

De Leon, Lingleville Are Top Teams In Tourney

The Lingleville boys and De Leon girls won the Gorman Indian Trail Invitation Basketball Tournament Saturday, December 20th.

Coffee Break Talk By Joe Bennett

Well, another Christmas has come and gone and all we have left is the full feeling in our stomach due to over stuffing ourselves on the luscious food on the Christmas dinner table.

I have a question for you. Will you please tell me why two kids want the same thing to play with at the same time? Yes, I know what you mean, I can't figure it out either!

Heard a good joke during the Christmas holidays.

It seems the little boy went into a store and Santa Claus was there. So he got up in Santa's lap and told him what he wanted for Christmas.

When they left the store and continued on down the street and into another store, Santa was there also. So Santa looked down at the boy after sitting him on his knee and asked, "And what do you want for Christmas?"

We didn't have a white Christmas but we almost did. The snow started falling here on Tuesday and it sure will help the grain and cover crops in this area.

What's the matter Joe C? Can't you keep your carpenters working? You mean they took off just because it was snowing and only down to 26 degrees. That's no excuse.

SPEDY'S PICKS Cotton Bowl TCU - 22 - Air Force - 15 Sugar Bowl LSU - 21 - Clemson - 8 Orange Bowl Okla. - 21 - Syracuse - 12 Rose Bowl Iowa - 31 - Calif. - 8

JOE'S PICKS TCU - 14 - Air Force - 13 LSU - 28 - Clemson - 6 Okla. - 28 - Syracuse - 13 Iowa - 21 - Calif. - 12

Happy New Year to everyone. May your New Year be filled with resolutions you have kept and your future always bright.

GEORGE WARRENS HAVE NEW SON

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Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robertson of Gorman and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Warren of Gorman.

The Lingleville team defeated Dublin in the finals by a score of 57-45 and the De Leon girls won over Stephenville 42-34.

Lingleville had defeated the De Leon boys in the semifinals 43-33 and Dublin advanced to the finals by edging Scranton 48-42.

The De Leon girls gained the finals by beating Comanche 37-18 while Stephenville won over Priddy 43-34.

The Gorman boys were beaten by Scranton 51-26 and then lost to Ranger 59-22 in the consolation semi finals.

For Ladies Only By Ted Bickle

The jingle is all gone out of the bells, Rudolph's red nose has served its purpose in guiding Santa's sleigh, and Santa has doffed his travel suit and dusted off the soot collected from so many chimneys.

It has been a busy, hectic, happy time for all and the weather remained perfect throughout the Christmas days, making travel so much safer and it is a pity a lot more people didn't observe all the traffic laws so many more could have enjoyed the holiday season.

I'm glad all the rich food has been disposed of so we can go back to our simple meals again. Of course, all of you have your dried blackeyed peas for your "good luck" New Year's dinner!

BLACK-EYED PEA PATTIES Remove the strips of salt pork cooked with the peas. Measure out about 2 cups, leaving some liquid. Mash thoroughly, add a pinch or two of sage, 1 beaten egg, a sprinkle of cayenne pepper, 1/2 tablespoon flour, if needed to help hold the ingredients together.

Serve with broccoli and cheese sauce, cooked whole-butted carrots and for dessert try one of the frozen apple pies one of your grocers advertised two weeks ago. They are very delicious.

There are four business windows in town that were decorated somewhat unusual for the holidays. The first one was the Progress office; then Collins & Sons Agency, W. B. Baker, and Wright Bros. Implement Co.

There came to town a young man, his wife and daughter. All three were dressed in cowboy clothes. The father is a real cowboy and follows the rodeo circuit. When he isn't performing in the arena he takes his family and reads for the "open country".

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The All-Tournament boys team was composed of the following: First Team: Blackwell - Scranton Duncan - Dublin Hicks - Lingleville Proctor - Lingleville Fields - De Leon

Second Team: Warren - Gorman Tiemann - Priddy Pendleton - Dublin King - Ranger Oldham - Scranton

The girls All-Tournament team: First Team: George - F - De Leon Terrell - F - De Leon Drennan - F - Stephenville Brooks - G - De Leon Robertson - G - Gorman Richardson - G - Stephenville

Second Team: Rawls - F - Gorman Hoherz - F - Priddy McCarty - F - Dublin Mims - G - Comanche Wright - G - Gorman Stephens - G - Stephenville

The Gorman basketball teams play the De Leon teams Monday night at De Leon beginning at 7.

Irrigation Of Peanuts Profitable

College Station - Five years of experience in the West Coast Timbers area of Texas showed that wells of low capacity, 25 to 120 gallons per minute, can be used profitably in the production of irrigated peanuts.

From 1953-57, yields of peanuts on irrigated land averaged 34 bushels per acre compared with an average dryland yield of 14 bushels per acre - a net difference of 20 bushels in favor of the irrigated peanuts.

The small heads of water combined with the types of equipment needed result in an irrigation development cost ranging from \$146 to \$301 per acre irrigated on individual farms.

The cost of labor for irrigation and other costs associated with irrigation ranged from \$10.04 to \$16.67 and averaged \$13.66 per acre for the 5-year period.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has released a bulletin giving a complete summary of the study. It is entitled "Costs and Returns of Irrigated Peanut Production, West Cross Timbers, 1953-57."

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The mother and father have sleeping bags but there is a bed in the car for their two-year-old daughter.

So, I say to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson and beautiful little Ruthie - Happy Riding to Jim and Happy Hunting to Jim, Betty and Ruthie! Come back to see us for we enjoyed your visit.

Pioneer Presents Service Awards

On Wednesday evening, December 17th the Pioneer Natural Gas Company held its Christmas Party and this year combined it with a Service Award Dinner at Emerson's Cafe.

The two employees receiving awards for fifteen years continuous service were Mrs. H. H. Pullig and Mr. Alton Watson. Mr. Rayford Burgess, Mgr., received a ten year service award.

Other out of town guests were Mr. R. M. Curry, vice-president, and H. R. Budke, vice-president, of Lubbock, Mr. C. H. Rainwater, district manager, and Mr. Bill Grant, engineer from Big Spring.

Chuck Eaker, former operator of the Pina Service Station, has disposed of his stock in the station and has acquired and now operates the Humble Service Station formerly operated by Carl Dean Stacy.

Chuck Eaker Takes Over Humble Sta.

"Chuck" invites everyone to come by for courteous and efficient service and those good Humble products.

Fidelis Matrons Class Hold Meeting

On December 11th members of the Fidelis Matrons Class met in the beautiful decorated home of Mrs. D. R. Clark for their Christmas Party.

Miss Martha Foster read the Christmas Story. Terry and Tommy Clark sang, "Away in the Manger", and "Silent Night". Mrs. Don Turner led our prayer.

Then a very good refreshment plate was served to Mesdames B. M. Bennett, Lynn Butler, Nell Rainey, John West, Hulon Lasater, Dasie Peveto, Cynthia Earls, A. V. Seay, Pete Mauney, Don Turner, Buck Foster, Ray Rankin, Doyle Preston, and the hostess, Mrs. D. R. Clark.

A very good time was had by everyone. Mrs. Clark led the closing prayer.

CARD OF THANKS

Kirk's Nursing Home wishes to express their sincere thanks to all the churches, clubs, Sunday School classes, Mehaffey Drug, and Jay's Grocery for the nice gifts, flowers, food, fruit and candies, the Christmas Carols that were sang were beautiful, and the visits were appreciated.

And not only at Christmas, but we want to thank Mrs. Dave Harper for the many times she has come and brought so many useful things to the home.

May God bless each and every one of you is our prayer.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Hagood announce the arrival of a daughter, Donna La Nelle, on December 21, weighing 7 pounds and 4 ounces. She has a brother, Bill.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robertson of Gorman and paternal grandparents are Mr. Frank Hagood of Fort Worth and Mrs. Nannie Martin of Eastland.

Floyd and Louise McCormack and children recently returned from Georgia and spent the holidays with his parents, the E. F. McCormacks.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SURPLUS FOOD ISSUE DATE

The next issue date for the USDA Surplus Food Commodities in Eastland County will be as follows:

Monday, January 12th - Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

Tuesday, January 13th - Rising Star, Okra, Carbon, Gorman, and Desdemona.

Wednesday, January 14th - Cisco, Pioneer, Nimrod, and Scranton.

NOTICE

Gorman's new Telephone Directory will be printed next week. If you desire any change in your listing please contact the Gorman Telephone Co. by Monday, January 5th.

SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY

Gorman Schools will resume classes on Monday, January 5th, following the Christmas and New Years holidays.

DRIVERS LICENSE TESTS TO BE GIVEN HERE JANUARY 14

This is to inform you that I will be in Gorman at 9:30 a. m. January 14, 1959 for the purpose of examining applicants for Drivers License. Due to Christmas Holidays will be unable to examine applicants sooner.

M. A. Peterson Examiner-Patrolman

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Stated meeting of the Gorman Chapter No. 443, Order of the Eastern Star will be held on January 5 at 7:30 p. m. The District Deputy, Mrs. Carl Jones, will make her official visit.

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

NEW YEARS' SINGING

New Year's Singing will be held at Oliver Springs. Refreshments for all. There will be a lot of good singers present.

Come, sing with us. Mrs. Homer Richardson

ATTENTION

Will all the friends who left dishes at the Pendarvis home please pick them up this week between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Dishes are on the dining room table.

Thank you. Mr. Pendarvis

Hospital Report

Blackwell Hospital of Gorman reported the following listed as patients on Wednesday afternoon:

- 201 - W. D. Smith, Gorman
202 - Mrs. Frank Potet, Gorman
203 - Mrs. J. L. Woolsey, Cmnce
204 - Mrs. Edward Nabors, De Leon
205 - L. E. McNutt, Comanche
206 - Mrs. A. A. Hilley, Sidney
209 - Mrs. Tracy Harbin, Dublin
401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
402 - Mrs. Emma Norris, Gorman
403 - Conley Fields, Gorman
404 - J. W. Shook, De Leon
405 - Mrs. J. C. LaGrone, Cmnce
406 - Mrs. L. E. Melton, Ranger
407 - Mrs. Louis Andrus, Gorman
409 - Mrs. A. L. Jumper, Gorman
410 - Mrs. D. L. Varner, Ft Worth
411 - Jack Boyd, Ft Worth
412 - Luther Curtis, Carbon
415 - Brenda Hale, Stephenville
416 - Donald Holder, Desdemona
419 - Mrs. L. D. Sowell, Carlton

Births At Blackwell

Richard Hill Illingworth born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keith Illingworth of Cross Plains on December 26 weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

James Scott Smith born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith of Clyde on Dec. 23 weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces.

Stanley Emmanuel Reeves born to Mr. and Mrs. Othell Watkins Reeves of Cisco on December 25 weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces.

Tamra Myrisha Fisher born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fisher of Breckenridge on December 29th weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces.

Baby McClure born to Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McClure of Arlington weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

Cotton Growers Vote Approval For Quotas

Preliminary returns indicate that growers of both upland and extra long staple cotton approved marketing quotas for the 1959 crops in referenda held throughout the Cotton Belt Dec. 15, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture announced Dec. 16.

Of growers voting, early results show that 92.3 per cent approved quotas for the 1959 upland cotton crop, and 88.5 per cent approved quotas for the 1959 crop of extra long staple cotton.

Farm Road 2526 Open To Traffic

Construction on Farm Road 2526 from Carbon, Hwy. 6, through Pleasant Hill community and intersecting with Hwy. 183 about 8 miles south of Cisco, has been completed and opened to traffic.

The construction was done by the Maupin Construction Co. of San Antonio at a cost of \$121,766.

According to reports this highway will save a little more than 4 miles if you are going to Cisco by taking FM 2526 instead of continuing of Hwys. 6 and 80.

Attendance Drive At Church of Christ

The Attendance Drive is in full force at the Church of Christ. Each member is urged to bring someone to the services with them Sunday, January 4th.

Following the morning worship service there will be a covered dish luncheon at the Fire Hall.

The public is welcome to attend.

The So And Sew Corner By ROONEY WILLIAMS

We had a very nice meal here Tuesday before Christmas during our noon hour. Mrs. Coln fixed a delicious ham and everyone else contributed a dish and we all feasted and exchanged gifts.

Last week we finished another order of ladies Capri pants like the ones you see in Gus Frossard's window. Those, too were made here in our sewing room.

This Monday morning added some new faces around here. Jimmy Campbell is a new presser. Edna Roney is learning to operate the new buttonhole machine.

Atha McNabb entertained Mrs. Audley Fluit of San Luisobispo, Calif. over the weekend.

Ann Justice visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Whitley of Salem, Illinois over the holidays. Her daughter-in-law and new granddaughter, Mrs. Cy Doug Justice and little Kim, are visiting her now.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams and children were happy to have her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pair of Springler, N. M., with them for Christmas.

Visitors in Ona Rogers' home over the holidays were her son, Kenneth Rogers and his family, and her daughter, Maxine Huddleston and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Craighead and son, Wayne of Odessa, visited with Hazel Collins and family during Christmas.

Since quotas on both types of cotton have been approved by more than the necessary two-thirds of growers voting, marketing quotas will continue in effect for next year's cotton crops - with growers who exceed their applicable farm acreage allotments being subject to penalties on the farm's excess production.

Each farm operator who has an upland cotton acreage allotment will also have an opportunity in 1959 to elect a choice as to the kind of allotment - price support program which will apply to his crop.

Not later than January 31, the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to determine the levels of price support for the 1959 upland cotton crop. Each farm operator will then be notified of the alternate levels of support under his farm's Choice (A) and (B) allotments and of the final date - in most cases, March 16, 1959 - by which his choice must be registered at the local County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Office.

The marketing quota per acre on "excess" upland cotton is per cent of the cotton parity price as of June 15, 1959. The penalty on extra long staple cotton is either 50 per cent of parity price for extra long staple as of June 15, 1959, or 50 per cent of the support price for that kind of cotton, whichever is higher.

I want to thank everyone who came to visit me and all who sent cards while I was in the hospital and I especially want to thank the doctor's and nurses for their tender care.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Luke Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broom and Jessie and W. T. Broom, Johnny Bell and Lynn attended funeral services of Steve Broom on Tuesday at Clinton, Okla.

Miss Don Moorman of Fort Worth spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Dona Moorman.

Mrs. T. F. Morrow is in Fort Worth on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Underwood.

and granddaughter of Fort Worth visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Webb Sunday.

The Norman Woodall family visited in Haskell Sunday with their daughter and her family. She and her boys returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Barney Brannon of Rucker had all her children and grandchildren with her for supper Sunday night for the first time in years. Mrs. Brannon is Bertha Bryant's mother.



## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Christmas Day was observed Sunday, December 21st. in the J. R. Todd home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben De La Fosse and children of Groveton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd and sons of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Shugart of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Caldwell, and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn of Gorman.

Visitors in the C. H. Robertson home over Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Boucher and children of Glen Cove, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robertson and Mike of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Mauney and Gary of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haggood, Bill and Donna of Gorman, A. V. Gilmore and Leland Warren of Gorman, and Marjorie

Warren of Ft. Worth.

Berry Williams and Tam of Kermit are visiting his mother, Mrs. Pearl Williams of Austin during the holidays.

Guests in the R. O. Rankin home for Christmas were their two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Britton, four sons and daughter of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cockrell of Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood and family of Fort Worth spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Zelpha Wood, and the Maynard Bostons.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hansard of Brownfield visited relatives over the holidays.

Mrs. Grace Frances of Jacksonville, sister to Mrs. Gene Baker, spent the holidays with her.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poyner and Miriam of Ranger spent Christmas in the home of the Gene Bakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Phillips and

family of Pasadena visited her mother, Mrs. Ethel Harrell, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Bennett and boys spent Friday through Sunday in Ft. Worth with Jolene Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bell and Randy.

Visiting the M. H. Fairbatters during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairbetter and La Gina of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Russell, Steve and Marc of Mineral Wells, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Fairbetter, Linda Fairbetter, and Sharon Clark of Boyd. The Russells also visited the Whit Russells.

Holiday visitors of Miss Dora Baskin and Mr. Hugh Baskin were Mrs. Roy Baskin and son, Roy V. Baskin, of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Doc Baskin and son of Lamesa.

Mrs. J. W. Townsend had as holiday guests her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Henry

Wright of Tulsa, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Smith of Pilot Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Burns of El Paso.

Visitors in the A. N. Mahan home for the holidays included Mr. and Mrs. Olen Snyder of Delmita, Mrs. Nesa Cunningham of Sweetwater, Mrs. Mamie Clement and 2 grandchildren of Houston, Miss Opal Clement of Dallas, Mrs. J. A. Clement and Mrs. Carroll Lander of Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Elon Reaves of Eastland, and Bro. and Mrs. Lee Fields

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and family during the holidays were his mother, Mrs. Ruby Bennett, and his brothers and their families, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett and son of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett and sons of Weatherford, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett and sons of Ranger, also her mother, Mrs. Clayton Rhyne, of Carbon, and Mrs. Clayton B. Rhyne and son of Corpus Christi.



By F. L. Rowley

NANCY thought that she was one of the best cooks in the whole world. Hadn't everyone who tasted one of her meals praised her work in the kitchen? What she was especially proud of was her rice pudding. Even Nancy's mother grudgingly admitted that she couldn't make such delicious pudding.

Nancy's secret recipe for rice pudding, which she had discovered one day quite by accident, was safely tucked away in a corner of her brain. When the time came she would use it in her search for a husband.

Nancy's sister Ellen had the same idea about catching a husband. When Ellen began going to ball games and movies with Phil Carson, Nancy found it necessary to guard her secret more jealously than ever. On more than one occasion she'd noticed Ellen peeking through the kitchen doorway just when she was about to mix the pudding.



"Nancy, I'd like to buy your rice pudding recipe."

One day, when Ellen could stand it no longer she said: "Nancy I'd like to buy your rice pudding recipe."

"It's not for sale."  
"But I've simply got to have it. Phil says he's crazy about rice pudding."

"It's still not for sale. But I'll make it for you."

"That would be cheating."  
"I don't see why," said Nancy. "You know what they say about all being fair in love and war. And what about some of the tall tales a man tells before he gets married?"

"I don't suppose he expects the girl to take him seriously on every count, does he?"

Phil Comes To Dinner  
"Of course not. Now you just invite Phil over to dinner Christmas day and I'll make the pudding."

Phil Carson came to dinner and raved about the meal, especially Ellen's rice pudding. Nancy smiled happily.

On Sunday Phil came to supper. He said the pudding was great and Nancy smiled again, a bit wistfully this time. It really didn't seem fair to deceive him.

Came New Year's eve and Phil dutifully praised the rice pudding. Nancy actually felt sorry for him. When they were clearing the table, she cornered Ellen and told her so.

"But you told me anything was fair in love and war," Ellen said. "Anyway, I'm becoming bored with Phil."

"I thought you liked him?"  
"So did I. Now I wish that I could unload him on someone. Would you like to go out with him tonight. Suddenly I'm getting a headache."

"Would he go with me?" Nancy asked.

"Of course he'll go with you. He thinks you're cute. And if you talk about eating he won't even watch the picture."

Phil was sorry about Ellen's headache, but he would be delighted to take Nancy.

"It's too bad that Ellen couldn't go," Nancy said as they climbed into Phil's car.

Phil studied her thoughtfully before answering. "Nancy, you're not a cooking maniac too, are you?"

Nancy blushed. How did he know? "I putter around in the kitchen some," she said.  
"That's all? Good! He leaned close to confide: Do you know I've had rice pudding up to here!"  
"But I thought you liked it?"

I Like Apple Pie  
"I used to, before I got into a pudding eating contest with your family. How do you stand the stuff?"

Nancy laughed. "I like apple pie," she said.  
"Now you're talking. Say, there's a good ball game next Sunday, Think Ellen would mind if I took you?"

"You and Ellen aren't engaged are you?" she asked pointedly.

"No."  
"Okay," she said. "We'll begin with our New Year resolution. No more rice pudding!"

It has been said no rice was thrown at the wedding.



Contrary to some belief, the New Year doesn't explode around the world in unison with the shouts of the merry throng in Times Square. Actually, by the time the United States rings its bells and chimes to greet 1959, the year will be many hours old in other parts of the world.

The New Year begins at the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line, near the Chatham Islands in New Zealand. From this point the line curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

At 12:01, January 1, in the islands, it is still December 31 in New York and London. Yet, once it leaves the islands, the New Year moves like a jet—to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before reaching American shores at Maine. It takes three more hours to get to California. Alaska, the 49th State to enter the Union is also the last to welcome in the New Year, some two hours later than California.

For most Americans watching their TV sets this season, the New Year will begin with the roar of the crowds along Times Square. It will make little difference that the year is eight hours old in Moscow or two hours old in Buenos Aires.



Add our voice to those wishing you success in the New Year. And thanks for your cooperation.

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The above feeds are good, sound feeds and will have every pound in each bag that is supposed to be there. All of our feeds will have ground peanut hulls as the only roughage or filler. People who have fed peanut hulls know they are good. People who have not will wonder, of course, and for this reason, we refer you and any interested customers to Morrison's Feed and Feeding Book.

This book is accepted by the feed industry as the most reliable authority on feeds available. You will find that peanut hulls are listed as having 3.2% digestible protein while cottonseed hulls will show only 0.1%. Other feeds shown are Johnson Grass hay 2.9%; Prairie hay 2.6%; Oat straw 0.9%; and ground corn cobs 0.4%. This information proves to be an eye-opener for a lot of people. The old standby, cottonseed hulls, has very little digestible protein.

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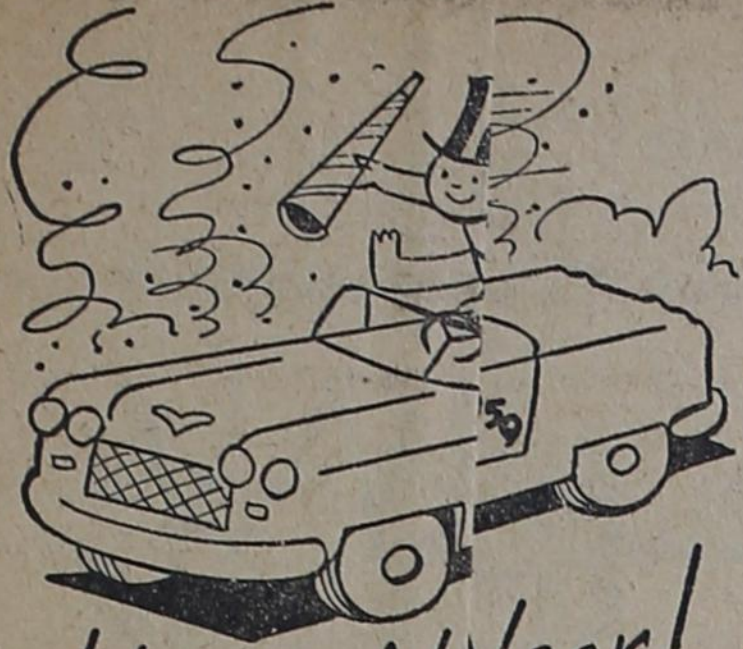


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**HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE BASKETBALL**

- Jan. 5 - De Leon at De Leon
- Jan. 9 - Comanche at Gorman
- Jan. 16 - Desdemona at Gorman\*
- Jan. 23 - Rising Star at Gorman\*
- Jan. 27 - Gorman at Olden\*
- Jan. 30 - Carbon at Gorman\*
- Feb. 3 - Gorman at Desdemona\*
- Feb. 5-6-7 - HSU Girls Tourney
- Feb. 10 - Gorman at Rising Star\*
- Feb. 13 - Olden at Gorman\*
- Feb. 17 - Gorman at Carbon\*

\* Denotes District Games

**Calendar Dates From 1882; Will Last Until 2500**

Despite efforts from time to time to set up a new method of marking time, the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in the year 1582 appears unlikely to be replaced for some time to come. . . probably until at least 2500 A. D. Mathematicians guarantee that the calendar will be accurate until that time.

The Gregorian calendar still doesn't please everybody. But this is not unusual. People like to be fussy about time. Once a year in many areas of the United States there is the annual squabble about the use of "daylight saving time". Periodically, residents in one area who live in the edge of another time zone attempt to get the zones changed. Kentucky, for example, was the scene of such activity recently when residents of several cities of that state, tiring of switching each summer to "daylight saving time" attempted to get their clocks moved up an hour all year round by having the Eastern Time Zone extended further westward.

Our current method of keeping time takes into consideration the solar year which actually consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Because of the extra hours, minutes and seconds, it is required that the Gregorian calendar contain a well-ordered system of Leap Years to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian Calendar provides that years divisible by four, exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century-marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

**Rose Bowl Game Was Not Always Main Attraction Of Tournament Of Roses**

The Rose Bowl football game began as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Success of the California classic brought about the many "bowl" games that are played today. Surprisingly, the Rose Bowl football game did not catch the immediate fancy of the public. After the 1902 game, in which Michigan defeated Stanford, chariot races were substituted and collegiate football was

not a part of the Tournament of Roses again until 1916. But the "daddy" of the bowl games has been going great guns ever since.

**Year 46 B. C. Contained Over Four Hundred Days**

The year we now refer to as 46 B. C., was the longest year in calendar history. It contained 445 days, and for a very good reason.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Despite the fact that it was revised several times, this calendar was some two months behind the sun by the time of Julius Ceasar.

Ceasar put his experts to work revising the calendar. The experts came up with a calendar, but were somewhat undecided as to what should be done about the two months needed to catch up with the sun.

They solved the problem by inserting the two months between the months of November and December, thus giving the year 46 B. C. a total of 445 days.

**TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**

By Rev. Edward M. Scovers  
 Pastor of Assembly of God

Isaiah 9-6: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Nearly twenty-seven centuries have passed since these God-inspired words rang out through the lips of Isaiah, the prophet. They still echo in the hearts of every true Christian. During this Christmas season they remind us of God's loving grace and His tender compassion that extended mercy to a lost, sinful world.

Some folks would have us believe that it is not right to celebrate Christmas. It is true that early Christians did not remember the day. It is also true that much of what is called Christmas celebration and Christmas cheer today is far removed from the unselfish Christ-honoring spirit that pervaded the early church.

But all that need not affect the Christian. Isaiah's prophecy is enough ground for making the remembrance of our Lord's birth day of rejoicing. We need not live as though we were honoring some heathen deity. But the Bible gives us a right to feast. Why be ashamed to be glad? No one has a better right to be happy than a Christian.

So, let us celebrate the Saviour's birth, but let us "keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

NOTE: (We regret this article was received too late for our Christmas edition.)

**French Celebrate New Year With Religious Ceremonies**

Just as it is everywhere else in the world, January 1 is a day of celebration, visiting and toasting of health in France. But, la jour de la bonne annee, as the French call it, has a more serious side.

Churches are generally crowded on New Year's Eve, which is also the Vigil of St. Sylvester, an early pontiff and father of the Church. In rural communities 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 year.

It is French custom to remember the dead as well as the living on New Year's Day and most families visit the graves of departed members.



Friends in this community have made it possible for us to have a very successful year. We look forward to 1959 and your continued friendship.

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## Happy Holiday 1959

*With this old fashioned greeting we wish our many customers and friends a very, very happy New Year.*

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#### SUGGESTED NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. I'll check up on my Social Security record this year.
2. I'll inquire BEFORE I retire.
3. I'll tell my family about the life insurance I have under social security.
4. I'll show my card to each new employer; I won't give my number from memory.
5. I'll put my correct number on my income tax return.
6. I'll get my free booklet on the 1958 Amendments to the Social Security Act.

Most of us make a few New Year's Resolutions each year, some of which get broken before February. However, the folks down at the Abilene Social Security office hopes you'll pick out the ones above that apply to you and keep them - - not only in 1959, but from now on.

With the increase in social security taxes and the increase in benefit amounts, and with the addition of some new types of benefits, every family ought to read and study a copy of the booklet, "Your Social Security," to insure that rightful benefits are not lost through ignorance. Free booklets on all phases of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance provisions of the Social Security Act are available at any Social Security District Office.

In ancient Rome, the priests called the people together on the first day of the month, known as the Calends, and announced the sacred days and festivals to be observed during the month.

Making New Year resolutions is a good idea if the right spirit attends the making. Resolutions should be made with careful thought and with consideration for it is better to make no resolutions at all than to make a number of resolves which we know will be impossible to accomplish.



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#### IN APPRECIATION

We want to try to express our appreciation and many thanks to Mrs. Marvin Nix and her little school class for their nice visit in our home to sing sweet Christmas Carols for us. Also their nice gift. And, little children, words cannot express how we appreciate the little cards you all made for us. They will be placed in our treasure box. It is such a real blessing to our hearts to see little children starting out being co-workers for Jesus Christ.

And too we want to thank Mrs. Speck Clark's Sunday School Class from the Baptist Church for their lovely gift. We also want to remember to thank the Brown Jug Cafe for the nice Thanksgiving dinner they sent over.

So to one and all may we say thanks again. May God's blessings rest upon each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Taylor

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express sincerest thanks and appreciation to each and everyone who helped in any way to make our Christmas season more cheerful.

For the love offerings from so many of our friends at Kokomo, Rock Bluff, Duster, Bethel, St. Joe, and others. To Mr. Olin Oglesby and Verl McKelroy for bailing our hay without charge.

The many Christmas cards, gifts and birthday cards. For every act of kindness shown now and in the past we say thank you.

May God's richest blessings be upon each of you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Skaggs

## Kirk's Nursing Home Notes

The following are reported residents of the Kirk's Nursing Home in Gorman:

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## GREETINGS

*We hope your Christmas was one. Now it's time to wish you a sincere Happy Year and to express the hope we can continue to us in 1959.*

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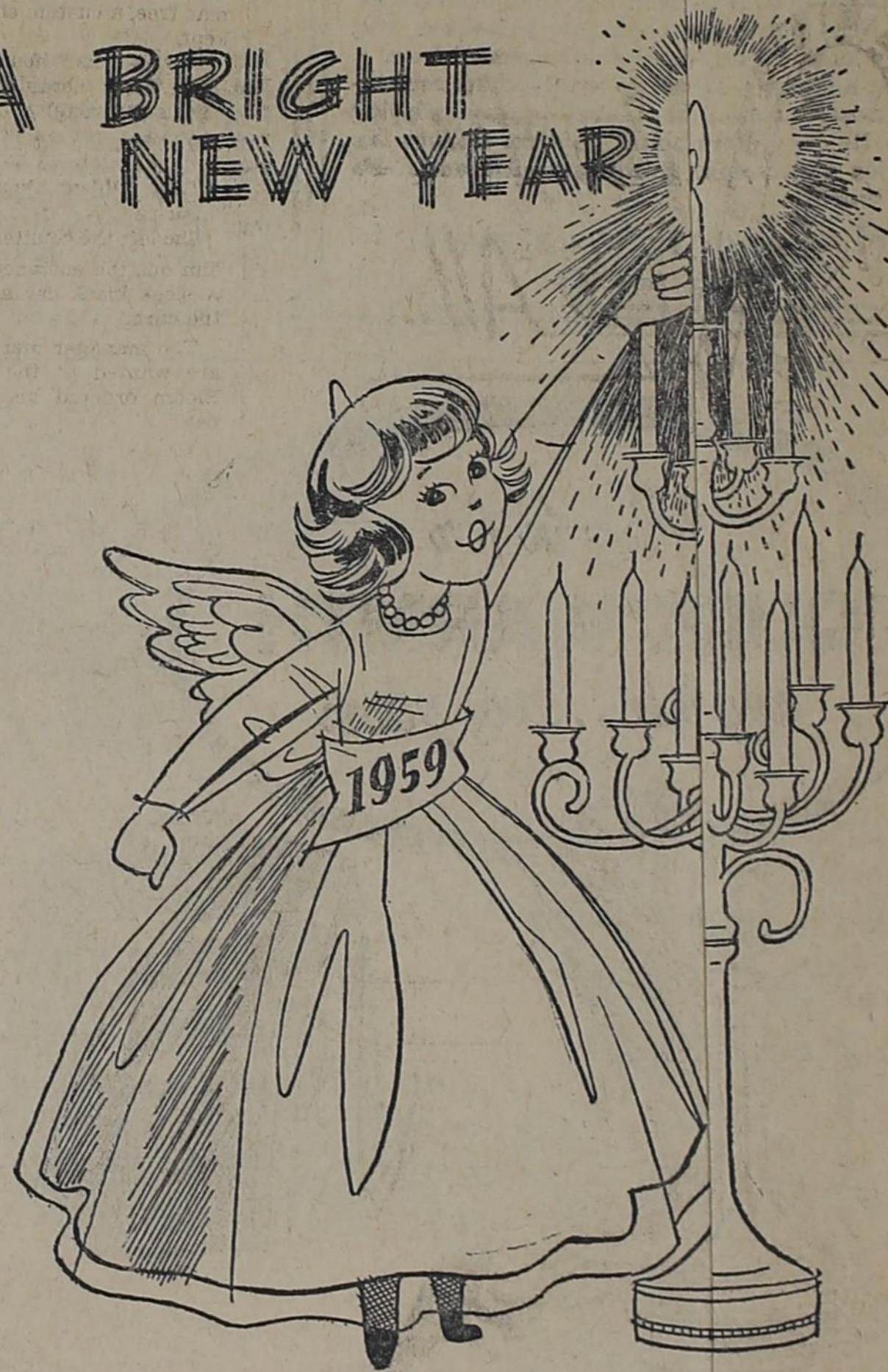
It is almost twelve and time to wish you a very Happy New Year! Thanks for all your kindnesses during the passing year.

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**Blackwell Hospital**  
Gorman, Texas

## A BRIGHT NEW YEAR



*We hope the New Year will indeed be a "bright one" for you. Serving you during the year now passing has been a pleasure. To all our friends we say Happy New Year!*

## GORMAN PEANUT COMPANY

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**Meet and Eat at the Brown Jug Cafe on Hwy. 6**



Mrs. Etha Pittman had as her guests last Sunday her brother, Mr. Lee Smith, and wife of Fort Worth and Mrs. Lowell Rainwater of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rankin and daughter, Carole Rae, and W. G. Baker spent Christmas in Dallas with relatives.

Christmas visitors in the J. A. Watson home were Mr. and Mrs. James Teeson of San Francisco, Calif. and Mrs. Roy Alexander and son, Phil of Snyder.

Mrs. Edna Kirk of Ropesville was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baze and family of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. B. Baze and family of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Neal Baze and family of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Baze and family of Gorman were guests in the J. A. Baze home for the holidays. There were six grandchildren in the group.

Recent visitors in the Bert Kent home were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Van of Olden, Bert Ray Kent and family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace of Pottsville, Carl Bohannon and family, and Mrs. Ida Rone of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jan Acrea of Austin spent Christmas holidays with his parents, the G. C. Acreas. They also visited other relatives here.

## A New Year to Remember

By Fran Pachter

GRACE mustered a faint smile in an effort to hide her flagging spirits. With aching feet and a mind more than a little numbed by the repetitious questions flung at her by last minute shoppers, she cared little whether they were satisfied or not. She and millions of other sales girls by New Year's eve cared little for the holiday.

Joy over "a new start" had ceased entirely for her two years ago. She and Don had been shopping when a cab jumped the curb and hit Don. Don had wound up hospitalized and paralyzed from the waist down with no promised date that he would ever walk again.

Grace had gone back to work with but weekly visits to see Don to break the monotony. Bills rose to frightening figures. No settlement had yet been made from the accident.

At times she ached with bitterness. Their plans had been average, a home and family, the usual things for the young. It was hard to reconcile their loss.



"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately."

With this as a background Grace could hardly be expected to look forward to the holiday. She didn't even bother this year with a Christmas tree, a custom she had always kept.

It was a half hour until closing time when her floor manager's voice cut through the babble of the irksome, can't make up my mind women that lined her counter.

"Mrs. Wilson, you are wanted outside immediately."

She left the counter and followed him out the entrance of the store. A sleek black car awaited her at the curb.

The manager merely said, "You are wanted at the hospital. Mr. Bloom ordered his car for your use."

"Don's worse, I know it." She spoke to no one in particular and engrossed as she was she did not notice the grin of conspiracy that the manager and the chauffeur exchanged.

They covered several miles before she became aware they were not on the hospital road. "This isn't the way," she cried in panic. "The Cresview is east."

"My orders are to stop here first," said the driver. He pulled up before a new ranch-type home. "Go on in."

### Happy Reunion

Grace ran from the car and up the walk. She paused and looked back. The driver had a big grin on his face. She rang the bell and the door opened immediately.

She screamed when she saw Don just inside the door in a wheelchair. His voice was calm.

"It's all okay, honey. Welcome to your new home. This is my New Year present to you. I've been released from the hospital for good and your store helped me fix up this surprise."

Amazed, she looked about her and there lay many of her things from the room she had been living in. All she could utter was, "I don't understand."

Don smiled happily. "I received a settlement from the accident. This is ours. And I have another surprise for you if you think you can stand it."

### Don Walks

He eased himself carefully from the wheel chair and took a few steps. "I have been walking a few steps each day for the past few weeks."

All the bitterness that had so long been a part of Grace melted. For the first time she realized she still carried a paper that the manager had pressed into her hand when she left the store. Opening it she read: A very Happy New Year to you both. Select your furniture at the store. It's on the house.

Don flicked a light switch and the room was filled with gay lights from a Christmas tree in the corner. The Wilsons were having a New Year they'd never forget.

Glogg, the favorite drink for the festive New Year table in Sweden, is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom—usually set afire just before serving.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Chinese Celebrated Two Weeks

Our New Year celebration is equally gay, perhaps but still short-lived in comparison with the observance that took place in Old China. In the ancient land of China, the New Year celebration lasted from three days to two weeks and its revelry equalled all of our holidays rolled into one. Family gatherings are as traditional in China as in the rest of the world, but there was also the constant burst of exploding firecrackers, gala feasts and the exchanging of gay presents and cards. The Chinese, too, considered it wise to visit friends and to pay debts at the start of the New Year.

Mankind's first celebration of the New Year is lost somewhere in the pages of time. It is certain, however, that January 1 has not always been the date celebrated. The Egyptians considered the overflowing of the Nile the start of a new year and consequently celebrated during the month of

June. The Romans and Babylonians began their year in March. January 1 did not become universally celebrated until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries which had already adopted the Gregorian calendar.

The Jewish calendar now reads 5719 in relation to 1959 A. D. The Jews observe one-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ending on Yom Kippur. Japanese bells ring out 108 times at midnight on New Year's Eve, ushering in the New Year and reminding the people of the 108 commandments of Buddha.

Among the ancient customs still observed is the practice of scattering parched beans about the house, supposedly to drive away evil influences and invite good luck to enter the home.

In earlier times, the flimsy construction of Japanese homes made them fire hazards, and made fire-

age with his finger. The text, solemnly read and interpreted, was believed indicative of the luck—good or bad—that was in store during the year ahead.

Watching the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. Whether the greeting is "Bonne Annee!" such as in France; "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" as one would hear in Spain, or just "HAPPY NEW YEAR!"—it is a good time to be with friends and to join in a sincere toast to the future and whatever fortune it may hold.

### Named for Janus

The month of January was named "Janus" by the Romans, in honor of the two-faced god who was believed to look back over the past and be able to foretell the future. Janus was always represented with a key in his hand, suggesting that he had the power to open all doors and gateways.



It is time once again to observe the holiday of the New Year turning, to joyfully celebrate the fact that we have come to another turning point in the recording of man's time on earth.

According to custom, gaiety is the keynote of the New Year observance. This is the time of year when we don't mind letting our hair down—or covering it up with a gaily-colored party hat. For some peculiar reason—as if we in some way personally contributed to the fact that another year has been successfully concluded—we enjoy a feeling of accomplishment. Yet, New Year's Day, like the greater holiday of Christmas which it so closely follows, brings to us much more than another chance to be gay and happy with ourselves.

The New Year rightfully should be a time for reflection—not in the nostalgic vein—but with a careful eye of appraisal. While it is well enough to "never look down" from the heights, the wise man-in-a-hurry must look back over his shoulder from time to time if he is to accurately estimate his progress and achievement.

We are mostly happy with the arrival of a New Year because it is our nature to plan and to dream of better things in the future. We like the chance to start again with "a clean slate" which provides plenty of room for the recording of new ambitions, new aims and new achievements. But, we sometimes forget that January 1 brings only a change in the calendar and the postmark on our letters. We are still the person that we were on December 31.

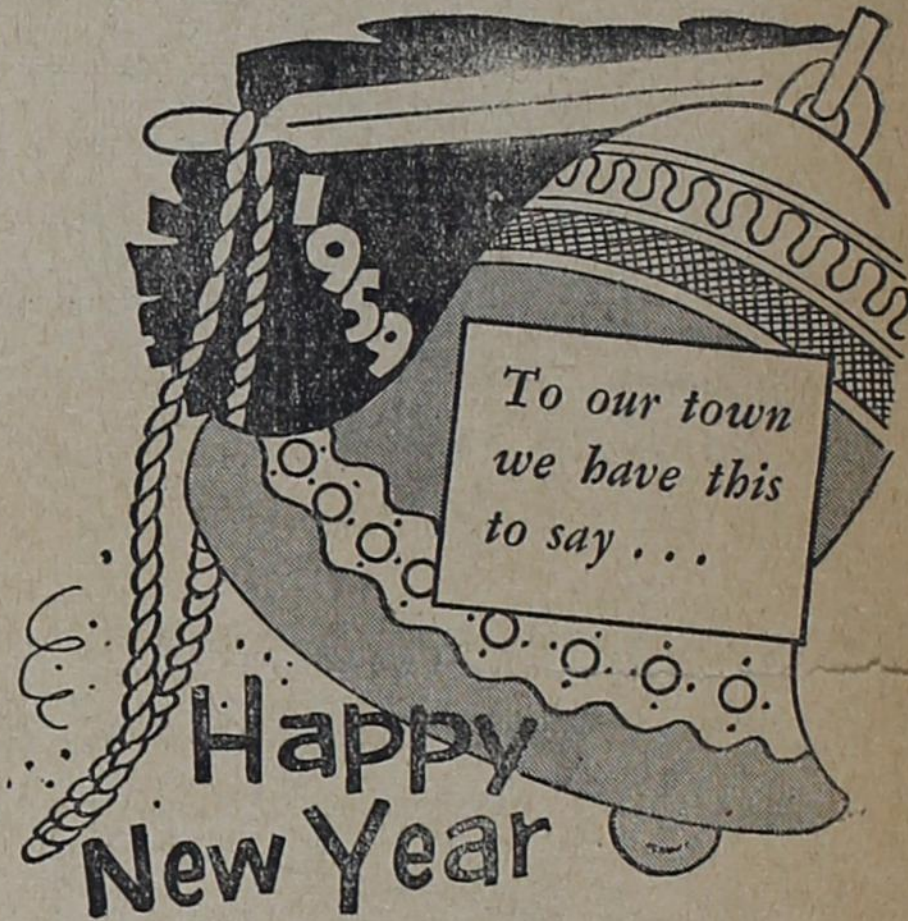
If we are then to profit from the New Year 1959, we must determine that our experiences during 1958—the accomplishments, failures and the things left undone—give some indication of our chances for success during the year ahead. We can look to the future; but we must build on the past.

We sincerely hope that 1959 will be a year of achievement, peace and prosperity for us all.



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# Highlights and Sidelights

From Our State Capitol  
By Vern Sanford.

AUSTIN - - There's the Iron Curtain, the Bamboo Curtain and what might be called the "Oaken Curtain" - - those heavy oak doors in the State Capitol and elsewhere that sometimes swing shut when public officials are transacting public business.

Several newspaper organizations are forging a battering ram with which they'll make a run at the "Oaken Curtain" during the next legislative session.

Three measures designed to prevent concealment of public information will be offered. Briefly, here's what the bills

would do:

No. 1. Make open to the public at all times all official meetings of all city councils, commissioners courts, legislative committees and state boards, commissions and agencies. Any official found in violation would be liable to a \$100 to \$1,000 fine and removal from office, and the action taken in secret would be invalid.

No. 2. Make any official who prevents or refuses to permit inspection of a public record liable to a \$100 to \$500 fine and removal from office.

(Neither of the above measures would apply to any meeting or record not open to the public under present laws.)

No. 3. Make any person who takes and carries away a public record "with intent to destroy, suppress, alter or conceal" liable

to a three to seven-year prison sentence.

All three measures are being sponsored by the Associated Press Managing Editors Association and have been endorsed by the Texas Association of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional newsmen's organization.

All the bills, said Ed Wishcamp of Abilene, APME's freedom of information chairman, are based on the premise "that the public is entitled to know what goes on in the government divisions which levy and spend taxes and whose decisions affect the lives of the people."

Or, from another viewpoint, if it's truly "government of the people, by the people and for the people," there's seldom need to hide it from the people.

**WHO MEETS SECRETLY** - - Insofar as Austin is concerned, the most likely targets for freedom of information proposal No. 1 are the Legislative Budget Board and the State Board of Health.

The Budget Board, a joint panel of senators and house members, meets in advance of sessions to thrash out recommendations on how much money to appropriate where. Billions in public money are involved.

Shut-out Capitol pressmen contend the public ought to be in on these decisions.

But Budget Board members point out that it's terribly touchy business at this point and that premature reporting would be like taking the lid off a box of bees. They can't speak frankly, they say, and come to an understanding with reporters present. And besides, the story goes, the Budget Board's report will be made public when it is submitted to the Legislature.

State Board of Health has excluded reporters from sessions in which it decides the allocation of millions in federal hospital-building funds. The Health Board, too, contends that it eventually makes its decisions public. Newsmen complain that the reports are slow in coming in and hard to get.

State Board of Insurance was petitioned by Sigma Delta Chi's Austin Chapter to keep its public records and meetings open. This Board promptly replied that it had not and would not attempt to conceal any official acts or hearings.

Some official activities are, by

law, conducted in private. Senate meets in executive session when deciding whether to confirm appointments by the governor. Also the Senate committee on nominations. In these sessions discussion involves people - - the appointees - - in a very personal way. Newsmen recognize this problem.

Also, the deliberations of both grand juries and petit juries are conducted in legal privacy since the reputation of innocent, as well as guilty, persons are involved.

None of these legally confidential activities would be affected by the freedom of information measures.

**GOING "FIRST CLASS"** - Reconstruction was over, but fence-cutting was causing a lot of trouble in West Texas in 1883.

That was also the year the Legislature finally got around to acting under seven-year-old Constitutional instructions to "as

soon as practicable, establish, organize and provide for the maintenance, support and direction of a university of the first class."

At the conclusion of its 75th anniversary celebration, a special committee of 75 made a report on its year-long study of progress. Its conclusion: the University "stands on the threshold of true greatness," but is not yet really "first class."

Committee labeled some departments and schools "superior", most just "satisfactory." It recommended more money for research money to attract professors of world-wide renown, money to hold the talented young professors. It recommended eliminating the "dead weight" of inferior faculty members.

Texas is well able to support these advances, said the Committee. It called on the Legislature not to appropriate income from the University's Permanent Fund for current expenses, but allow the regents to us it for steps toward "excellence."

Desired end product would be, by the 100th anniversary, a university ranking among the top five or six in the nation.

**BUDGET BLUES** - - Texas General Revenue Fund, like many a personal account, is going to be badly in arrears by the first of the year.

Deficit is expected to be about \$40,000,000 by the time the Legislature meets Jan. 13.

General Revenue began the fiscal year in September with about \$13,000,000 on hand. In the months since expenses have consumed this and put the state in the hole at the rate of about \$13,000,000 a month.

State employees have been able to continue cashing their checks only because banks agreed to hold them until the State Treasury gets money to make them good.

First headache facing the lawmakers will be finding money to pay their own salaries, secretaries, expenses, etc. Possibilities are deficit financing or borrowing from special funds.

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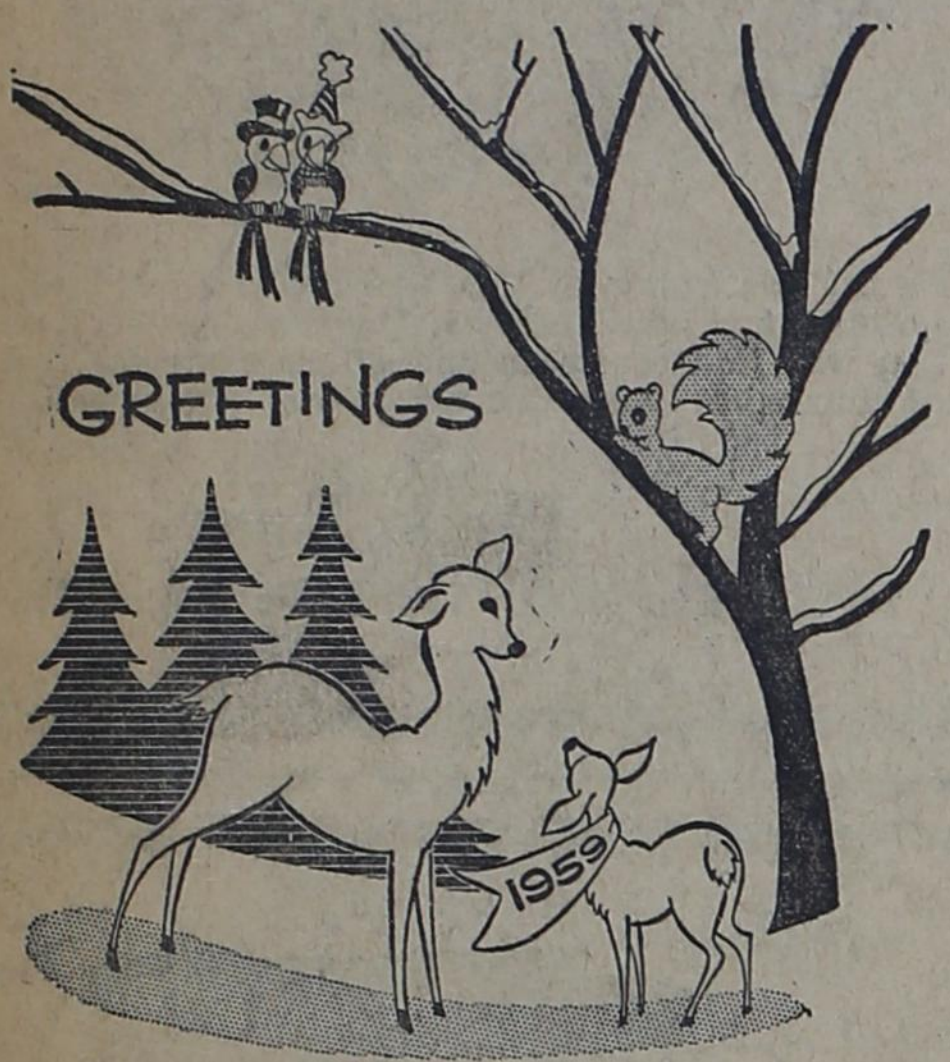


With you we welcome 1959 and hope that we may continue to merit your valued friendship which you so kindly gave us during the past year. Happy Holiday!

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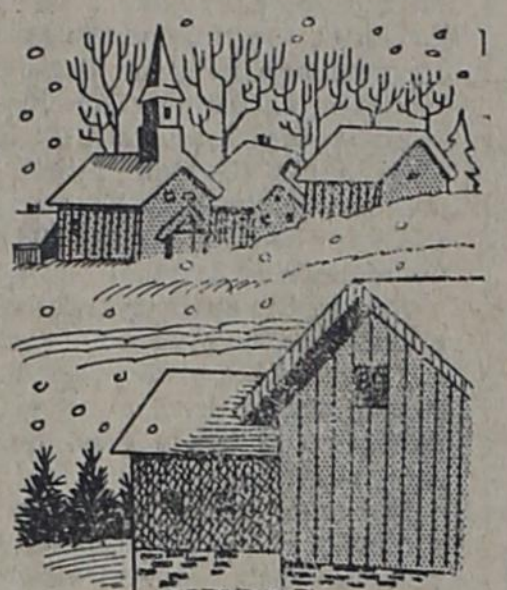


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**HAPPY New Year 1959**

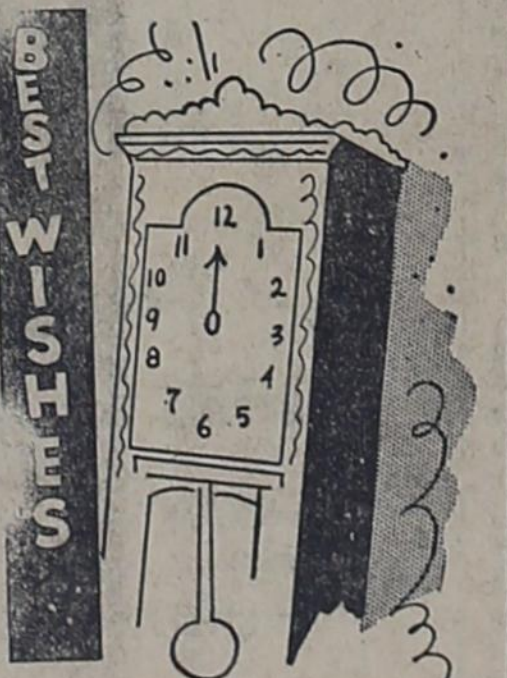
We send you this New Year message in appreciation of the confidence you have shown in us.

**COLLINS & SONS AGENCY**



New Year's day is the time to make resolutions, so here is ours: to serve you to the best of our ability in 1959.

**EPPLER'S Army-Navy Surplus**



May 1959 find your star rising to a new height. We hope you will continue to let us serve you.

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Mr. and Mrs. (Jug) DENNIS

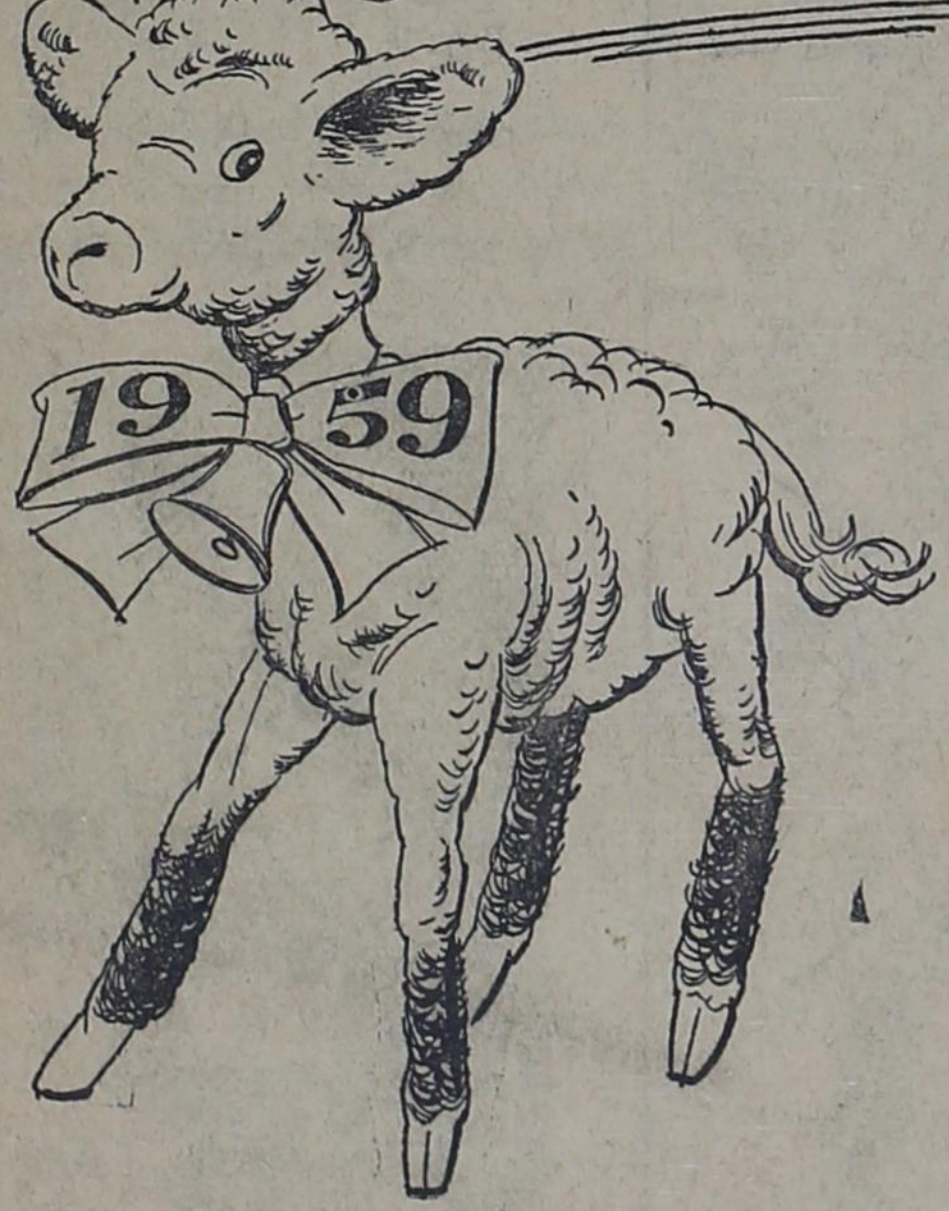
# HAPPY NEW YEAR



To all of our friends everywhere we send the warmest of greetings for the New Year and hope we may continue to serve you in 1959.

**Higginbotham's**

# Happy New Year



Please accept our friendly good wishes and thanks for your good-will and patronage during the past year. We hope 1959 will be a prosperous and happy year for you.

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