

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks in the passing of our darling father, husband, son and brother. We are especially thankful for the floral offerings. The ones who brought food, the Higginbotham Funeral Home, Prest-

ons Florist and to all for the kind words of sympathy and assistance. May the Lord bless and protect each one of you.
Mrs. Billy Cornwell and Brenda Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cornwell and Family
The Ernest Weaver Family

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Roger Dale Armstrong born to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Inzer Armstrong Route 3, Dublin on December 11th weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces.
Vickie Ann Parham born to Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Terrell Parham of Stephenville on December 13 weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces.
Linda Lou Lane born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bruce Lane of Route 1, Gustine on December 13 weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.
Jerry Allen Bell born to Mr. and Mrs. Irol Ray Bell of Route 2, Carbon on December 17th weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

GORMAN PROGRESS

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Mystery Of Man

Reporter - Tommy Rainey
We are alal looking forward for a big day Friday. We are all busy buying presents. It sure is hard to buy presents for girls. Gossip Tina how is L? ? ? Patsy must have stayed out late Tuesday night because she wasn't at school Wednesday. Oh! How's the Coffee Shop and also B? ? ? Patsy A. Jimmy Campbell how do you like your future sister-in-law. Dewey how do you like to drive Joann's Pontiac ? ? You know its beginning to look like Christmas. So we better stop before we run over Santa. So. We wish you aall a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and daughter visited relatives over the week end at Kermit, Texas.

Desdemona News

"Dad" Reouse is quite ill in the Ranger Hospital.
Harrold Burleson of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Worth is home on furlough. Harrold will go to Africa sometime in January to serve 1 year there at an Air Force Base.
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Warden

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celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at their home 3 miles east of Desdemona Sunday, December 16th. Several friends and relatives called during the day.
Mrs. Hugh Abel spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. L. F. Davis, in Valley Mills.
Mr. and Mrs. Alf (Tude) Keith of Clairette spent Friday with his brother, Major Keith, who has been on the sick list again.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arnold and girls of Vanderbilt and Mrs. Arnolds parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett of Sun Ray and other friends of Kermit visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold this week end.
Mrs. Ford Reed was called to Baton Rouge, La. last Thursday on account of illness in the family of her daughter, Mrs. Bill Townsend.
Mrs. Less Williams who has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Buck Hensley, at Fort Worth, who has been quite ill, returned home Sunday with Less who had spent the week with them in Fort Worth.
Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Martin spent the week end in Denton in a combination try of business and pleasure.
Miss Mollie O'Rear is on the sick list.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks and Mrs. H. H. Williams were in Ft. Worth one day last week visiting

with Mrs. Buck Hensley and while there did some Christmas shopping.
Mrs. W. W. Mitchel is quite ill in the Ranger Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart of De Leon visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hooper.

Major Keith has been on the sick list the past 10 days.

Mrs. Virgil Branham and children of Seminole is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore.

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Crime in America

By ESTES KEFAUVER United States Senator

Fourteen of a Series

Nevada: A Case Against Legalized Gambling

Both morally and financially, legalized gambling in Nevada is a flop. That was our conclusion after the Senate Crime Committee visited the only state which lawfully permits all gambling.

We had wanted to see whether, in the committee's opinion, it would deter organized crime if gaming were legalized nationally. We decided, instead, that "Nevada speaks eloquently in the negative."

It is true that revenue from state and local taxes on gambling is welcome in Nevada. However, what the state receives is only a pitiful fraction of the millions of dollars that the gamblers themselves drain from the public—not all of whom are out-of-state

tourists, either.

Furthermore, Las Vegas, Reno and other gambling centers have become headquarters for some of the nation's worst mobsters. A sample was the late Bugsy Siegel, formerly a director of New York's Murder, Inc. He became the gambling boss in Las Vegas until he was murdered in his mistress' home in California in 1947.

Another is Lester (Benny) Binion (currently alive), who in 1936 was run out of Dallas, where he bossed a million-dollar-a-year policy racket. Binion still has a hand in running the Texas racket by remote control from Las Vegas, according to Dallas police.

In fact, he carried on a lurid feud with Harold Noble, the Dallas gambler who had been shot at so often (nine at the time) that he was known in the underworld as "The Cat." But after Noble's wife was blown up in a dynamite explosion, Binion quietly sent an emissary to Dallas to assure Noble that he was not behind the trouble. Binion and the Nevada mob were unhappy over the bad publicity which was indirectly hurting business in the Nevada casinos.

Studying what happens when a state or community is "Siegelized" or "Binionized," my own opposition to legalized gambling has become firm. The casino type of operation is more often crooked than not—and legalizing it will not make it less so. The fascination of gambling to many people is so strong that it would be complete folly to make the facilities more available.

Employees of a magnesium plant near Las Vegas were paid extremely high wages and should have been prosperous. Yet, when the plant had to be moved several hundred miles, many of the employees simply did not have the money to move their families to the new locations; their earnings had gone into the convenient slot machines and gambling dens. There is more than an abundance of evidence that when gambling is minimized, legitimate business flourishes. Sen. Lester C. Hunt, a member of the committee, told us of his experience as governor of Wyoming. When gambling was outlawed in his state, business increased tremendously and sales tax revenue to the state immediately soared.

Nevada's gambling laws have been subject to periodic alterations. The latest took effect in 1949. It required that persons engaging in gambling operations must be licensed by the state, county, and city. Such license power is vested in the Nevada state tax commission.

Ironically, the tax commission member appointed to "represent business" is William J. Moore, himself engaged in a gambling operation as part owner of the Last Frontier Hotel. The lanky, drawling Commissioner Moore addressed everyone as "fellow"—even the dignified Sen. Charles W. Tobey of New Hampshire.

As part of the same "reform" in Nevada's gambling laws, there is supposed to be an "impartial" distribution to all licensed bookmakers of the race news wire service, the life blood of gambling. The tax commission is authorized to fix rates for this service and, in general, supervise its operation. The same Mr. Moore told us he recently made a deal for wire service for his own hotel at a rate which in the expressed opinion of the committee, "gives him a considerable financial advantage over his competitors."

The driving force behind the "reforms" was the frightening fact that the out-of-state hoodlums and killers who invaded Nevada had become so greedy and violent that an outbreak of gang warfare was feared. By "licensing" them, the state hoped to stabilize the industry.

Yet the tax commission promptly granted licenses to the same hoodlums.

This, as the dual-rolled Mr. Moore explained, was a sort of "granddaddy clause" to protect the people who were in the business when the law was passed. When Counsel Rudolph Halley asked how the commission possibly could have licensed a certain gambler who had a flagrant record for illegal operations in other states, Moore replied: "How was he going to learn the business?"

We also were captivated by the unique role of Clifford Aaron Jones, attorney-at-law, lieutenant governor of the state and a partner in the Pioneer Club, the Golden Nugget, and the Thunderbird Hotel, all gambling operations. Lieutenant Governor Jones' 2½ per cent interest in the Pioneer Club, which he purchased for \$5,000, has yielded him approximately \$14,000 a year, and his 1 per cent interest in the Golden Nugget, for which he paid \$23,310 pays about \$12,000.

The move which placed the tax commission in the business of licensing gamblers, as a matter of fact, was precipitated by Robert E. Jones, district attorney of the county in which Las Vegas is located and a law partner—though no relation—to Lieutenant Governor Jones. He wrote the tax commission that the gangsters were getting too quarrelsome since Siegel's assassination and that warfare might break out at any time.

Siegel, an associate of Lucky Luciano, Frank Costello, Joe Adonis and other rulers of the Eastern mob, moved into Las Vegas around 1942, and established the plush Flamingo Hotel. Working with Moe Sedway, ex-convict and long-time racketeer, he was the indisputable czar of the Nevada wire service. Actually, he was believed to have muscled in as a silent partner of every bookmaker to whom he sold the wire service and he would refuse service to any bookie who would not stand still for the "muscle."

He was shot to death in the home he was leaving for Virginia Hill in Beverly Hills, Calif. There are two theories for his assassination: (1) He attempted to carry his "muscle" tactics too far, and/or (2) His last East coast and Chicago mob backers were displeased with the way he had managed their Western interests.

The Fischetti brothers of the Chicago-Capone syndicate, the Frank Costello-Frank Erickson interests in New York, and certain members of the Detroit mob had invested heavily in Bugsy's Flamingo, which reputedly cost between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. They were said to be displeased with Bugsy's management of the expensive property.

Virginia Hill is said to have known that the killing was to happen and she was out of the United States at the time. In New York later, she furiously disclaimed such knowledge.

Anyway, after Siegel's murder, the Flamingo's operation was taken over by Morris Rosen and Moe Sedway. They attempted to carry on Bugsy's race wire monopoly, but weren't tough enough.

Soon the Stearns brothers, operators of the Santa Anita Club, next door, began tapping the Frontier Club's race wire. It was then that the district attorney began fearing that shooting would break out, and the licensing arrangement, which has led to dubious peace among the gamblers in Nevada, was set up.

Next week: California: Where Lobbyists Grow Big and Mobsters Thrive.

Condensed from the book, "Crime in America," by Estes Kefauver. Cpr. 1951. Pub. by Doubleday, Inc. Dist. General Features Corp.—WNU.



The Fruit Of The Spirit

Tom G. Small Gorman Baptist Church

Suppose a farmer went out one summer day to gather fruit from his peach tree. Although it is mid season for peaches he failed to find a single one on the tree which he had so carefully worked. He would know immediately that something was wrong because a healthy peach tree will bear peaches. But suppose, on the other hand, instead of finding no peaches, he found the tree bearing figs. This would be a great deal more than a sign of poor health - it would be completely contrary to nature. Jesus once asked, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" The obvious answer is, "No."

Now Jesus was not giving a course in agriculture when He asked this question. He was using an every day truth to teach a spiritual lesson - as the tree bears fruit after its kind, even so will man bear fruit after his kind. If he is of the world he will bear worldly fruit. If he is of God he will bear Godly fruit.

Jesus also taught us that He came to seek and to save that which was lost. The theme of the New Testament is "Salvation." Paul speaks of a saved person as "being in Christ" and says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

CHEANEY NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

Members of the rural clubs were told Wednesday about the blood mobile unit which will come to Ranger and Cisco in the near future.

This information was passed on to the Women of the Home Demonstration Council at their regular meeting in Eastland, by Mrs. Bill Tucker, appointed Chairman of rural groups.

Although the date has not been set, the alert and ready to cooperate when the time comes.

Mrs. Joseph Perkins, County Red Cross Chairman, will release the date as soon as it is determined.

Now doesn't Gorman look nice, all dressed up in Christmas togethery? But we thought for a minute last Thursday, that that truck and derrick was about to demolish the tree and its lights in trying to pass by - one limb was snapped off.

Speaking of Christmas, reminds me of 2 fruit cakes already made and which I hope to get to sample. So far I've only been allowed to peep under the cake box cover. Miss Alene Fonville and this writer were the only ones from this neck of the woods attending the H. D. Councils Annual Christmas Party at Eastland. Mrs. Ben Freeman could not attend because of her mother in laws, Mrs. J. H. Freeman, impending throat operation, scheduled for Thursday and considered some what serious. No further details available, at this writing.

Melva Love was a caller in the John Tucker home Saturday evening.

G. Stanley Devall, who preaches regularly at Alameda, together with his wife and two daughters were dinner guests in the Herman Nerger home, Sunday. They return home each Sunday night to Fort Worth following Church service.

Mrs. Electra Hattox attended the funeral services of Billy Cornwell at New Hope on Friday afternoon.

What should have been news last week was the passing away of Mrs. Gladys Proctor of Breckinridge, following a stroke. She only lived a few days. She was a sister to Mrs. Lois Melton and

Advertisement for THE KATY RAILROAD, featuring a hat and the text 'YOUR BUSINESS TRIPS... a pleasure on the Katy'.

Advertisement for Coleman Mutual Life Insurance, featuring a man and the text 'INSURANCE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS... This Could Happen to You'.

Large advertisement for The First National Bank, featuring a woman and the text 'NOW WHOM HAVE I FORGOTTEN' and 'One person you may well have forgotten, is YOURSELF!'.

SENIOR SEZ'

BETTY CLONINGER, Reporter

Hi there: Just think - - only two more days until school will be out for the holidays!

We got just a little more of the Christmas spirit Monday when

Ira Wilson of this community. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor had lived here a good many years ago.

R. D. Hart, son of Mrs. Eula Hart, is in the St Joseph hospital at Fort Worth, following a car accident at Snyder, Texas, which demolished his car and injured 2 girl companions and himself. R. D.'s foot was seriously crushed and one arm broken, while one girl suffered broken ribs, the other suffered shock but was dismissed soon after. R. D. was scheduled for an operation on Monday. He had been employed at Snyder for several months. Glenn Hart went to Snyder to investigate the accident.

Mrs. Electra Hattox accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers on a business trip to Stephenville, recently.

Word came today (Monday) that the body of Dwain Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Caudle, who was killed while on duty in Japan, on November 18th will arrive in Ranger Tuesday according to official information. Further details are pending.

Men of the congregation gathered Tuesday at the Cheaney Church of Christ to give the building an outside painting of white, which will add much to its neatness in appearance.

Advertisement for Dr. Geo. Blackwell, Blackwell Sanitarium, Gorman, Texas, featuring the text 'GLASSES Correctly Fitted'.

Advertisement for KAY RADIO & TELEVISION, featuring the text 'If Your Radio Plays TELL OTHERS IF IT DOESN'T TELL US'.

Santa, drawn by four reindeer, came to town.

The Christmas parties at school will be Friday afternoon, so all of you hookey players can come then.

Merry Christmas! ! !

Most girls marry a struggling young man, struggling to stay single.



Striking It Rich ...

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Advertisement for COLDS take 666, featuring the text 'To Relieve Misery of COLDS take 666'.

Advertisement for SINGER SEWING MACHINE, featuring the text 'SPECIAL THE LIFE-TIME CHRISTMAS GIFT SINGER SEWING MACHINE'.

Large advertisement for EPPLER'S CHRISTMAS FURNITURE SALE, featuring a list of items and prices such as 'Plastic PLATFORM ROCKERS Two for 39.50'.

My Visit To Gorman

By J. B. O'Brien

If your personal value is going down
 And instead of A smile its easier to frown
 And the taste in your mouth is dark and brown
 Just spend a day in the old Home-town
 This prescription I tried not long ago
 As I stopped in Gorman where I used to know
 The good and the bad and the others also
 When my ego was high and my wisdom was low
 Leaving the bus in full view there we stood
 My old school-boy-friend, "Ira Underwood"
 His smile of welcome was just as good
 As at Indian-Mountain, where in school we stood
 Immediately we planned a trip To his office together we wagged my grip
 Soon we were out in those familiar lanes
 I was thrilled to see those fields again
 First stop was to see a ladie a family friend

Now a farmerett, her herford cattle herself she tends
 Then round the lane where the farms are good
 We hailed two other Underwoods
 Next we inspected the Country Church
 Just newly rebuilt on the side of the gulch
 My heart beat fast with admiration
 For those proved sacred manifestations
 We next stopped near my own old home
 It seemed so deserted, so still and alone
 An-uninvited lump came into my throat
 You will understand, if I fail to quote
 Then driving west, then south again
 Between those hills and down the lane
 Those old, old scenes kind'a made me weak
 Wee'l coming now to old Sabanno Creek
 And up there still as we drive on south
 Is the old land-mark, the old rock house
 So desolate - so lone - so still and poised
 Thats where we visited the Williams boys

Next was Uncle Joe Underwood's old home
 We didn't stop, couldn't tell if it was alone
 But six fine sons were raised right there
 Under Uncle Joe's wisdom, kindness and care
 Next stop was appealing, if we can describe
 Where misfortune - patience - kindness - love did abide
 Passing here we began to hurry Ira's duties were causing him to worry
 Then in his nice home where his beautiful wife
 Had a dinner prepared, so very nice
 I hesitate now for I can't tell why
 This kindness stirred emotions, I just had to cry
 Then back into town, and up a long stair
 Found Joe Parker, right there in his lair
 To me Joe is special, he acquired it by right
 He once saved my life in a play-ground fight
 Joe gave me his blessing, I tried to reciprocate
 And we soon were discussing the questions of state
 Just now I cant recall the draft of the squable

DEAR SANTA
 I am 6 years old, I go to school and I make good grades. Please bring me a Toni doll, and bring my sister Carole a Bonnie Braids doll. We would like a rubber ball for our little dog Cookie.
 Thank You
 Kay and Carole Eison

DEAR SANTA
 I am a good little girl. I want a doll and a baton. I work hard.
 Your friend,
 Gale Wright

But somehow we got onto the subject of Bible
 The subject got warm, we're having lots of fun
 Then my bus was due and I had to run
 As I went down the stairs two steps at a whack
 Joe called from the top, inviting me back
 In a courtroom voice, not a play-ground shout
 He said, come back again John, and we'll argue it out
 So in view of past favors I cant contradict
 So brief your case well Joe or I'll get the verdict

PERSONALS

Freddie Lee Bennett, who is employed with the B & B Oil Well Servicing Co. at Winters, Texas was home for the week end visiting with his wife, Mrs. Peggy Bennett, and son, Gary Don.
 Miss Betty Haile has been visiting with her father, Erin Haile, Mrs. E. E. Haile.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholls plan to leave on Friday at 2 P. M. from Fort Worth by train for LeMont, Illinois where they will visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brady, and their grandson, Gerald Brady.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ross Wilson will spend Christmas in Waxahachie visiting her parents.
 Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Ray will spend Christmas in Fort Worth

DEAR SANTA
 I am a good little girl in the second grade. I want a toni doll and a baton.
 Your friend,
 Janice Day

with their children who will be meeting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Keezee.
 Mrs. Mae Dunn is spending the Christmas Holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Gunter in Hunting Park, California.
 Mr. and Mrs. Von S. Holmes have been visiting the Mack Underwoods.
 James Jobe was in Dallas the first of the week attending a mechanical school of instruction on Allis Chalmers Tractors.
 Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey has as her guest, Mrs. N. L. Patton of North Carolina and California. Mrs. Patton will remain through the holidays.
 Mrs. Linna Jergenson and daughter, Shirley Ann of Fort Worth, were Sunday visitors in Gorman. She is a cousin of Mrs. Florence Butler and a niece of Mrs. J. N. Ellison.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter, Milton and Manning and Mrs. Wade Russell were guests of the C. J. Thompsons and Jim Boy Thompson of Comanche Road on Wednesday of last week at a venison dinner.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd visited in Breckenridge Sunday with Mrs. Alice Thompson.
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ormsby of

Phillips were Wednesday visitors in Gorman. Mrs. Ormsby said many of their neighbors were Gormanites. Newcomers on their street are the Corky McMillans.
 Saturday night visitors of Mrs. R. L. Williams were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler of Cayuga, Texas, Mrs. W. B. Denman and William Lee Denman of Georgetown. They celebrated an early Christmas with their mother.
 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Whitt and children visited in San Antonio during the week end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter visited with their daughter, Mrs. Dwayne Clements, and Mr. Clements at Hamlin during the week end.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ted Elison and children from Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Grisham and children from Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Belyeu, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Belyeu and son from Comanche visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Belyeu of Desdemona.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer of Stephenville visited with Mrs. C. T. Moorman who is quite ill at her home.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels and David visited in Fort Worth on Sunday.

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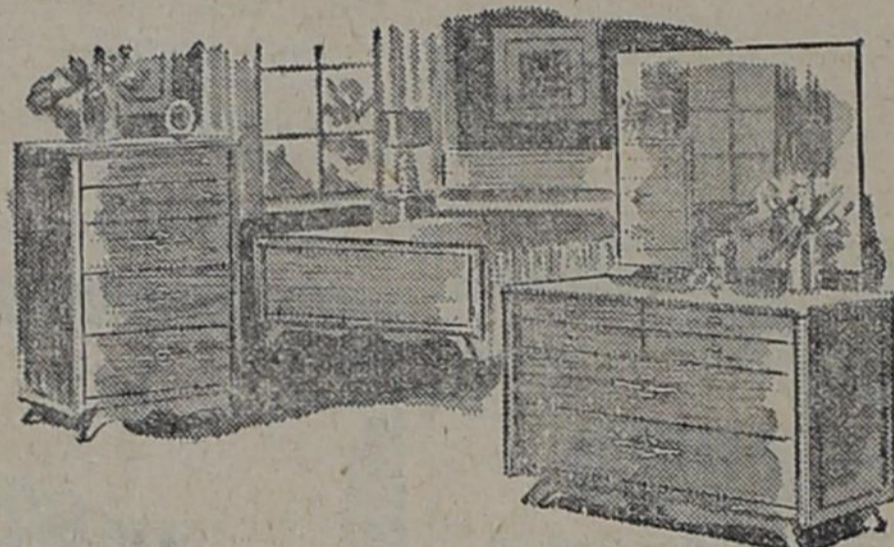
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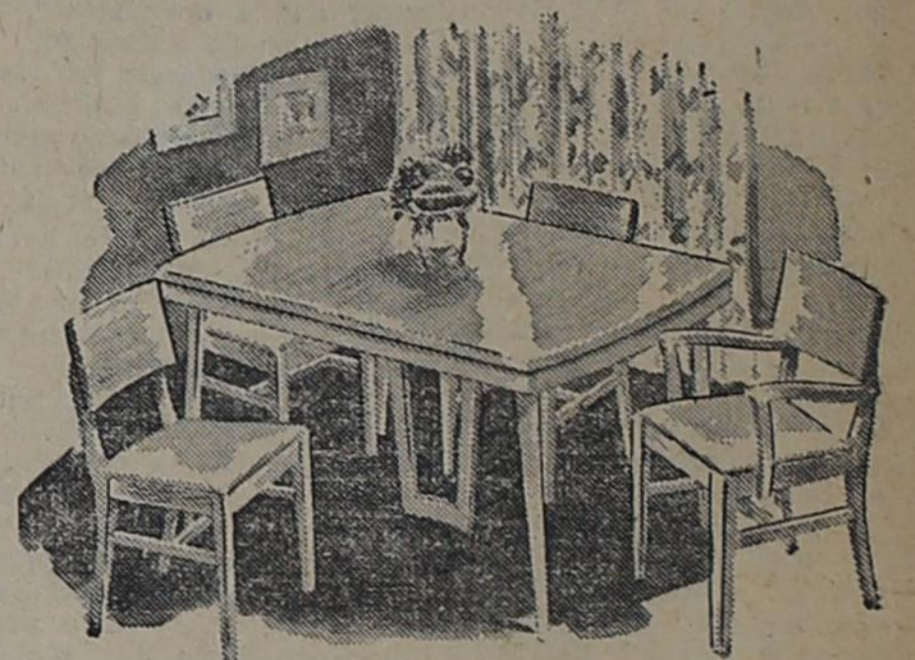


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 - 119.50 value - TOAST POSTER ---- 98.50
 - 169.50 value - WALNUT PANEL ---- 149.50

EXTRA SPECIAL - 169.50 value
 Grey Walnut Shelf and Drawer Head Board Suite - - - - - 119.50

CHROME-PLASTIC DINETE SUITES

- Table and 4 chairs - Choice of Colors
- 112.50 value DROP LEAF TABLE --- 98.50
- 119.50 value - Suites Reduced To --- 98.50
- 139.50 value - Suites Reduced to --- 119.50



26.95 Values - all colors reduced to--
PLATFORM ROCKERS - 19.95

We Trade
 - for your old furniture so come in and buy some of these bargains during this sale.

THROW RUGS
 ALL WOOL - 27x52 inches
 8.95 value - Now 4.95
 11.95 value - Now 5.95
 12.95 value - Now 6.95

JUTE RUGS
 9x10 1/2 feet
 18.95 value -- 10.95
 19.95 value -- 11.95

SMOKERS
 14.50 value Now 9.95

259.50 Value KROEHLER Living Room Suites - Reduced to 229.50

Many other Items At Reduced Prices S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Christmas Money Buy Gifts at this Sale.

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 Table and Floor Lamps
 Desk and Wall Lamps
 Occasional Tables