

Three Die In County New Year's Eve Wreck

Two Others In Critical Shape

A smashing head-on collision between two late model cars early this morning one-tenth of a mile east of Cisco on old Highway 80 snuffed out the lives of three Eastland Countians and left two more on the critical list.

Dead is Harold F. Manke, 26, of Eastland, a mechanic at the City Garage, whose home address was listed as Eastland Hotel.

Lola Barbara Caffey McFar-

land, 22, 901 East 16th, Cisco.

Larry Neil McCandies, 16, Route 4, Cisco, Cisco High School student.

Critically injured were Tommy Baltimore McCoy, 23, of Eastland and Dale Cook, 20, 1302 Bliss Street, Cisco. McCoy worked for the Trammel Bakery in Eastland and Cook was employed by the A&P Store of Cisco. Both were rushed to the Graham Hospital in Cisco.

The collision occurred at 2:30 a.m. this morning just 249 feet from the detour blockade on the new four-lane super highway going into Cisco. The highway is being completed on into Cisco and the detour has been in use several weeks.

Highway Patrolman Ray Hatten of Eastland, who investigated the wreck, said the two cars were both going approximately 50 to 60 miles an hour at the time they smashed together head-on.

Manke was driving a 1953 Ford, which was owned by McCoy, and traveling west at the time of the wreck. McCoy and Mrs. McFarland were passengers in the car.

Cook was driver of the other car involved, a 1954 Ford, which was traveling east.

Patrolman Hatten said the wreck was one of the worst in the county's history.

A hospital spokesman said that both McCoy and Cook were on the critical list, and said chances for both to live were doubtful.

Moore...

ABOUT
Eastland
By VIRGIL E. MOORE

This is the issue all newspaper columnists are required to wish each and all a happy and prosperous new year.

Despite the requirement, we enjoy doing it anyway. To save a few words we will just wish you a happy new year, however. For if you have happiness you will probably also have money, and if you don't, won't need it.

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We would like to borrow an essay from Richard Lewis, a young Oregon school boy, today. Lewis wrote the essay that won the Oregon Press Association contest this year. We like it a lot, and hope that you enjoy it a little.

The essay:

I am a small town newspaper. I am one of the most important assets a town can have. As long as there are many good small town newspapers, our country is assured of a democratic rule.

My goal: "To further democracy to aid my town and community in the many ways at my disposal, and to keep my readers well informed."

In the troubled times of today my most important responsibility is the task of preserving our freedoms. We are smothered under a multitude of both good and bad propaganda. I must screen the right from the wrong, and give to the people the truth.

On the local level, I must watch those with authority, and make sure they direct their energies for the general good. When the public is confused on an issue, it is my duty to state clearly the point in question so that the people can honestly judge it for themselves. I shall praise the praiseworthy, as I shall rebuke the incompetent.

I am a community newspaper, and I work for the community. Civic enterprises would not succeed without my support, for people must know the "hows" and the "whys" of a thing before they will get behind it.

I support everything from the softball league to raising funds for the new fire engine. Town merchants are able to get in touch with prospective customers through my advertising.

To be a good small town newspaper is truly a herculean task. The first prerequisite to a good paper is a good staff. Heading this staff, there must be a smart, hard working editor, who knows newspaper work inside out. And most important, the whole staff must have a deep pride in its paper.

As a small town newspaper I have many obstacles in my path. I operate under a very limited budget. I cannot, and don't attempt to, compete with large dailies in such items as national and world news, and comic strips.

Instead I stick to my specialty—local news. Also I must content myself with a certain amount of adverse criticism from people who do not take into consideration my difficulties. I would like to remind these people that the more support a paper has, the better that paper is.

I am a capitalistic, free enterprise business in the best sense of the word, yet I am directly obligated to my readers, and must

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Levins Becomes
First New Marine
Unit Leader Here

The newly organized Eastland platoon of the Abilene Marine Corps Reserve Unit has enlisted its first new member, Capt. H. C. Schryver Jr., announced Saturday. He is B. J. Levins of Eastland.

The new enlistment brings to eight the number of men presently meeting with the Eastland unit. The unit meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the American Legion Hall.

Private Levins is employed by Piggly Wiggly Food Stores of Eastland.

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Prayer for The New Year

The blessing of God, Baby New Year,
And a candle to light the long way—
May the wisdom of Age, who presents you,
Be your guide in the World every day.

Outlook For '55 Is Good, Leaders Say

All Agree: Rain Is Needed Most Of All

By STAFF WRITER

A lot more rain is what most Eastland business, professional and agricultural men and women feel is needed most during the new year.

A spot check Saturday by a Telegram reporter left little doubt that rain was the number one thing the county needs—and at the right time.

But despite the fact that it still isn't wet enough to suit most of the persons interviewed, they still seemed to be optimistic. One man interviewed said, "They told me that I was set for a bad year this past year, but I did as well as ever."

And most agreed that a good crop could vastly brighten up the situation. A woman who agreed to "be interviewed said, "With the payroll the corset factories have added, I think a good crop would turn Eastland into a minor boom town."

A scrap metal dealer was most enthusiastic about 1955. "The outlook as far as my business is concerned is better than in quite a few years," he said.

And Herb Tanner, manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, too was optimistic.

"I have lived in Eastland since 1919," he said. "I've seen the oil boom, the depression and the

smooth times that followed. It is my firm belief, however, that Eastland is on a more solid basis than at any time in the past."

And with hopes for the new year high, Eastland bowed to another innocent baby—Master 1955.

Olden Girls Drop Out Of Gorman Tourney

GORMAN (TNS) — Rangell's boys and Stephenville's girls guided the semifinals of the Indian Trail basketball tournament Friday night with victories over Abilene Christian High School and Olden, respectively.

Ranger drubbed the Abilene Christian High Panthers, 52 - 39 with Jim Littlefield scoring 18 points. Charles Jennings and Jim Polk roped in 12 each for the Panthers.

Stephenville's girls outlasted Olden, 50-32 with Lucille Hale hitting 20, Thelma Edwards scored 23 for Olden.

In boys quarterfinals games Olden downed Cross Plains, 44-26 with Jim Coburn hitting 15. Clark Baum hit 11 for the losers.

Mineral Wells bounced Lingleville 60-29 in the other quarterfinals game. Carl Knight scored 28 for the winners and Jim Consoer and George Cook contributed 12 each to the Lingleville cause.

In girls quarterfinals Pottsville blasted Lingleville, 78-49 with Janis Roberts scoring 40. Johnnie Proctor hit 37 for the losers. In the other game Lipan edged Rising Star, 46-43 with Cleta Daniels hitting 19 for the winners and Joanna Allen scoring 17 for Rising Star.

In girls consolation Gorman bumped Carbon, 35-20 and Putnam trimmed Cisco, 46-32. Clyde trimmed Pottsville, 51-33, in the boys consolation play.

Weather
FREYSCHLAG
INSURANCE AGENCY
No. Side Square Phone 178
Presents the Weather-Report

Partly cloudy and cooler Sunday. High Sunday in the middle 50's. Sunday night near 30.

Completion Of Dam Ranks As Top Story Of 1954

Completion of the Lake Leon dam and road rates as Eastland County's top story of the year according to the Telegram staff after study of the top stories of the year.

Completion of the \$1,500,000 dam August 3 gave the Telegram its top story of the year, the staff decided. Rated second was the \$757,000 lake road project.

Rated tops in the sports section was the performance of J. D. Hanson at the State track meet. Hanson, Eastland High School's one man team, captured fourth place in the state with 18 points, tying the state record in the low hurdle event. Rated second was the Eastland upset victory over Dublin in the final gridiron game of the season. Dublin won the District 7-A crown.

A resume of 1954 follows:

Jan. 5, Fifty-six thousand dollars made available for PMA County program.

Jan. 12, MacMoy's Food Store opens.

Jan. 20, Temperature drops to 15 degrees.

Feb. 25, One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollar appropriation for new Lake Leon road and bridge approved by State Highway Commission.

March 4, Abe Martin speaks at Quarterback Club Banquet.

March 16, Dog owner offers reward for clues in dog poisoning.

March 18, Seniors give annual play.

March 21, Telegram begins three days a week publication instead of twice weekly.

March 26, Clayton Stoker's Steer named grand champion steer at Eastland County Livestock Show.

April 6, Curtis Koen, Vernon Humphreys named on school board.

April 8, Mavs win second in district track meet.

April 9, County singing convention held.

April 10, Eastland hosts West Texas Chamber of Commerce Manager's convention.

April 15, Leon Dam backs up eight feet of water after heavy rain.

April 18, Community Sunrise Easter service held.

April 24, J. D. Hanson wins two firsts in regional track tournament. Charles Collins is medalist at regional golf meet.

May 4, Eastland band wins first division rating for seventh consecutive year at regional tourney.

May 6, Homer Smith named president of Lions Club.

May 11, J. D. Hanson scores 18 points in state track meet. Ties low hurdles record in giving Eastland fourth place in meet.

May 14, George L. Davenport re-elected mayor of Eastland.

May 16, Jimmy Don Hucak named 1954 Valuedictorian. Joy Lynne Robinson is Salutatorian.

May 22, King Appliance Store opens.

May 23, Baccalaureate service held.

May 24, Taylor Smith opens Smitty's Jewelry; Commencement exercises held.

May 25, Boyce House named Lakeside Golf Tournament.

June 6, Carroll Shelton named Eastland High School coach; Bobby Blair new assistant.

June 8, Seven hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars earmarked for work on county highways in two year period. Summer baseball program begins.

June 16, Collins Construction Co. gets bid on Lake Leon road, bridge.

July 11, Ray Ferguson wins Lakeside Golf Tournament.

July 16, Bill Hunter named Legion commander.

July 17, Sale of Eastland National Bank announced.

July 20, City records 17th day of 100 degree weather.

July 24, General election held; Yarborough carries county.

July 27, Temperature jumps to sizzling 113.5 degrees.

August 1, Mrs. Bob Young of Baird names Lake Leon; wins \$100 cash.

August 2, City celebrates 79th anniversary as county seat.

August 3, Dam at new lake completed.

August 13, Ralph Yarborough brings run-off race for governor to Eastland in speech at courthouse square.

August 15, County declared drought disaster area.

August 19, Port Arthur group speaks in behalf of Gov. Shivers here.

August 23, Mavs open grid workouts.

August 28, Gov. Shivers re-elected; Paul Brasher wins seat as representative; J. B. Williams named sheriff. All carry Eastland, and county.

Sept. 1, Connelley Hotel is sold.

Sept. 7, Schools open.

Sept. 10, Mavs fall to Cisco in grid opener.

Sept. 16, Turkey growers hold annual meeting.

Sept. 17, DeLeon defeats Eastland in grid game.

Sept. 21, Engineer turns over Lake Leon dam to Water Board.

Sept. 24, Granbury dumps Mavs.

Sept. 30, Livestock Growers hold annual meeting here.

Oct. 1, Merkel edges Mavericks.

Oct. 8, Eastland falls to Ranger.

Oct. 14, New Chamber of Commerce directors named.

Oct. 18, Billy Jack Johnson named fire chief.

Oct. 22, Mavs dump Clyde.

Oct. 25, A. Z. Myrick elected Farm Bureau president.

Nov. 2, General election held.

Nov. 9, Premiere of "Oil Field" (Continued On Page Two)

Girls Beat Boys In 1954 Birth Contest

Mark up a clearcut victory for the fairer sex. For the girls have broken the tie which developed in 1953 to score an easy 36 to 27 victory over the boys.

Figures on the "game" come from the birth files at Eastland City Hall. The files show that 36 girls were born this year in Eastland while only 27 boys are new Eastlanders. That makes a total of 63 new babies in 1954. In 1953 there were 37 boys and 37 girls born, for a total of 74. That means that the 1954 record is 11 short of last year.

The first baby born in 1954 in Eastland was Robert William Nixon III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Nixon Jr. First girl born was Elizabeth Ann Lavender, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lavender, now of Ft. Worth.

The last boy born in 1954 was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pittman and the last girl born is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Craven. Undoubtedly there were other Eastland couples who helped boost the city's population, but their babies birth records are in other cities.

The Eastland decline in birth rate was not in keeping with the nation as a whole. For in 1954 there were more babies born in the United States than in any other year, according to the Kiplinger Washington Agency.

The birth rate over the nation has been on a high plateau since war years. Now the plateau is rising. New babies this past year totaled 4.1 million.

The rate, 25.2 per 1,000 women, compared with prewar rate of around 19. Peak rate was 26.6 in 1947, when men were just coming back from the war. All signs are that the high rate will continue through the coming year.

Kiplinger says young women are having more babies, more than their mothers had. Age group 35-39 has already had as many babies as those aged 45-49, and the younger women still have a lot of time in which to go further, the agency says.

The baby boom is now in its 15th year. It started up in 1940, just before the war, after slipping sharply during the depression 30's. Main reason for the baby boom, according to analysts, is prosperity.

One thing certain in Eastland, however. When those 27 boys grow up they won't have any trouble getting a date on Saturday night. Not with 11 extra girls.

Band Boosters Set Meeting Tuesday Night

Eastland Band Boosters will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall, Mrs. G. E. Dendy, president, said Saturday.

Mrs. Dendy urged all members to attend. "This will be one of our most important meetings since it is the first one of the new year," she said.

The Car With The Forward Look
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Menu For Saturday: Peas And Hog Jowl

By STAFF WRITER

There may not be anything to it, but if the old story about black-eyed peas bringing good luck if eaten on New Year's Day is true, Eastlanders should have a boom year. For a check of local food stores revealed a great boom on cowpeas (just another name for 'em) here.

Store managers reported the sale of peas started early this week and was climaxed Friday by a big rush to get a can and/or package.

Eating of blackeyed peas cooked with salt hog jowl on New Year's Day carries with it the legend that the custom associates itself with luck. Its observance is more universal in Southern states, but has now moved into practically all states.

According to grocerymen and other experts on the subject, any kind of blackeyed peas are satisfactory for the observance of the custom, but the truest interpretation calls for cooking dried peas with hog jowl.

Less superstitious folks argue the reason for the custom, however. They say that Southerners dreamed up the idea to sell more blackeyed peas and that others decided the peas were a good food bargain and latched on to the idea. Believe what you want to about it, but . . . if you forgot to buy some peas, several local cafes have them featured on their New Year's menu.

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Cub Scouts To Meet Monday At Methodist Church

Cubmaster W. L. Garner has announced a meeting of Cub Scouts for Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Garner, who was recently appointed cubmaster when Charles Foster was transferred to Athens, said that Scouts would put on the program.

He urged all Cubs to be present.

DODGE HAS DONE IT
Come And See
McGraw MOTOR CO.

New Officials Take Over Office Jan. 1

Eastland County will have a new sheriff and county school superintendent Saturday. For that is when new county officials will take office. Precinct One, which includes Eastland, Ranger and Olden, will also have a new commissioner.

Taking office as sheriff will be J. B. Williams. New school superintendent will be H. R. (Pop) Garrett and the new commissioner will be Tip Arther. All of the new officials make their home in Eastland, although Garrett recently moved to the county seat from Cisco.

The tenure of office was changed by a constitutional amendment passed by voters in the general election. Under the new law half of the county officials will seek election every two years. Under the formula set up by the legislature, four of the Eastland County officials will serve four year

Most Air Force Volunteers Go To Technical Schools

"At the present time approximately 70 per cent of the Air Force volunteers who complete basic military training will be sent to technical schools to learn electronics, aircraft maintenance, radar operations, or any one of 288 specialties available in the Air Force establishment," according to Sgt. Grady Hoyle, head of the local Air Force recruiting station.

Hoyle added that the Air Force is greatly in need of young men who desire and are qualified for training in any one of the technical specialties offered. He said that these men who aren't actually sent to one of the service schools would be given on-the-job training. About four per cent of the volunteers will be assigned to special projects elsewhere in the Air Force structure.

"With thousands of men facing possible discharges by July, 1955, the Air Force will be confronted with the task of training large numbers of new volunteers to take over their jobs," Hoyle explained.

"The training that the Air Force gives greatly increases the Airman's potential earning power," he said. "Air Force Tech schools graduate about 176,000 annually."

Hubert U. Ables Serving Aboard USS Los Angeles

PACIFIC FLEET (FHTNC) — It's duty aboard the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles for Vernon E. Ables, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert U. Ables of Route 1, Ranger, Tex.

The cruiser recently completed training maneuvers off the coast of California.

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Classified Ads..

SPECIAL NOTICES

LODGE NOTICE
Stated meeting R. A. chapter No. 403 meets on fourth Thursday of each month.
L. E. Huckabay, H. P. H. P. Pentecost, Sec.

Regular meeting Tuesday night 8 p. m.

Regular meeting each Friday 8 p. m.
Paul Taylor, Noble Grand
H. C. McAdams, Vice Grand
S. W. Howell, Secretary.

Stated meeting Eastland Lodge No. 467, Second Thursday each month, 7:30 p. m.
Wayne Jackson, W. M.
H. P. Pentecost, Sec.

NOTICE: Attend holiday socials, will care for your children at night. Call 272-J.

NOTICES: To the public the place known as Johnson and Fox farm located between Eastland Lake and T.P. Railroad is posted, closed to hunting and fishing, anyone caught trespassing on waterfront or land will be prosecuted. Harley Fox and G. L. Johnson.

RENTALS

FOR RENT: Furnished three room apartment. 612 West Plummer.

FOR RENT: Four room furnished apartment. Call 394-J.

FOR RENT: Three room furnished apartment and bath. 310 East Main.

FOR RENT: Two room apartment with bath. Furnished. \$20 month. 310 E. Main.

FOR RENT: Nice, clean furnished apartment with garage. 302 E. Main.

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment. Phone 9520. Hillside Apartments.

FOR RENT: Unfurnished, newly decorated, one and two bedroom apartments, garages, phone 465.

FOR RENT: Downtown, upstairs apartment, furnished, \$10. week, bills paid. Phone 692.

FOR RENT: Furnished army house. 106 E. Valley.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house. Apply 407 South Madera.

FOR RENT: Furnished three room apartment with bath. 307 N. Lamar.

FOR RENT: Six room unfurnished house. 306 West White. Call 446-J or 270.

FOR RENT: Nice six room house with servant quarters. Phone 388.

FOR RENT: Large furnished apartment. 608 W. Patterson. Call R. L. Taylor, 208 N. Walnut.

FOR RENT: Nicely furnished apartment with garage. Phone 130-J or 279.

FOR RENT: Furnished three room cottage. 207 South Walnut.

FOR RENT: Five room modern house, two miles from town. Eight foot front and rear porch, rock storage house, yard and large garden, chicken lot fenced with five foot poultry netting, has chicken house, cow barn, and hog lot fenced with five foot net wire. Lights, gas and water pump. Will pasture one cow. Phone 757-J-3.

Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: Will be available night or day to care for small children. 307 East Main. Phone 747.

WANTED: Light hauling in city or short distance. Clean garages, attics, yards. Reasonable rates. Call 690W-3 or 754-W.

OLD MONEY WANTED: Will buy old United States money in gold, silver, and minor metals. Coins must be in fine condition or better. Write, describing coins. Box 406, Cisco, Texas.

WANTED: Job, baby sitting or as practical nurse. Telephone 222-J.

Help Wanted - Male

WANTED: Young, full time salesman for Eastland. Apply at The Globe Clothiers, Ranger.

COURTHOUSE NEWS AND RECORDS

Real Estate Transfers, Marriages, Suits Filed, Court Judgments, Orders, Etc.

T&T NSIDE COURT NEWS. D

Instruments Filed
County Clerk's Office

W. L. Andrus to Eastland National Bank, assignment of lien.
A. B. Bradley to the following (All assignments of oil and gas leases): Everett Slunz, Jack C. Byrne, Mrs. Victor Hanson, Lorin E. Gorrell, Gordon R. Gorrell, Dr. W. E. Gorrell, Dr. W. Gorrell, Tristee, Ada Pearl Jones, Dr. B. M. Thompson and Elmer H. Thomas.

Joe Blackwell to A. H. Blackwell, release of vendor's lien.
Commerce Trust Company to Woodson Oil Company, release of deed of trust.

Commerce Trust Company to Lewis W. Welch, release of deed of trust.
Commerce Trust Company to Novi Oil Company, assignment of oil and gas lease.
Helen R. Crawford to Veterans Land Board, Austin, warranty deed.

Clay Purchasing & Material Co., Inc. to J. H. Tidwell, release of MML.

Mrs. G. A. Dawson to A. B. Bradley, oil and gas lease.
Allen D. Dabney to F. L. Johnson, release of vendor's lien.
S. A. Davis to Eastland National Bank, deed of trust.

Fred A. Davis to Kenneth S. Sikorski, assignment of oil and gas lease.
Fred A. Davis to Everett E. Baker, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Elijah Dunn to J. E. McGlothlin, warranty deed.

Eastland National Bank to H. C. Edwards, release of MML.
H. C. Edwards to First Federal S & L Assn., deed of trust.

Eastland National Bank to Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, assignment.

Ruth Slaton to Standard Oil Company, rat. & rental division order.

George Fox, Jr. to Carl Lummus, oil and gas lease.
T. C. Frambro to Texas Electric Service Company, right of way.

First Federal S & L Assn. to H. M. Sellers, release of deed of trust.
Gus H. Falk to Gene Falk, warranty deed.

Gene Falk to First Federal S & L Assn., deed of trust.
J. B. Gregory to W. L. Andrus, warranty deed.

William M. Hutchings to H. C. Armstrong, lease agreement.
C. C. Harris to Texas Electric Service Company, right of way.

J. T. Henry to Lester Clark, oil and gas lease.
C. E. Higginbotham to E. J. Poe, bill of sale.

W. E. Hallenbeck to First Federal S & L Assn., assignment of M.L.
Raymond Doyle Holmes to Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., deed of trust.

F. L. Johnson to The Public, affidavit.
Kenneth Earl Johnson to Otto Silverman, release.

Robert M. Kincaid to Texas Electric Service Company, right of way.

C. C. Laffon to Texas Electric Service Co., right of way.
Frank Lowenthal to The Public, affidavit.

W. M. Moates to Tom L. Broom, lease.
Leola Myers Martin to W. D. McAlister, warranty deed.

George C. Moss to J. Leland Anderson, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Victoria H. May to Hugh Smith, release of MML.
Frank H. McIntosh to Don H. Penker, assignment of oil and gas lease.

Millie Putty to Standard Oil Company, rat. & rental division order.

R. A. Parker to Texas Electric Service Co., right of way.
H. K. Porter Company, Inc. to W. G. Hellinghausen, warranty deed.

Ranger Peanut Company, Inc.

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'Hoppin' John and Tasty Beef Bring Luck During The New Year

"Hoppin' John," Texans' traditional New Year's Day good luck dinner of black-eyed peas, is a "natural" for economy beef.

Legend has it that good luck will follow those who follow the Christmas season's feasting with a noon-day meal of black-eyed peas and stew-meat on New Year's Day. Folklore's superstition that the number of peas eaten on New Year's Day will be equalled by that many dollars during the rest of the year has a new interpretation. The idea is that economy should follow prodigality, that a frugal meal should follow the Christmas week of stuffing with holiday goodies.

That's where the Texas Beef Council says economy beef comes in. Peas by themselves could be pretty lean fare, even after a week of feasting, and a solid protein is indicated to keep the head of the house strong enough to face Christmas bills. The tangy barbecued beef short-rib recipe, a favorite of dietetic expert Miss Helen M. Brand of Houston is the answer.

The sweet-sour recipe was submitted in the Texas Beef Council's home economists contest to determine the best use of economy beef. The contest closes January 31, 1955 and the Grand Prize winner will be announced March 11 at the Texas Home Economics Association's annual meeting in Dallas.

It's fact — not superstition — that there'll be plenty to eat all year long, including beef even every day, if attention is given the lesser-known, lower-priced beef cuts.

"Hoppin' John," a soupy mixture of black-eyed peas over rice, barbecued beef shorttribs and big, juicy Bermuda onions make a happy insurance plan for success and luck in 1955.

BARBEQUED BEEF SHORTTRIBS
2 1-2 pounds beef shorttribs
1 tsp. celery seed
1 tsp. chili powder
1-4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. paprika
1 cup thick tomato puree
1-8 cup vinegar

Combine celery seed, chili powder, brown sugar, salt, and paprika and rub one-half of the mixture on the shorttribs. To the remaining half, add tomato puree and vinegar. Heat and use to baste ribs during roasting. (Serves 6). (Approximate cooking time: 2 1-2 hours at 325 degrees).

HOPPIN' JOHN
3 lbs. bacon drippings salt to taste
1 cup rice
3 cups water from peas
2 cups black-eyed peas
Boil peas until tender; add rice, bacon drippings and water enough to steam the rice, (about three cups), and cook slowly for one hour. (Serves 6).

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Hogan and children are leaving Saturday for their home in Odessa, after having spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Miller and children returned to their home in Levelland Thursday after having spent the holidays here with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bender.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Sayre and children, Sharon, Frankie and James Forest are expected home Saturday from Tampa, Florida, where they visited with Mrs. Sayre's parents after having spent several days in North Carolina with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Middleton and daughter, Lila Lane have returned from Sanger, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Middleton's mother, Mrs. Belle Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gill of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gill and children, Terry and Lanny of Hereford left Friday after having been the guest for the past several days in the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Ed Sargent and Mr. Sargent.

Mrs. Sargent's brother and family are moving from Hereford to Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. A. F. Taylor had her children and their families with her Christmas eve and Christmas day. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kilgore, Glenna and Gayle, and Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perry and

children, Linda and Mike of Eastland.

The Kilgore's went to Brownwood Sunday to visit with Mr. Kilgore's parents and Mrs. Taylor accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Perry and their children to San Saba, where they visited with Mrs. Perry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perry Sr. They returned to Eastland Tuesday but Mrs. Taylor remained to visit with the Weathersby families in Goldthwaite and Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones and children Bill, Mike and Cathy spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rex of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gourley and children Susan and Nibs spent Christmas day in Cisco with Mrs. Gourley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimmel.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wright and children joined the other Wright children in the home of Mr. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arther Wright of Longbranch for the holiday dinner.

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A Glance Backward As We March Forward to New Year

In a review of the news of 1954 of interest to the women of Eastland, the highlight would be the two conventions hosted here this year and the fact that the Texas Federated Women's Club's

NEWS FROM CHEANEY

Mrs. Bill Tucker

Holidays are almost over and the New Year just beginning. Cheaney community had a number of visitors — and some of our people made visits to other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatley Dean spent the holidays in Tyler and in Athens, Tex. with his brothers and their families. They returned Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Tucker, Christine and Autry of Arlington spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Betty Tucker and others of the Tucker families. Folk around Gorman will remember Christine as the little girl who began her school years in a cast and braces — but determination in her heart and a laugh in her voice.

Today, Christine, in her wheel chair, after finishing Arlington High School, is a truck dispatcher for Goodwill Industries. She and two other employees were guests of Kivanians and Rotarians just recently and presented a musical program as ambassadors for Goodwill Industries.

How many saw the trio's picture in the Dec. 21 issue of the Star-Telegram? Autry also came in for his share in the spotlight, in being named "lineman of the week" for the Arlington Colts. Autry is 18 and idolized by sister, Christine.

The Tuckers also visited the parental Stephens families near Sipe Springs.

Miss Irma Lilly of Texas Tech was a visitor at Cheaney Church services Sunday where her father, Minister J. F. Lilly of Gorman, preaches regularly.

The William Melton families — Richard Tuckers, Kenneth Browns, Buddy Rodgers and Troy Meltons from Waco, all enjoyed the Christmas turkey in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Love of Odessa and the Henry Perrins visited with their mother, Mrs. Ann Love and with the John Loves and Mrs. Lillie Wallace and Loresta on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Perrin and children visited in Ranger with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shoek.

The Billy Tuckers and son Garland of Crane, spent last Thursday and Friday with his parents, the Bill Tuckers.

Claude Tucker and family were here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and with his mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker. They returned to their home in Odessa Sunday afternoon.

Grandpa, J. L. Fonville is reported seriously ill, by his great-granddaughter Alene Fonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swain and granddaughter, Gail Redding of Breckenridge, were recent visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fonville and in the Earl Redwine home near Salem. Mr. W. H. Sparger of Ranger also was a visitor of the Fonvilles.

The Lee Yanceys and Betty can, spent Christmas in Corsicana with a daughter and sister, Mrs. Truman Gregory and family. The Gregory are formerly of Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Strickler and Johnny Mac of Ft. Worth and Mrs. Ruby Blackwell and her family enjoyed Christmas dinner with their mother, Mrs. J. P. Strickler. Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Eastland and son, Butch, of Ft. Worth, and Slim Blackwell of Odessa were also dinner guests. Earl Strickler and family of Caddo went to West Texas to visit their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler had as guests on Sunday their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Compton, Freddie, Joe, Sandra and Randy of Weatherford. Mr. Compton is the local minister for the Church of Christ at Poolville, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Revel and

David of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Revel, Pee Wee and Bobby, and her father, Lee Dabney of Desdemona were all gathered at the parental Jack Revel home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Love and Junior Love played a trick and visited in Seymour, Crowell and Vernon for Christmas with nephews and nieces, children of his deceased sister, Mrs. Dora Love Wallace. They were accompanied by Miss Minnie Walton of Brownwood, also a niece.

sixth district convention will be held in our city.

The Chamber of Commerce managers convention hosted here early last spring and the more recent district convention of sixth district Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

Eastland Club women are now looking forward to the district convention of the Texas Federated Women's Clubs, which they will host April 18th and 19. Mrs. James Horton, district vice president has been named general chairman of the affair.

Clubs in Eastland participating in the Convention will be: The Thursday Afternoon Club, Las Leales Club, Alpha Delphin Club, The Civic League and Garden Club, and the Music Study Club. Theme of the Sixth District, which will be stressed at the convention, is "In Cooperation Is Strength."

Accidents Take Toll of 91,000 During Past Year

Accidents take a toll of about 91,500 lives in the United States during 1954. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians say. This is a decrease of 3,500 lives from the 1953 total. More than half the decrease in the total accident mortality is accounted for by the reduction of motor vehicle deaths, which totaled approximately 36,000 during the year — about 2,000 fewer than in the preceding year. This decrease occurs despite an increase in motor vehicle travel, the statisticians note, and the motor vehicle accident death rate on the basis of mileage traveled probably will drop to all time low.

Accidents in and about the home show a reduction in 1954 and will account for approximately 28,000 deaths, or 1,000 less than in the year before. Occupational injuries account for about 14,500 deaths, a somewhat smaller number than in 1953. Public accidents other than those involving motor vehicles — the only main class of mishaps that fall to show a reduction — will take about 16,000 lives, the same as the year before.

The accident death rate for the year, according to the statisticians, will be about 57 per 100,000 population, which compares with the previous minimum of 60 per 100,000 recorded in 1953.

"Apparently the persistent efforts of the safety movement are bearing fruit," the statisticians comment, "but the large number of deaths from mishaps that still occur is a measure of the work yet to be done in this field of life conservation."

Texas Business To Be Good In '55, Expert Says

"Texas business will be good in 1955."

That optimistic prediction of things to come was voiced this week in Houston by a yell qualified spokesman for business in Texas, Ed C. Burris, executive vice president of the Texas Manufacturers Association.

Burris pointed out that while many things can affect the trend of business during the next twelve months, Texas business leaders in general agree whole-heartedly with the predictions of national economists that 1955 is very likely to be the second best business year in the nation's history.

"Indications now are that 1955 will be better than 1954, probably not quite as good as the record-breaking 1953," Burris stated, voicing a guess that total business might grow from 3 to 5 per cent above the year just ending.

He continued by saying he believed that for the most part the Texas business picture during the next year would closely parallel the national trends, but that Texas, and especially the Gulf Coast area, would continue to be one of the brightest spots in the country.

"We should continue to witness extremely favorable conditions here, not only from the standpoint of total business, but from the standpoint of expanding industry as well," he added. "Many national companies definitely have plans for Texas plants on the planning boards."

"Small business in certain areas in Texas will likely continue to feel some ill effects from the long drought, and some other sections are so closely tied in with oil production that adverse governmental actions could do damage; but on the whole, I don't know any Texas business man who is pessimistic about the next few months," Burris said.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nation and family of Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nation, Mrs. J. D. Ellis and children of Kenefic, Okla. spent the holidays here with their mother, grandmother and aunt Mrs. Ida Nation, Minnie Davis and Winona Davis.

trict officers other than first Vice President, Mrs. Horton are: Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, who is also General Federation of Women's Clubs chairman of committee on education, is a trustee on the state board of Texas Federation, is past district and state president of T.F.W.C.

Mrs. Frank Castleberry, president of The Thursday Afternoon Club is chairman of Public Affairs for Sixth District, and Mrs. M. A. Treadwell, chosen at the district convention as first club woman of the district is district chairman of education Junior Clubs.

Eastland Club presidents who will assist in the coming convention, other than Mrs. Castleberry, Thursday Afternoon Club, are: Mrs. Jay Whatley, president of Las Leales Club; Mrs. M. O. White, president of Alpha Delphin Club and Mrs. Horace Horton, president of the Civic League and Garden Club. Mrs. A. F. Taylor, president of the Music Study Club, not a member of the federation, but has pledged their help and assistance to the convention so as to "in a small way" repay the helpful assistance rendered by the sister clubs in entertaining the recent district Texas Federation of Music Clubs convention.

Sixth District president, who will be present and preside during the convention in Eastland, is Mrs. Hart Shoemaker of Abilene.

There will also be a choral rehearsal. Mrs. W. E. Brasher will give an article from the study course, "Music Through The Ages" by Bauer and Peysner. Mrs. F. L. Drago will give an article entitled "Music in Latin America" followed with vocal music by Marene Johnson.

Farm Records Requirements Cited for '55

The need for accurate records of farm production in 1955 was cited this week by an extension farm management specialist at College Station.

C. H. Bates, says under present economic conditions farm records are becoming more important each year. The new social security law and the recent soil and water conservation provision both require such records. Farm records also are imperative in figuring income tax.

Bates says records show the weaknesses in any farming operation. They reflect the year's farming activity and should be the basis for expanding or curtailing certain farm practices and cropping systems.

Records are easily kept and will prove invaluable when it comes time to evaluate each operation.

The first of a new year, says the specialist, is an ideal time to start records. Several handy record books are available. Bates suggests the Texas Farm Record Book. It gives inventories for land, farm improvements, machinery and equipment, livestock, crops, feed on hand, farm sales and expenses, farm products used at home, and a summary of the year's business.

County agricultural agents can furnish information on how to order this book. Or it may be bought directly from the Exchange Store, College Station, for only 30 cents.

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(Continued from Page 1) conform to their wishes. For these people and all people I must fight the fight for freedom and democracy by reporting the truth, exposing untruth, and supporting democratic principles. This fight is just beginning, and I must unceasingly pursue my goal until it is totally won. Even then, and never, can I relax my guard; I must covet democracy and freedom as the most valuable treasures on earth. —ven— See you Tuesday.

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What's Ahead for the New Year—

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Mrs. Inzer Gives Bible Study For Baptist WMS

Mrs. I. C. Inzer was leader of the Bible program Monday afternoon, when members of the Women's Missionary Society met at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Gene Rhodes, president, presided and announced that the regular business meeting and Royal Service program, under the direction of Mrs. Carl Jones, program chairman, would be at 3:15 p.m. next Monday at the church. Twelve members attended.

Las Leales Club To Meet Monday

Las Leales Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for the first meeting of the new year at the Woman's Club.

Mrs. L. E. Huckabay will be the hostess and will present Mrs. Don Parker and Miss Jessie Lee Ligon. Mrs. Parker will give an article from "Seventeen" entitled "Where Do We Go From Here?" and Miss Ligon will review, "Tomorrow is Already Here" by Robert Jungk.

Music Club To Meet Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

The Music Study Club will meet Wednesday January 5th at 3:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club for the first program of the new year.

There will be an important business meeting Mrs. A. F. Taylor, president, said and stated that the nominating committee would make their report at this time.

There will also be a choral rehearsal. Mrs. W. E. Brasher will give an article from the study course, "Music Through The Ages" by Bauer and Peysner. Mrs. F. L. Drago will give an article entitled "Music in Latin America" followed with vocal music by Marene Johnson.

Lone Star Transfers Jack Gourley Family

Jack Gourley, who is with the Lone Star is being transferred to Jacksboro and Jack Corrothers, formerly of Eastland but now of Athens will take Gourley's place here as district engineer.

Gourley will be engineer of the Jacksboro district. Mrs. Gourley and the children, Susan and Nibs will join their husband and father in Jacksboro at mid-term, Mrs. Gourley said.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express with grateful hearts to our loved ones and friends for the many kind deeds and thoughtfulness for foods and flowers, but most of all for the fervent prayers offered during the illness of Mr. Kilborn.

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Holiday guests here in the home of Mrs. Solora Gilkey were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilkey and son of Corpus Christi and Mrs. Annie Bennett of Dallas, also a niece, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. Jones and son of Dallas, and Mrs. Gilkey's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pool and children from Thibodaux, La.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters had as holiday guests all of their children, who are: Mrs. James King and Jimmy of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sutphen, Paul and Mrs. Billy Joe Lasater and Paulette of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walters and daughter, Gaila of Eastland.

Mrs. Annie Stokes made a business trip to Midland, Andrews and Snyder, returning to Abilene to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Osborn, Mr. Osborn and son David.

David returned home with his grandmother and will be with her until his parents come for him this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lusk Jr. and children, Gary, Raymond, Marilyn

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and Dee spent the holidays in Hedley, Turkey and Quitaque, with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eakin have as guests here this week, Mrs. Eakin's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Broom, Laquita, and Dwain of Goldsmith.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pryor and daughters spent Christmas day in Cisco visiting in the home of Mrs. Pryor's father, Howard McDonald and Mrs. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Lewis and children, Phil, Jan, Mike and Kay accompanied by Mr. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Lewis visited Sunday in Fort Worth with their brother and son, C. C. Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whaley have had as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Gene Metz and Jimmie of Hobbs, N.M.; S. J. Barnett of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnett Jackie and Jerry Don of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Will-

iam Benzenhafer, Patricia, Billy and Chris of San Rafael, Calif.; Jesse Whaley, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Michael L. Crimmins and Deana of Ft. Worth.

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'Venturing With Christ' Will Be Methodist Morning Sermon Topic

"Venturing With Christ" will be the morning sermon topic of Rev. Jackson Oglesby Sunday at the First Methodist Church.

Morning worship begins at 10:50 following church school at 9:45, C. G. Stinebaugh, superintendent. Anthem by the choir.

Methodist Youth Fellowship meets at 6:45 with Don Smith presiding. "You and the United Nations" will be the subject topic. The intermediates will have Bettye Young as leader. Her subject will be "M.Y.F. Stockholders Meeting."

Evening worship begins at 7:30 with the sermon by the pastor. His subject will be "Keynote For

Jesus."

The Women's Society will meet at the church Monday at 2:30 for Bible Study with the subject to be "Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women." Mrs. Frank Crowell will lead.

Monday at 7:30 the church attendance workers will meet at the church.

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. T. E. Stamey, 414 South Oaklawn. Mrs. R. C. Ferguson will be the leader. Choir rehearsal will be held Wednesday night at 7:30. The family fellowship series will begin Wednesday evening, Jan. 12 and continue until Feb. 23.

Eastland Churches Join In Start Of Church Attendance Crusade

Eastland churches will join others throughout the nation this Sunday in beginning the 1955 Church Attendance Crusade. Several local churches are taking part in the crusade.

Six purposes have been set forth by national leaders of the crusade. They are:

- (1) To increase regular church attendance.
- (2) To activate indifferent church members. To help them become consistent in attendance at the worship services. To urge them

to enroll in the church school and other church organizations.

- (3) To exalt the place of corporate worship in Christian experience.
- (4) To lift up the importance of preaching the gospel.
- (5) To visit and invite non-church families to share in the services of the church and become members of church organizations and groups.
- (5) To recapture the power of Christian fellowship.

The Crusade will continue from Sunday to Easter.

Happy New Year Greeting Cakes Refreshment For Festivities

Cakes that call a greeting are little squares of home-made banana cake. Each is frosted and bears a letter of Happy New Year greeting. Arrange these eloquent cakes on a plate, or board, and you've a New Year Message that can be your centerpiece, as well as a refreshment for New Year festivities.

Banana cake is delicately flavored, a contrast to the rich cakes of Christmas. Your New Year guests will enjoy it. It's an easy one-bowl method cake and full of flavor, with fresh banana beaten right in as a liquid with the other ingredients. For this cake, choose bananas that have yellow peel flecked with brown, for they are fully ripe at peak of flavor, sweetness and digestibility.

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETING CAKES
(1-Bowl Method)

Before Mixing: Have shortening at room temperature. Grease pans. Set oven at correct temperature (375 degrees F.)

2 1-4 cups sifted cake flour
1 1-4 cups sugar
2 1-2 teaspoons baking powder
1-2 teaspoon baking soda
1-2 teaspoon salt
1-2 cup shortening
1 1-2 cups mashed ripe bananas* (4 to 5 bananas)
2 eggs, unbeaten

1 teaspoon vanilla
*Use fully ripe bananas... yellow peel flecked with brown. Sift together flour, sugar, baking powder, soda and salt into large mixing bowl. Add shortening, 1-2 cup of the bananas and eggs. Beat 2 minutes at slow to medium speed with electric mixer or 2 minutes by hand. Scrape down bowl and beater or spoon frequently during mixing.

Add remaining 1 cup bananas and vanilla. Beat 1 minute longer. Turn into a greased pan, (10 x 10 x 2 inches.) Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 45 minutes, or until cake is done. Cool in pan about 5 minutes. Remove from pan. When thoroughly cooled, cut in 2-inch squares. Brush off crumbs and spread your favorite frosting on top and sides of cake squares. Decorate each square with one letter of "Happy New Year" or other greetings, using melted chocolate, jelly or tinted frosting. Makes 25 squares... enough for 2 greetings.

VARIATIONS
BANANA SPICE LAYER CAKE:
Sift together with the dry ingredients 1-8 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 1-4 teaspoons ground cinnamon and 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg.

BANANA CUPCAKES
Turn batter into well-greased cupcake pans. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees F.) about 25 minutes or until cupcakes are done. Makes 18 to 20 cupcakes.

IMPORTANT: To mash bananas, slice them into a bowl. Beat with a fork, rotary egg beater or electric mixer until smooth and creamy.

Texas Dry To Speak At First Baptist Chapel

A member of the United Texas Dries will fill the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Chapel Sunday morning at the 11 a.m. service.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with James Wright in charge. Training Union is at 6:50 p.m., L. C. McLough, directing. The pastor, Rev. Jim Hicks, will bring the evening message.

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Hospital Report

Patients in the Eastland Memorial Hospital Saturday morning were Billy Beatty, Johnny Steffler, Mrs. May Harrison, George Moore, Mrs. Minnie Williams, all medical; David Cox and Mrs. Claud Maynard surgical.

Miss Ethel Manning of Bay City is the guest here in the home of her brother, Clyde Manning and Mrs. Manning.

Christian Science

That a true comprehension of what God is can be gained only through spiritual understanding, and that this understanding heals the doubts and fears of human experience, will be brought out in the Christian Science Lesson-Sermon to be read in the churches of that denomination this Sunday. The subject of the lesson is "God," and the Golden Text is from Deuteronomy: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord" (6:4).

Among the selections to be read from the Bible and from the Christian Science textbook by Mary Baker Eddy are the following:

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22).

"Eye hath neither seen God nor His image and likeness. Neither God nor the perfect man can be discerned by the material senses. The individuality of Spirit, or the infinite, is unknown, and thus a knowledge of it is left either to human conjecture or to the revelation of divine Science" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 220).

Church of God Services For Week Announced

The Church of God's morning services are held at 11 a.m. each Sunday and Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Rev. W. E. Hallenbeck is pastor.

Youth Fellowship is held Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and evening worship begins at 7:30.

Mid-week prayer service is held each Wednesday at 7:30 and the Ladies meeting is held Friday at 3 p.m.

these with singing."

County Ministers Will Meet Monday

The Eastland County Minister's Association will hold its quarterly meeting in Eastland Monday at the White Elephant Cafe, Rev. D. M. Duke, president, said today.

Rev. Duke said the meeting will begin with lunch at noon and continue to 2 p.m.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Special Agent John W. Fain of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The subject of his talk will be "The Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Rev. Duke urged all ministers of the county to attend the meeting.

Assembly of God Services Are Announced

Morning worship at the Assembly of God begin at 11 each Sunday morning, following Sunday School at 9:45.

Evangelistic services are held at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting is held at 7:30 and the Ladies Prayer Meeting and Special Bible Study is held at 10 a.m. each Friday morning.

Young Peoples service is held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Services For Week At Church Of Nazarene Told

Morning worship services at the Church of the Nazarene will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday following Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Rev. Lonnie M. Voorhies is pastor. Young People's Service is held each Sunday at 6:45 p.m. and Evangelistic services begin at 7:30 p.m. Midweek prayer services are held at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Wesleyan Service Guild To Meet Tuesday Evening

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Tom Stamey at 414 Oak Lawn Tuesday evening at 7:30.

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| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Worship | 8:00 |
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| Morning Worship | 10:50 |
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| Sunday School | 9:45 |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Worship | 7:30 |
| Training Union | 7:00 |
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHAPEL**
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| Sunday School | 9:45 |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Worship | 7:30 |



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| Bible School | 9:45 |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Worship | 7:30 |
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| Church School | 10:00 |
| Worship Service | 11:00 |
- HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL**
Rev. Arthur E. Hartwell
- | | |
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| Sunday Services | 10:00 |
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- NORTH LAMAR BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. J. D. Fisher, Pastor
- | | |
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| Sunday School | 9:45 |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Service | 7:30 |
- CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
Rev. Lonnie M. Voorhies
- | | |
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| Sunday School | 10:00 |
| Evening Worship | 7:30 |
- THE CHURCH OF GOD**
W. E. Hallenbeck
- | | |
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| Sunday School | 10:00 |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 |
| Evening Worship | 7:45 |
| Mid-Week Prayer Service | 7:45 |

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