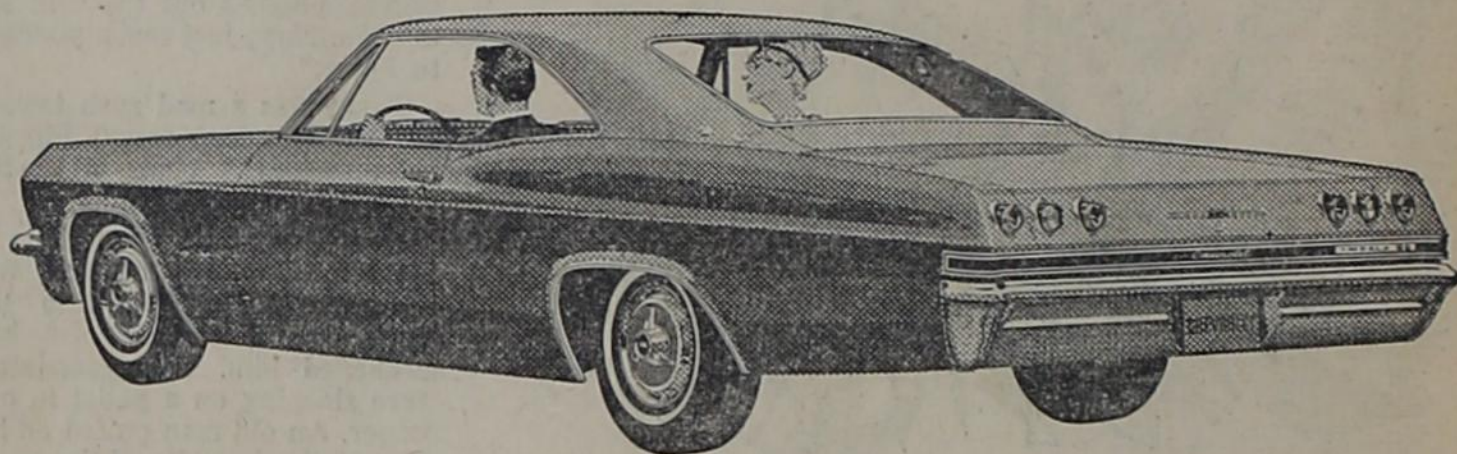
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COME, let us adore Him... the Prince of peace. And we kneel in worship of Him and pray you will have a wonderful holiday of great spiritual joy.

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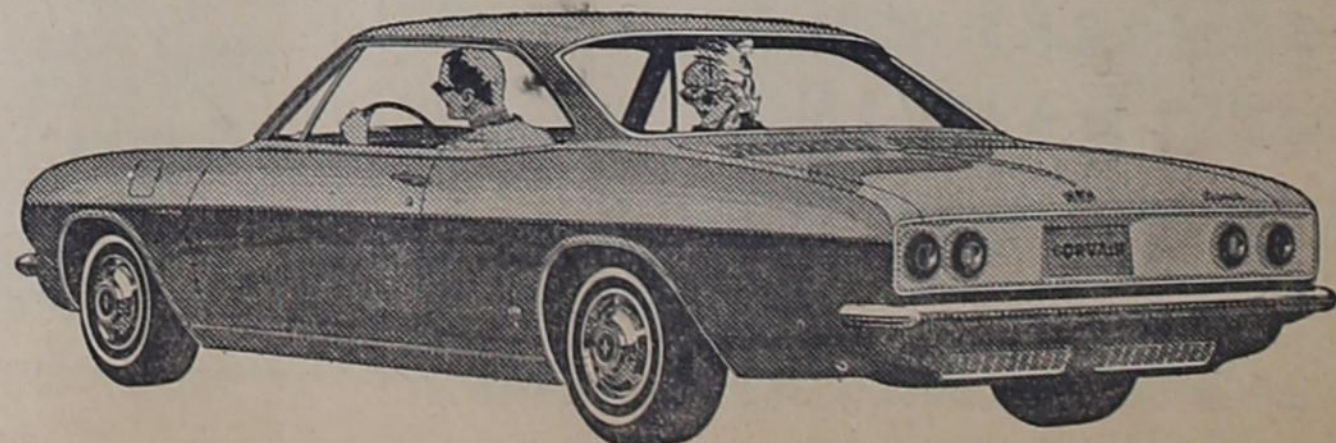
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## Memorial Res'lutn In Memory Of Judge T. M. Collie

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1964, the State of Texas and the County of Eastland lost one of its most beloved and distinguished citizens in the passing of Judge Turner M. Collie;

WHEREAS, Judge Collie was born on March 2, 1899 in Cisco. He attended high school in Gorman and was a graduate of the Cumberland University School of Law of Cumberland, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career of public service, he served as Eastland County Clerk, represented Eastland County as a member of the Texas House of Representatives for three terms and at the time of his passing was presiding judge of the 91st Judicial District of Texas, and

WHEREAS, he was married to the former Zula Overby of Eastland and is survived by her and one son, the Reverend Robert Morris Collie of Kentwood, La.; two brothers, W. M. and W. B., both of Dallas; and four sisters, Mrs. T. F. Morrow, Mrs. J. E. Walker and Mrs. Don Rodgers, all of Gorman, and Mrs. T. J. Haley of Eastland. Judge Collie was a life member of the Methodist Church; now there, be it

RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Eastland County stand adjourned this the 14th. day of December, 1964 in memory of the late Judge Turner M. Collie, and that a copy of this resolution be sent his wife with our deep regard.

Scott Baily, County Judge

Commissioners

L. J. Collins, Pct. 3  
J. B. Arthur, Pct. 1  
Clarence Dill, Pct. 4  
Glenn Justice, Pct. 2

### LOCAL HEREFORD BREEDERS REPORT THE SALE OF 17 REGISTERED CATTLE

Ross Wilson, Gorman, has reported the sale of 16 registered horned Hereford cows to breeders in Texas, according to an announcement from the American Hereford Association in Kansas City, Mo.

Edward F. Harrison, Gorman, has reported the sale of one registered horned Hereford bull to W. M. Morgan of Carbon.



We join jolly Santa to wish you and your family good cheer and high happiness this Yuletide.

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## Christmas At The Club

"YOU'RE A BUNCH of silly old fools, and that's my honest opinion," Ben Addams flicked his half-used cigar erringly toward the corner cuspidor.

A moment of sudden silence enveloped the Park City Men's Club. Some twenty men were silent as church mice. Ben Addams was the eldest man in the room, indeed, he had founded the club for retired businessmen. Years ago, he stepped aside to let younger men run the show and this was the first such comment he had made in five years.

John Wheeler, in the golden voice that had soothed many a jury box, spoke up. "Now, Ben, what's so silly about it? Not a man here had any plans for Christmas. I asked you myself,



John Wheeler spoke up, "Now, Ben, what's so silly about it?"

and you said you weren't planning to do a thing. What's wrong with us having a little party?"

### Not Pleased

Ben Addams answered without looking up from the new cigar he was lighting. "Passing out presents like a bunch of school kids. Even with a Santa Claus, too. You know I don't believe in this tomfoolery. Not a man here under 75 and you're acting like this was kiddie-land."

Wheeler turned his head to cough, effectively hiding a smile that turned the corners of his mouth. "Maybe we're due a second childhood, Ben. Indulge us, if you will. Maybe the spirit of Christmas will do us all some good."

### Agreed

Ben Addams threw another half-used cigar away. "Very well, gentlemen. I'll go along with your little game. But, don't think you'll rope me in on a birthday party next week, or a 'welcome to spring' celebration. And, if you have any such plans for next Christmas, count me out. I have more important things to do."

John Wheeler, with the look of an apprentice lawyer who had just won a case before the Supreme Court, rose from his chair, and ceremoniously clapped his hands. "Thank you, Ben. We do appreciate your decision to join us. And now, Gentlemen, shall we relax? Santa will be here soon."

It was a signal. Santa appeared, followed by a timid, bashful collection of youngsters. Ben Addams sat upright. The children ranged in age from two years to twelve or so. They were neatly dressed, obviously fresh-washed—and Ben knew every one of them. They represented some of the really unfortunate families in the community.

They gathered about the tree and a small girl stepped forward, then posed motionlessly, her speech suddenly forgotten. "Merry Christmas," prompted Santa.

The wee one smiled. "Merry Christmas, Mr. Addams. Merry Christmas, gentlemen. We have only a song to offer, but it comes from our hearts and with the wish... with the wish... that the spirit of Christmas remain with you always."

### Fade Out

All too soon, it seemed, the song was ended. The members of the Park City Men's Club applauded roundly as the youngsters bowed, then disappeared the way they had come. When once again the house was still, John Wheeler pointed to an empty chair. Ben Addams was gone, too.

Outside, it was snowing ever so softly. Officer Pat McGinty leaned on the side of the black limousine. "Evening, Dwight?"

"Hi, Pat. How's things?"

"Quiet as Christmas Eve. Waiting for the boss to come from the club?"

"He's taking a walk. Didn't stay at the club long."

"Maybe he is out delivering baskets this year. Funny thing to me he thinks he can send baskets to needy families for twenty years by taxicab and never realize curious folks are gonna find who's paying the taxi bill. He should know better."

"I think he does, Pat. Look in the back seat. We're delivering baskets personally this year."



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## Eve's Christmas

EVE ANDERSON pointed an accusing finger at Stewart Winthrop. "After fifteen years, you have the nerve to do something like this to me. Fifteen years of my life have gone into the building of the public image Winthrop enjoys. Fifteen years, and now you give me a Christmas present. You fire me. Thanks a lot, Mr. Winthrop, thank very much!"



"You know darn well I am not a purchasing agent," she said.

Stewart Winthrop winced. He hadn't expected such an outcry. "Now, Eve, don't misinterpret things. I said that you were going to be put on a consulting basis. Your salary goes on. So do your company benefits. But, you aren't getting any younger. You need time to do things, take yourself a vacation. Travel around the world. You can afford it. Combine business, if you wish. Find some new fashions for us in Europe. Buy whatever you like and send it here to us."

"You know darn well I am not a purchasing agent. My life has been devoted to advertising and public relations."

"And you are one of the best." "Grant you would hire me tomorrow."

"I know." "So would a dozen other stores."

### Not Alone

Caleb Jones coughed and the two suddenly remembered that they weren't alone, but in the austere presence of Winthrop's board of directors.

But, Eve refused to give up the fight. "It isn't a question of where my heart belongs. It's a question of fairness, and right and wrong. Every man on this board knows what you are trying to do, Stewart Winthrop." She stood up, looked them in the eye, one by one, and sat down again. "And, I don't think they should let you get away with it!"

Silas Tweed shrugged. "After all, Eve, all's fair..."

Caleb Jones fished him. "I don't know about that, Silas. It may be a question of whether or not the end justifies the means. That's questionable here. Eve just might quit us for another store now, and I wouldn't blame her."

### Question

Stewart Winthrop raised up in his chair. "Stop all this silly talk. You all know better. She wouldn't stoop so low. She couldn't. You all know it." He settled back in his chair. "Am I not right, Eve?"

"You're wrong. I could, and I would."

"In spite of everything?"

"In that case, you..."

"You can't fire me, I quit."

"You are making fun of me, Eve, I don't appreciate that."

"I am not making fun of you. You are perhaps the most charming, clever man I have ever known. You..."

"You just don't happen to love me."

"I have never made such a statement."

"You've never led me to believe otherwise. Even the stock boys know I made a fool of myself over you for years. I've done everything but stand up and shout that I love you."

"You've never even said it."

Stewart Winthrop turned to the board secretary. "Duly record this statement in the minutes of this meeting. Eve Anderson, I love you. Got that?"

The secretary blushed. "Yes, sir."

### Add more

Stewart Winthrop said. "Now, add this: My only motive is getting you out of the store was to convince you that there are other things in life. Six months would have been enough. Besides, I had planned to follow you to Europe and court you until you decided to marry me. It didn't work. O.K. It's all over."

Eve laughed. "Indeed it is, gentlemen, will you entertain a notion? All those in favor of a Christmas wedding say 'aye.'" A hunder of 'aye's. "Now, gentlemen, pardon me, I must see the latest fashions in wedding gowns." She went through the door to a round of applause.



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THE J. D. CALDWELLS

**LATE NEWS** — Just four months late. On Wednesday, August 27th Kernel Gene took a tour with a group of area, county and state Farm Home Administration officials to review the use of FHA fund usage. These pictures show two FHA financed homes.

After returning to the office, "not showers" but a "downpour" of commercial printing entered the Progress . . . and I was forced to more or less neglect the newspaper department.

Mr. Bennett obtained a loan from the FHA in February, 1962. The dwelling is on his 43 acre farm.

Mr. Fields obtained his first operating loan from the FHA office in Eastland in 1949. He was renting 300 acres at the time. 170 acres was in cultivation. He purchased the 325 acre farm he now operates in 1955. This farm was

purchased with a loan from the Farm Home Administration. An additional 123 acres were purchased through the Veterans Land Board in September '59.

The FHA made Mr. Fields an additional Farm Owner loan in 1963 to improve the farm purchased in 1955. Improvements included a new brick home and improvements on his land.

The land development is being carried out as a cooperative effort by Mr. Fields, the Soil Conservation Service and the FHA. The development work was planned according to recommendations of the SCS and is carried out with the cost-share assistance of the Great Plains Conservation Program. The development work is scheduled for completion in 1966. Total cost of improvements is \$15,000. The Great Plains cost-share is \$4,341.

**NEW ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR EDGAR ALTOM, ANNOUNCES DEPARTMENT'S NEW STAFF**

Eastland County Tax Assessor-Collector Elect, Edgar Altom, who will take office January 1, has announced his department's staff as follows:

First Assessing Deputy - H. M. Gilbert of Carbon.

Bookkeeper - Paul McFarland, Eastland.

Deputies - Mrs. Ione Bownds, Eastland, Mrs. Murl Campbell, Carbon, Mrs. Nancy Trout, Eastland, Mrs. Dorothy Waldon, Eastland, and Betty Pietraszek, Eastland.

Mr. Altom will succeed Mr. J. C. Allison as Tax Assessor-Collector. Mr. Allison did not seek re-election and Mr. Altom was elected unopposed.

**Mrs. R. E. Boucher Hosts Faith Class Christmas Dinner**

The Faith Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. R. E. Boucher for their annual Christmas Dinner on December 10th.

Christmas decorations were prominent throughout the house. The occasion was a double celebration as it was the birthday of the hostess.

A brief business meeting was held with Mrs. Walter Underwood

presiding. Mrs. J. R. Todd gave the opening prayer and Mrs. Daisy Grisham read the second chapter of Matthews.

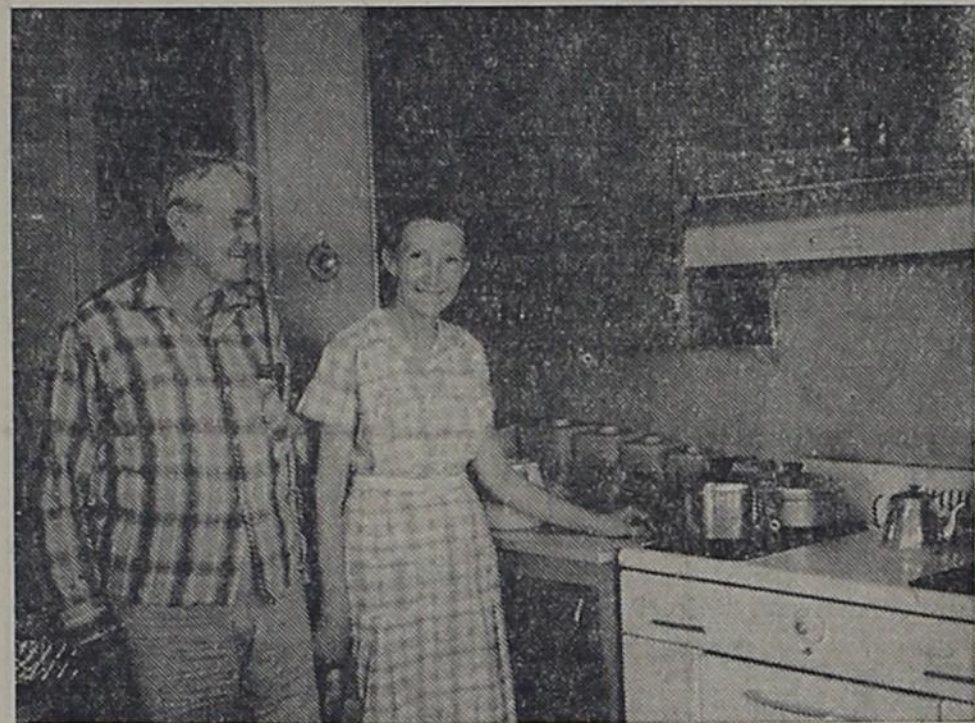
The members voted to send Christmas baskets and cards to class member shut-ins.

Those attending were Mmes. Charlie Simmons, Helen Claxton, Daisy Grisham, J. R. Todd, Vera Hamrick, Mertie Murray, L. F. Mears, Allie Seay, Walter Underwood, A. L. Dean, and Cora Richmond and Miss Della Pullig.

Guests attending were Rev. and Mrs. Huron Polnac, Mr. Charlie Simmons, Mr. L. F. Mears, Mr. Dave Harper and Mrs. Myrtle Couch.



Mr. and Mrs. James V. Fields standing in front of their new home.



Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bennett in the kitchen of their new home.



Merry Christmas

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1964 Holiday Greetings

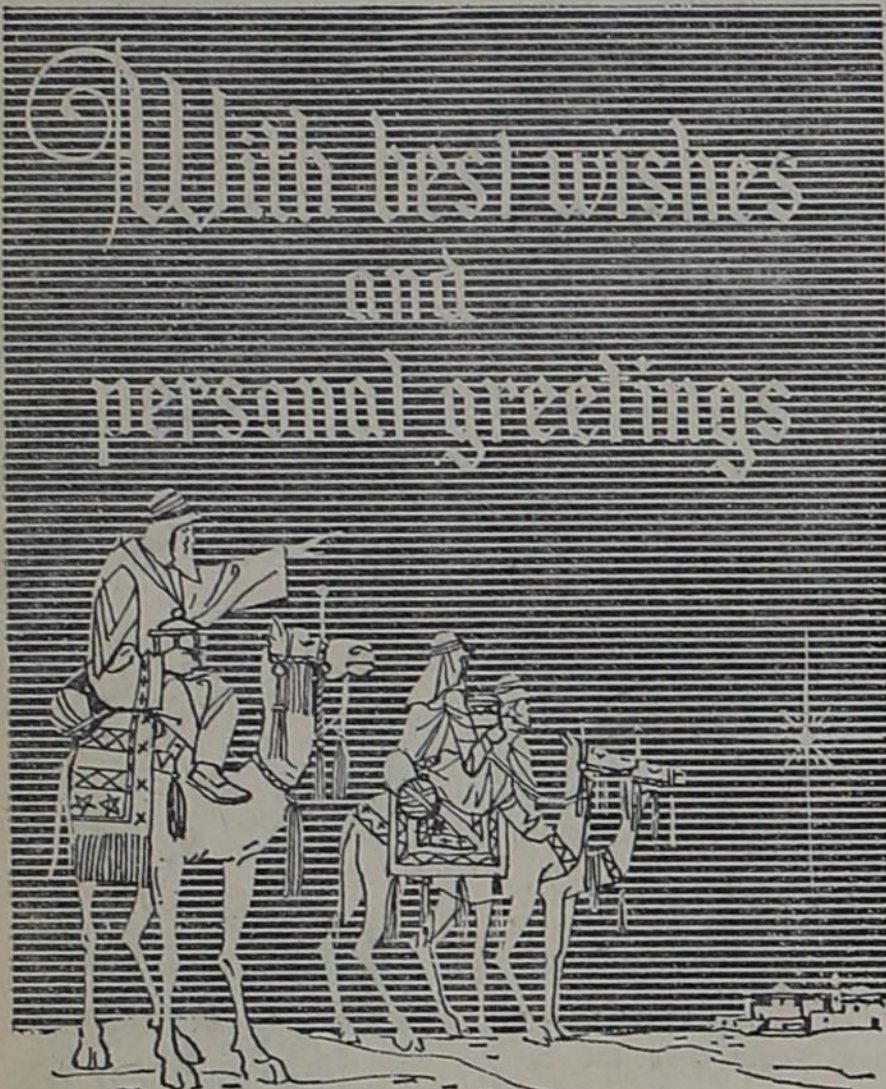
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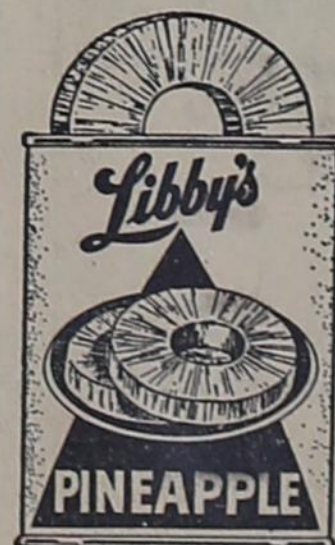
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