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## Volunteer Firemen To Host Firemen Association Contest

### With Our Boys In Service

Raymond Emerson arrived on Christmas morning to be with his parents through the week end. He returned to Fort Bliss on Tuesday. He was accompanied by his buddy, George Marshall of Baltimore Maryland.

Tommy Brightwell was home from Biggs AFB, El Paso. After spending Christmas with his parents, he returned to El Paso on Monday.

Garvis Hattox arrived home in time for Christmas. It is reported that he has received his discharge from the service.

### Herb Whitlock New Fire Chief

Herb Whitlock was elected the new Fire Chief of the Gorman Volunteer Firemen at the Monday night meeting. Whitlock, succeeding Quail Thompson, remarked that Quail had been "the Best." He also said that every boy in the department was a cooperative coworker.

Other officers elected were Assistant Chief W. C. Browning and Secretary Arlton Smith.

Reinstated after having moved back to Gorman were Lonnie Capers and Rayford Burgess.

The Gorman Volunteer Fire Department will host the North Central Texas Firemen's Association on Tuesday evening, January 5th when the PUMPER RACES will be held on Kent Street north of Roberts at 7:30 p. m.

Plans are for a Chuck Wagon Feed at the School Gym with the visiting firemen and their wives. Tickets are available through any of the Fire Boys for \$1.25 per plate. The feed will be served about six o'clock.

Firemen to participate will attend from Weatherford, Aledo, Mineral Wells, Stephenville, Eastland, Ranger, and De Leon.

The Gorman Firemen were winners of the trophy at the Eastland meet on July 7, 1953.

## Funeral Services Mrs. Effie Echols Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Effie (C. L.) Echols were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Church of Christ with former pastor, Brother J. F. Lilly of Seagraves, officiating. Interment was made at Oakland Cemetery, 7 miles southwest of Gorman.

Mrs. Echols, born Effie Huston, had passed away at her home in El Paso on Sunday. She had moved from Gorman about 25 years ago after having lived in the Lone Star Community northeast of Gorman for about fifty years.

Surviving the deceased are a son and a daughter, Carlton Echols of Colorado City and Mrs. Nellie Eppler of Denver, Colorado, also three sisters, Mrs. Ollie Marsh of Rising Star, Mrs. Ella Echols of Odessa and Mrs. Lillie Singleton whose address was unavailable.

Mrs. Echols was also cousin to Mrs. Ethel Harrell and sister-in-law to George Echols of Gorman.

## Charlie Wood Buried At Corinth Cemetery Tuesday

Mr. Charlie Wood passed away at the home of his son, Mr. Lem Wood of Houston, Texas. He had suffered a heart attack when he was discovered and carried to a Houston hospital where he died before regaining consciousness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hamner Funeral Home in Eastland at 3:30 o'clock and interment was made at the Corinth Cemetery. Rev. Tom Small of Gorman had charge of the services.

The deceased was about eighty years of age. Surviving him are, besides the son with whom he lived, two daughters, Mrs. Connie Yarbrough and Mrs. Jim Henson of Gorman.

A brother of Mr. Wood, Mr. Ben Wood, passed away about a year ago.

A quartet from the Gorman Baptist Church accompanied by Mrs. O. R. Buchanan provided the music at the funeral.

## Couple Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary



Sixty years of married life finds Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wood hale and happy.

The news article for their celebration appeared in the December 24th edition of the Progress.

## Purple Heart Soldier Killed Friday, Dec. 18th

Mrs. W. A. O'Neal received word Friday evening that a nephew, Terry Rae Freeman of Aspermont, had been killed instantly in the oil field near Hamlin.

Rae and a brother, Walker, were taking down the rig. He was on the ground when a piece of iron fell striking him on top of his head.

Mr. Freeman was 29 years of age. He is survived by his wife, two children, Larry, 6, and a baby 4 months old.

Terry Rae returned from Korea the second time in 1951 with four Purple Hearts besides the other awards.

Mrs. O'Neal left early Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Sylvia for the funeral in Aspermont.

Rae was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Freeman who live near Aspermont.



Gorman Volunteer Firemen showing trophy which they won in Eastland July 7, 1953. This trophy will be awarded the winner of the contests to be held in Gorman January 5th.

## Illness In Gorman

Mr. L. A. (Lawson) Bennett was returned to the Blackwell Hospital on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ida Hooker has been on the sick list during the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. Joe Merrill of Desdemona was listed as a patient at Blackwells on Monday.

Mrs. L. C. Wadell was a patient during the week end and had not been dismissed on Monday.

The Vernon Bennett baby was treated for pneumonia during the Christmas week end.

Bobbie Andy of Lubbock was treated for tonsillitis at the hospital on Christmas Day.

Billy Fred Jeffs is a patient at a Breckenridge Hospital at this writing.

## Employees Of Texas Electric Enjoy Party

Employees of the Texas Electric Service Company held their Christmas Party in the private dining room of the Black Cafe in De Leon on Monday evening, December 21st.

Seasonal evergreens and Christmas decorations were attractive appointments for the long table.

Turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served family style.

A guest, Rev. T. J. Sparkman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, gave the story of the Nativity and projected movies in keeping with the theme.

Climax to the dinner party was the distribution of gifts from the tree.

Attending from Gorman were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hallmark, Linda and Toni Hallmark, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stacy, Miss Ozella Pulley, and Elwood Ragland.

## Mrs. Lawrence Eison Entertains Excelsiors At Christmas Party

Mrs. Lawrence Eison entertained with a story of The Holy Night when she attended the annual Christmas Party of the Excelsior Club on Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Eugene Baker.

Mrs. Eison is a former member of the club.

Despite the bitter cold of the evening few members were detained from attendance.

Gifts were presented from the improvised mantle and the hostess gave each one present a miniature umbrella rose leaf sachet.

Refreshment plates served by the hostess and co-hostess, Mrs. M. F. Allen were laden with dainty sandwiches, congealed salad, and spiced tea. Favors were tiny china plates.

Mrs. Vera Hamrick will host the club January 12th.

## Announcements

Regular New Years Singing at Oliver Springs Church on Thursday, December 31st. Coffee and cookies for everyone. Everyone is invited to help us sing the old year out and the New Year in. "You All Come."

Mrs. Homer Richardson

Stated meeting Gorman Chapter No. 443 Order of the Eastern Star will be held on Monday, January 4th, at 7 p. m. Obligation Night. Visitors welcome. Members urged to attend.

Virginia Parr, W. M. Thereasa Baker, Sec'y.

The Eastland County Singing Convention will meet in Oiden Saturday night, January 9th and Sunday afternoon, January 10th. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

A. E. LeClair, Pres.

Singing at Rock Bluff Church Sunday afternoon, January 3, at 2 p. m.

## GENE BAKERS MAKE HOLIDAY VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker and Miss Vibella Baker left early on Christmas Day for Dallas. Miss Baker remained in Dallas to visit her brother, Raymond Baker, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Baker had Christmas Dinner with her mother, her sister and other relatives in Fort Worth.

Christmas night found them visiting with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Brummett in Denton. They spent Saturday in Dallas and on Saturday night and Sunday they visited relatives in Jacksonville and Gladewater.

Sunday noon they had dinner with Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Ray in Corsicana. They with Miss Baker returned home Sunday night.

## KING THEATRE

Thursday - Friday  
Van Heflin - Abbe Lane  
In  
WINGS OF THE HAWK  
Also  
Disney Cartoon  
Saturday  
Wild Bill Elliott  
In  
FLAME OF SACRAMENTO  
Also  
Dan Duryea - Frances Gifford  
In  
SKY COMMANDO  
Also  
Color Cartoon  
Sunday - Monday  
Rock Hudson - Yvonne DeCarlo  
In  
SEA DEVILS  
Also  
Color Cartoon  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
Errol Flynn - Beatrice Campbell  
In  
MASTER OF BALLANTRAE  
Also  
Color Cartoon  
Thursday - Friday  
Rock Hudson - Marcia Henderson  
In  
BACK TO GODS COUNTRY  
Also  
Color Cartoon

## Approaching Marriage Of Miss Jo Ann Capers Announced For January 5

### Parilee Butler Sgt. Bobby Sessum Wed Wednesday

Miss Parilee Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Butler, became the bride of S/Sgt. Bobby Sessums, USAF, on Wednesday evening at the Baptist Parsonage in Stephenville. Rev. Ernest Rippeote performed the double ring ceremony. Sgt. Sessums is the son of Mrs. W. D. Sessums and the late Mr. W. D. Sessums, Rt. 1, man.

Attending the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hilley.

The bride wore a beige suit with brown accessories. She observed the tradition, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue". Her corsage was white carnations.

Mrs. Sessums was a 1950 graduate of Gorman High. Sgt. Sessums is a Carbon High graduate. He is stationed at Larsen AFB, Washington. She does not plan to return to Washington with him but will continue her work at Golden Oak Feed and Produce.

### METHODIST PASTOR VISITS AT NINE OAKS

Rev. Floyd W. Thrash visited at Nine Oaks on Christmas Eve calling on Mr. Frank Statler and Mr. R. L. Woods, both of whom are members of the Gorman Methodist Church.

Mr. Thrash carried greetings and gifts from the church.

## It Happened In 1953

During the first week of January 20 Gorman folks were listed as patients among which were B. F. Pendarvis suffering with flu, Mr. Hagood recuperating from a broken collar bone, and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey who underwent surgery at Temple.

Ben and Darlene Nix visited in Gorman arriving January 11th.

W. C. Browning and Charles Gibbs arranged for school children to hear presidential inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Gorman Progress published the SWPGA News with 40,000 copies announcing the cooperative program.

Chairman Hubert Craddock announced Gorman gave \$430.70 to the March of Dimes.

Gorman folks inspired by serviceman Floyd Lantron to send bundles to Korea.

Chairman of Red Cross, Mrs. Eugene Baker, announced total collections, \$595.70.

Board of Education held open house at new high school May 5. Mack Underwood underwent major surgery March 5 at Blackwell Hospital.

Will Pittman, 85, died May 25. Dr. Bill Brogdon joins Blackwell Staff July 1st.

City buys new fire truck. Barbara Dickey is Queen of Indian Trail Festival.

Arlton Smith spoke to Youth Fellowship as Korea Truce was signed Sunday, July 25th.

I. C. Underwood rounds out 50 years with Higginbothams.

Gorman Peanut installs mechanical loader.

Gus and Clara Mae Frossard achieve aim, "A Leading Department Store of Eastland County." Panthers and Panther Cubs Football Championship winners.

### FORMER GORMAN GIRL IN TRAFFIC MISHAP

Mrs. Bob Lee, the former Jo Olive Greer, and Mr. Lee were in a traffic mishap in Ft Worth on Christmas Eve.

It is reported their injuries were not critical.

Jo Olive was married to Mr. Lee on Saturday, December 19th. Mr. Lee is an interne.

## Progressive Club Have Christmas Party At Hallmark Home

Progressive Study Club members were guests of Mrs. Tom Hallmark for their annual Christmas Party on Thursday evening.

Guests found their way through the candlelight hallway into the beautifully decorated living room where they enjoyed background music as they exchanged gifts about the Christmas Tree.

The hostess served a novel refreshment plate, the sandwiches pierced with tiny candy canes. Hors-d'oeuvre were fruits, candies and nuts.

Guest of the club was Miss Nellie Grimshaw. Mrs. Daisy Peveto was unable to attend.

### METHODIST NOTES

We begin the New Year with our church participating in the Nationwide Church Attendance Crusade. Every member of the church is urged to be in at least one service each Sunday from now through Easter Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. with Gene Baker as Supt.

Worship at 11 a. m. Sermon subject: "Let Us Grandly Begin." The Lord's Supper will follow the sermon.

City buys new fire truck. Sermon subject: "Seek the Old Paths."

MYF Meeting at 6 p. m. We will be participating in the January 3, 4, and 5th Christian Worker's Training School at Dublin. There will be courses in every area of Church School work. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to do a better job in our school.

The WSCS will meet at 3 p. m. Monday, January 4th.

All four commissions on Education, Missions, Evangelism and Church Membership, and Finance will meet on Wednesday evening. The official board will meet the same evening. Beginning at 7 p. m. there will be a brief Bible Study on Acts 8 and the other meetings will follow. Let's make these first meetings good ones. Let's begin the New Year right. GIVE GOD A CHANCE.

Floyd W. Thrash, Pastor.

## SMU Coach, Woody Woodard To Speak At Football Banquet



Chalmer E. "Woody" Woodard

### JUDY BURNS RETURNS HOME

Judy Burns has returned home from the St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth. Judy is glad to be home. She enjoyed her Christmas tree Tuesday night. She is to return to Fort Worth for a check up in about two months. Judy is so grateful to her friends and to the Sunday School for the Love Offering sent to her.

### OIL HERE ABOUT

It is reported that Slat's Patter son is set to bring in a Wildcat on the Travis Smith place. Luther Cunningham has dubbed the purported well, "Wild Goose."

### BILLY C. PITTMAN HAS EMERGENCY OPERATION

Billy C. Pittman of McAllen, Texas experienced an emergency appendectomy last week. He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

## NOTICE - Water Cut Off

Water will be turned off at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) for the purpose of installing a new fire plug. It will take at least two hours and maybe longer to do this job - please draw sufficient water to tide you over.

### Keeping Up With Our Friends - -

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Dixie Stevens were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens of Chowchilla, California; Mr. A. S. Stevens of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davenport and son of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donica and son of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens and daughter of Los Angeles, California.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harper met at the home of Dan Harper in Fort Worth Wednesday night for a barbecued turkey dinner.

Mrs. Marvin Nix returned to Corpus Christi with her son, Jerry Clark and family for a few days visit. The Clarks had stopped over on their way home from Denton where they had been visiting Mrs. Clark's family.

Guests of Mrs. Nettie Isbel dur-

ing the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogers of Pocomo, California and their children; the Floyd and Williams families of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Davis who were enroute to their home in California from Oklahoma; Pat Isbel of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Dearn Isbel and son of Ft. Worth. Mrs. Isbel and Mrs. Davis are neighbors at Pacoima.

Adele, Wade and Stephen Lynn Russell came in from Denton on Saturday night to spend the holidays.

Roy Rawls is home from the University of Texas.

Christmas guests of Mrs. Martha Sutton were her son Neil, of Borger; her sister Mrs. Benefield of Odessa and Jack Benefield, Abilene.

Visiting the Check Smiths are Wm. C. Smith Jr and wife of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Townsend of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hentzen of Austin.

Mrs. W. H. Dean and daughter, Virginia Ann arrived on Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. C. O. Revels and family.

Guests of Mrs. Florence Butler Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Butler, Jack and Mary Frances Butler of Abilene.

Mrs. Butler visited in Houston during the Christmas holidays with Miss Deola Moates and relatives.

Bob Brogdon of Austin, Miss Juddie Martin of Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilbert and children of Hondo visited the C. J. Thompsons during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilbert also visited the Floyd Gilberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goert visited in Walnut Springs with her sister, Mrs. Wilber Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gatlin of Athens, Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeFrieze and daughter of Dallas, were Christmas visitors of Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Brogdon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leazar and daughter visited his mother Mrs. Mona Leazar, Christmas Day.

Mrs. Leazar visited her daughter Mrs. T. C. Wiley in Ranger during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Boyd had as their holiday guests members of their respective families from Comanche County.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler during the Christmas Holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett of Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Phillips and daughters visited in Bangs on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Ethel Harrell spent Christmas with Lt. Bill Bettis and fam-

ily in Austin. She returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben De La Foss and children of Groveton visited with the J. R. Todds and the E. E. Todds on Christmas. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd and sons of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Eula Caldwell of Sterling, Oklahoma, and her daughter, Mrs. Burnett and children, Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kinser of Buena Park, California visited friends and relatives in Gorman during the holidays. Mrs. Kinser is the former Christine Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arline Porter spent Christmas Day in Cisco with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allen of Bolin were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor during the Christmas holidays were his mother Mrs. Emory Hill of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox of De Soto and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Allen from Sundown.

Little Billy Ferrell was sick and confined to his home Monday.

Mrs. John Kirk is at home from Ropesville for the Holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. E. T. Jones were: Major and Mrs. M. B. White and Douglas of Albuquerque, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Homer of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chitty of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Howard and Gary of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stone, II, E. L. III and Randy visited the H. H. Pulligs and the E. L. Stones during Christmas.

Betty Cloninger of Baylor University is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bibby visited the I. O. Harveys during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bibby of De Leon visited the O. D. Bibbys on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Revels visited in Fort Worth during the week end. Mrs. W. H. Dean, her

mother, returned with them to Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Denton and Ann Denton of Texon visited her parents the A. N. Turners and other relatives during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosswhite of Corpus Christi were Christmas eve guests of Mrs. Frankie Joe Harper and the J. M. Moores. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. Burleson of Abilene Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. LeRay Burleson of Desdemona, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver, Mrs. Lane Campbell of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edmondson visited her mother in Breckenridge on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underwood visited with their children in West Texas on Christmas day. They spent the week end with the Reece Alldays in Wichita Falls.

John Kimble visited his mother Mrs. E. W. Kimble in Austin on Christmas day. Mrs. Kimble and John Edward spent the day in Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holiday and family of Lubbock visited with end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holiday during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Underwood Peggy Underwood, Rev. Leighton Ferrell and Mrs. Ferrell spent Christmas visiting Mrs. T. F. Morrow and the I. C. Underwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baze had as their visitors, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Andry of Lubbock on Christmas and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Baze of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baze of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Lee Bennett and Gary Don of Eastland visited his mother and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lane had Christmas dinner with their parents in Cisco.

Donna and Arlie Kirk of Ranger visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirk during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose and Deanna and Jeanine Rose of Morton; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ormsby and Paul Dean Ormsby of Borger and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Dean visited Mrs. Frank Dean and other relatives here during the week end.

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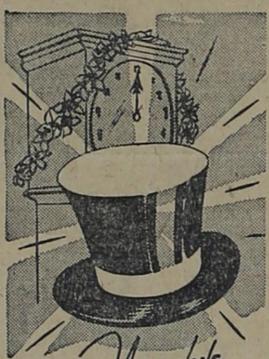


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Doggie IN THE Window

By LILLIAN MITCHELL SANDRA sighed and slipped into her white fur jacket. Mabel laughed, her brown eyes crinkling at the corners. "Oh, well, maybe it isn't as much fun going out for New Year's Eve with a crowd of girls, Sandra. But, at least, come Monday morning, we shall have something to tell at the office."



"Come on," Mabel said. "The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra."

"That must be the doggy in the window," Mabel laughed. "That doggy must have a good home," Sandra chimed in. "What a coat! The golden fur drags on the sidewalk, for a fact."

The golden Pekingese looked up at her with enormous eyes and waited. Sandra stopped, looking closely at the collar that stated, "I'm Tang. I live at 432 Euclid Avenue. Please take me home."

Sandra glanced up at the nearby house. "Well, Tang, you are home. Skip up those steps, Pup."

"Come on. The girls are waving that a bus is coming, Sandra," Mabel said.

"I'll meet you at the corner of State and Broadway. I'm going to ring the bell and tell them their dog is loose," Sandra said.

"Oh, the dog will get inside, all right. Come along!"

But Sandra stooped again, swooped the tiny dog into her arms and ran lightly up the greystone steps. Her ring brought no one to the door although she could clearly hear the soft chime when she pressed the button. Opening the door that was unlocked, she called gently, "Here's Tang. Anyone at home?"

"Oh, come in, please," answered a silvery voice.

Sandra, still holding little Tang, moved along the hallway to an open doorway where a fireplace glowed and an elderly woman sat in a wheelchair. "Donny took him walking, my dear, and Tang must have got away, somehow."

"Ah, well, he couldn't have got himself lost," smiled Sandra. "He was right outside your door."

"Yes, but he chases cars. We even had him trained by a professional training school and they really trained him in everything except car-chasing—and with his leash dragging—" she sighed.

Then the door burst open and a tall, dark-haired young man rushed in. "Grandma! Tang—why, you little yellow rascal! You—"

"He's not yellow—he's golden!" interrupted his grandmother. "And I'll wager you took him in that convertible I got you for Christmas—and he jumped out—and this is the blonde girl who lives down at 666 on this same street—goes home every night with the brown haired girl at sixteen minutes after five. My grandson, Donny."

"How do you do," murmured Sandra, edging towards the doorway. "How in the world did you ever guess I lived at 666?"

"The lady who keeps it is a friend of mine, my dear. Me, I get to sit in the front window all the time because I fractured my hip ten years ago."

"Oh," said Sandra. "I am to meet some girls downtown—"

"How's for me driving you down, the busses will all be jammed at this time—on New Year's Eve—and if your brown-haired girl friend will double date, I've a classmate home from the hospital—he's an intern where I am this year—"

"That'll be nice—and maybe I'll see the four of you on TV when I look on at midnight," said his grandmother. "Don't let me keep you," she urged. She heard the front door click and motioned to the dog to jump into her lap.

"Well, ol' pup, I never made a better trip down that hallway to the front door—in double quick time, too. That girl and Donny—they couldn't be righter for each other, eh?"

DESEMOMONA NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Ethel Keith

Now that Santa has come and gone its time to begin thinking about plans for the New Year.

Mrs. Ollie Fien spent the holidays in Ft Worth with her son, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Fien, and also visited with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joiner spent the holidays in Odessa and Oil Center, N. M. visiting their children.

The Floyd Moores had all their children home for Christmas and while here Little Martha, 19 months old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Tommie Irwin, happened to swallow some pieces of safety razor blade and was rushed to the Gorman hospital but the young lady seems to be doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kullenberg of Austin spent the holidays with her parents, the Tom Northcuts.

Ethel Keith had 3 of her 4 children home for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wilcoxson Randal, Judy and Joe, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Keith of Monohans, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keith and Vicki of Odessa. The Mack Keiths also visited the H. Rainey and the Wilcoxsons also visited with the J. M. Wilcoxsons.

Mr. Vernon Duke, wife and sons are here on a two weeks vacation from Wink with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Warden had all of their children home for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warden of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Warden of Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Farris of Seagraves, and Francis of the home but teacher in the Ranger public school.

The Ford Reids had most of their children home for Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Lora Abel spent Christmas Day in Valley Mills with her mother, Mrs. L. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Partain of Odessa visited awhile Sunday with his sister, Ethel Keith.

Visiting during the holidays in the Nina Lohman-home were the Charles Eatons of Comanche.

Miss Marjorie Brown of Dallas was home during the holidays with her parents, the R. A. Brown family.

Quite a number of Mrs. Wittie's children were home for Christmas. Also her sister, Mrs. Walls, had some of her children home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Abel visited Saturday in Comanche with his mother, Mrs. Abel, who has been a bed patient for several months.

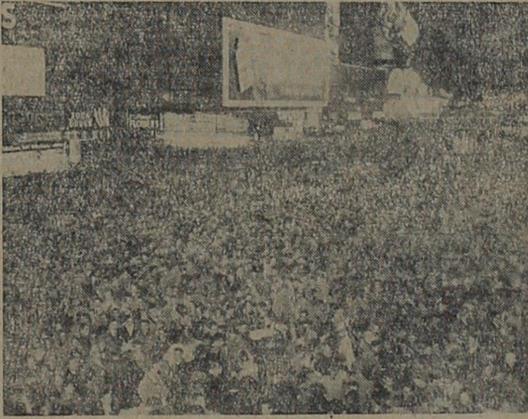
Mrs. Roy Guthery's father, Mr. Purdue, has been visiting with the Gutherys. Also Roy Purdue and family of Grand Prairie were visitors with the Gutherys recent



New Year Greetings

We add Our 'Chirp' to the Chorus...

Preston Florist



TIMES SQUARE CROWDS... This picture was made from atop the marquee of the Hotel Astor looking southward along the "Gay White Way." Scenes like this are enacted every New Years Eve in Times Square, called the crossroads of the world.



New Year

We greet all of our fine friends in every corner of this community.

JAY'S GROCERY and MARKET

New Year in France Day Par Excellence

January 1, la jour de la bonne annee, is the day par excellence in France.

It is the day of gift-giving and of ringing doorbells. Besides friends who come to present gifts, tradespeople are accustomed to call to offer compliments of the day and receive, in turn, small sums of money.

The atmosphere is full of joy and gaiety and hospitality. Gifts are proudly displayed and callers come and go amid many compliments and the toasting of everyone's health.

Jour de l'an has its serious side, too. Many families visit the graves of departed members, since this day is considered an appropriate time to remember the dead as well as the living.

The churches generally are crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early pontiff and father of the Church. In various rural communities, the cattle are driven to the door of the village church where they are blessed by the priest who also says Mass for their protection during the New Year

Peace Prosperity Happiness



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### OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

Margaret Woodall, Reporter

Lt. and Mrs. James C. Falls visited in the C. E. Atchison home Sunday night. They were enroute from Montgomery, Alabama to their home at Roswell, New Mexico. Other visitors in the Atchison home Sunday night were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Atchison of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Falls of Comanche and Capt. Paul Weaver of Carswell Air Force Base.

Buster Parker and family of Hamlin spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker.

### Egypt, Rome Observed New Years in Spring

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring. Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June.

The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern. Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a "good howling crop."

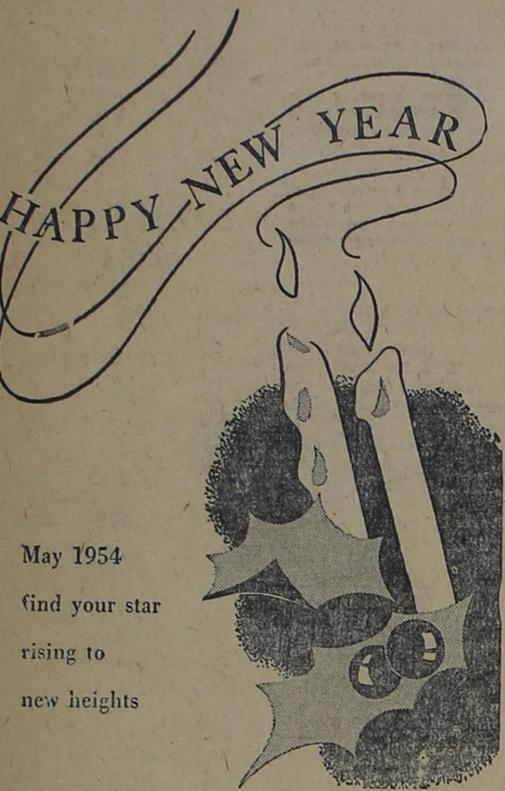
Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.

Visitors in the Norman Woodall home for Christmas were: Mr. Woodall's sister, Myrtle Evertson and children from Hamlin; his nephew, Carol Doyal Evertson and wife from Amarillo; his brother Fountain Woodall and family of Gorman, his nephew Richard Woodall and wife; and the Jim Stacy's of Gorman; Joe Flynn of Lubbock, the Ben Koonce's from Robinson Springs.

Mrs. Buddy Yancey and children of California are visiting Mrs. Zetta Mathis.

Grandma Sanders is doing better at present.

Mr. D. L. Bond is doing better. His children were home on Christmas day.



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### Freight Lines Expedite Shipping Of Deer Hides

AUSTIN, Dec. 10 — Motor Freight Lines are giving realistic help in the collection of deer hides for patients in the four state operated TB hospitals.

A number of Texas carriers are waiving shipping charges on the hides consigned to the patients and addressed to the Austin Taxidermist Studio where tanning is being donated. L. M. Rathbone, the owner, is paying shipping costs on hides sent to him collect.

A spokesman for the motor freight industry reports that the policy may vary with individual lines and suggests that the hunter consigning the shipment call to the carrier's attention the fact that the hides are being given to the TB patients. The address is simply Austin Taxidermist Studio, Austin, Texas.

Hides came in from Texas hunters at the rate of about 100 a week for the first three weeks of the hunting season, Mr. Rathbone said. They were shipped from all sections of the state, chiefly in packages of one or two from individual hunters.

Locker plants processing the game also are aiding in the collection. Several owners have notified Mr. Rathbone they are salt ing and storing the hides given by the hunters for bulk shipment to him at the close of the season.

State hospital officials have voiced the hope that at least one hide will be available to each of the approximately 2500 TB patients for use in leather work during the coming year.

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### New Years and Superstition Go Hand in Hand

Mankind has always been superstitious about New Years.

In olden times families south a glimpse into the future by the "dipping" custom. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger; the text, solemnly read and interpreted was indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store for them.

Probably one of the most widespread superstitions concerned the first person to cross the threshold on New Year's morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky, as where people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages, the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was hired to be the first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be the first person to cross the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year occurred often climbed upon the roof on New Year's eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

We moderns make as much noise as possible, presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

### New Year's Day Was Not Always On January 1

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1. In fact, even today New Years comes on different dates for some peoples.

Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on March 25.

Today, many people who continue to use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world until 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ends on Yom Kippur.

The Moslem calendar (dating from 626, A. D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result New Years and months retrograde through the entire year in about 33 1/2 years.

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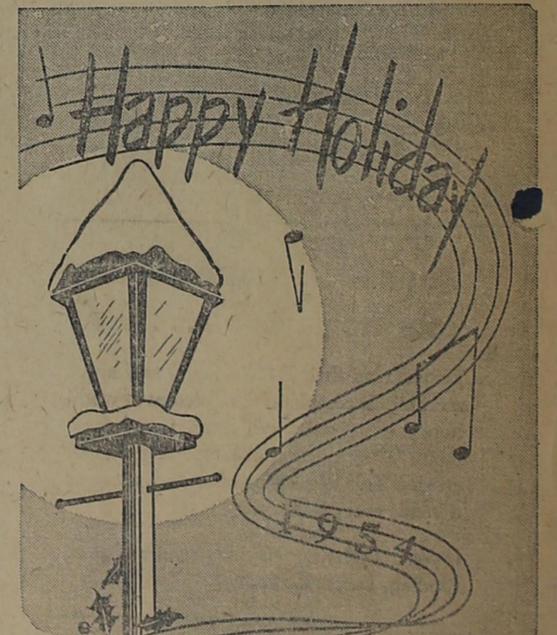
To express America's hope for "peace on earth, good-will to all" CARE and the U. S. Government have joined in preparing a special food gift package for relief distribution in 16 countries of Europe and Latin America. For JUST ONE DOLLAR you can send this package, containing almost 11 pounds of beef, sugar, milk, shortening, prunes, rice and beans, to a hungry family abroad. The foods were given free to CARE by the Foreign Operations Administration. The \$1 is needed to cover CARE'S cost of shipping and delivering the package as a gift from you.

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### A Husband and a Ghost.

By DOROTHY KILIAN

THE music of the orchestra their club had imported for the New Year's Eve dance floated out to them. Gail pushed a little ahead of her husband as they walked up the creaky steps of the lodge hall.

"Don't you like to look at the shine on the back of my pants?" Bill laughed. "What's the rush then? You said this morning that the baby had made you so tired you didn't think you'd want to come at all."

"Yes, I know, but that was before—" Gail bit her lip. "Guess I just have my second wind," she finished hurriedly. "Come on, let's see if all the old gang has arrived."

Now would have been the time to tell Bill, very casually, that she had learned that afternoon that Warren was back in town. After all, they had all been friends together in high school.

"See you," Bill said briefly as he went off to the men's coat room. Gail paused in the wide doorway, her eyes roaming over the couples already on the dance floor.

"You're late, Gail," Ginny Brown said as she came past with

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baskin and Roy V. of Odessa visited with Dora and Hugh Baskin on December 18th week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Perry of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. John Guyer and children of Denton visited Mr. F. S. Perry and Miss Callie Lowe during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Ashworth and daughter, Kay visited with relatives here during the holidays.

Hazel Faye and Ruby Rae Moore of Abilene visited their mother Mrs. Jewel Moore during Christmas week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blair and Anne Kate had Christmas dinner with his sister Mrs. J. D. Gray in De Leon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith spent Christmas week in Childress Texas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Westmoreland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rodgers enjoyed a re-union with all of their children Christmas day at the lake home of their son Dr. D. V. Rodgers and Mrs. Rodgers.

Present were: Dr. and Mrs. Rodgers,

George, Edward, Jim and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rodgers of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rodgers and Jim of Old Ocean; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barker, Mickey and Brent of De Leon. This is the first time all of the family had been together in a number of years.

The H. R. Masons enjoyed the presence of all of their children for Christmas. Myrna, Ery from Kingsville, and Weyman from Ballinger.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason were Jack and Fae Winters from Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. and Homer Bryant of Sidney; Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Blanket;

H. R. Mason, Myrna and Willis spent last Sunday in Ft Worth.

Final Rites were held at the Catholic Church in Strawn for Virgil L. Nabers, 56, who died in Houston December 21, 1953. Interment was made in Desdemona Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and children; several brothers and sisters; one brother, Dutch Nabers, lives in Desdemona.

### The Year 46 B. C. Contained 445 Days

The longest year in calendar history was 46 B. C. and contained 445 days. This is how it happened:

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. It was revised several times, but by Julius Caesar's time it was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar's experts revised the calendar in the 16th century there was the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December. As a result 46 B. C. contained 445 days.

There is no report of the confusion it must have caused, but it must have played heck with tax collections and the like.

he was coming in the door, holding out his arms to her as if time, Bill, the baby, were nothing.

As in a dream Gail took his hands in hers and looked up into his face.

"I knew you'd be here waiting for me," Warren said softly.

"But I wasn't, really," Gail murmured. She fought down the vague feeling that it had been rather presumptuous of him to imagine that.

"Let's dance," Warren said simply.

She had almost forgotten that dancing could be like this, held close to one's partner, not talking to break the spell of the dreamy music—Bill was forever calling out a greeting to a passing couple.

"Well, hi there, Warren, could I borrow my wife for a while?" Bill was grinning at them both.

"Until later," Warren said, and turned away.

The rest of the evening was like a dream. Dancing with Bill, with other friends, even the horn blowing and whistle tooting at midnight seemed only a vague background for the presence of Warren in that room. When he came up to her much later and said, "Let's talk awhile," she followed him, as if hypnotized, to some chairs half hidden by a large potted palm.

"Here we are in a little world all our own," Warren said. "Gail, you're just as beautiful as—"

"Some juggling act, eh?" Bill boomed out, coming up to them with three plates of refreshments. "Grab 'em, kids."

Warren took his silently. Bill sat down on the other side of Gail and bit into a thick turkey sandwich. "Um, tasty," he sighed happily. "When I saw 'em being laid out I couldn't wait to begin."

"And besides," he went on, turning to Gail, "since it's my turn to give the baby her 6 a. m. bottle tomorrow, I'm not in favor of hanging around here too much longer."

"You feed the baby?" Warren leaned across Gail and laughed incredulously. "Sleepy male in bathrobe, pumping milk into a squalling infant. I thought that was strictly cartoon stuff."

Gail gasped but Bill answered calmly, "Why shouldn't I feed her? She's half mine, isn't she?"

"She certainly is, darling. And you're right, it's time for all good parents to be going home," Gail said gently.

The ghost would be left sitting in the ballroom, she realized contentedly. This new year was going to be hers and Bill's alone.



She had almost forgotten that dancing could be like this.

an armload of confetti bags. "It won't be long 'til time to toss this stuff into the air. Wonder if Warren Hastings will make it before midnight. You've heard he blew in from New York just this morning?"

So they remembered. She remembered too, that was the trouble. The ghost of him still hovered in her dreams, particularly on those days when life seemed full of nothing but baby washings and house cleaning.

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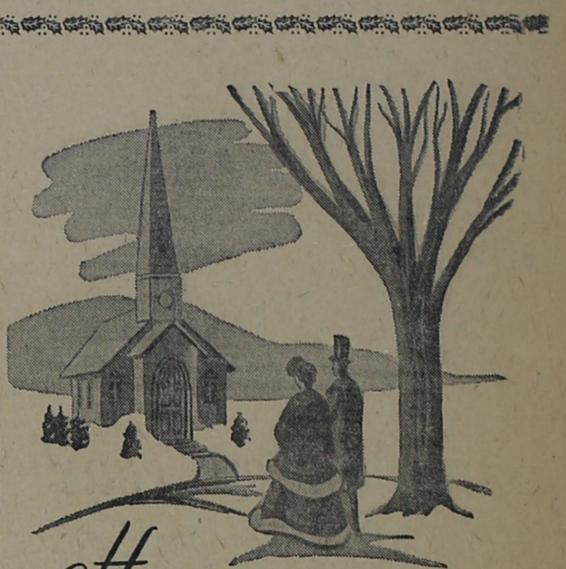
Visitors in Mrs. Craig Smith home during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Smith, Don, Sue and Linda of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Murray, Ray and Nelda Joe; Mr. and Mrs. Don Ross and Deborah of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Files and Margaret of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Waller; Robert C. Smith of Seagoville and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stinson of Amarillo.

### GORMAN SMALL FRY READ AT DE LEON PARTY

Gorman Small Fry, Jean Phillips and Elizabeth Ann Parr, appeared on the program at the Christmas Party given by Mrs. Mae Whaley for her kindergarden class.

Jean read "Kindergarden" and "Once There Was A Little Baby."

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They were assigned to Carlson's famous Raider Marine Battalion at Midway, Guadalcanal, and Bouganville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bulger were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett. Other guests were Mr. Bennett's sister, Mrs. J. P. Johnson and Mr. Johnson of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Mrs. Opal Galob of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bennett of Ft Worth, and Mrs. Mollie Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glasson were happy to have all of their children home for Christmas.



**THE NOSE . . .** It takes more than an hourglass, a hay cutter and a crop of chin spinach to camouflage the classic features of Jimmy Durante. Here he kids with a couple of Copacabana cuties.

**Bowl Games Have Become American New Year Tradition**

Bowl games have become a great American New Year's tradition.

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. In that game the University of Michigan barnstormed to a 49 to 0 victory over Stanford.

The success of the Rose Bowl classic has "mushroomed" various bowl games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

But getting back to the Rose Bowl, after the first year a chariot race was substituted for the game in 1903. Originally run with amateur drivers, the chariot races became professional affairs after the first few years and the public lost interest.

The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.

The Rose Bowl has been going strong ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Acrea, Jan Anita and Miss Jo Everitt, of Brownwood had Christmas dinner in Eastland with Mrs. Acrea's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pritchett.



By Dorothy Kilian

IT WAS about eight o'clock on New Year's Eve when Jane Walters turned to stare out the kitchen window into the wintry darkness. She didn't want Don to see the tears in her eyes, but she hadn't been quick enough.

"It's a raw deal all right, honey," he said from the chair where he sat with one leg, in a cast, propped up on a stool. I take you away from all your city friends and bring you back to Brantville to live, and then what do I do? Break my stupid leg during our first holidays together and leave you high and dry without an escort for the New Year's Eve party."

"You couldn't help it, Don." She tried to sound bright, but the truth was it did matter. She had found herself more homesick than ever with the coming of the holidays. This little town to which Don had come back as operator of the grain elevator was like a foreign country to her. And, with the furnace acting up, here they were sitting in the kitchen of all places on New Year's Eve.

Jane sighed and turned slowly away from the window. "What kind of a party will Grandma Jenner be having?" Don chuckled. "Oh, it'll be corny, all right—no blaring trumpets. And yet, Janie," Don leaned forward and went on earnestly, "I really think you'd enjoy these people if you'd, well, kind of let yourself go."

"Maybe so, Don. But I just have the feeling that they consider me an outsider. I—did you hear that



"It's a raw deal all right, honey," he said.

scuffling noise? Sounds like somebody's in our back yard."

"Lots of somebodys, I'd say."

Don replied. There was a resounding thump on the back door. Jane opened it and stepped back, bewildered. "Surprise, surprise!" a chorus of voices shouted, as a couple of dozen people trooped in, Grandma Jenner in the lead, swinging a huge granite coffee pot.

"You do look floored, my dear," she said, planting a peck briskly on Jane's cheek. "But it's an old custom around here—when you can't come to a party, the party comes to you. Look at Don there, he doesn't seem too surprised."

Don grinned. "I was kind of hoping this would happen," he said. "But Jane hasn't gotten too well acquainted yet."

"I know," Grandma said quickly. "And it's mostly our fault. To tell you the truth, honey," she turned to Jane—"We were kind of afraid of you, you seemed sort of distant. But when you phoned that you and Don couldn't make the party, I heard the tremble in your voice, I suddenly realized that you're just as human as the rest of us. So here we are. Now let's get on with the fun."

It seemed no time at all before Grandma called out, "We've just time for a spelling bee before midnight and refreshments. Get yourselves lined up folks while I put the coffee on to boil."

The crowd laughingly divided into two lines on either side of the big kitchen. As Jane hesitated, someone pulled her into position.

"Speer the words, Mac," Grandma said to the school principal. "You're used to this kind of thing."

Mr. MacRay began giving out words. Amid shouts of praise for the successful spellers and hoots of derision for those who stumbled over a word, the game progressed until only Jane and Mr. Nichols were left.

The caller cleared his throat and, turning towards Jane, pronounced the word, "hospitable."

Jane hesitated and looked slowly around the room. She saw Grandma Jenner hovering over the coffee pot at the stove, Mr. Appleton gently adjusting the cushion under Don's outstretched leg, and Mrs. Ames just coming in from the pantry with a tray of apple pies.

"Yes, I can spell 'hospitable,'" she said. "B-R-A-N-T-V-I-L-L-E."

There was a moment of silence. "Bravo!" several voices called out, and just then the kitchen clock began to strike twelve.

"Happy New Year!" Jane echoed with the rest as she looked around at her new friends and finally met the eyes of her beaming husband. It was indeed going to be a good year.

**Jewish Calendar Now Reads 5715**

The Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5715 in relation to 1954 A. D.

Use of the notation A. D. was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879.

Apparently the Egyptians were the first to figure out any "exact" measurement of time. They devised their calendar about 4,000 B. C. After the calendar, they turned their attention to estimating dates of the "beginning" and the Mundane era of Alexander fixed that estimate at 5502 B. C.

Modern research has developed a new time clock, which uses the principle of radioactivity. Wood samples can be radioactively dated back as far as 4,600 years.

**Pre-Red Russia Observed New Years**

Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay and happy time in Russia.

In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers. The year was ushered in with a hundred shots fired from cannon.

One New Year's Day the Winter Palace was opened to society. Festivity reigned throughout the city, hospitality and charity were the watchwords from palace to cottage.

The mythical Ovsen was supposed to be around about this time. He was usually depicted astride a boar, symbolically associated with the pork served for New Year dinner and the symbolism of Aryan descent.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE . . .** And a very lovely Eve, too, is this young lady as she warns you that time is marching on.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Berry of Brownsville spent Saturday night with J. Q. Eakins. Mr. Berry is Mrs. Eakins Uncle.



**REMEMBER . . .** Last year at this time our soldiers were fighting in Korea. Using discarded 105-mm shells, these three GI's spell out "Happy New Year" in the snow somewhere in Korea.

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MRS. TUCKERS SHORTENING	3 Lb. Can	73¢	
COFFEE CLOVER FARM	1-Lb. Tin	89¢	
CREAM OF WHEAT	14-Oz. Pkg.	19¢	
NORTHERN TOILET TISSUE	3 Rolls	25¢	

**NORTHERN TISSUE**

FRESH FRUITS - VEGETABLES CHOICE FRESH MEATS

**CLOVER FARM STORES**

**Good Cheer**

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As the clock strikes the New Year, we extend our hand of friendship

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