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"Nativity" Drama To Be Presented By Grade School

The world's best loved story, THE NATIVITY will be dramatized at the school auditorium on Monday night.

Characters of the cast are students in the Intermediate grades. The school choruses will participate.

Linda Speck is pianist for the presentation and Delores Sanders is the reader.

The program will be given by candle light.

Art classes under direction of Mrs. Mamie Clements and Mrs. Ross Wilson have designed and arranged the costumes and the staging.

The time is 7:30 p. m.

Editor's Note: With no preview of this play we wish to say that this program should have wider interest than any other program of the year. The house should be filled to overflowing. Ball games, shows, parties, so-well-attended. Not any of these can give you a spiritual lift comparable to the presentation of "THE NATIVITY."

For you who are not familiar with the word, "NATIVITY", it simply means "The Birth of Jesus Christ."

It should be counted as a major catastrophe if no organization could have found time to present the drama.

Our thanks go to the teachers and the pupils who have prepared this program for Monday evening.

Mail Mounts 20% Above 1952 Date

Postmaster Dona Moorman stated on Tuesday that Monday's mail receipts compared with December 14, 1952 had mounted 20 per cent. She reminded us however that the season's peak would not be reached for several days.

MACK UNDERWOOD RETURNS HOME

Mr. Mack Underwood returned home from Temple on Sunday. He is recovering from a major operation and it is reported that he is improved.

JOINS SOCIAL CLUB AT TARLETON STATE

Jerry Skaggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Skaggs of Gorman has become a member of the Silver Keys, boys' social club, at Tarleton State College, Stephenville. Jerry is a freshman majoring in agricultural education.

There are five social clubs for girls and five for boys at Tarleton.

19 Adults Attend Sunday Night Service To Hear Methodist Youth Program

Sunday evening, December 13 members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship filled the choir seats at the Methodist Church and presented a program to nineteen adult members of the church.

Led by their sponsor, Arlton Smith, the group sang a number of songs. George Warren and Bob

Athletes Hear Jerry Coody At Brotherhood Meet

Eight football players, Robert Rankin, Donnie Mauney, Joe Mehauffey, Woodrow Browning, Jake Sparr, Freddie Rodgers, Kenneth Watson and Roland Jones accompanied by Boyd Hilley and J. O. Thompson attended a Brotherhood meeting at the Comanche Baptist Church on Tuesday evening.

Speaker of the evening was the widely known and ever popular former football star, youth leader and public speaker, Jerry Coody.

Mr. Coody chose for his subject "When a Man's a Man." Both men and boys were inspired by his inspirational address.

Coody, who fills numerous engagements at youth rallies and other meetings as guest speaker is studying for the ministry.

Peanut Farmers Approve Acreage Control 175 - 11

Peanut and Cotton Farmers in Eastland County voted an overwhelming majority Tuesday to continue acreage control and support prices on their crops.

The County vote for peanuts was 491 For and 53 Against.

Cotton 174 For - 45 Against. In the Gorman precinct -

Peanuts 175 For - 11 Against. Cotton - 67 For and 7 against.

Gorman Suspect Caught Entering Carbon Station

Nightwatchman Bill Partain of Carbon, while making his rounds on Tuesday night noticed an unfamiliar truck parked in an alley. Later with the truck still in mind Partain, who has been on the job a week, heard a noise peculiar for the time of night, 10:30 o'clock.

Pausing to ascertain direction noise had come from he saw a faint light in the Campbell Service Station.

Within a few seconds Partain with gun and flash light had nabbed a suspect.

Carrying his culprit to Conley Campbell, the new watchman stated with a degree of modesty, "Conley I found this fellow in your filling station."

County officers were summoned and it is reported, found the offender, a young man in his late teens, had in his possession a Gorman Volunteer Fireman's Badge.

Investigation made in Gorman revealed theft of the truck belonging to Golden Oak Feed and a burglary at Smith Brothers.

Smith stated later that the offender mutilated the knob of his safe but failed to open it. He did say that for some reason he had carried most of Tuesday's receipts with him when he left his office about 8:30 p. m. He estimated his loss at about \$75.

Speaking of Nightwatchman Partain, Smith said the young fellow was most unassuming and soft spoken leaving the impression that the happening was an old story for his seniors in law-enforcement.

Officers found the offender to be Bill Hutton who gave El Paso as his address. It was ascertained that Hutton had been in Gorman Tuesday afternoon. He has been held in custody since being confronted with evidence.

Attempts were being made to connect the offense with the burglary of the Frozen Food Lockers about two weeks ago.

Vernon Cates Buys Laundry

Vernon Cates has brought the Garner Laundry on the De Leon Highway. He and his family have returned to Gorman from Morton Valley.

Marvin and Betty Lou are entering school in their respective grades, the third and sixth.

Cates was formerly with the Bell Well Servicing Co.

Basketball Teams Face Heavy S'dule

The boys and girls basketball teams face a heavy week of play with two home games scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday and the Desdemona Tournament on tap for the week end. The boys are making their initial appearance this week under the tutelage of Graydon Baze, former Southwest Texas State star basketball.

The girls coached by David Goodwin are currently sporting a four game winning streak with victories over Desdemona, May, De Leon, and Baird. The latest victim of the Pantherettes was Baird who fell before the accurate shooting of Frances Robertson and Lena Flory, 36-16. On the same bill the boys were defeated by the small margin of 4 points, 41-37.

Thursday the teams play host to Baird in games starting at 7:00 and 8:00 o'clock. Both teams are also entered in the Desdemona Tournament this week end. Other entries in the tournament are Desdemona, Lingleville, Huckaby, Carbon, and Strawn. District play for the two teams begins on January 8th. The Indian Trail Tournament is scheduled for January 27 thru 30th.

A 30 minute Christmas film, "The Guiding Light" will be shown as part of the service.

A hymn fest of Christmas music will be a part of the service in which all present can have a part. The evening will be climaxed by the bringing of gifts for the White Christmas boxes. Every member is urged to bring a gift of food or cash for these boxes.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6 p. m. Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.

Ladies of the church will meet with the Friendly Fellows Class at 9:45 Sunday morning for a short fellowship period.

New Hope Baptist Full Time Pastor

The New Hope Baptist Church has called Reverend Ellis Hilliard Comanche to serve them as full-time pastor. Rev. Hilliard began his tenure on December 10th. He has formerly pastored churches in Comanche County including St. Joe and a Comanche Church.

Mr. Arlin Clement is superintendent of the Sunday School which meets at 10 o'clock. Preaching services are set at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

On January 6th members of the church will begin a study course, "Stewardship."

This church sponsors a radio program which may be heard at 8:30 o'clock Sunday mornings on Station KSTV, Stephenville.

Midway Baptist To Have Christmas Tree December 23

The Midway Baptist will have their Community Christmas Tree Wednesday night December 23. The time has been set for 6:30. Everyone is invited.

Progressives Plan Christmas Activity

The Progressive Study Club met in the home of Mrs. Burnett Eison on Monday evening December 7th.

A round table discussion of current happenings was participated in by the membership.

Plans were made to take care of a needy family during the Christmas season.

The annual Christmas Social will be held Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. Tom Hallmark.

Mrs. Archie Skaggs was a guest.

Announcements

Stated meeting, Gorman Chapter No. 443, Order of Eastern Star, Monday December 21, 7 o'clock. Christmas Party. All members urged to be attend.

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

Oliver Springs folks and all others who wish to attend are invited to celebrate New Year's Eve at the Oliver Springs Church Singing until - - - ?

MRS. MOLLIE BENNETT GROWS POINSETTAS

Mrs. Mollie Bennett has grown two four-foot Poinsettias. One of the plants has nine blooms and with three others budding.

Both plants have been placed in the Empire Southern Gas office.

The Poinsettias were grown in wooden buckets.

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The lifelike Santa pausing on the Shell roof gives a thrill to neighborhood kiddies, to passing motorists and it is a sight that the little Shells will long remember.

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Soil Conservation Pays Dividends

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Judy Burns Hopes To Be Home Soon

Judy Burns who is recuperating from plastic surgery at St. Joseph Hospital has been told that she may expect to be home for Christmas.

This will be such a lovely Christmas gift for both Judy, her family and friends.

Some folks deserve a lot of credit for splendid treatment and care as the relatives of Judy have been heard to say, "We can never thank folks enough for the wonderful things they have done for us."

Homemakers Have Christmas Party

Members of the Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church gathered at the home of Mrs. Clayton Cook on Friday afternoon for their annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. S. E. Cloninger, teacher of the class, gave the Gospel's recording of the birth of Christ telling in a beautiful way the Christmas story.

Gifts were exchanged and a committee was appointed to distribute the gifts which had been brought for shut-ins.

Refreshments were served to: Mesdames Cloninger, C. O. Alsbrook, Geo. Blackwell, J. A. Baze, Griffin, C. Pittman, N. O. Whitfield, Dave Harper, Franklin Mearns, Helen Claxton, Frank Dean, Jess Richardson, Vera Hamrick, Ellen Oldham, Miss Dora Baskin.

Mrs. Pullig Hosts Tuesday 42 Club

Mrs. Hulon H. Pullig was host to members of the Tuesday Triple Four 42 Club this week.

The occasion was the annual Christmas Dinner served by candlelight. Menu for the meal consisted of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, candied yams, potato salad, coffee and pie.

The Pullig living room and adjoining dining room, finished in Sunset Rose with the complimentary furnishings invites guests to be comfortable while enjoying the beauty of her selected pieces of art and her collection of china plates.

A pretty piece of furniture is the dark walnut desk, given a place of prominence, indicating that the owner is a business woman.

The Tuesday Club is perhaps the oldest club of diversion in Gorman. Its roster has had several rotations, with no charter members remaining, due to death leaving the city and ill health.

After progressive games gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter was a guest.

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ing to Mr. Kirk, have almost doubled his average yield. Mr. Kirk stated that nearby fields of similar soil types that have not used these conservation practices produced about one-half the amount of peanuts per acre this year as he produced.

He is thoroughly convinced that by using cover crops, strip crops, and stubble mulching he has greatly increased the water holding capacity of his land; and at the same time he has greatly retarded his wind and water erosion.

BUSINESS MENS CLUB HOST EASTLAND COUNTY LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION AT CHILI SUPPER

The Business Mens Club having as their guests on Monday for chili supper, directors of the Eastland County Livestock Association made tentative plans for a cattle disease treatment demonstration to be held on a local

ranch at a date to be announced later.

President of the club, John Kimble conducted a brief business session. The Livestock Association also transacted several items.

The ECLA sponsors the annual Eastland County Livestock Show and also sponsors trip for boys and girls, owners of the winners, to Fort Worth at which time they are conducted on a tour through the city and packing plants.

Directors of the ECLA present on Monday night were: Pete Tindal, Bob Lavender, Clint McClain, George I. Lane, Brady Humphreys, and Mr. Wilson of Wilson Feed Store, Eastland; Vocational Ag Teacher Crowe; Assistant County Agent Williams and County Agent J. M. Cooper all of Eastland; Ranger Vocational Ag teacher Dudley and Mr. Campbell of Olden.

Belinda Kay Murray is the name of the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Murray of Desdemona born at Blackwell Hospital December 9, 1953.

Marilyn Diane Arledge born to Mr. and Mrs. James Fredrick Arledge of Gorman December 9, 1953, weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

Shirley Jean Rice born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Junior Rice, Rt. One, Eastland, December 9, 1953 weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

Joy and Tom Grimm, 505 NE 19th St. Grand Prairie are announcing the birth of a daughter, Elaine Patrice.

Elaine Patrice was born 8:58 A. M., December 4, 1953 at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Tom writes they hope to be seeing Gorman folks soon.

Cooking With Electricity Shown At Home Ec Class

Cooking demonstrations were held in the Home Economics department of the school this week.

The demonstration given by Miss Janelle Thompson was sponsored by the Texas Electric Co.

Broiled franks, biscuits and hot cakes were cooked on the Westinghouse Electric Roaster Monday.

The Tuesday meal was prepared on a Philco Range and consisted of beanburgers, orange cup cakes and Fiesta rice.

Browning Appliance loaned the Philco Range for the demonstration.

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Bye now, Martha Lyn Foster

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Santa Will be Here At 3:45 Saturday

Santa Claus sends word that he will arrive in Gorman at 3:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

He is anxious that all the kiddies be down town to meet him.

A radar message states that his truck will come in from North Kent with a well-filled pack.

Children attending the first show will be out in plenty of time to find their places on the sidewalks where they'll be ready and waiting.

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Merchants To Wait For Late Shoppers

Frossard's, Higginbotham's and Shelley's have announced they will have late shopping hours December 21 - 24th for the convenience of their customers.

Other stores in Gorman will probably be open also.

KING THEATRE

THURS. - FRIDAY DEC 17-18
Stephen McNally - Julia Adams
In
STAND AT APACHE RIVER
Also
Color Cartoon

SATURDAY DEC. 19
Wayne Morris - Rick Vallin
In
STAR OF TEXAS
And
Johnny Sheffield as Bomba

In
THE GOLDEN IDOL
Also
Color Cartoon

SUN. - MON. DEC. 20-21
Doris Day - Howard Keel
In
CALAMITY JANE
Also
Color Cartoon

TUES. - WED. DEC. 22-23
Tony Curtis - Lori Nelson
In
THE ALL AMERICAN
Also
Color Cartoon

THURS. ONLY DEC. 24
Paul Christian - Paula Raymond
In
BEAST FROM 20,000 FATHOMS
Also
Tom & Jerry Cartoon

FRIDAY ONLY DEC. 25
Doris Day - Gordon MacRae
In
BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVER MOON
Also
Color Cartoon

MATINEE'S - Thursday 24 and Friday 24 start at 2:00 P. M.

Future Farmers Of America

Including Texas, 34th Chartered Association
By Jackie Don Wheeler

Texas is not only one of the leading states in oil, beef, crops and sheep production but is one of America's leading states in producing a union of Future Farmers. This mighty state has gone far in the ways of improving its country land.

Of course we know Texas has improved its country land with many organizations but one specific organization has a place at the top of all the rest. It is the Future Farmers of America. An organization based so as to improve the young men whose interest is for the sake of this wonderful land.

Texas received a charter in the late twenties saying that it would be the 34th state in the union to possess a State FFA Association. From this time Texas has been backing this organization 100%. It has seen that this organization never for one moment fell backward but continually pushed forward and we believe we can safely say Texas now has one of

the strongest FFA Associations in America including Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

But can we say this has been a good interest? Has this organization been worth while? Only a strong "yes" can be the answer to these questions. Texas has surely profited by placing time and interest in this program. This organization has planted seeds of interest into many young boys' minds. It has placed the interest into the mind that made cattle business grow, that made sheep business climb, that has made an ever full "horn of plenty" for America. Yes, we can safely say Texas and its interest has profited.

Texas is rated among the top, judging from the standpoint of State programs. This Lone Star State has worked hard to have a fine basic program. It has taken many people and many hours of work to set up such a fine program. In this program there are many kind of participating programs, that makes each FFA member more alert and to go further in FFA work with keener interest. Many kinds of poultry, dairy, safety and Soil Conservation awards are set up by the State each year. They are open to any member of the FFA

who wishes to participate. Many scholarships are presented each year. We are sure you can see that while each boy in striving for the honor of these awards he is not only receiving knowledge and experience but he is also distributing it and we know that every time a person receives better knowledge he is building up the country where he lives.

Each year in every area of Texas a boy is chosen to represent that area as state officer. Out of the ten areas of Texas, of which Eastland County is in area 4, nine boys are vice presidents under the chosen president. This president is always chosen at the Annual Texas FFA Convention which this year will be held in San Antonio. On these ten boys shoulders is placed the responsibility to see that the Association achievement programs are run right and that the will of all the boys of FFA as a whole is presented to the Constitution. These boys will also help to present the Lone Star State Farmers Degrees of which our home town boys, George Warren, Jack Eison and Lane Campbell are classed. It takes many hours of work and perfect project books to become a state farmer and we think these boys should be congratulated.

Many boys have asked about financing. Well much of our financing is backed by the boys

Washington

"As It Looks From Here"

OMAR BURLESON
Congressman
17th District



NAUTILUS, the Navy's atomic powered submarine, will soon be a reality. The keel of a second such submarine has been laid. These atomic submarines are generally revolutionary weapons. They can stay submerged almost indefinitely. They can travel under water at speeds greater than any but the fastest surface ships. They are almost impossible to detect by any known means.

REGULUS, the Navy's guided missile, is also reaching operational stage. It will be capable of carrying the atomic warhead to targets over two hundred miles away. Because of its supersonic speed, it is virtually impossible to intercept. NAUTILUS and REG-

ULUS can be married - that is, the missile can be fired from the deck of the submarine.

through there dues. But we find every boy receives his cost back in some way or another. It may be in awards, scholarships or through the small things as the Future Farmers Magazine, but we do find he gets it all back.

rect hit; coming close with an atomic warhead would be enough.

The reason for this is that the heart of the American naval power now centers in the great aircraft carriers. Present plans call for the creation of 12 to fourteen carrier task forces. Each force, with its outlying screen of protective vessels, represents a tremendous investment. Yet the marriage of NAUTILUS and REGULUS may in the future render this whole great investment of very doubtful value.

In addition, the Russians are soon likely to have these same weapons. If they do, they of course, could attack our great task forces from miles away. It would not be necessary to receive a di-

rect hit; coming close with an atomic warhead would be enough.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Defense Department are now in a dilemma in deciding where to place the emphasis in view of these great technological advances. They doubtless know it must be done, but there are strong forces which will present great resistance to these basic changes. Such a change could also substitute in part for some of the enormously expensive air force. Another big question is what would happen to North Atlantic Treaty Organization concept when the atomic submarine, married to the guided missile, is in enemy hands.

This is only an example of problem to decide. Other new weapons using atomic and nuclear energy are in the development stage. Another question confronting the Joint Chiefs of Staff is what would happen - just in case there might be an outside chance of outlawing the use of atomic weapons. If such a possibility should develop it would be necessary to have the convention-

al weapons we have used in the past. This means that while we are spending great sums of money in the development of these new revolutionary weapons of war, we must at the same time continue a buildup of tanks, planes, ships, guns, etc., which could conceivably almost double the cost of national defense.

Those who must make these early decisions, which are the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Weapon System Evaluation Board, are not in an enviable position.

This past week I have spoken to the Lions and Rotary Clubs in Eastland, the Lions Club of Hamilton, the Lions Club in Stephenville, and the American Legion in Eastland.

Also, I have visited Soil Conservation projects in Brown County and have gone over the watershed of Greens Creek in Erath County, which is to be developed in the near future. On the same day, I was privileged to speak at the dedication of the farm-to-market road from Dublin to Edna Hill. It has been my pleasure, too, to speak to the Lions Club in what is before us. It is no easy Sweetwater and the Callahan County Club in Baird. At the end of this week I will go to Fort Worth to participate in the annual Texas Congressional Forum, and will return to Washington immediately thereafter.

Ruth and I are disappointed that because of the pressure of duties prior to the opening of the next session of Congress in January, we will not be permitted to spend Christmas at home.

NOTICE

My Music Class will be dismissed for the Christmas Holidays and will resume our present schedule on Tuesday, January 5th.

I have a nice class and want to thank each patron for their splendid cooperation.

Anyone wishing to contact me, please see me in my studio in Grammar School Building, Room 210, or telephone 34J. May each of you have a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS and a VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Mrs. Edna Nunnally

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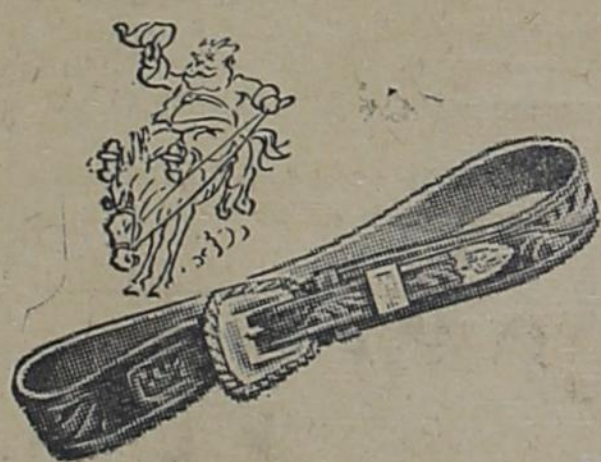
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CHEANEY NEWS
Reporter, Mrs. Bill Tucker

Announcements
Cheaney Church of Christ
Lloyd Ash, Minister
Bible Classes 10 a. m.
Sermon & Communion - 11 a. m.
Young Peoples Study - 6 p. m.
Evening Sermon 6:45 p. m.
A warm welcome is extended to all to attend these services on each Lord's Day.

Alameda Church of Christ
Glenn Paden, Minister
Bible Classes 10 a. m.
Preaching Service and Communion 11 a. m.
Evening Services 6:30 p. m.
Everyone cordially invited

Cheaney Baptist Church
C. O. Clements, Pastor
Sunday School, each Sunday 10 a. m.

Preaching each 2nd and fourth Sunday 11 a. m.
Everyone Invited to Attend

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Freeman are the proud owners of a beautiful new Plymouth. Now this is my chance to mention that we, too, have a new Ford pick-up! Had been trying to herald the fact, modestly, of course.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler made

neighborly calls Sunday afternoon, in the John Tucker home and the Ann Love home.

Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Perrin and daughter, Ann, of Midland, and Mrs. Perrin's niece, Edna Sadzewicz, of Mass., who is making her home with them for an indefinite time.

David Revel of Gorman spent Saturday night with his Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Revel, and attended church at Cheaney.

Gay Nell Blackwell visited with Charlene Blackwell Sunday

Mrs. Alton Underwood visited Tuesday at Desdemona with her sister Mrs. Tony Ash.

Roy Gene Ainsworth spent the week end in Ranger with his uncle Tom Fox and family. His parents, the Monroe Ainsworths went for him Sunday afternoon and visited her mother, Mrs. Garland Davis and Mrs. Davis.

WANTED - Lots of letters for a sailor lad who could not be home on Christmas. . . so lets send him a lot of letters. Address: Wesley Elliott, USS J. D. Jackson D. E. 219, % FPO, New York NY

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rodgers and sons, Douglas, Dwight, and David, and Billy Joe Rogers and mother, visited in the home of their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Galloway, Sunday.

The Ben Freemans made an evening call on the John Loves

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS
Margaret Woodall, Reporter

The Euel Westmoreland's from Goldsmith visited her parents, the C. C. Setzlers last week end.

The G. W. Pensons visited the

late in the week. Mr. and Mrs. Hatley Dean were dinner guests of the J. D. Rogers family Sunday, while the Freemans had as their guest, Lloyd Ash following church service. Saw Dick Weekes car pass on their way from Comanche to the Freeman home.

All the various illnesses in the community are improved at this reporting, except for the usual seasonal, "code in the head".

Willie Hendersons last Thursday.

The Gregorys enjoyed Sunday dinner with the Henderson's.

The Rex Kinsers visited the N. F. Woodalls Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Reece from Dublin is buying the Pension place.

The G. W. Pensons are moving to Dublin.

The Garland Perrys are looking for Yvonne home by the first

Mr. Bond has been ill.

Radio Repair Service and Radio Tubes. E. E. Todd.

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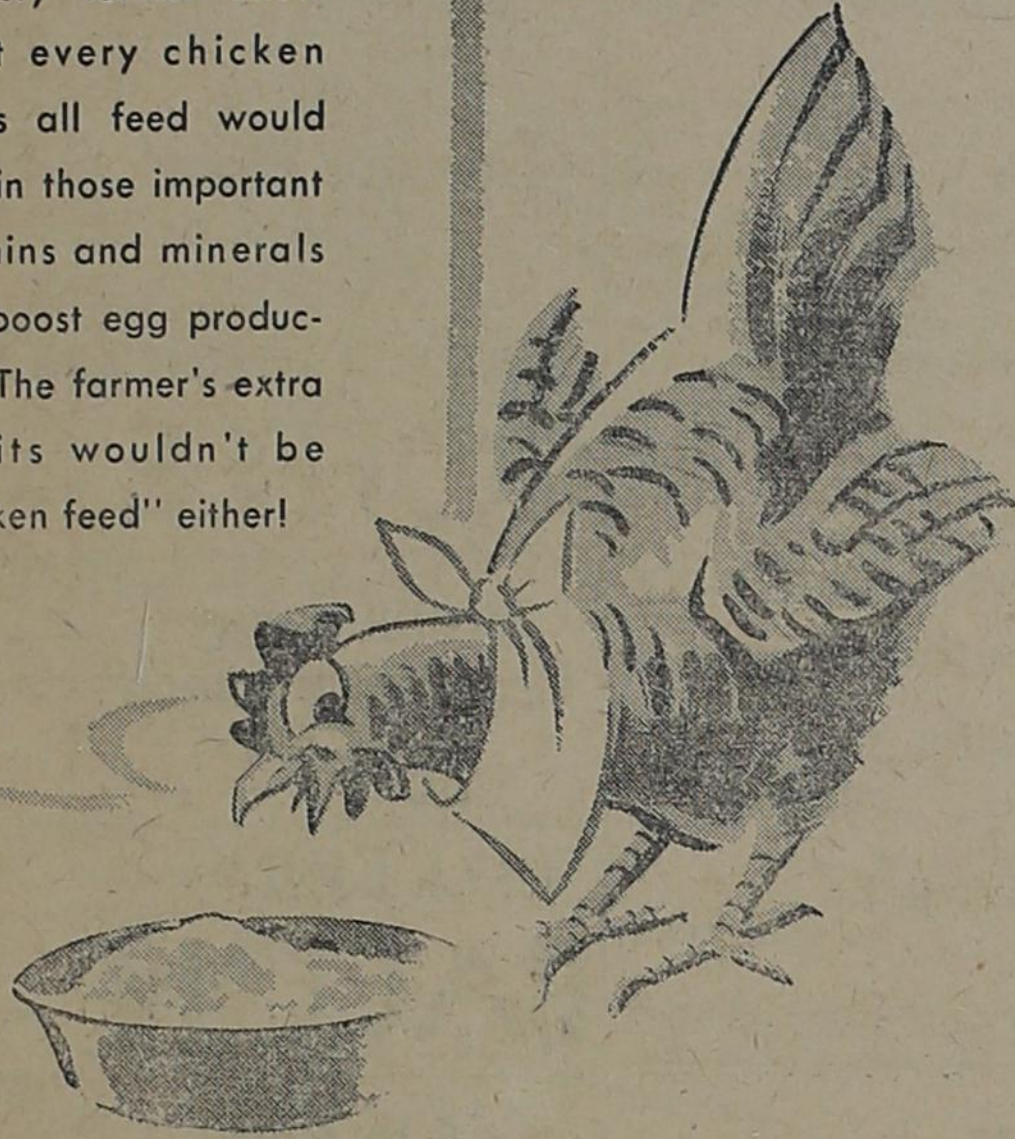
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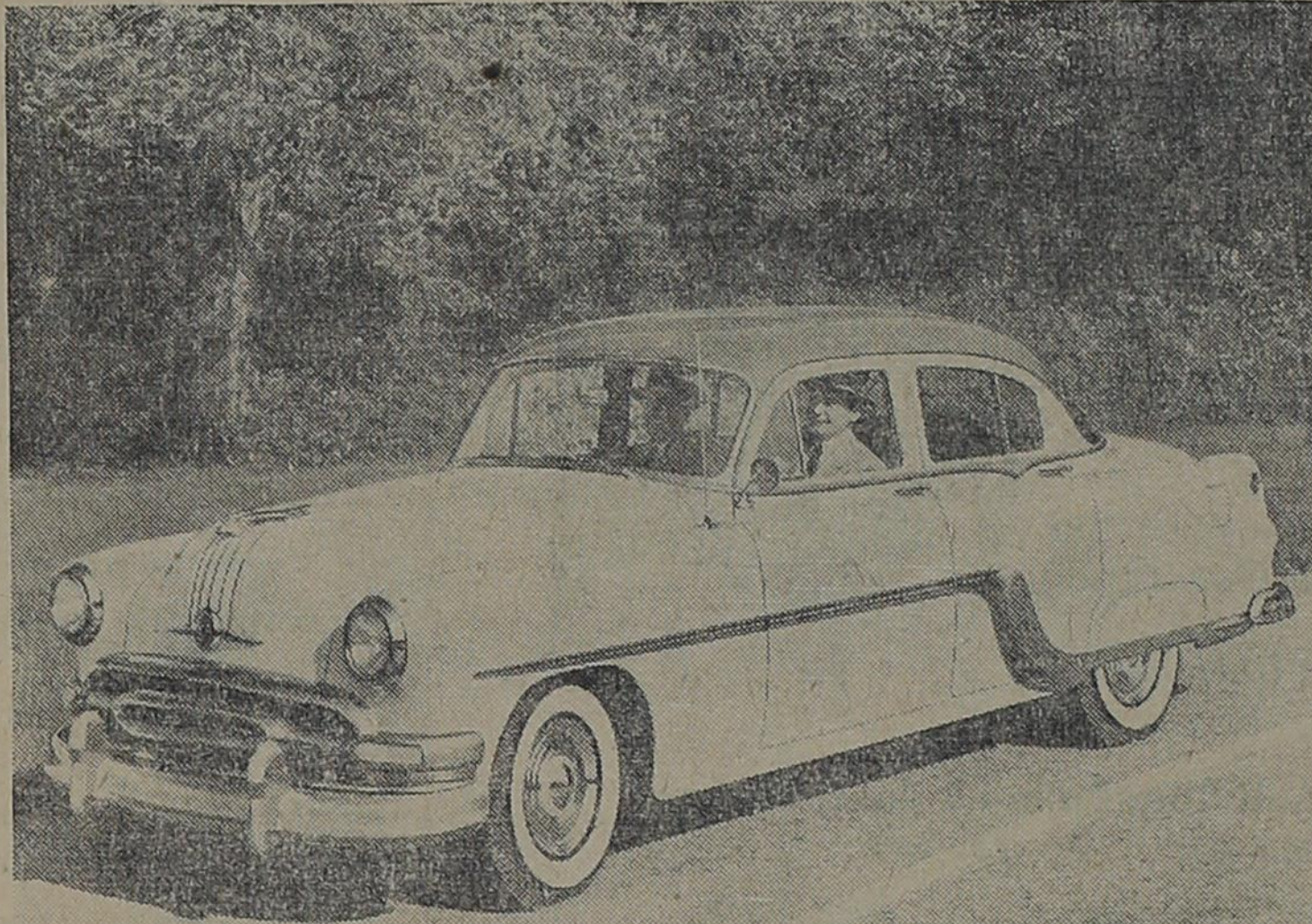
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Warren Cates is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Denton. He stated that he is well pleased with his work in the service being able to serve as he was occupied in civilian life. He is the company barber.

Stationed with the Marine Corps, he is at Camp Pendleton.

BAZE BROTHERS VISIT HERE

Clarence Baze of Dallas and J. B. Baze of Fort Worth visited with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baze on Sunday. They were enroute home from a deer hunt in the Brady area.

Neal Baze and wife of Carbon and Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze were also Sunday visitors.

E. L. DENNIS' ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dennis attended the funeral service of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Burton Dennis who is the wife of Rev. Burton Dennis of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

The service was held on Monday. Mrs. Dennis had been ill over a period of months and had been a hospital patient for about three weeks prior to her death on Sunday, December 13th.

Constable Dennis and wife returned to Gorman early Wednesday morning.

MYF Attends Sub-District Meet

A number of MYF members attended the sub-district meeting held in Dublin on Monday night.

Following the brief business session the Dublin group gave a Christmas program including a playlet, the setting of which was in Bethlehem some years ago after the Resurrection of Christ.

Refreshments and recreation were enjoyed in the basement of the church.

Home Ec Girls Exhibit Crafts

Girls of the First Year Class of the Home Economics Department have arranged an exhibit of their crafts in the high school foyer.

Aluminum trays and sewing baskets of raffia have been made as a part of their regular course of study.

Designs on the trays sketched by the students are of orchids, roses, wild rose, reindeer, birds, tulips and swans. Some have monograms, others have names of recipients. Two are circular, the others rectangular.

The baskets vary in shape being oval, rectangle, round and square. The crafts under Miss Virgie Shaw show fine workmanship.

Girls showing work were Nelle Buckley, Louise Belyeu, Nelda Robertson, Glenda Sue Clements, Linda Speck, Sue Grice, Nina Frazier, Margaret Woodall, Janey Thompson, La Joyce Hamilton, Barbara Maupin, Sandra Files, Peggy Blackshear, and Gaye Watson.

Piano Recital Presented De Leon

A group of young ladies from Gorman were presented in a formal piano recital on Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock at the De Leon Methodist Church.

Appearing with De Leon members of the piano classes taught by Mrs. A. P. Schmidt were Carol Hatcher, Carol Ramsey, Kay Lynn Ramsey, Judy Parker and Charlotte Hilley.

Michaelyn Barker, formerly of Gorman, also played in the recital.

Performers were presented in a varied program of piano, organ and vocal numbers.

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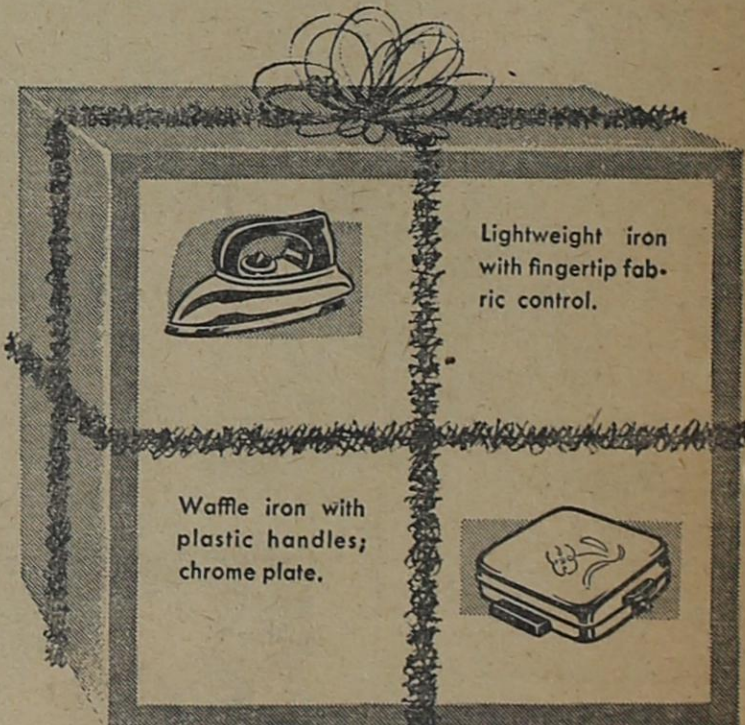
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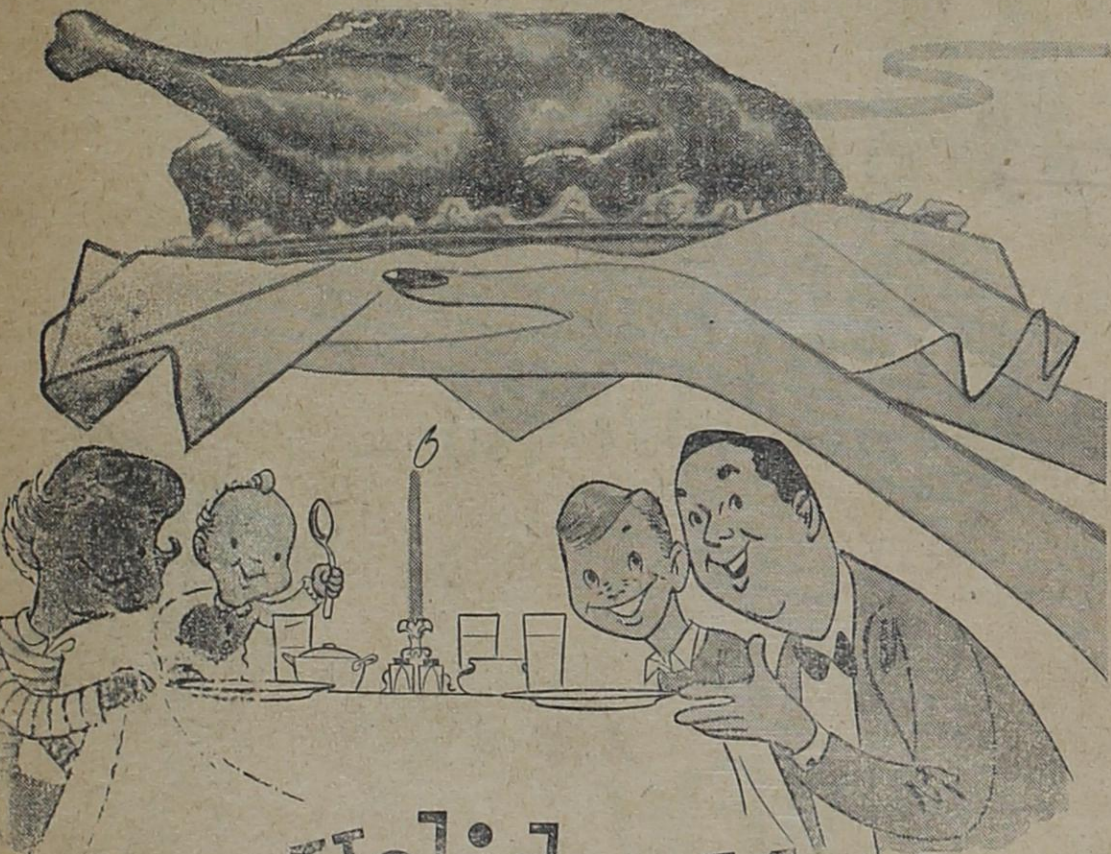
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Mrs. Bertie Crawley was host to the members of the Women's Society of Christian Service on Monday afternoon for their annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. G. C. Acrea, president of the Woman's Society, gave the devotional, reading the Christmas Story from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Roll Call was answered with, "What Christmas Means to Me." Mike Stacy, a popular young singer, sang the Christmas Carols, Joy To The World and O Little Town Of Bethlehem.

Paulette Sue Crawley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Crawley of Brownwood, who is visiting her grandmother, gave a Christmas reading.

Everyone participated in a lively game, "Guessing Christmas Symbols."

Decorations Make Beautiful Scenes

Members of the Womans Study Club on arrival at the home of Dorothy Hatcher Monday evening for their buffet dinner and Christmas Party found themselves in a scene of red and green Christmas glamour highlighted with symbols of festivity.

Serving themselves buffet style they laden their plates with baked ham, candied yams, Eng-

lish peas, vegetable salad, a novel nut salad with cranberry jelly, pickled peaches, later enjoying cherry pie and coffee at quartet tables.

Mrs. O. R. Buchanan gave the program, the "Story of Christmas Hymns."

Linens were red and green and favors were miniature Santa Claus and Choir Girls.

The center piece was an arrangement of pyrocanthea and Christmas balls with ivy.

Reports were made on the shut in gifts which had previously been planned.

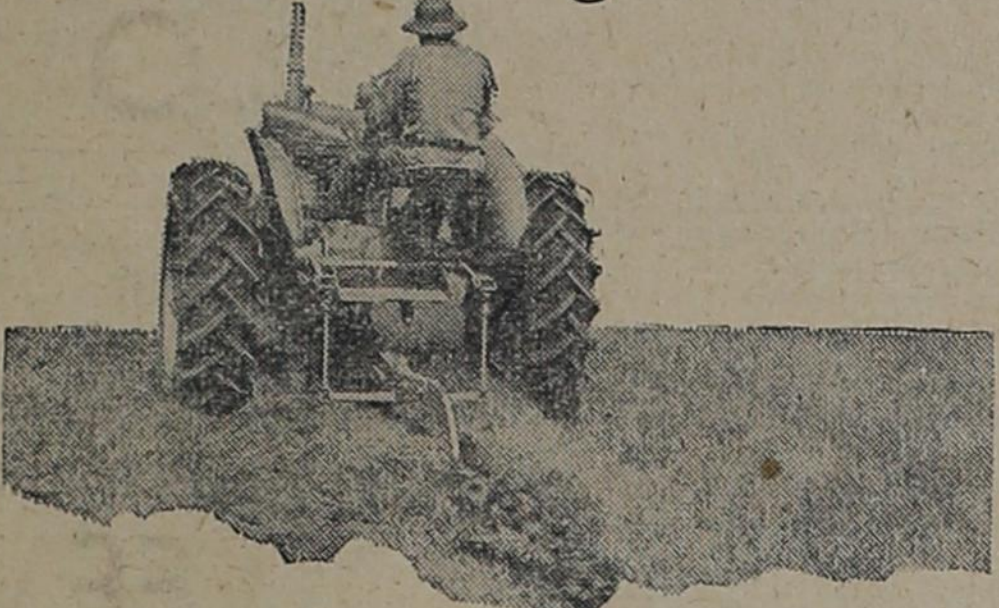
Gifts for mothers and babies in the Texas Mission Home in San Antonio, were boxed for mailing. Personal gifts were then exchanged.

A sandwich plate with Holiday appointments was served. Anita Acrea and Paulette Sue assisted the hostess by lighting miniature candles on the holly-designed doily-covered plates.

Guests besides those appearing on the program were Mrs. Martha Sutton, Mrs. A. A. Brown, and Mrs. Rudolph Haile.

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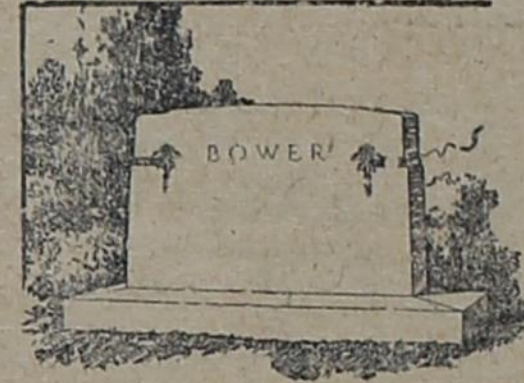


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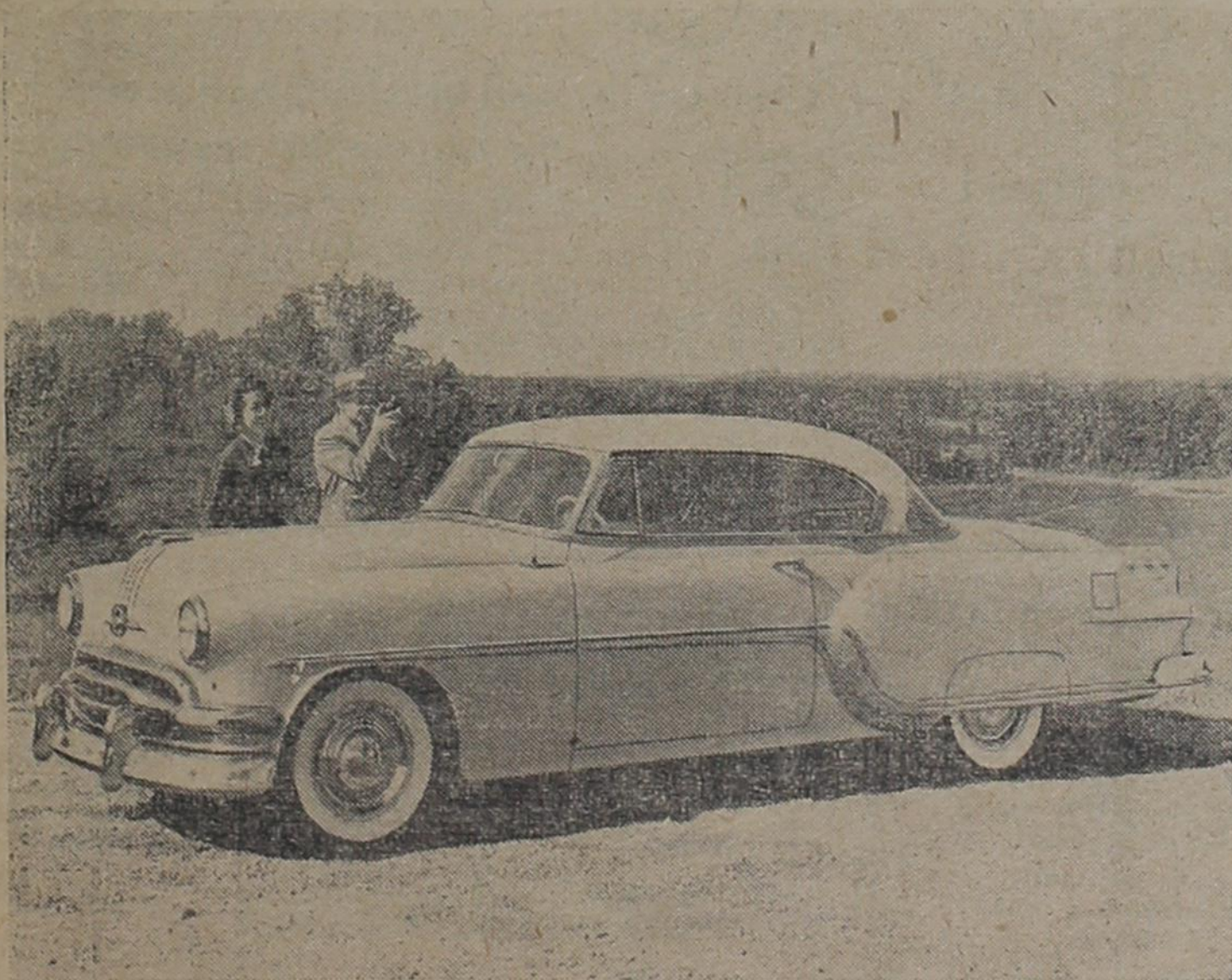
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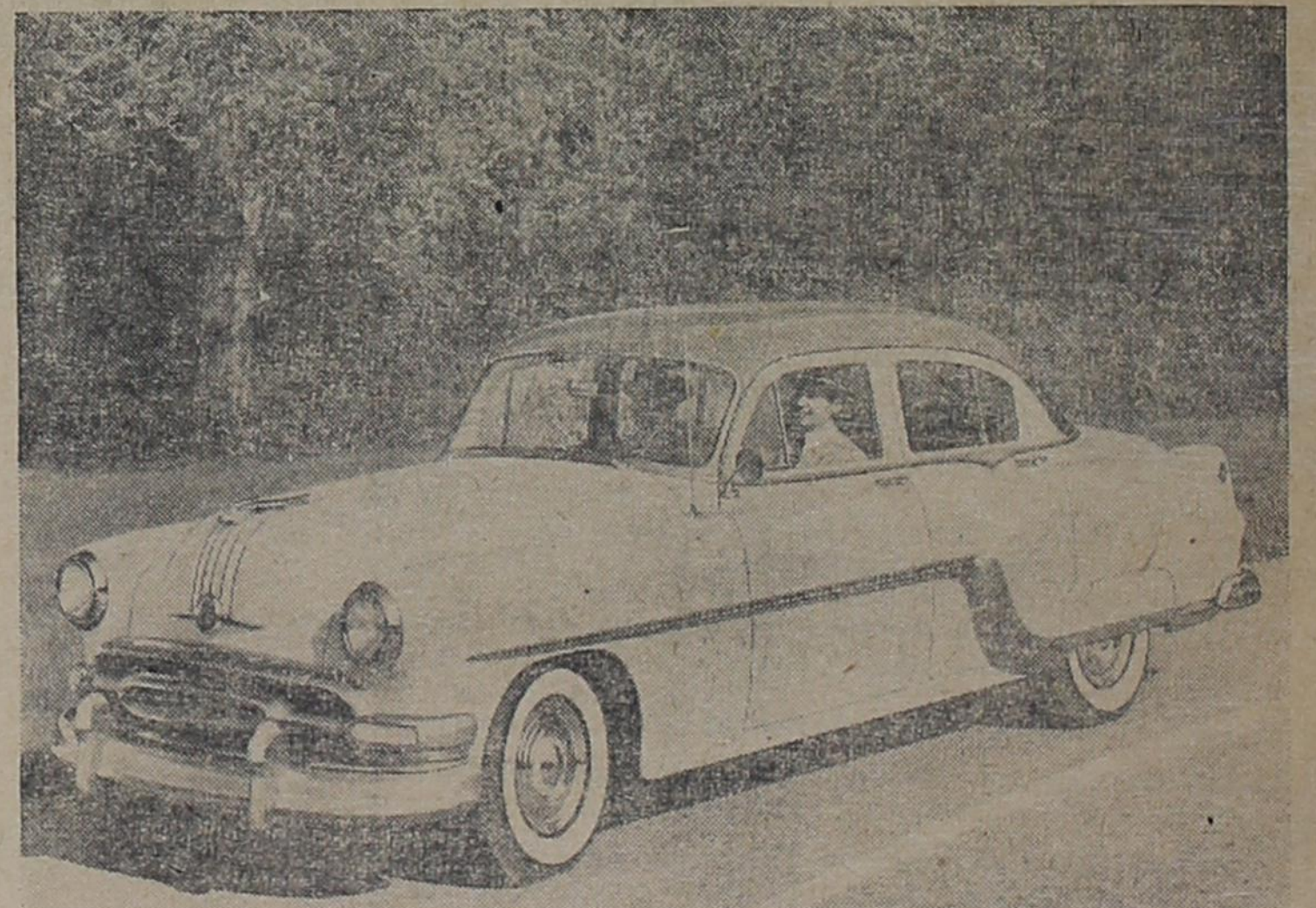
The Star Chief Custom Catalina for 1954



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Note from Kernel Gene - The following editorial with several other articles is being borrowed from the EASTLAND SUNDAY VOICE and CHRISTIAN LEADER which is now being distributed every Sunday. I have had a number of inquiries about the Christian Leader is my reason for carrying these articles. Our reason for changing to a Sunday edition was because McCorkle was receiving requests for more county news. If you would like to subscribe to this new Sunday paper just fill in the blank and mail to Mack.

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TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

So far as our official Thanksgiving is concerned, it has passed into history, for this year, but the meaning of the word "Thanksgiving" will linger on and on.

No doubt many of our people did thank the Father for the many blessings we have received. They were really thankful, and told the truth, when they offered up their prayers. This was as it should have been.

Americans enjoy Birthday celebrations, so we were just wondering why we can't enjoy the greatest birthday party of all at Christmas time. We will have another opportunity to thank God the Father for the temporal blessings He has showered upon us, but we can also thank Him for His Son, our Saviour, whose birthday we will commemorate on December 25th.

So far as we are concerned, this day is the most important of all. And as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us be careful to celebrate it in a manner which will have his approval. After all it is His birth - not ours, that we are celebrating.

WHAT OIL CONSERVATION INVOLVES

In Eastland county the little word "oil" means a lot to many individuals. We know what this has done for us in the past, what it is doing now, and what we hope it will do in the future.

During "boom days" very few people knew much about the product. It came in as a nightmare, and all we knew was that it seemed to be valuable, for there were instances where share-croppers were changed into millionaires almost over-night. This was some thirty years ago, and while the glamour has faded out, there has never been a time when new wells were not being sunk.

Plans have been changed, as have methods, but oil still remains in the bowels of the earth under Eastland County. We must recover this oil and we must conserve it.

So now we ask what does the intelligent conservation of our oil resources involve?

As a general rule the question calls for a two-part answer. First, needed oil must be withdrawn from the ground in the least wasteful manner. Second, every gallon of crude must be forced to yield the greatest possible quantity of useful oil products. The oil industry has made progress in both these directions.

So far as Eastland county is concerned, oil fields that were once considered exhausted are again being worked with new recovery techniques. (Here we have reference to water-flooding.) There have been instances where the "second recovery" has been as great as the first.

A few decades ago only about one-fifth of the oil in any field could be recovered, the ratio now runs as high as four-fifths.

Gasoline has been so improved that two gallons will do the work three did a quarter of a century ago. Cases that once were wasted are now turned into chemicals which supply raw materials for plastics, synthetic rubber, fertilizers and thousands of other valuable products.

We have plenty of oil in Eastland county, and it is only a matter of time when men will have it on the surface. Then it is reasonable that we should care for and conserve this crude to the very best of our knowledge.

IT IS A FACT

Whether you have ever reconciled yourself to the idea that Eastland county is self-supporting, doesn't change the fact at all. Eastland county is self-supporting, and the main reason we have what we describe as "lean years" is more our fault, than it is that of the climatic conditions. We have never seen fit to look into the future, but rather operate on the annual hit or miss plan. This means if it rains we "hit a score", but if little rain falls we yell hard times.

Such is the philosophy we use today and it's all wrong. To begin with let us face a few facts. You can produce most any crop that is grown in the temperate zone right here in Eastland county, and yet the county has never been recognized as a very desirable agricultural county. Too many dry seasons. It is good some years, but bad in others, and the fellow who depends exclusively on agriculture is headed for a fall. The same may be said with reference to livestock producers, poultry growers and others who hang on to the one-crop plan.

There are at least two ways to correct this, though the latter seems to offer more immediate relief. The first is to devoutly and conscientiously obey the laws of nature and of God. Let your land rest at least one year out of seven, and on planting years change crops. Don't try to grow cotton on a plot of ground every year. It simply won't work, and everybody knows it but you, and in all probability you know, but we are just willing to bet a little that it will. Under God's plan agricultural troubles would be at an end.

The second plan and the one that may be adopted by every farmer in the county will also make Eastland a self-sufficient county.

Diversification is the whole story. This means you will skip and rotate crops, that you will give time to terracing and the building up your sadly neglected soil. Take care of your grazing land and produce a few farm animals each year. You know that if history repeats itself you will have drouthy years, but if you do not gather a cotton crop or feed crop you will have beef, mutton, poultry, pork and other products to tide you over without too much suffering. You will also likely have feed on hand that was grown during a former year and at a time moisture was plentiful.

Your land will not suffer - it is really needed the rest, and if your fields and pastures have been properly cared for you will not suffer from wind or erosion. In fact land will be improved.

J. M. Cooper, your county agent, will be glad to assist you with any problem which may arise, and if you follow his plans you are most likely to improve your financial and economic conditions.

Eastland county is a fair agricultural county. It is a good livestock area, no matter what kind of animals you choose to produce. We excel in poultry production and pecans and fruit almost grow wild. Let's put a little planning on the "must" list and all will be made to prosper.



A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

Let The Lower Lights Be Burning

A Gospel Singer Hears a Story

But for his untimely death, the golden voiced Philip Bliss would have perhaps outrivaled Ira D. Sankey as the greatest gospel singer of the last century. With a start of twenty years over Fanny Crosby, it is also likely that he would have run the blind poetess a close second as America's most prolific hymn writer. But the Pennsylvania composer had enjoyed less than a decade of success when his life was snuffed out at the age of 38 in a railroad wreck in 1876. Thus he is often referred to as "the lamented Bliss."

Phillip Bliss got the themes for most of his hymns from sermons. It was from a sermon by a Rev. Brundage that he got his idea for "Almost Persuaded." While singing for evangelist E. W. Whittle in Chicago, Bliss heard the preacher tell of a battle during the Civil War. From the message came his theme for "Hold the Fort."

The singer-composer was singing for Dwight L. Moody when the renowned evangelist told the story of a shipwreck. Moody related how passengers were lost because lower lights along the shore were out and only the large light of a lighthouse was burning. The pilot had his general direction but could not see rocks

near the entrance to the harbor. "The Master will take care of the great light," said Moody, "let us keep the lower lights burning."

Once an idea struck the alert mind of Bliss, he worked rapidly . . . usually writing both words and music. At the next service he sang a new hymn for Moody's congregation. It was—

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From His lighthouse evermore;
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

Dark the night of sin has settled,
Loud the angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing,
For the lights along the shore.

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother!
Some poor seaman, tempest-tossed.
Trying now to make the harbor,
In the darkness may be lost.

Let the lower lights be burning!
Send a gleam across the wav!
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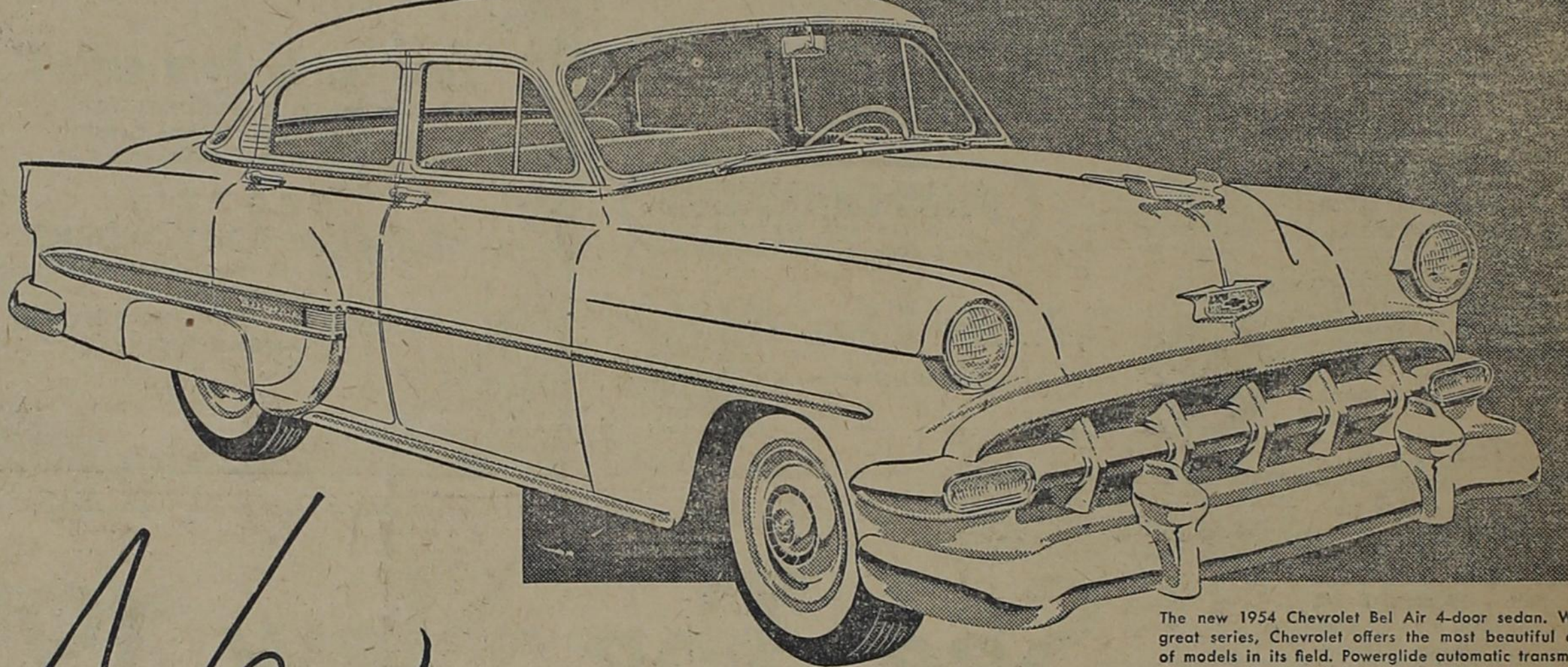
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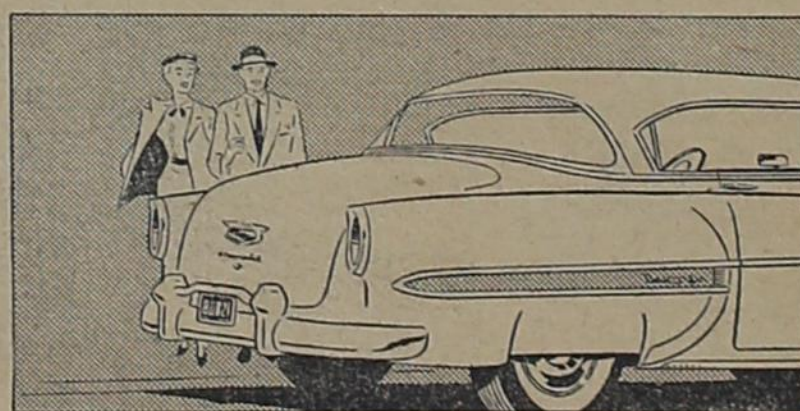
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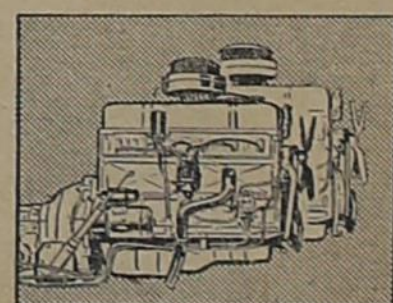


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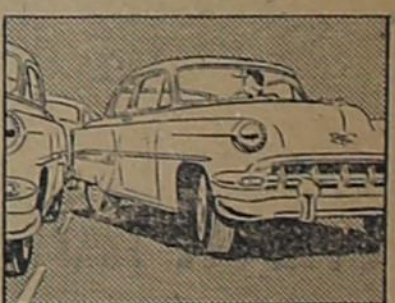
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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Duncan of Post spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Boucher.

Mr. C. O. Huff has received news of the sudden death of his

brother-in-law, Tom Hunt of Idalou on December 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Huff's granddaughter Curbello and husband of Fort Worth have been here on a visit. They also visited Mrs. G. T. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Huff and family.

Mrs. Cynthia Earles wishes to thank each of you for all the nice cards sent her while she was ill. Mrs. C. O. Huff

MISS MYRTLE BARCLAY VISITS IN GORMAN

Miss Myrtle Barclay of San Antonio who formerly made her home in Gorman visited here during the week end with Miss Ozella Pulley, the E. E. Todds and the John Wheelers.

Miss Barclay has been with the accounting department at Fort Sam Houston for a number of years.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barclay.

J. F. Roberts was a patient at Blackwell Hospital this week.

Mrs. Herbert Gatlin of Athens visited with her daughter, Mrs. William Brogdon and Dr. Brogdon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp of Brownwood were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bennett attended the wrestling matches in Fort Worth Monday night of last week.

Kay Underwood of Gruver, Texas is visiting with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Underwood.

Mrs. R. E. Askew and Tommy of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Turner Askew of Shreveport visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Edmondson during the week end.

Mrs. Donald Bolt accompanied Mrs. P. E. Smith of De Leon to Albuquerque, New Mexico during the week end for a visit with Mrs. Smith's son who is a college senior in that city. Mrs. Bolt and Mrs. Smith are friends of long standing.

W. J. WOODALL SPENDS HOLIDAYS WITH SONS

Mr. W. J. Woodall of Amarillo, who lived in the Gorman and De Leon area for about fifty years, is spending the Christmas Holidays with his two sons, Fountain and Norman Woodall, and their families.

Leaving Gorman for Amarillo nine years ago Mr. Woodall gave up farming and began doing job work. He and Mrs. Woodall, who passed away May 25th of this year, were able to build for them selves a nice home.

After Christmas Mr. Woodall will go to San Antonio where he will spend several months with his daughter, Mrs. Mattie Kampe.

FLOYD THRASH FAMILY ATTEND "THE MESSIAH"

Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Thrash and daughter, Judy, attended the rendition of The Messiah on Sunday afternoon at the Polytechnic Methodist Church.

They were accompanied by their daughter and family, S-Sgt. Charles Cummings, Mrs. Cummings and son, Allen Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholls.

Bill Hunt, son-in-law of the Thrashes and student at Texas Wesleyan, was tenor soloist and gave recitative parts. Mr. Hunt plans to be a director of music.

The Messiah by George Frederick Handel was directed by Paul Skinner and presented by the TWC orchestra, and TWC Chorus, the choirs of the Polytechnic and the Oak Hurst Methodist Churches.

The cast was more than one hundred in number.

DESEDEMONA NEWS

Reporter, Mrs. Ethel Keith

Health in this community is fair at this writing.

Mrs. Morgan Roberts was a patient in the Blackwell Hospital a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Murray are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born in Blackwell Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lane and daughter, Mrs. Minton Hanna and Marsha were shopping in Ft Worth Thursday.

Mrs. Mollie Emde spent the week end in Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackie Foreman and baby of Ranger were week end visitors with her parents the A. F. Lewis'.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson of Pampa were visitors part of last week with the Northcutt families

Mr. and Mrs. Chubbie Foreman and baby visited the week-end with her parents the Roy Gutheries.

Mrs. Virgil Branham and children left for their home in Lamesa after visiting several days with the Floyd Moores.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen have purchased the house on the McDermott lease and moved it into town on the lot where Mrs. Emde's house used to set. They have done some remodeling and moved in.

Mrs. Gene Richards and Mrs. Odis Coleman and daughter Susan of Eastland were Friday evening visitors with their Aunt, Mrs. Eula Northcutt and family.

Mrs. Coke Brumelow of Eastland visited the week end with her mother Mrs. Sylvia Abernathy. She also attended the ball game in Wichita Falls and visited with the David Woods family.

Mrs. Lora Abel and Ethel Keith were in Comanche Sunday evening visiting with Mrs. Abel and Mrs. Myrtle Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramond Anderson of Stephenville and Mrs. R. D. Wright were week end visitors with Mrs. Iva Buchan and Lillie.

Mrs. Earl Nabors of Phoenix, Arizona, Mr. Lewis Nabors and

MERRITT DUNN LEAVES HOSPITAL

Merritt Dunn, editor of the Carbon Messenger has been dismissed from the Eastland Hospital.

Doctors attending him following his injury in a car wreck last week found it necessary to remove his knee cap.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Eastland visited one day last week with Mr. and H. C. Abernathy.

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Pkg.		SWAN Pkg.	
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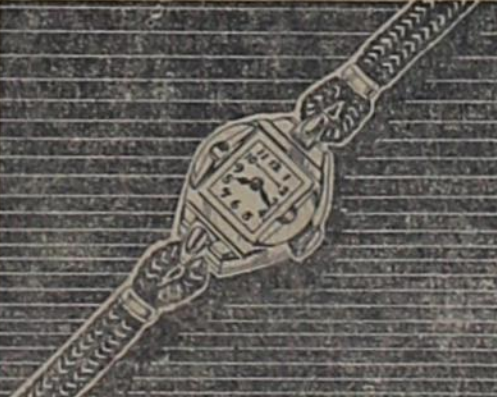
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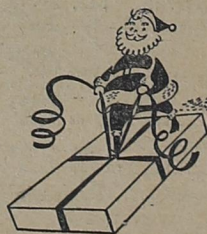
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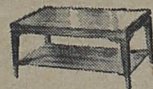
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