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Tucker-White Vows Said Dec. 18

Mrs. Irby O. Tucker, 306 West Plummer, Eastland, and Lee M. White of Rising Star were united in marriage at 7 p. m. Friday evening, December 18, 1959 in the Church of Christ in Rising Star. Minister for the church, Brother Dabney, officiated for the single ring ceremony in the presence of close friends and relatives. These were Mr. and Mrs. Will Ware, sister to the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. George Prestidge of Eastland.

For the wedding trip the bride chose an Aqua light wool suit with pink blouses and accessories, with a corsage of pink carnations. The couple went to Ballinger and San Angelo for the weekend, returning to Eastland Sunday night.

Firemen Play Santa Claus

Volunteer Firemen of Gorman played Santa Claus on December 21st. and delivered bags of fruit, candy and nuts to shut-ins and a number of other folks.

The bride is a graduate of Ranger Junior College and is presently employed as office secretary to the Eastland County Farm Bureau. She is also serving a two-year term as State Secretary for the Texas Home Demonstration Ass'n. Church and civic activities are also a part of her busy routine.

Mr. White is a native of Rising Star and has been in the business of oil field transportation and trucking since the early twenties.

The couple plan to live in Rising Star some time in the future.

Bro. Don Turner Accepts Call To Nacogdoches

Bro. Don Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announced his resignation at the close of the morning service Sunday morning. The pastor and his family will be moving to Nacogdoches this week.

"It is with a real feeling of regret that we must take this decision and yet we must practice what we preach. We have always taught that every Christian should follow the will of the Lord and we feel that it is His will for us to go and labor in this new field. Our church has just reached a new height in Mission giving with an offering of over \$1000 this Christmas. We are at an all time high in real spiritual fellowship. We have just adopted the most challenging budget of our history with 22 percent of every dollar given going to missions through our cooperative program. If there is any dissention we are not aware of it. You could not be in a better spiritual condition to seek a new undershepherd.

"We appreciate the wonderful way you have made us feel a part of your community. We never expect to find finer friends and real love and Christian fellowship than has been ours in Gorman. We feel that our relationship with all the people of all faiths has been an expression of genuine Christian love and we shall miss you all very much.

"To Kernel Gene we wish to say thank you for all the wonderful cooperation in publishing our news and giving us the very best presentation any paper could afford. We are glad to count you as a personal friend."

Bor. Don Turner & Family

Pantherettes Lose In Semi-Finals At HPC Tourney

The Gorman High School girls basketball team was defeated by Hawley in the first Annual Howard Payne Tournament by a score of 30-21 in the semi-finals.

The Pantherettes had defeated May 45-32 in their first game of the tournament.

The tournament was won by Coleman who defeated Hawley 43-41 in a double overtime in the finals.

WSC Enjoy Annual Christmas Party

The Woman's Study Club had their annual Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. G. C. Acrea. The home was beautifully decorated throughout. The tree was especially lovely with all the beautifully wrapped gifts which were passed out and enjoyed by all.

The story, "The Little Mixer" was presented by Mrs. John Dowd. She is a wonderful story teller and everyone enjoyed this part of our program very much.

Mrs. Eula Lee Mears, our new member, was welcomed.

Then everyone that was able, after such a lovely meal of ham and all the trimmings including German Chocolate Cake and coffee, sang Christmas carols with Mrs. Buchanan at the piano.

Everyone went home refreshed and ready to finish up the last minute buying and baking.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ISSUE DATES FOR USDA SURPLUS FOODS GIVEN

The next issue date for the USDA Surplus Foods, for the Rising Star, Pioneer, Okra, Carbon, Gorman, and Desdemona area is Tuesday, January 12.

Monday, January 11 - Eastland, Olden and Ranger.

Wednesday, January 13 - Cisco, Scranton and Nimrod.

SHERIFF J. B. WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

Sheriff J. B. Williams today announced that he will be a candidate for re-election in the coming Democratic primary election.

In announcing his intentions to seek another term of office as sheriff, Williams said he would make his formal announcement at a later date.

"I want to thank everyone for their support in the past, and I want them to know I am seeking their continued backing."

STATED MEETING O.E.S. MONDAY AT 7:30 P. M.

Stated meeting of the Gorman Chapter No. 443, Order of the Eastern Star will be held Monday night, 7:30 p. m. Members urged to attend to make plans for official visit of D. G. Matron.

Parilee Sessum, W. M. Thereasa Baker, Sec'y.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

A Fellowship meeting at the Pentecostal Church will be held on January 1 at 7 p. m. Everybody invited.

WSCS TO MEET TUESDAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday in Fellowship Hall.

J & S SPORTS

Joe Bennett & Speedy Clark J & S

Winding up the old new in the old fashion, we will (as usual) pick the winners in the bowl games for this weekend.

We must admit we both got clobbered somewhat in our picks a couple of weeks ago. But we don't get discouraged very easily, as you can't pick all the winners all the time (or something like that).

Well, now that we have that off our chests -- here goes --

SPEEDY PICKS

- Cotton Bowl Texas over Syracuse
- Rose Bowl Wisconsin over Washington
- Sugar Bowl Ole Miss over LSU
- Orange Bowl Georgia over Missouri
- Gator Bowl Ga. Tech over Arkansas
- Sun Bowl North Texas over N. M. State

JOE PICKS

- Cotton Bowl Syracuse over Texas (traitor)
- Rose Bowl Washington over Wisconsin
- Sugar Bowl Ole Miss over LSU (No Cannons, Please)
- Orange Bowl Georgia over Missouri
- Gator Bowl Arkansas over Ga. Tech.
- Sun Bowl North Texas over N. M. State

J & S
We will leave you with this final thought for the New Year:

"May your New Year be bright, your picks all correct, and your black-eyed peas rockless."

New Insurance Law To Help Safe Drivers

AUSTIN, (Sp1) - Texas motorists will not be assessed points under the Safe Driving Insurance Plan for certain, specific types of collisions, according to a clarifying statement issued by Joe P. Gibbs, Member, State Board of Insurance.

"In order to be as fair as possible, the Plan excludes accidents involving your vehicle while you are legally parked. Also excluded are accidents for which you have been paid by the person held responsible for the accident. No points will be assessed in accidents in which only the other party has been convicted of a moving traffic violation, or in rear-end collision in which you have been struck by another vehicle and are not convicted of a moving traffic violation. If you are the victim of a hit-and-run accident and report the accident to proper authorities within 24 hours you will not be charged any points. Regardless of fault, motorists will not be assessed a point when the damage is limited solely to Medical Payments," Gibbs stated.

Texas families whose drivers have not been convicted of a moving traffic violation nor involved in a chargeable accident during the past three years will receive a 20 percent reduction in the bulk of their private passenger automobile insurance.

A study of 40,365 licensed Texas operators' records indicates that 73 percent of the drivers have clear records. Considering the multiple use of an automobile by several members of the family, 57 percent of the insured automobiles will receive a 20 percent discount under the new automobile insurance plan. Roughly, points are assigned as follows: Four points for driving while intoxicated, hit-and-run, and negligent homicide with a motor vehicle.

Two points for accidents involving \$25 damage or more or bodily injury unless specifically excluded as above.

One point for moving traffic violations.

The plan applies to the driving record of all resident operators of a household.

"The Texas Safe Driving Insurance Plan was adopted after careful study and upon the repeated urging of the careful motorists of the state. These careful drivers believed that they were entitled to reductions in their insurance rates because of their good driving records. Although I was not a member of the State Board when this plan was developed, I have since had occasion to study it a great deal and I feel that it is a great step forward. It saves safe drivers money and it will encourage other motorists to improve their driving habits so that they too can become eligible for the 20 percent reduction.

"I anticipate that the plan will encourage safe driving in our state so that eventually the number of accidents will be reduced, and this will tend to bring about a further reduction in insurance rates for the motorists of Texas," Gibbs concluded.

All companies writing automobile insurance at rates prescribed by the Texas State Board of Insurance must use the Texas Safe Driving Plan when insuring automobiles eligible for the Family Automobile Policy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their wonderful deeds of kindness shown us at the time of our father's death.

We are indeed grateful to those who brought food and helped with the serving of it; for the beautiful flowers and to the ones who assisted in the singing. To all those who helped in any way we are most appreciative.

May each of you be richly blessed in our prayer.

The R. W. McPhail Family

OUR TOWN

By Ted Bickle

It is terrible that so many people didn't live to enjoy Christmas -- and a lot more will not live to see the Old Year out and to welcome the New Year in. There seems to be nothing no one can do to stop the slaughter on the highways. Each fellow seems to think that his driving is O.K. - let the others watch out for me - Doesn't anybody want to be "His brother's keeper?"

Santa was very good to us. He left so many presents under our tree that we will enjoy for a long, long time. I hope each of you received - "just what you wanted."

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions? The best one I know is The Golden Rule. What a happy world this would be if people would abide by it. Oh, well -

Lets talk about our New Year's Day dinner. Be sure to get your black-eyed peas! They have become as traditional for New Year's as turkey and cranberries for Thanksgiving.

To show humility, thus insuring good luck during the coming year, the old southern custom of serving black-eyed peas on New Year's Day was born.

And with the black-eyed peas, that should be cooked with hog jowl to be strictly authentic, corn bread and ham are traditional, so serve plenty of hot crisp corn-cake, tiny pickled beets, baked ham and spiced peaches. For dessert a lemon-lime beverage chiffon pie. -

HOLIDAY CHIFFON PIE

- 1 - 7 oz. bottle lemon-lime carbonated beverage
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 3 eggs, separated
- 5 tablespoons sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon grated lime rind
- Drop of green food coloring
- 1 baked 9 inch crumb crust
- Sprinkle gelatin over 1/4 cup of lemon-lime carbonated beverage to soften. Mix well beaten egg yolks, 2 tablespoons of the sugar, salt, and remaining lemon-lime beverage in the upper part of a double boiler. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Stir in softened gelatin to dissolve. Cool slightly.
- Meanwhile, beat egg whites with cream of tartar until frothy. Add remaining sugar gradually, beating until mixture is stiff and glossy. Blend in lime rind and coloring. Fold in gelatin mixture and pour into crumb crust. Chill about two hours to set.

After the zero hour celebration is over it will be time to settle down and get back to the daily routine, so lets enjoy the last few hours of 1959. Be grateful for all past blessings and look forward to a bright and prosperous New Year. Happy New Year Everybody!

NEW DAUGHTER FOR THE HERMAN BENNETTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bennett are the proud parents of a baby girl, Rita Diann, born Monday, December 28, 1959, 12:20 p. m. at Blackwell Hospital weighing 6 pounds 1 1/2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Holland Kirk and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gail Bennett, all of Gorman. Paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wilson, also of Gorman.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to thank our many friends for their kindness during our hour of sorrow.

Thanks for the beautiful floral offering and each word of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grimshaw

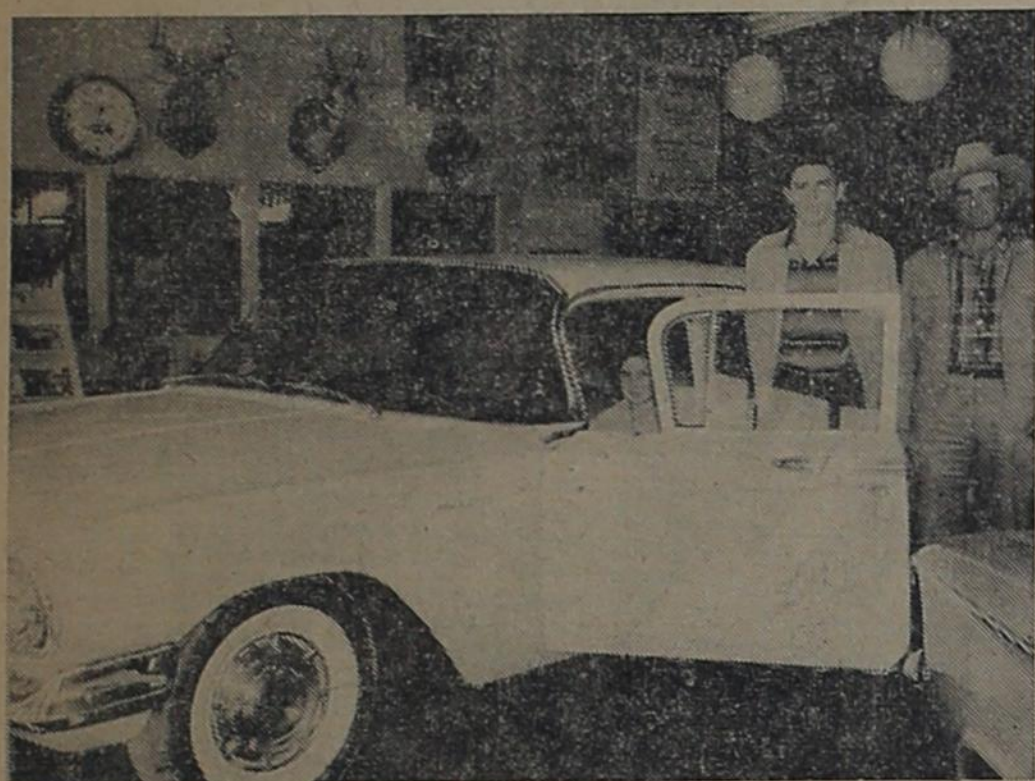
CARD OF THANKS

May we take this method to express our feelings of gratitude to all of you who had a part in making our Golden Wedding Anniversary a most happy occasion.

We want to thank each and everyone for the nice and useful gifts, they were all deeply appreciated.

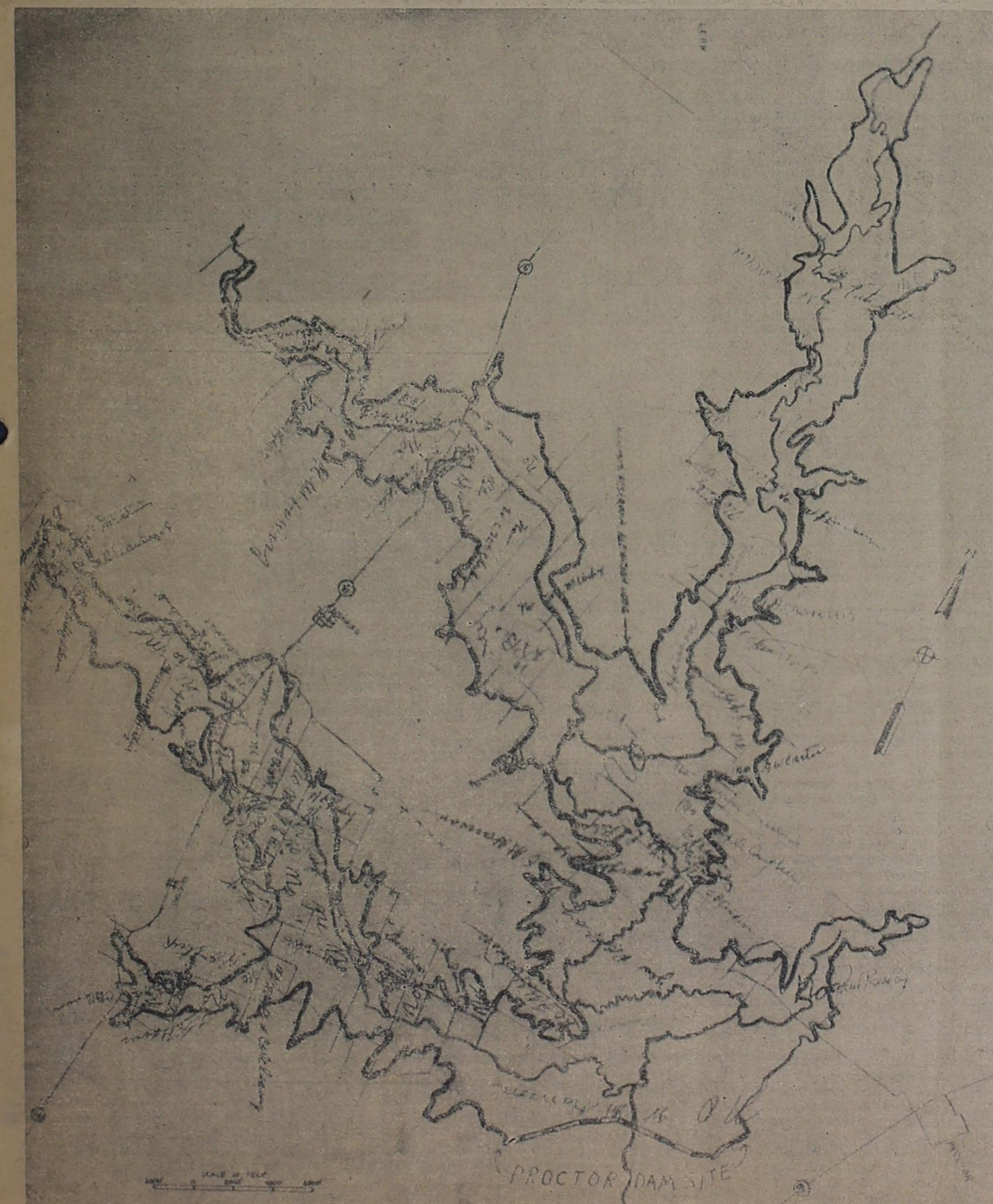
May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duke

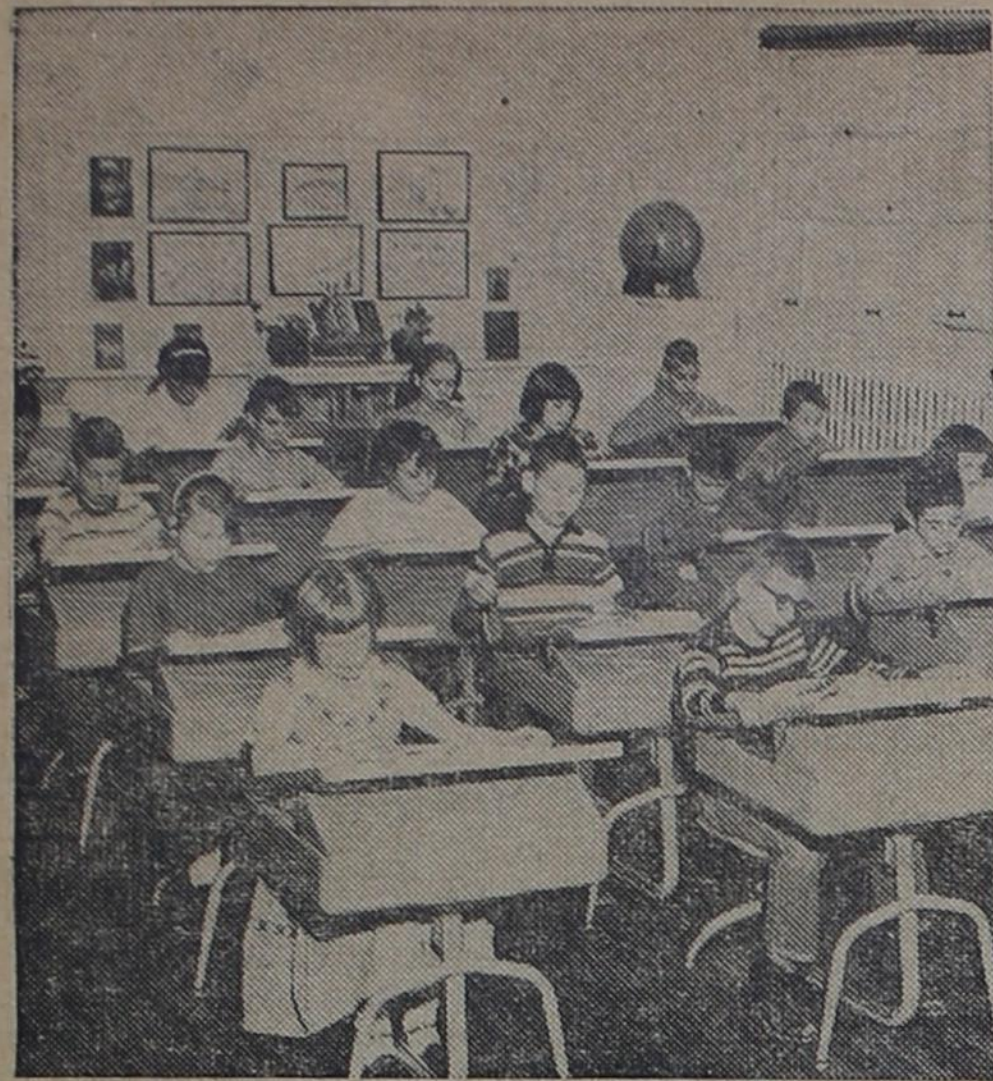


CHRISTMAS GIFT — Larry Barnett, home for the holidays from Tarleton State College, received a pleasant surprise last week. His father, R. A. Barnett, presented him the keys to a new Bel Air 4-door Chevrolet. Larry's sister, Kay Lynn, is trying out the driver's seat.

In the background are some of Check Smith's hunting trophies.



PROCTOR DAM — This map is the original proposed site for the Proctor Dam. Construction is scheduled to begin in 1960 and should be completed within three years. This map was published in the Progress two or three years ago. We do not recall the exact date.



MASONIC HOME in Fort Worth has just celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. More than 150 children and grandchildren of Texas Masons make their home at the famous institution, which has one of the State's finest independent school systems. Pictured here are members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades seated at their new study centers which adjust to the individual child's needs.



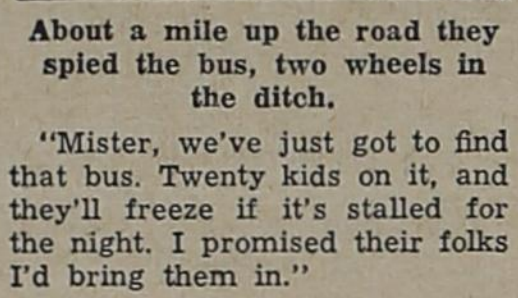
Happy NEW YEAR
BY ONA F. LATHROP

TODD ELLIOT guided his huge truck carefully down the middle of the snow-drifted road. If only no other suckers were out in this blizzard, he'd have a chance of getting his load of fruit into the warehouse by night and make it home in time to take Molly to the New Year's Eve dance. She'd go with Judd if he was late!

But no! You might know somebody would foul up the works. Smack in the middle of the highway ahead was a stalled car. The man leaning out his side window had a worried look on his face. "Thank God you came along," he called back. "We're in real trouble. The school bus is stalled some place and I'm out hunting it and got stuck. Can you give me a push?"

Oh well, always give a guy a hand up, was Todd's motto. Certainly he couldn't get around, so there was nothing else to do. He nosed the big truck up gently and nudged the car ahead. He was proud of the way she performed. One more payment and she'd be his, and this load of fruit would just about do it. Then he could start the New Year debt-free and ask Molly to marry him—that is, if that old beau of hers who was back in town didn't beat him to the draw.

He kept grinding along in second, but the car ahead didn't seem to catch. And now there was a huge drift looming up in the cut ahead. If it didn't get going before that—



About a mile up the road they spied the bus, two wheels in the ditch.

"Mister, we've just got to find that bus. Twenty kids on it, and they'll freeze if it's stalled for the night. I promised their folks I'd bring them in."

Bad Luck
Todd slammed on his brakes angrily. Just his luck to get sucked in on a thing like this! But twenty kids freezing! Molly would have to wait—or go on to the party with Judd Evans, the old flame.

He let the man into the cab beside him and they plowed through the drift in the cut. About a mile up the road they spied the bus, sitting askant with two wheels in the ditch. Not a chance of righting it before dark. Twenty faces were pressed against the windows, and twenty pairs of eyes looked at him as if he were a St. Bernard with a bottle of brandy about his neck. What could he do but stop?

"If only you could put them in your truck," the bus driver begged. "I've used up all my gas trying to pull out and they are chilled through."

Under their direction he deposited the children at their homes one by one. It was almost worth it to hear the grateful sobs of gratitude from the parents as they extricated their own at each gate.

Almost worth it—but not quite—not quite worth losing his girl and his big chance of paying off the indebtedness that had hung over him all year, was it? He drove the big empty truck into the warehouse with grimly set teeth. It was well on toward midnight when he had finally cleaned up and arrived at the dance.

But when he walked into the crowded hall, a cheer arose. It seems the news of his exploit had come over the radio and suddenly he was a hero with everyone crowding about to shake his hand. He hadn't figured on that—he'd just been doing what he had to do.

And then Molly came through the crowd, leaving Judd Evans as if he didn't exist, her brown eyes aglow with pride and something else.

"I knew you had a good reason," she whispered. "And when I heard what it was, I knew then you were the kind of a guy I'd been waiting for all my life—and wouldn't mind waiting for the rest of it." And she slipped into his arms for the "Auld Lang Syne" waltz just as the midnight whistles blew.

Oh well, tomorrow was another year!

Customs Associated With New Year's Day

Centuries ago, the Vikings built huge fires at the turn of the year to propitiate their fierce Norse gods. The ancient Romans would observe the start of a new season by hanging masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, with the hope that fertility would be imparted in every direction to which the masks were turned by the wind.

The Scots switched the trunks of fruit trees, in anticipation of a "howling good crop."

No one knows for sure why we moderns think it necessary to make as much noise as we can on New Year's eve, unless, like some of our ancestors, we believe that evil influences will be frightened away by all the noise and shouting.

George Washington Held Open House

Some historians say our first President is responsible for the "Open House" custom that is a part of New Year observance in this country. In the year 1790, when the seat of the government was in New York, George Washington opened the doors of the Presidential mansion to home and foreign diplomats, as well as local citizens.

"Open House" on New Year's day grew in popularity. At the turn of the 20th Century, newspaper columns carried "at home" notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. The host and hostess would receive guests during certain hours and then close their receptions to join the procession of callers at other "open houses."



HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . All set and ready to welcome in the New Year, this young lady typifies the youthful vigor and freshness which we associate with another year.

New Year Feast Is Traditional In Many Lands

In practically any land that you care to mention, feasting is an important part of the New Year observance, probably on the theory that a good meal on the first day of the year will assure that there will be plenty in the days ahead.

Our American favorite, the turkey, gets the call most often in the United States and in some sections a "country ham" is a necessity. Feasts in England and Western Europe may include turkey, duck or goose. Latin countries bedeck their fowl with truffles, chestnuts and olives.

To many Swedes, glogg is as important as food as part of the holiday fare. This traditional drink is made with claret wine, sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamon. It is usually set afire before serving.

A popular Spanish dish is sopa, rice cook with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans enjoy cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables.

New Year Custom Coined 'Pin Money'

New Year's Day hasn't always been January 1 in England, but whenever the day fell it was the occasion for giving and receiving presents.

Kings and queens received very elaborate gifts on this day. The gifts presented and received by ordinary people led to the phrase "pin money." It was custom for men to give their wives and daughters money for pins and knick-knacks on New Year's Day.

New Year Observance Not Always January 1
New Year's Day has been observed at various times of the year. In ancient Egypt, it was observed in June, when the traditional overflowing of the Nile was the signal for the beginning of a New Year. The Babylonians began their year in early March, as did the early Romans.

Even our early American colonies observed a different date than we do today. Our ancestors observed March 25.

Universal observance of January 1, of course, came about with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, but even today many races and faiths solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendars.

'Happy New Year' In All Languages

Nowadays it is possible to buy greeting cards which extend New Year wishes in several languages. This modern development is a convenience for those who send greetings to friends in the "old country" wherever that country happens to be.

Should you be sending a card to friends in Paris, the greeting would be "Bon Annee!" In Spanish, the greeting is "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" and in sunny Italy, "Buon Capo d'Anno!"

"Ein Glueckliches Neues Jah." is the salutation one might send—or receive from—friends in Germany.

Whatever the language, the words "Happy New Year" represent only the best of wishes for the year ahead.



Gorman Insurance Agency
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THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Dec. 31st. & Jan. 1st.
Glenn Ford - Debbie Reynolds
in
"IT STARTED WITH A KISS"
MIDNITE SHOW - Dec. 31st.
in
Mamie Van Doren - Mel Torme
"GIRLS TOWN"
SATURDAY ONLY
Matinee and Night
Audie Murphy - Sandra Dee
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MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA
By Sara Grice

On the evening of December 16, 1959 Homemaking I entertained their mothers with a Christmas party at the cottage.

The week before the girls made Christmas decorations. Sunny Rawson and Barbara Kinser made the decorations for the front door and a small Christmas tree of red net for the corner table. Jo Nell Turner made a small tree of pink satin and net. Small trees were made from sweet gum balls and tooth picks and sprayed with blue paint.

The Mantel arrangement of greenery, Christmas balls and reindeer was made by Kay Browning, Linda Harrison, Key Eison and Laneta Rodgers.

The punch bowl was mounted on a round mirror surrounded by holly leaves and red berries. The girls escorted their mothers through the cottage and told the who made what in the sewing lab where the dresses were displayed.

Afterwards refreshments of cookies, assorted nuts, candies, fruit cocktail and hot cranberry tea were served.

Then the Christmas tree was raised and gifts given out and opened for everyone to see and enjoy.

We appreciated having the mothers come even though it was raining.

Due to illness Mrs. A. E. Thompson and Mrs. L. L. Burns were unable to attend.

"It isn't the work we intend to do Nor the work we've just begun, That puts us right on the ledger sheet: It's the work we've really done." "Copied"

Will your ledger sheet balance for the past year?



Time runs out on the old year as it must, but we take the time to wish you well in the year ahead.

The Time Shop
Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Justice



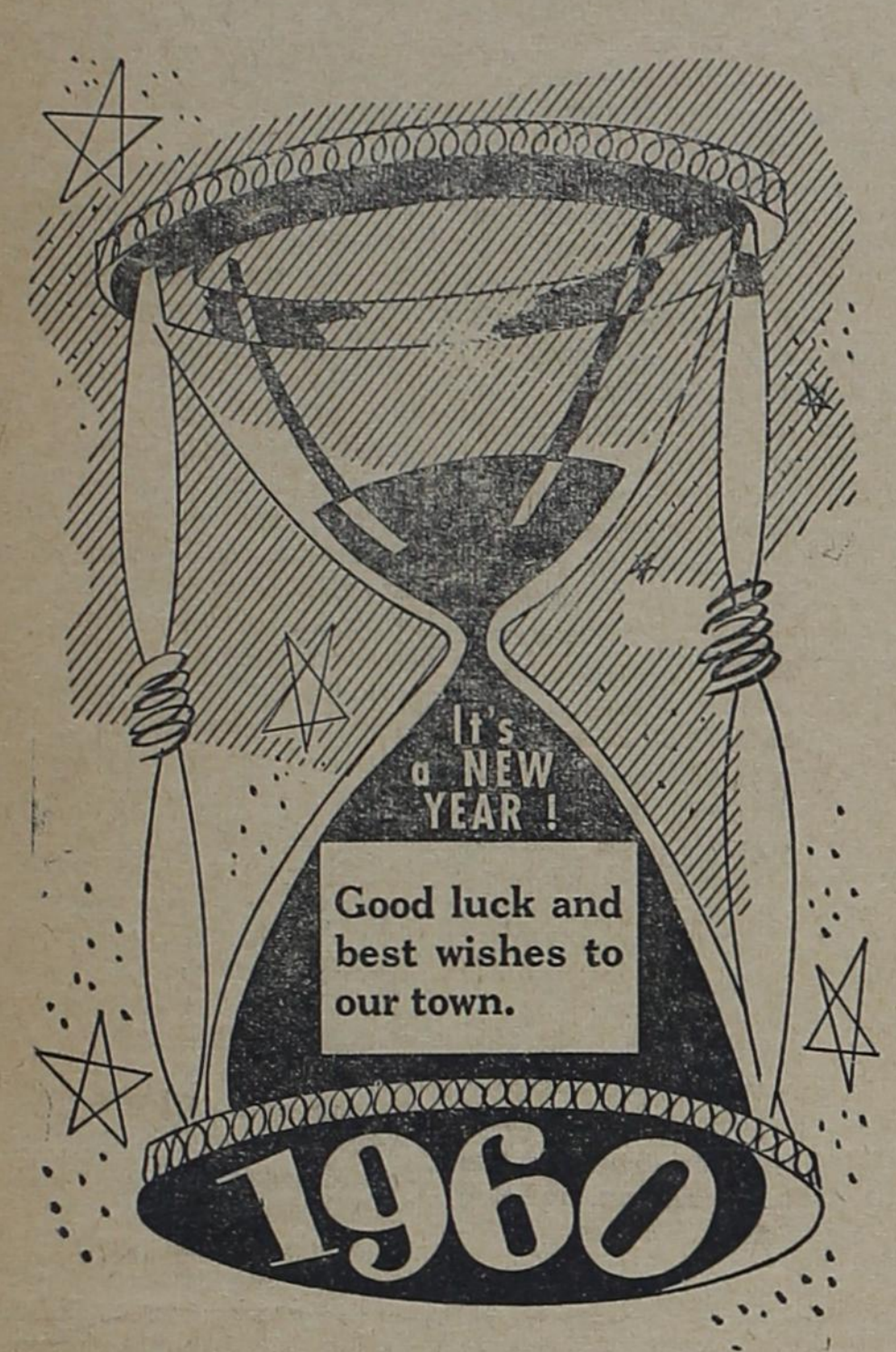
We're off with a flying start to wish each of you the very best during the coming New Year.

Happiness for Sixty!

Let's celebrate the arrival of the New Year with best wishes to our many hometown friends.



MEHAFFEY DRUG
"Where Friends Meet"
Phone 55 Gorman



Good luck and best wishes to our town.

1960



Hearty New Year's greeting to our friends and many patrons. We thank you sincerely, and hope the year will bring you good luck and much happiness. We are always at your service.

1960
Gorman Telephone Company

FOR SALE — Sheet Iron building, 24x36, in good condition. Also small sheet iron building. Also would consider selling some lots on Hwy. 6. See Joe Bennett

New Year Is Time to Say 'Remember'

Watching the old year out and the New Year in is an American tradition. Some like to follow the crowds to Times Square; others prefer the atmosphere of a restaurant or nite spot; and of those who so desire the majority may do it the easy way—relaxing in their favorite chair and watching TV.

No matter how the "watching" and "waiting" is done, someone will probably say, "I remember when . . ." As certainly as we all look for good things in the year ahead, we're sure to take note of the fact that some important event is slipping deeper and deeper into the pages of history.

HIGGINBOTHAM'S
AMBULANCE SERVICE
Night Phone 24J Day 11

Some oldtimers will remember, for example, that the U. S. parcel post system was inaugurated in 1913 and that six years later, in 1919, New Year's Day was declared a legal holiday throughout the country, with the exception of Massachusetts and Washington, D. C. Or, that the first cable across the Pacific was completed in 1903. Overseas, the USSR was formed in 1923. Here at home, the Social Security administration was inaugurated in 1937. These dates may be well remembered because all of these things happened on January 1.

While enjoying the luxury of viewing Times Square activity from the comfort of the living room, through the medium of TV, we might also note that the first motion picture was shown to the public some 66 years ago, in April of 1894 . . . the Edison kinescope. The first real motion picture, offered in 1906, was titled "The Life of an American Fireman" and was without a plot. In 1905 "The Great Train Robbery" made movie headlines and two years later along came Al Jolson as "The Jazz Singer," the first picture with spoken sequence and the first all-talk picture.

DESDEMONA NEWS

ETHEL KEITH, Reports:

Mrs. Katie May, who has been a house patient for several weeks is quite improved and was able to be in town Saturday with her son, Ed of Uvalde, who spent the weekend with her.

A church program and Christmas tree was given at the First Baptist Church Sunday night and enjoyed by a large congregation. The young married couples class entertained by putting on the Birth of Christ with slide pictures and recordings.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pierce, who have been working and living in Coahoma, have moved home here for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townsend and sons, Brad and Cliff of Baton Rouge, La. are here for the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Myrt Reid.

A birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Nancy S. Partain was served Saturday, December 19th, in the home of a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Guthery. Present were two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Ft Worth and Ethel Keith of Desdemona, grand children, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jones and children of Ft Worth, Mrs. Leon White and children of Azle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Partain and sons of Ft Worth, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Keith and girls of Cisco, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaney of Alexander, other relatives and friends.

Art Shoemaker left Monday for the Veterans Hospital for a check up with his doctors. Art is still on crutches following a tractor accident last May.

Mrs. J. D. McMasters underwent surgery at the Blackwell Hospital last week.

Mrs. Doris Nabors and Connie of New Mexico were here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Grimshaw lost their infant baby at the Blackwell Hospital early Saturday. Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Saturday afternoon. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

The Charlie Maltbys of Olten were here visiting friends one day last week.

The Charlie Clarks of Kilgore visited the L. E. Clarks for the holidays. Also the Casey Meazells and Charlie Jacksons were visitors with the Clarks.

Mr. Bill Hunter of Eastland had supper with his sister, Mrs. Dess Abernathy, and Mrs. Mammie Watson at the home of a niece and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neldon Shipman, on Christmas Eve night.

The Aaron Henslees spent Christmas Day in Ft Worth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Williams left Saturday morning for Kermit to spend the weekend with a son, Mr. and Mrs. Debert Williams and family.

The Kenneth Wittie family of Kermit spent the holidays here with relatives.

Mrs. Ida Wilhite had all her children but one home for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pauls of Topeka, Kans. and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wilhite of Monahans.

Visitors with Mrs. Mary Herrell from Okla. was a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Watson and son, Marion Herrell Watson.

The Whit Richards and Billie of Breckenridge were Genoway visitors Christmas Day.

All the Guthery children were home for Christmas dinner. The Hillery Seays, the Rob Gutherys, the Buck Gutherys, the Charlie Foremans, and the Pug Gutherys. Also Mrs. Katie May, Mrs. Eula Clark and Grandma Seay spent the day with the Gutherys.

Odis Cline and family of Odessa were here Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs. Myrt Reid had two of her children here for Christmas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Townsend and the Phil Reids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCollum of Dallas visited her parents, the J. R. Williams and Roy, for Christmas.

Mr. W. F. Warden, who has been a patient in the Blackwell Hospital for the past week, was able to be brought home Friday.

The Raglands had Elwood and family of Eastland, Bobbie Jack and family of Big Lake, and the Johnnie Raglands of Fullerton for the holidays.

Charles Williams and family of Austin and W. T. Yardley and family of Odessa were holiday visitors with their mother, Mrs. Beulah William, and Grannie Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Keith and sons of Monahans spent the holiday weekend here with their parents, the Hubert Rainey and Mrs. Ethel Keith, and the Pug Gutherys.

Mr. Denny Moss spent Christmas Day at Lake Leon with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Roberts and daughters spent the holidays in Granbury with his mother, Mrs. M. F. Roberts.

The Floyd Moores had all their children home for Christmas. They were Rev. and Mrs. Tony Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, and the Virgil Branham.

The John Arnolds spent the past week in West Texas with relatives.

Mrs. Katie May, who has been a house patient for several weeks is considered quite improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Griffith have received word that their son, Hershel, of Staten Island, N. Y. has volunteered for overseas service.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart and baby were here on the holidays visiting her parents, the Lee Yanceys.

The Bates Duke family of Odessa and the Humpy Duke family of Kermit spent the holidays with their parents, the Rufus Duke family.

Mr. Mack Griffith of Buena Vista was here last week visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Griffith.

Mrs. Ollie Fien, Mrs. Edna Clayton and Aunt Callie Sharp spent the holidays in Ft Worth with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles McMillan of Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. June Frank Eldridge of Lubbock spent the holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Eldridge.

The Tony Ash family spent Christmas Day with her sister, the Alton Underwood family, of Cheaney.

Mrs. J. N. Abernathy and family had Christmas dinner with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carlton of Gorman.

Grannie Northcutt and Eva and Katie May, all of Desdemona, and David Cohner of Lubbock were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neldon Shipman Christmas Eve night for supper.

In the E. E. Hunter home of Ranger for Christmas dinner were Grannie Northcutt and Eva, Odessa Abernathy and sister, Mammie Watson of Ranger, Bill Hunters and Stanley of Eastland. Also Marvin and David Colmer of Lubbock.

The Belyeu's had their Christmas dinner on Sunday after Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Grisham and children of Abilene and Harrold Belyeus of Abilene.

The Autrey Key family of Kansas were here with his mother, Mrs. C. H. May, and family for Christmas.

The Bill Thomas family have moved to Ranger. Bill will continue to operate the Texaco Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker and son, Jack, and Mrs. Robert Abel and son, Larry Bob of Oil Center, N. M. spent the weekend here with the R. H. Abel and Raymond Joiner families.

Little Marsha and Julia Hanna of Eastland are visiting this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lane.



MAGIC HOUR . . . The hour of 12 p. m. becomes a magic moment when it welcomes in a New Year. Traditionally, it is a time of gaiety and happiness and probably for longer than most of us can remember, photographers have taken advantage of the occasion to picture a pretty girl in a pose similar to the one above. Happy New Year, to one and all!



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KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Jordan

On Monday night the Young People's Sunday School Class enjoyed a social at the church. Refreshments of Christmas cookies and hot chocolate with whipped cream were served. Those attending were Lyndall Morrow, LaVon Snider, Linda Eaves, Joyce Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Euell Allison, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan. Mrs. Allison is teacher of the class and Mrs. Jordan is associate teacher.

On Wednesday night the Kokomo Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas program by the Sunday School classes. The house was beautifully decorated, and after the program, Santa came to help distribute the gifts from the tree. It was enjoyed by young and old alike.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Higginbottom

and Bobby spent Christmas in Levelland with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Creager. On Saturday they visited in O'Donnell with a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dennis and Vicki of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. and Milford and Russell Fuller Claude Fuller, Christi and Ricky, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q. D. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henderson spent Christmas Eve in May with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Henderson and family. Spending Christmas with the Hendersons were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridge, Becky, Mike and Annie of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. DeShazo of Plainview.

Rev. and Mrs. Jackie Heath and children spent Christmas in Waco in the home of his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peterson. His mother, Mrs. H. W. Heath, a brother, Jerry Don Heath, a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Roberts

and baby, and another brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Heath, all of Houston, met them there for Christmas.

Spending Christmas with Mrs. W. F. Bryant were Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bryant and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bisbee and children of Big Lake and Sandra and Jerry Lasater of Eastland. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lasater of Eastland visited with them on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Reynolds and family of Sundown came by for a visit with Mrs. Bryant on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal and Sylvia Hendricks were guests on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Eppler of Gorman. Mr. and Mrs. George Eppler and children of San Angelo met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks spent Christmas Day in Breckenridge with Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Gray. They were met there by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Pyeatt and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pyeatt and baby of Latell, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbourne Wood and baby of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Burks and Carol of Oklahoma City and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Sylvia spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Euell Allison and Alvie spent Christmas in Carbon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovell.

Spending the weekend with the Allison were her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crowe and Jerry of Farmington, N. M., Billy Joe Mathis of Roswell, N. M. and Roy Joe Cloud of Abilene. Rev. and Mrs. Jackie Heath were Sunday guests of the Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider visited in Eastland on Christmas nite with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jumper. Mrs. Snider visited with Mrs. Amos Jumper on Saturday. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider and family were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rollins, Jana and Benny of Warren, Ariz. spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNeely.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Erwin of Tuscola came by for a visit with the McNeelys on Sunday.

Enjoying Christmas Eve dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Graham were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Graham and Patricia of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Delman Eaves and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Tidy Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Delman Eaves and chil-

FRIENDLY LADIES ENJOY CHRISTMAS COFFEE

Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Mrs. C. R. Day were co-hostesses for the Friendly Ladies Sunday School Class Christmas Coffee in the Fairbetter home on December 17th.

After a warm welcome each lady enjoyed the fragrance of the cedar Christmas tree which filled the air with a holiday atmosphere.

A short business session was conducted by the president, Mrs. G. O. Boyd. Carols were sung and Mrs. Donald Bolt gave a most interesting history of Christmas Carols.

Each lady brought a gift and merrily exchanged them.

The Nativity scene with lighted candles on either side, centered the dining table where lovely as well as delicious refreshments were served.

Those enjoying the fellowship were Mmes. C. O. Revels, G. O. Boyd, Joe Ormsby, Hubert Craddock, R. C. Mehaffey, W. G. Kirk, G. C. Acree, Othell Clark, Donald Both, Dorothy Hatcher, John Dowd, Bill Parr, J. W. Ramsey, and the hostesses.

dren, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Laminack and children of Lake Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Norris and children of Ft Worth spent Christmas Day in Carbon with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Eaves and children.

Marilyn Laminack remained for an extended visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tidy Eaves, who will take her home next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Eaves, Tom and Linda and Lillie Mae Neill spent Christmas in Brady with Mr. and Mrs. Drayton Lenz and Kenneth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Hawthorne and sons of Arlington visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson and children on Christmas Eve night.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bryant and children of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sessum and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carlton and children of Flatwood, and Danny Donaldson of Ft Knox, Ky. spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson.

Mr. John Donaldson and Danny left Sunday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Donaldson and children of Midkiff, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Donaldson and son of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Eules Sessum spent Thursday night with his mother, Mrs. Carra Sessum. They all spent Christmas Day in Roby with Mr. and Mrs. John Kiker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Sessum are moving from Denver, Colo. to San Antonio.

Visiting with Mrs. W. N. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Caraway over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lasater and family of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater and family of Sundown, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bentrup of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bisbee and family of Big Lake.

Charles Caraway underwent a tonsillectomy last week and had to be returned to the hospital on Sunday night.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pack and family on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Estes Sechrist and Jeff of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. James, Jr., Bill and Jo of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of Stephenville, and an uncle, Mr. H. W. Waters of Houston.

Mrs. Elver Everton and Don spent Christmas in Rising Star with her Dad, Mr. John Owens. Mr. Elver Everton and Cecil and Patricia spent Christmas in Eastland with his mother, Mrs. C. D. Everton. His sister, Miss Luna Lee Everton of Grand Prairie, and a brother, Mr. Lois Everton of Dallas, met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Quint Hagen, Ronnie and Debbie of Pleasanton visited with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Bryant and family on Monday.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jordan and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lewallen and Arvel Lewallen of Mule shoe and Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Lewallen and children of Grand Prairie. Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Drennan of Santa Anna were visiting with them on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Wharton, at Carbon. They were met there by her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gotthard and Paul of O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey Hawthorne and sons of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett attended the Mary Jane Redell and Bobby Little wedding in Cisco on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers and family had Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Timmons. They had supper with his mother, Mrs. W. F. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scitern and children spent Christmas in Farmington, N. M. with her mother, Mrs. Joe Welch and family. A brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rich of Nucla, Colo. met them there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern and children spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Daniels at Eunice, N. M. and with a sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goates and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark of Kilgore spent Wednesday and Thursday with their nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scitern. Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler of Ralkins, Wyo. spent the holidays here with her parents, the H. L. Sciterns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and sons spent Sunday in Stephenville with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Sims.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fields of Big Spring. They all spent Sunday at Olden with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cates.

Visiting the Buford Parkers were Mr. and Mrs. Davis Parker of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Griffin and children and Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Goswick and children of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Gilmore and son of Gorman. 17 of the family had Christmas dinner together.

On Saturday Mrs. Parkers brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagwell of Ft Worth, and Mrs. Parker's step-mother, Mrs. Scythia Bagwell of Gorman, visited them.



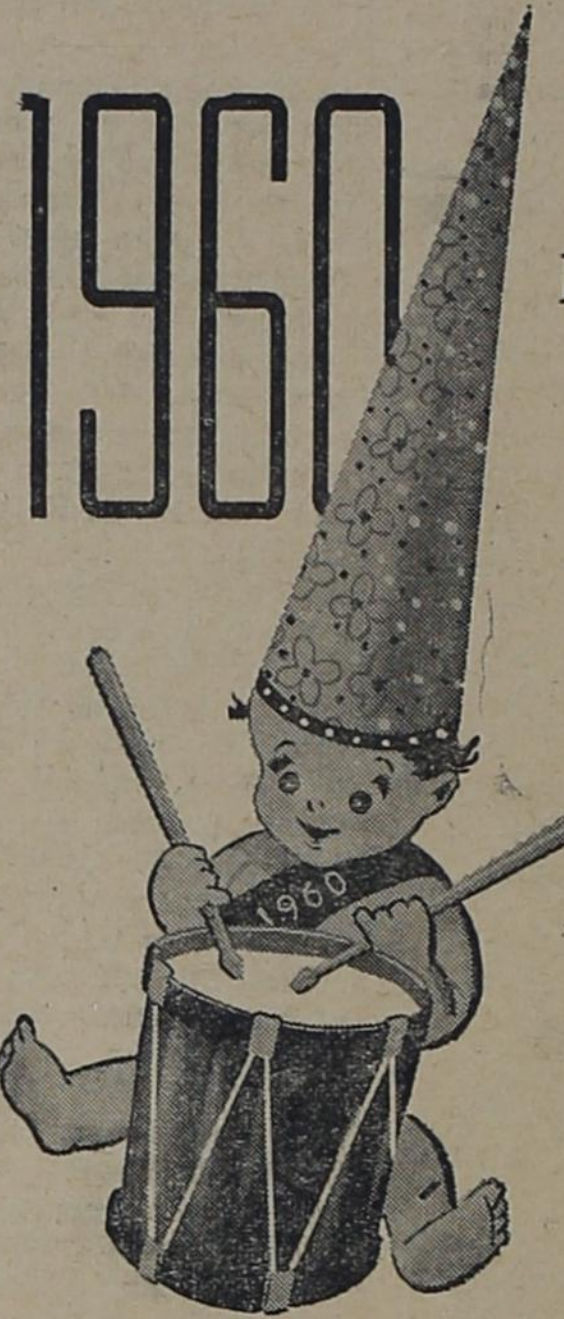
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Mrs. J. N. Watson enjoyed Mr. Elmer Watson and family of Midland for the holidays.

Visitors in the J. R. Todd home over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Ben De La Fosse, their daughter, Mrs. Janette Marcus and son of Groveton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Todd and sons of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Todd and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Todd of Odessa, Mrs. Obara Todd of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Shugart of Granbury, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Munn and Jean of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mayfield and

children were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Files, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Rankin had their two daughters and families at home. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Britton and children of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cockrell of Post.

Mr. and Mrs. John West were hosts to all their children, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collins and children of Roswell, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Philip Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. David West, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Barnett of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Acrea enjoyed their son, Jan, wife and baby daughter, Sheryl Lyn, from Pasadena.

Mr. Carroll Bickle arrived from Virginia in time for Christmas

dinner at home with other members of the family that included Mrs. Carroll Bickle, Mrs. A. B. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rankin, Robert, Clyda, Mrs. Suzanne Schofield and son, Shawn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rankin, Carole Rae and Mr. Goodloe Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Mangum and Ann of Carbon, W. J. Leach and family of Wills Point, Mrs. Sue Lindsey and children of Eastland and Doy and Stella Reynolds and daughter of Gorman visited their mother, Mrs. L. M. Leach, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boston of St. Louis, Mo. were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Boston Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Zelpha Wood, Bob Wood and family of Ft Worth visited the M. F. Bostons Saturday.

Jackie Don Wheeler of NTSC is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Velma Wheeler, in their new home where they entertained the other members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bennett and children of Crane and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and children of Gorman.

Guests in the E. G. Rone home for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rone, the Emmett Bingham of College Station and his brother, Joe Rone, of Fort Worth.

Visiting with Mrs. Ruby Bennett during the holidays were all her children, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bennett and Joe Lynn of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bennett, Charles and Ernest of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Bennett, Gary and Mike of Ranger, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Lonnie and Joetta of Gorman.

Visiting with the Joe Bennett family during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Reynolds, Debbie and Randy of Ft Worth. Visiting in the home of Mrs. Ethel Walker and Emma Jean during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith and Debra, Mrs. Joe Clark and Joan and Lanie Wooten of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Shupp of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Kenny and Darlene of Atlanta, Ga., and Mack Smith of Evant. All enjoyed a Christmas tree and a musical Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Duke and children of Odessa spent the Christmas holidays in Gorman visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duke and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dennis, and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simmons, and family.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Gladys Lucke during the Christmas holidays were her four children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cooper and family of Kansas City, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Oscar H. Lucke and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Maxwell and family of Dumas and Betty Sue Lucke of Mexia. Also a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Key of Midland and Mrs. Julia Maxwell of Eastland. An old-timer, Mr. Charles B. Sporer, was visiting in Gorman this week. Accompanying him from Olden where they were visiting with Mrs. Ethel Sharp during the holidays were Miss Karen Sporer of Odessa and Glen Ferguson of Olden.

Relatives visiting the J. C. Claitors during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Corky McMillan and little son, Lee of Gruver, John Howard Claitor of Dallas, Mrs. Dona Belle Mitchell and daughter and Mrs. Eula Jamison of San Angelo, and Tillman Jamison and wife of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bice and daughter, Bobbie Jo of Lubbock visited the J. A., Troy and Edward Johnson families during the holidays.

Henry Johnson of De Leon was a visitor in the J. A. Johnson home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairbetter, La Gina and Angela of Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Russell, Steve and Marc of Mineral Wells, and Mrs. Robert Chapman, Suzie and Howard of Breckenridge were holiday visitors in the M. H. Fairbetter home. The Wade Russells visited the Whit Russells and the J. E. Porters.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Lawrence and Toni visited in Coleman with Mr. Lawrence's mother on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis and children visited the Marvin Lewises during the holidays.

Christmas Day dinner guests in the Arthur Mahan home were J. H. Armstrong and son, Wyndle of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dunn of Carbon, T. H. Mahan and family and Bro. B. F. Clement of Gorman.

Mrs. Mamie Clement and grand daughter, Susie Treadwell, of Houston spent Sunday night and Monday and the Elon Reaves of Eastland also spent Monday with the Mahans.

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A FRESH START
BY F. L. ROWLEY

BAILEY tapped her wristwatch, looked at it again. Only 10 p.m. Two more hours to work. Then she shrugged; what did it matter? When the New Year did arrive she'd be standing on the corner outside the hospital waiting for a bus. Not very exciting. The only thing she could expect from the new year was a bit better luck. This past year had been most unkind to her.

Someone must have been reading her mind. "I'll bet you're glad this year's almost over." It was Wilson, the special duty nurse.

Bailey laughed. "Right. Everything happened to me. I cracked up my car last week. Yesterday I knocked over a cabinet of expensive drugs—I still have to see Dr. Saunders about that."

"And today Dr. De Groot checked out," said Wilson. Bailey reddened. "I'm going to miss him. He was the nicest intern we've had here in years."

"Especially to you," said Wilson. "Did he say anything when he was leaving?"

"Well, he told me he would begin his practice on the west side—with some old doctor, I understand. He'll take over when the old man retires."

"Good for him. But I didn't mean that. Didn't he say anything—er—personal? The other



"I've got tickets for a night club," he said with a grin.

nurses and I were beginning to smell orange blossoms."

"No—nothing. Say, can you help me get this file drawer open, Wilson? It's got a broken lock, and—" The drawer flew open at Bailey's first tug. It hit her arm just below the sleeve, causing a light trickle of blood.

"Now that's what I call changing the subject in a hurry," said Wilson shaking her head. "Wait here, honey. I'll get some tape."

Interruption
Wilson was on her way back and passing the night desk when the switchboard buzzed. Bailey absently watched her answer it while she wondered what could possibly happen next. Almost two hours left of the old year; still time to fall down a flight of stairs or something.

"That was Dr. De Groot," Wilson said casually as she worked over Bailey's arm.

"Oh?"

"He forgot his binoculars. Wanted to know if I'd seen them around. I said I'd check with the other nurses. You haven't seen a pair, have you, Bailey?"

"Didn't even know he owned a pair," said Bailey.

Wilson and Bailey went about their separate duties and the minutes ticked by. Bailey thought it must be the longest day she'd ever put in. She heard the elevator door clicked but paid no attention. It clicked a thousand times each day.

"Bailey!" It was a well-known voice.

All Alone
"I've got tickets for a night-club," he said with a shy grin. "Thought I'd celebrate for a change. First time I've ever been in a night-club. You should have seen the people smiling at me—sitting there all alone."

"All alone? You didn't take a girl?"

"Well—I knew you were on duty until midnight. I thought I'd pick you up then and take you back with me. You'll like this place."

"I will? Aren't you taking a lot for granted?" Bailey was sorry the next minute. He blushed like a school-boy. Yet it was the prod he needed. He clenched his fists and said firmly:

"Bailey—that is, Ruth—next week, with the New Year, my career really begins. Will you come along?"

"You're saying?" she asked slyly.

"You know what a doctor's life puts up with. I'm asking you to marry me anyway. I love you, Ruth."

Wilson had to cough twice to break through the clouds. "You'd knock off early, Bailey, and celebrate New Year's properly. Murphy says she'll take your place. Me—I've got a resolution to make. I've got to quit telling es."

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Another year—another start. For some reason, these four words seem to symbolize the thoughts of most of us when we take the "old" calendar down from the wall and hang up the "new." As far as most of us are concerned, the old year is "dead" and we need only concern ourselves with today and tomorrow.

Another year, another start. Nothing could be more truer. But, it is not a start from nowhere, or from nothing. We begin this New Year with the experience and knowledge that we gained in the Old—and in the Older years before that.

We like to picture the New Year as a babe, bright-eyed and energetic, brimming with confidence and enthusiasm, quite a contrast to the bearded old man with a scythe who waited out the last minute of the Old year. This change in symbols is fair enough, because it is a new thing, and a new opportunity—simply because it gives us the chance to try again, to do better. So, before we forget this Old Year completely, let us look backward with an appraising eye. We change the calendar with the New Year, but we cannot wipe the slate clean—not in the truest sense. We ourselves do not change. Except for the fact that we are a bit older—and should be a bit wiser—we are the same individuals that we were 365 days ago when we were wondering (as we do now) what the New Year would "bring to us."

Welcome to the New Year, and to the time that it will provide for doing bigger and greater things. Welcome the chance—the opportunity—to make the effort for progress and improvement; but at the same time be thankful for the success and the failure that we knew in the year that is departed. If we lived the Old Year wisely, then perhaps we are prepared to make the most of the New.

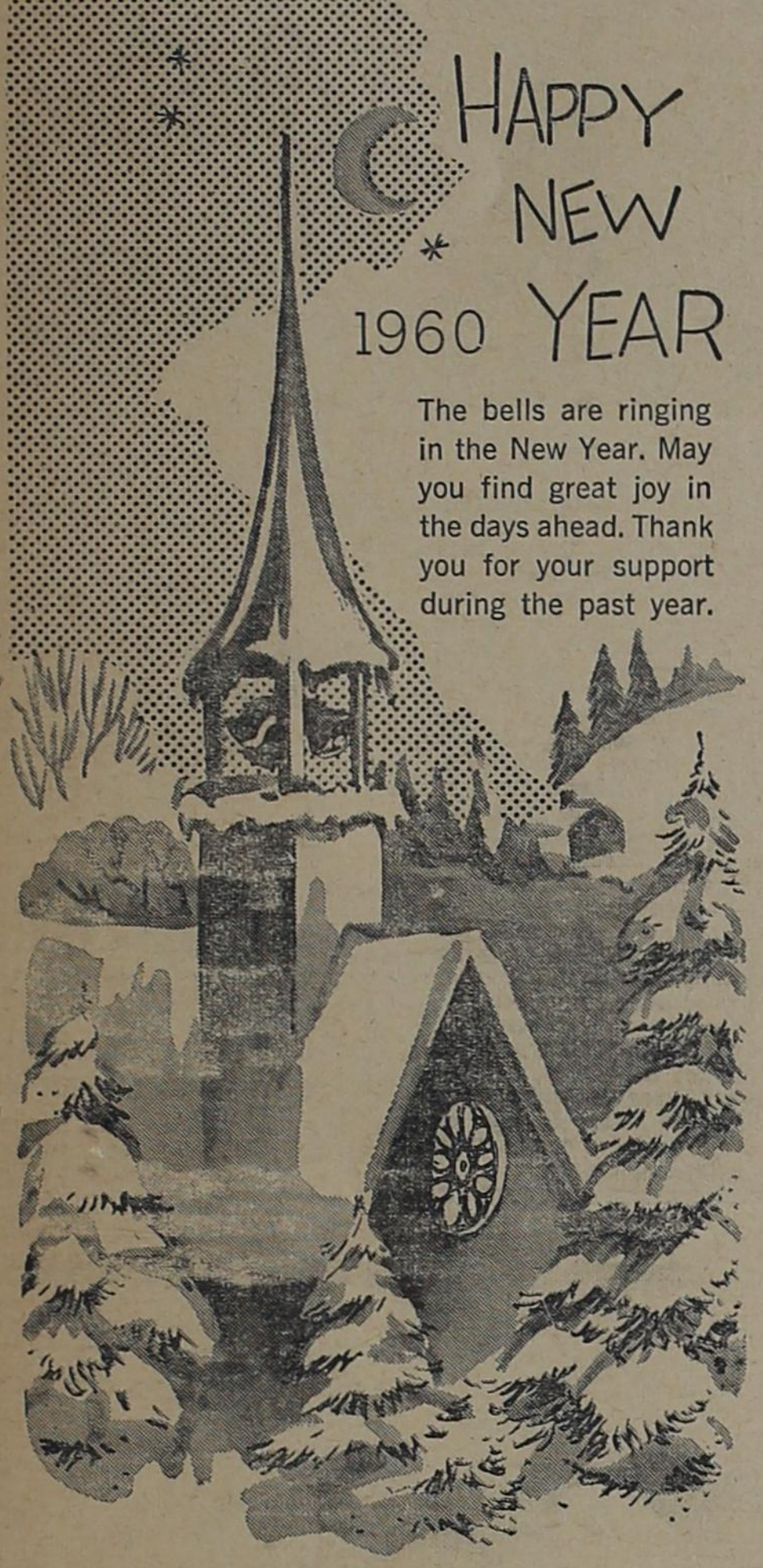
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BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!" The exultant, drunken shout went up around the apartment-lined street along with a few firecrackers and noisemakers.

Letha Bishop, a youngish, palish blond, shivered a little as she leaned out the upstairs window to watch the usual, futile efforts at merry-making. What's so happy about the New Year, she thought grimly—1959 was a flop! Letha thought of her unhappy year in the city with bitterness. Her left arm had been hurt in an industrial accident so she had been off work for six snowbound weeks. The city overwhelmed her with its noise and grime as contrasted to the quiet farm life she had fled in a stubborn search for independence.

"The story of my life," Letha said aloud, but couldn't help smiling. She remembered her father expounding on a sense of humor being a saving grace. She didn't have much left. Impulsively she grabbed her worn coat and went outside to walk. The sidewalks were clear of snow and ice, but not of people. A party was breaking up noisily so Letha turned and walked the other way.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By Florence Richardson

Our thought for the week: "The diamond cannot be polished without friction; nor man perfected without trials."

Christmas has come and gone and the holidays are over, but the way time passes it won't be

long until we will be saying Merry Christmas again.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and son were visiting the A. D. Bryans and Grover Perrys Friday.

Mrs. Dan Kinser has been visiting her son and family, the Rex Kinsers.

The Elmer Watson family of Midland spent the holidays here with the L. F. Mears and Mrs. J. N. Watson.

The A. D. Bryans visited the S. E. Mears Tuesday night.

The Hardy Parkers, Homer Richardsons and Bruce Hirst family visited in the B. A. Hirst home Friday.

The Troy Johnson and Edward Johnson families were visitors in the Jim Johnson home Friday.

The children of the Clyde Setzlers spent the holidays here visiting home folks.

The Gilmore children all met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Warren for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mears of Arlington were here during the holidays visiting the S. E. Mears.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watson and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitley of Ft Worth spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

The children of Rev. and Mrs. Arlin Clement spent the holidays here.

Science Proved Our Earth Is Centuries Old

How old is this earth of ours? Modern researchers, using the principle of radioactivity to "date" wood samples, have proven it is at least 4,600 years old. Atomic scientists expect to extend their measurements beyond 20,000 years, long before the dawn of history.

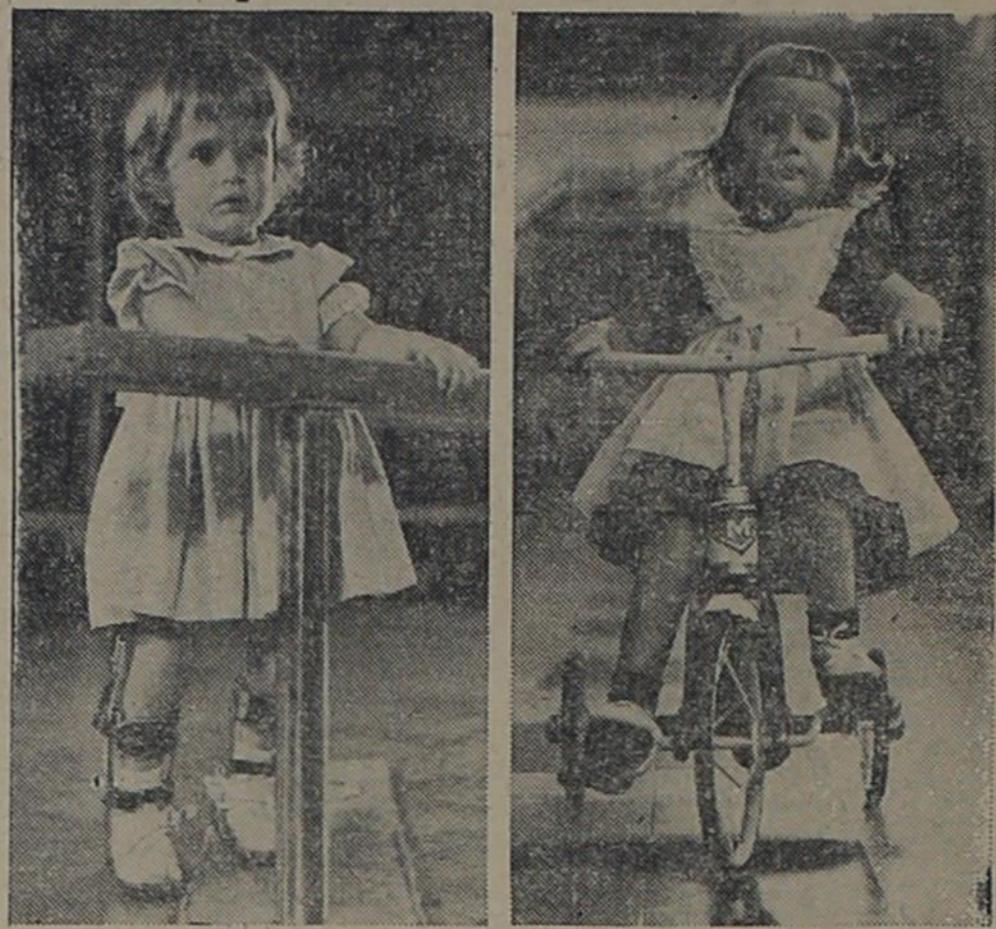
According to Jewish dogma and tradition, the Day of Creation antedated the birth of Christ approximately 3,761 years. Thus, the Jewish calendar, which the Jews adopted during the 15th century, reads 5720 in relation to 1959 A. D.

Use of the notation A. D. (in the year of our Lord) was inaugurated by Charles III of Germany, who affixed the symbolism to the years of his reign in 879. The system of retroactively dating the years prior to the Saviour's birth and dedicating the succeeding years to His greater Glory was invented, along with the Christian era, by a monk about 532 A. D. The Christian era begins on January 1 in the middle of the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome and in 4714 of the Julian Period.

The Julian period, invented by Joseph Scaliger, about 1583 A. D., was devised by multiplying the lunar cycle 19, solar cycle 28, and the Roman indiction 15.

The Egyptians devised a calendar about 4,000 B. C. and using the Mundane era of Alexander, estimated the "beginning" to be 5502 B. C.

Now Linda Can Wear Pretty Yuletide Shoes



Linda then . . . and Linda now

Six-year-old Linda Brees of Columbus, Ohio, has been crippled from birth. She suffered from a birth defect, a disorder which seriously afflicts one out of every 16 babies born in the United States.

When Linda was old enough to walk, she could get around only with the aid of steel braces on her legs. That meant wearing heavy, ankle-high shoes which were not very pretty for a little girl who was otherwise developing into a real beauty.

Children with significant birth defects, known medically as congenital malformations, often face a lifetime of crippling. But there was hope in Linda's case. In her hometown, at the Columbus Children's Hospital, a new center especially designed to treat birth defects was set up with the support of New March of Dimes funds. It is probably the world's first birth-defects treatment and study center.

Linda began a series of surgical operations, treatments and exercises to strengthen the muscles she still had in her legs. Today she no longer needs the braces and can even ride a tricycle. Though she still uses crutches, the doctors at the Columbus center hope that she may soon be able to abandon them. Meanwhile, what delights Linda most is that, like other little girls, she can now wear pretty shoes.

The New March of Dimes campaign in January, 1960, is aimed at three major crippling diseases, including arthritis and polio in addition to birth defects. It is estimated that one out of every four American families is affected by these disorders. Linda's progress toward a healthy, normal life symbolizes the hope held out by the New March of Dimes for millions of sufferers from crippling diseases.

Mrs. Grace Frances of Jacksonville, Texas is visiting her sister Mrs. Eugene Baker.

Friends visiting in the Baker home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knight and Foy R. Burke of Dallas. Harold, Foy and Gene have been friends for forty years.



We hope the New Year will shine for you with lovely beauty, like a candle in a darkened room . . . bright and golden and warm.

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GENE READY, Sales Repr.



We join you in welcoming the New Year. To all our friends we send greetings and our thanks for your patronage. Best wishes everyone for the New Year.

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DEPARTMENT STORE
Gorman, Texas



As you gather with your friends for an old fashioned feast to celebrate the New Year we send our greetings and best wishes.

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PHONE 157 GORMAN



"Sounds as if you hadn't said that word in a long, long time," he said.

"Happy New Year!" Two men were having a snowball fight and she was their target. They were uproarious and pelted her with the stinging balls and loud suggestions of "Come on in, we can make your New Year happy."

Encounter
Letha turned, frightened, and ran smack into a man. "That's enough snow now," he warned the throwers in the rasping voice Letha recognized as that of an older man.

"You don't have to help me," she said tightly, but when the snowballs and taunts found her again, she was grateful for the man's bulk and arm. They ran back to the protection of a doorway.

"Thanks." She managed to say it.

"Sounds as if you haven't said that word in a long time," he commented dryly.

There was enough light so Letha could see her craggy benefactor. He was a big man, as blunt in appearance as he was in speech. He asked curiously, "Are you always so independent?"

"I try to be," Letha said stiffly. "You don't like independence?" She lingered in the doorway because she had no fear of this strange, observing man and besides, she was so glad to hear someone talk. She had been cooped up in her room for days. It reminded her of a cell. She surprised herself by saying, "You remind me of my father. He doesn't like independence either."

Listener
"I admire it in a woman," he said quickly, "but a little bit goes a long way. I have a feeling you're as independent as a hog on ice and you don't know how to retreat so you keep skidding around." He spoke so dispassionately that she heard herself bit by bit, telling him of the whole disastrous year. She realized that she, who never confided in anyone, was talking a lot. She didn't care. The man was so dispassionate, so anonymous, he was easy and good to talk to.

"Your biggest problem is yourself," he said calmly after her recital on the life and woes of Letha Bishop. "You don't know how to give in or even go halfway. I think you really want to go home . . ."

She picked up the telephone receiver three times before she summoned enough courage to put a call through to her family. Saying "Happy New Year" to her father was hard, but the rest came easier. "How would you like to have a daughter setting—"

That was all she had to say as her father interrupted excitedly. "We'd love it! When? How soon? You will stay? Oh Happy New Year!"

Letha smiled at the placard, smiled hugely at the world, thinking thankfully of her midnight advisor, and said to her sputtering father, "It will be a happy year!"

Best Wishes



The hourglass turns on another year and it's time to extend best wishes for the coming year.

EMERSON'S CAFE
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Emerson



As we start the New Year we pray you will be one of the many new friends we hope to acquire during the year. And to our many old friends, we send the season's greetings.

EPPLER'S FURNITURE
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Season's Greetings

As the old year fades, we take this opportunity to say we enjoyed the privilege of serving all of you in '59. We wish you a happy, prosperous New Year.

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