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## Tell-Tale Fe-Mail

By M. L. G.

The air is sort of cool 'round this here office because once again I am late. But, there are some things more important than this column, I'm sorry to say.

Important things such as feeding the family, which I have not done too well of late (what is the first sign of malnutrition?), getting a daughter ready for a party, and waiting for the little one to count her money, penny by penny, and put it back in her bank, penny by penny, before she can leave the house to come with me—these things have to come first.

I have jokingly said that I suppose I will just give my family my love for Christmas instead of gifts, but at the rate I'm going, it won't be a joke. I'm afraid the little one will find that a poor substitute for the bicycle she wants. When do people find time to shop? And where do they get the money for the things children want these days?

Have you heard how they attract yule traffic in a San Francisco department store? With a \$125,000 Christmas tree of chinchilla, no less. And in a New York emporium shoppers' eyes pop when they see a \$250,000 silk and silver Turkish rug on display. We don't have anything quite so fancy in Merkel but we do have the Fall Festival every Thursday night. Just two more nights—this week Thursday and Tuesday of next week.

According to the Employers Association of Chicago, company Christmas parties are on the wane. Reasons? The association says that "embarrassing personal situations" often develop when executive hair is let down. But more important is the unhappy wife waiting at home for her partying spouse.

Which reminds me of something I read recently. Did you know that glamorized garbage, apparently, is at hand. A Long Island garbage-can collecting firm has come up with a device which disinfects and perfumes its garbage cans. Lavender scent as well as other perfumed odors will be available.

In the future when hubby comes home bearing a trace of a scent of perfume he can meet the challenge of a jealous wife with: "No dear, I have not been seeing another woman! I have merely been carrying out the garbage."

The porch? Still not finished. You can walk to the front door on it but the old steps had to be pushed back to get up on it (the porch). Now we have an almost completed new porch but we still have the old steps and they are what needed repairing in the first place. It will be nice when it is finished, I'm sure, but will I live so long?

See you Monday — that's when the next paper comes out.

## 69 Pay Fines For Shooting Out Of Autos

Shooting from automobiles constituted the major game offense during October, according to the monthly report of the director of law enforcement of the Game & Fish Commission. There were 69 paying fines for this violation. In addition there were 69 fishermen arrested for not having licenses.

Among other violations there were 34 for killing doves during closed season and 33 for exceeding the bag limit on doves.

There were 23 who jumped the season on quail, and 26 caught hunting with unplugged guns. Headlight hunters also accounted for 25 arrests.

In all there were 457 persons arrested. They paid fines and court costs amounting to \$10,956.87.

Five persons also served jail terms.

## The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, When down through the chimney all covered with soot, Came the "Spirit of Fire" an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern, As he looked all around for something to burn. What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher, For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree, It stood in the corner leaving passageways free. The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim, Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen, And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green. The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent, That the ornaments used be fire resistant.

And mother had known the things to avoid, Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid. Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass, Gave life to the tree; it really had class.

And would you believe it right next to the tree, Was a suitable box for holding debris. A place to throw wrappings of paper and string, From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust, As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust. For the folks in this home had paid close attention, To all the rules of good "Fire Prevention."

## How To Give Money For Christmas

If you find some hard-to-give names on your Christmas list, the chances are you may think of making a gift of money. Money, of course, is always a welcome present. And infinitely better than a gift that someone doesn't really want or need. It can always be used by those who receive it to buy something they really like.

When you make a gift of money, however, don't just enclose the "long-green" in a Christmas card and let it go at that. Your family and friends may not be flattered or may think you lack imagination or don't really care. So, here are several suggestions for giving money through your local bank:

1. **Special-occasion gift checks.** You can purchase these checks at many banks whether you're a regular customer there or not. These checks are often specially designed for the occasion. Some banks even provide Christmas envelopes to give an extra holiday fillip to your present.

2. **Gift savings accounts** can be opened in a friend's name at the local bank. It makes an especially nice present for a youngster. And you can open new accounts at some banks with amounts as small as five dollars or even a dollar.

3. **Personalized checkbooks** imprinted with a friend's name make a nice way to open and present a checking account as a present. If your friend already has an account, the personalized checkbook alone makes a present as thoughtful as monogrammed stationery.

4. **One year's rent** on a bank safe deposit box. These steel containers are ideal for keeping valuable papers and records—like birth certificates, marriage records and income tax data—safe from fire, theft and prying eyes at home. So, check with your local bank to see if you can make this gift. It's a most original and useful present. And the cost when stretched over a year's time amounts to only a few cents a day.

## Armon D. Clark Arrives In Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (FHTNC) Armon D. Clark, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. J. W. Patton of 309 El Paso St., Merkel, arrived in San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 8 aboard the attack cargo ship USS Chara after a seven-month tour of duty with the U.S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

During the cruise the Chara took part in fleet exercises, replenishing other floating units with ammunition.

Between operations the cargo vessel visited the Philippine Islands; Japan; and Hong Kong.

## Toliver Named FHA Sweetheart

Douglas Toliver was named 1958-59 FHA sweetheart by members of the Merkel FHA Chapter last week.

Doug, vice president of the junior class, is a returning letterman for the 1959 Badger team and an officer of the Merkel FFA Chapter.

Participating in a state-wide project for all FHA'sers the Merkel chapter is sending Christmas cards to the Abilene State Hospital.

## Horton Chosen For Who's Who

Bill Horton of Merkel was one of the 25 students at Hardin-Simmons University chosen for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

Students are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton of Rt. 3, is a member of the Math Club, Science Club, Cowboys for Christ and the Student Council.

## Dean T. Stroud, Dies Here At 70 Rites Held Here

Dean Thomas Stroud, 70, retired farmer, died Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. in Sadler Clinic Hospital after a short illness.

Born Jan. 17, 1888, in Ripley, Miss., he came to Merkel in 1908 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stroud. He was engaged in farming in this area for about 50 years, having lived in Trent, Mulberry Canyon, Salt Branch and Merkel.

Mr. Stroud lived with a niece, Mrs. Arl Sharp, in Merkel for about ten years before she moved to El Paso. She now lives in Phoenix.

Funeral was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Merkel Church of Christ with the minister, Bob Cannon, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Natina Wilson of Fort Worth, a brother, Horace Stroud, of North Hollywood, Calif.; two nieces, Mrs. Arl Sharp, Phoenix, Ariz. and Mrs. Hilda Stanovich of Dallas; two nephews, Wade Burkham and Wildord Burkham both of Dallas.

Attending the funeral of Dean T. Stroud here last week were Mrs. Arl Sharp and her daughter, Margaret of Phoenix, Ariz; Mrs. Natina Wilson (formerly Mrs. Walter Burkham) of Troup, Tex.; Mrs. Wilson's sons, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Burkham and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Burkham of Dallas; her daughter, Mrs. Hilda Stanovich of Dallas.

## Intra-Company Gate Rate Charge Hike Asked

Lone Star Gas Company has filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas an application for an upward adjustment of the Company's authorized intra-company city gate charge.

The present charge of 30 cents per thousand cubic feet for gas delivered at the city gates in Texas cities served by Lone Star for domestic and commercial usage and unaccounted-for gas would be adjusted upward to 40 cents.

Approval of the requested upward adjustment would serve to re-establish the charge that existed for a long period of years prior to the year 1942 when the charge was reduced from 40 to 30 cents.

The application states that the proposed increase is based primarily upon the drastic increase in the cost of gas at the well-head. This cost has risen approximately eight cents per thousand cubic feet since January 1, 1951. Additionally, there have been substantial increases in taxes, material costs, labor and other operating expenses.

Residential and commercial consumer rates would not be immediately affected by Railroad Commission authorization of an upward adjustment in the city gate charge. But a Company spokesman stated that the Company may be required at a later date to file applications for increases in residential and commercial rates.

## Horton Named Prexy Of H-SU German Club

Bill Horton of Merkel has been named president of the German Club at Hardin-Simmons University. Horton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton of Merkel.

Other officers elected include John Robert Baker, vice-president; Wichta Falls; Carolyn Virden of Herford, secretary; and Ronald Funderburk of Ballinger, reporter.

The German Club is composed of students especially interested in Germany and the study of German. Miss Annelise Peinelt, German instructor, is sponsor.

## Denton, Seymore On Class A All-Area Team; Benson Is Coach Of The Year

Manley Denton and Lary Seymore both placed on the Abilene Reporter-News Class A All-Area team while Badger coach, Carroll Benson, received the honor of being named coach of the year.

Denton, named the most valuable back on the team, scored 101 points this season in leading the Badgers to a district championship. The 190-pounder, a senior, closes out a brilliant high school career this season.

Seymore, 152-pound guard, is one of the three juniors on the team. Joe Neill, David Pursley and Tokio Moreno were named on the second team for the All-Area, while Jerry McLeod and Skippy Hicks were given honorable mention.

### CLASS A ALL-AREA TEAM

#### FIRST TEAM

Player, School	Pos.	Wt.	Cl.
Carter King, Albany	E	168	Sr.
Jay Etheredge, Roscoe	E	165	Sr.
Ernest Parks, Wylie	T	190	Sr.
Perry Jennings, Cross Plains	T	205	Sr.
Larry Seymore, Merkel	G	152	Jr.
Joe Morrow, Rotan	G	175	Jr.
Max Kennemer, Coahoma	C	195	Jr.
Manley Denton, Merkel	QB	190	Sr.
Donald Ray, Santa Anna	HB	165	Sr.
Jackie Jenkins, Albany	HB	150	Sr.
Bradley Brittain, Rotan	FB	180	Jr.

#### SECOND TEAM

Player, School	Pos.	Wt.	Cl.
Leon Chrane, Clyde	E	175	Sr.
Buddy Wylie, Santa Anna	E	155	Sr.
David Pursley, Merkel	T	195	Sr.
Gilbert Casbeer, Stanton	T	180	Sr.
Dale Green, Roby	G	145	So.
Jerry Richburg, Roscoe	G	160	Jr.
Charles Woodward, Albany	C	175	Jr.
Todd Baugh, Rotan	B	148	Jr.
Joe Neill, Merkel	B	140	Sr.
Jim Fleming, Cross Plains	B	165	Sr.
Tokio Moreno, Merkel	B	165	Jr.
Jack Eubanks, Albany	B	155	Sr.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

ENDS—Jerry McLeod, Merkel; Vernon Allen, Wylie; Teddy Roe Underhill, Rotan; Bunny Norvill, Munday.

TACKLES—Carroll Hastings, Wylie; Tommy Adams, Cross Plains; Edward Patton, Rotan; Jim Blount, Rotan.

GUARDS—Don Henry, Wylie; Johnny Pancake, Cross Plains; Terry Daniel, Albany; Ronnie Fry, Roscoe; John Ory, Stanton; Doyle Warren, Coahoma.

CENTERS—Skippy Hicks, Merkel; Tommy Goble, Clyde. BACKS—Kenneth Yates, Stanton; Joe Duncan, Roscoe; Phil McAfee, Munday; Harold Aberger, Coahoma; Billy Simmons, Roby; Larry McBurnett, Roscoe; Franklin Bales, Albany; Gene Gray, Albany; Ronnie Beyer, Wylie.

## Youths Caught In Car Stolen From Palmer Mtr.

Two 14-year-old Abilene youths were apprehended in Seminole at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday morning in a 1958 Ford stolen from Palmer Motor Company Tuesday night.

Nolan Palmer, owner of Palmer Motor Co., praised the "fine work" of the investigating officers of the speedy apprehension of the culprits. In charge of the investigation were Pete Petty, Merkel Police Chief, Fred Ownby, Taylor County Deputy Sheriff, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Found in the youth's possession when they were caught were two radios and several sets of car keys, all taken from Palmers Tuesday night.

The burglary was discovered by J. Monk Stowe at about 7 a.m. when he opened up. He found a small hole cut in a door that separates the back shop from the show room.

## Elementary School Grounds Improved

Work has been underway this fall to further improve the appearance of the school grounds at the Merkel Elementary School. Shrubs and tulip bulbs have been put out on the south side of the buildings, and a rubber plant has been put in the library.

Money for the project was raised by members of the decoration and beautification committee who sponsored a flower queen contest. Karen Shuey, of Mrs. Bes'n's fifth grade room, was winner in the contest.

Members of the committee are Melanie Seymour, Pat Harris, Mary Dunagin, Wayne Hester and Roger Moore. Mrs. Sam McLeod is chairman.

## Lions To Sponsor Turkey Shoot Here Sunday, Dec. 21

The Merkel Lions Club will sponsor a Turkey Shoot at 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, December 21, at the Tipton gravel pit southeast of town.

Participants may shoot center fire rifles, 22's or shot guns. Prizes will be frozen turkeys.

Interested persons may reach the gravel pit by following the signs at the east railroad crossing.

Profits derived from this project will be used by the Lions Club to purchase eye glasses for needy children, according to Dr. Don Warren, chairman.

## Safety Council Suggests Holiday Driving Rules

Holiday drivers — resist the temptation to set a round trip long distance record in the long Christmas and New Year weekends.

Employers—dry up the Christmas office party and give everyone a sporting chance in the kick-off event—the festive dash home Christmas eve.

Those appeals went out from the National Safety Council as the nation prepared to embark on an 11-day traffic marathon, two four-day weekends with only three work days between.

Ground rules suggested by the Council for those who decide to chance it and enter the fin-tailed Christmas derby:

Guard against long distance fatigue caused by prolonged stretches behind the wheel.

Check the car before whipping away on a quick hard trip.

Use turnpikes on the way — they're two to three times safer than regular roads.

Penalties for not obeying the ground rules are set by the drivers themselves, the Council said.

"During the last four-day Christmas holiday in 1955 the penalties included 885 persons killed," it recalled. "We don't expect people to be stay-at-homes during the holidays but we do believe traffic deaths can be kept to a minimum if motorists pay attention to the job of driving."

Throw dry office parties or \$8.00 at all, the Council urged its 8,000 business and industrial members, spotlighting the shorter trip from office to home Christmas eve.

"Last year's most tragic hour was between 6 and 7 Christmas eve when workers were dashing home," it said.

Clergy of all faiths and creeds also were asked to help hold down the holiday toll.

Drinking, along with speeding, darkness and pedestrian errors are the four big holiday killers, the Council warned.

A Christmas survey last year, it said, showed 55 per cent of all traffic deaths during the holiday involved a drinking driver. Year-round reports showed that 27 per cent of all pedestrians killed had been drinking.

To help drivers outwit the big four holiday killers, the Council had these additional tips:

Nobody is liquor-proof and coffee doesn't help. Don't touch the wheel for three hours after downing two cocktails.

Don't speed. Be alert for icy patches. Go slow in the dark, on snow and on unfamiliar roads.

Drivers, watch out for Christmas shoppers.

Shoppers, watch out for Christmas drivers.

## P-TA To Meet Thursday Night

Sixth grade students will present the program for the Merkel P-TA meeting at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18.

A group discussion will be held following a short film on "Developing Responsibility in Children." Mrs. Homer Newby, president, said that chairman of the different committees will be recognized at the meeting.

# Stores Open 'til 8:30 Tonight - - - See Page 4

## gabby doodle from noodle says:

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The time of year has come when business folks is handing out 1959 calendars and them financial experts is writing up their predictions for next year. The calendars is getting better or worse, corrier depending on a

feller's age. Back years ago we had pritty wimmen in hats and veils, showing 'em from the waist up. Then we had a spell from the waist down, showing knees, silk hose and sometimes a few unmentionables. Then we had what you might call the Marilyn Manroe era when they showed 'em wearing practically nothing, up or down. This year I see they've gone out fer more landscape scenes. My preacher is going to claim the calendar fashions is improving.

And them writers making the financial predictions fer 1959 don't take no chances with their reputation. The way they predict the situation, they can't lose.

They claim we'll have a little rise here, a little dip there, that prices will rise some and fall some. That's like saying tomorrow will be a bright and sunny day only it might rain. When a

feller stays a fraction of a inch above water, a little dip puts him under.

I ain't no prophet, in fact I ain't too shore about what happened this year, but I'll give you my predictions fer 1959.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans say they is going to reduce taxes. I predict ther'll be no reduction that'll visible to the naked eye. I been her a long time and I ain't never saw taxes come down unless they put on some other levy to balance it off. Like the experts say, prices will go up and down. Fer instance, the price of cotton will go up around planting time, and the farmers will start planting it like they had to git some of it growed to git into heaven. About the time they git it to be gin, the prices will fall.

I predict 1959 will be about as usual. It'll rain too much at times, be too dry at times, politicians will do no better and no worse than common. Most people will spend more money than they ought to, and most of us will spend more'n we git.

Fer folks like me in the nip and tuck class, we'll git a little ahead onct in a while, decide maybe we can pay our taxes fer a change, then somepun will happen and the surplus is gone and we'll be back nipping and tucking.

The best advice I got fer 1959 is to put our faith in the good Lord and live it day by day.

Yours truly,  
Uncle Gabby

## Statewide Exams For Patrolmen Set For Jan. 20

Future patrolmen of the Texas Department of Public Safety will be selected Jan. 20 throughout Texas in examinations to be given young men between 21 and 35 years of age.

In announcing the date for the selection exams, Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., director, said approximately 170 vacancies now exist in the ranks of the Texas Highway Patrol. He said applications will be accepted until Jan. 12.

Young men interested in these important positions may obtain detailed information from DPS offices located in Austin, Waco, Dallas, Houston, Corpus Christi, Midland and Lubbock. Any officer of the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Employment Commission will talk to you at length concerning the interesting jobs.

New patrolmen will draw \$300 per month while training and will live in the modern Law Enforcement Academy in Austin throughout the training period. At the completion of the formal schooling, new patrolmen will work with experienced officers during their first assignment. Employee benefits for patrolmen include annual vacations,



**"EASY DOES IT"**  
BY HELEN MALE

ALWAYS attack household odors at the source. For example, avoid stale cigarette odor by emptying ashtrays often as well as the wastebaskets into which you empty them. Keep garbage cans clean by washing with soap and water. Spray with a deodorant.

Mildew odors in the basement can be reduced by the use of a dehumidifier. Always hang damp

**THIS WEEK'S RECIPÉ**  
**Molded Gingerale Salad**  
(Serves 4-6)

1 1/2 cup gingerale  
1 package lemon-flavored gelatin  
1/2 cup cubed canned pineapple  
1/2 cup pitted light cherries  
1/4 cup broken nutmeats  
1/4 cup maraschino cherries, halved

Heat 1 cup gingerale and pour over gelatin. Stir until dissolved. Add remaining gingerale (cool). Chill until thickened, then fold in remaining fruit and nuts. Pour into molds and chill until set. Unmold in lettuce cups and mayonnaise thinned with pineapple juice and whipped cream.

clothes outside, as well as mops and cleaning cloths.

Wet bath toys can be hung in a hammock placed in hanging position between the faucets of the bath tub.

For children's shoes you can't have anything better than plastic vegetable bags, edged in a bright-colored tape. Label the bags with nail polish, using child's initials or name and hang on child's closet door.

Sponge a combination of chlorine bleach and water onto bread boards and let stand 15 minutes, then rinse in clear water. This will lighten the board as well as remove stains.

Buffing attachment which fits on an electric mixer does a quick job of buffing silverware to a high shine.

sick leaves, a modern retirement program, low cost insurance, new uniforms, travel expense, holidays, longevity pay and promotion opportunities.

Persons applying must have a high school education, be between 21 and 35 years of age, weigh not less than two or more than three pounds per inch of height, between 68 and 76 inches tall, physically sound and of good moral character.

## LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —  
GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Floyd Medearis, Defendant.

Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 26th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of September A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23-357-A on the docket of said court and styled Jewell Medearis, Plaintiff vs. Floyd Medearis, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about February 1, 1953, and became permanently separated on or about July 25, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment.

Plaintiff alleges that no children were born to this union and that there is no community property to be adjusted, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of December A. D. 1958.

Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas. By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

(SEAL)

40-41-42-43

## LEGAL NOTICE

No. 23,371-A  
Joseph William Glezman vs. Belle Rose Glezman in the 42nd District Court of Taylor County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT FOR CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joseph William Glezman, plaintiff in the above entitled and numbered cause, who being by me first duly sworn, states on oath that the place of residence of defendant, Belle Rose Glezman, is unknown to affiant, and that, after due diligence, affiant-plaintiff has been unable to locate the whereabouts of such defendant.

WHEREFORE, he prays that

Citation for Service by Publication be issued herein.

Joseph William Glezman THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Joseph William Glezman, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1958.

Betty Wilkerson, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

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## Red Angus Cattle Will Be Judged At Fort Worth Show

Red Angus cattle have been added for the first time to the judging schedule at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, W. A. King, livestock superintendent, has announced.

Red Angus have been displayed at the Fort Worth shows but this will be the first time they have competed for prize money. Awards in the Red Angus beef breeding class will total \$800. The new division has been added because of the growing popularity of the breed, King noted.

Aberdeen-Angus, one of the biggest cattle classes at the Fort Worth show, will have \$10,000 in prize money allotted for beef breeding classes. Black Angus also will compete for \$2,655 in awards in the open and junior steer division and \$2,370 in carlot-and-pen bulls.

The largest amount of prize money in the 63-year history of the southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be offered at the 1959 show, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8. Awards totaling \$193,481 will be given winning exhibitors in various fat stock and horse classes and to top cowboys in the exposition rodeo.

TV and Movie Star, Dale Robertson, will be featured in the rodeo. Robertson stars in TV's "Tales of Wells Fargo" series.

Deadline for entering livestock in the Fort Worth show is Dec. 15. Entry blanks or information can be obtained by writing the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth, Texas.

## Driving Drinkers Don't Live Long

One for the road often means two or more for the hospital, the National Safety Council said today.

In a stepped-up campaign against Christmas holiday drinking and driving, the Council has asked its 6,000 business and industrial members to take a new look at their office parties and either keep the cork in the bottle or eliminate the parties.

The Council also is enlisting the support of churches of every faith and creed to keep the threat of drinking drivers to a minimum over the Christmas season.

"We have no desire to dampen the Christmas spirit," the Council said. "We only want to eliminate a definite source of death and destruction on the highway."

Council surveys show that a drinking driver was involved in 55 percent of the Christmas holiday accidents last year.

Social drinkers—not the obvious drunk—are the big menace on the highway, the Council said. Car weavings of the obvious

drunk usually can be detected or avoided, but the social drunk, whose critical judgment is impaired even with a small amount of alcohol, appears normal until his wits fail him in an emergency.

Three hours are needed to work off the effect of two cocktails, the Council warns the social drinker. And coffee doesn't help. Only time will eliminate alcohol from the blood stream.

The Council also warn that no one is liquor-proof, although some persons can tolerate alcohol better than others due to body weight and other physical factors. But even some impairment can be a life or death matter at the wheel.

Omitting liquor at office parties means that no drunken or tipsy drivers will leave parties to injure or kill themselves or others on the way home, the Council said.

## Farmers Problems To Be Discussed

What special weather services are available to the farmer? And how can a farmer successfully use weather information in cotton production?

These are among the questions to be discussed by two speakers at the Beltwide Cotton Production Conference at the Rice Hotel here, December 17-18. Some 800-900 scientists, educators, researchers, and members of the cotton and agricultural chemical industries are expected to attend.

Discussing "weather forecasting for agriculture" will be Paul Kutschenreuter, special assistant to the chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Washington. He will outline the Weather Bureau information and services now available to farmers and discuss the

possibilities for their expansion and improvement.

The practical side of the subject will be given by Early C. Ewing, Jr. of Delta and Pine Land Co., Scott, Miss. He will tell how weather information is obtained and used in the cotton production operation of that organization.

The production conference is being sponsored by the National Cotton Council in cooperation with farm organizations, Cotton Belt land-grant colleges, agricultural chemicals industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and other groups.

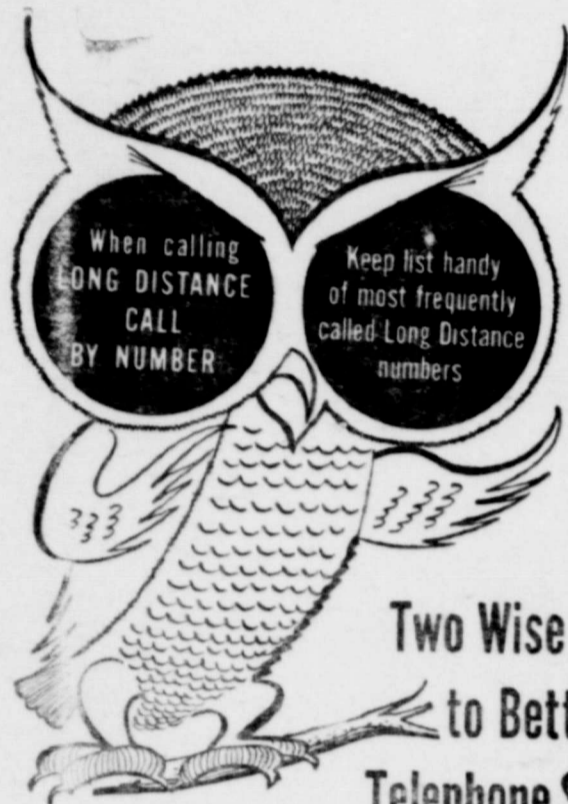
## Save Quail Bands

Hunters killing banded quail this year are urged to deliver the bands to their game wardens. Many thousands of banded birds have been released. When these bands are turned over to the warden, or sent to the Game & Fish Commission in Austin, it aids in the biological research necessary in wildlife management.



If you want to rid your premises of Rats and Mice, get DURHAM'S RAT-KILL, Chemistry's new weapon to end the Rat menace. Rats love it—but it kills them. Results Guaranteed and a big 1-lb. carton only 89c at

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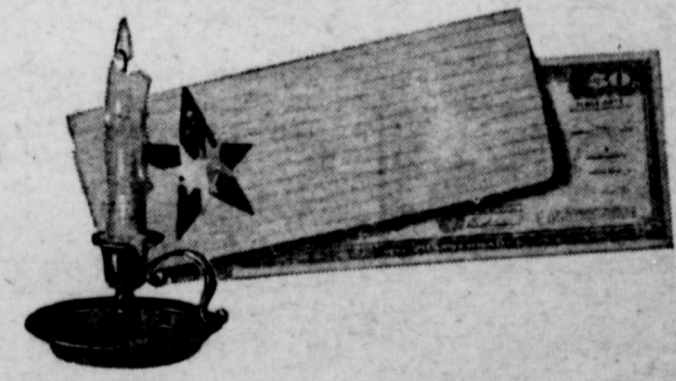
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### Corner on Cotton

BY BOB COLLINS

If you are a Choice "A" farmer under the new farm bill either plant entire cotton acreage allotted or release that part of your allotment you won't use... all that's necessary is a letter to your county ASC committee... this will mean additional acreage may be allocated to someone who wants it badly... you won't lose "acreage history" by this... it amounts to everybody winning... your ASC committee can answer all your questions.

We find the most misquoted part of the farm bill is percentage vs. points... this is correct: Choice "B" farmers will have a support price of 15 parity POINTS less than Choice "A"... not 15 PERCENT less.

#### Picker Sales Up

Reports indicate that the sales of mechanical cotton pickers are up for the first time in quite awhile... does this mean there's going to be a lot of Choice "B" planting???

**Price Cuts**  
A large synthetic textile manufacturer has cut prices on two well-known synthetic fibers in a "move to broaden markets" garment makers say the cut will have little effect on prices of finished clothing... but it will have an effect on use of synthetics... the same company upped its prices in 1956... why cut prices now??... maybe to steal another march on cotton... certainly points up need for a more competitive cotton price, if that needs pointing up.

#### What Next?

Now there's a rat that eats cotton... finds both the lint and seeds tasty... comes from West Texas and is moving into other areas of the cotton belt!!

#### New Device

A new cotton device is going on the market... it will pick scrap cotton left in the fields by mechanical pickers... we haven't seen one, but an observer says it does a good job and estimates it could pick up to \$20 million worth of cotton that is now left in the fields.

#### Mean Anything?

Does the corn farmer's rejection of high support prices and acreage controls also reflect opinion in the cotton belt??... who knows??... some officials in high places say it's clear evidence that the farmer is fed up with "government farming" and wants to recover his freedom and to get back to "supply and demand."

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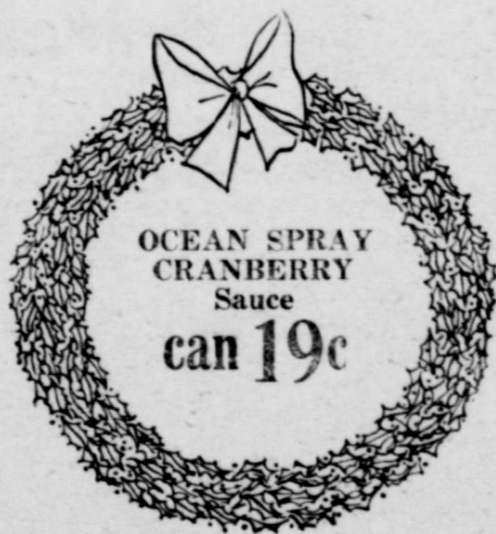
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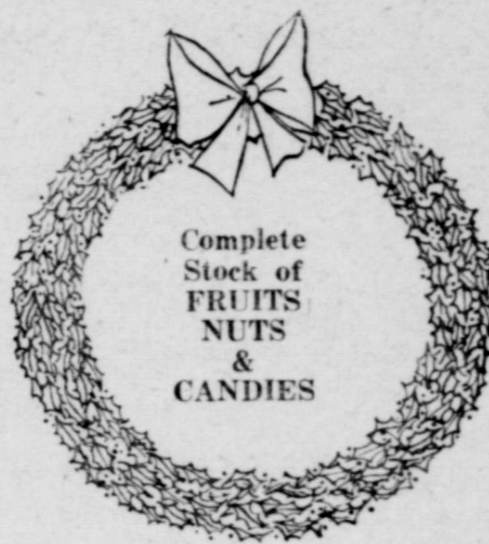
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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



Many people choose the Christmas season as the time for entertaining relatives and friends.

Good planning now makes entertaining easy — particularly if there is a food freezer in the home.

There is more available time now for preparing food than when the holiday season is nearer at hand.

An open house is an easy way to entertain a large group of people. The food should be festive and attractive and arranged on serving table for easy self service.

OPEN HOUSE MENU

Cream puffs filled with Cream chicken or turkey  
Cranberry bread sandwiches  
Assorted Candies and Cookies  
Olives Salted Nuts  
Hot Mulled Cider

Prepare the cream puffs, creamed chicken, cranberry bread, candies and cookies and freeze two or three weeks before the open house. On the day of the open house remove all these foods from the freezer and allow to thaw. Heat the creamed chicken fill cream puffs and serve immediately.

After the cranberry bread is thawed slice and make cream cheese sandwiches.

Arrange the cream puffs on a large platter or chop plate, the sandwiches on a tray, the candies in a pretty bowl or tray, cookies on a cake plate, punch in a punch bowl, salted nuts and olives in small bowls.

Ask a close friend to serve the punch—other friends may assist with keeping serving dishes supplied with refills and removing soiled plates.

CREAM PUFFS

1 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup flour  
4 eggs

Add boiling water to shortening, bring to boil, and stir in all of the flour at once. Remove from heat, cool slightly and add eggs one at a time. Beat well after each addition. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart, shaping into circular form and having the batter a little higher in the center. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degree F. Reduce oven to 350 degree F. and continue baking for 20 minutes. Cool, cut a slit in one side, and fill with cream filling. Whipped cream, a fruit mixture or creamed chicken, turkey or tuna. Make 50 small puffs.

CREAMED CHICKEN OR TURKEY

2 cups cooked diced chicken or turkey or tuna fish  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
2 egg yolks (beaten)  
1 pimiento, cut in thin strips  
1 cup sliced, canned mushrooms  
1 cup chicken broth or milk  
1 cup milk  
Salt and pepper to taste

Melt the fat, add the flour and blend well. Add chicken broth & cook until thickened. Add the chicken and milk combined with beaten egg yolks and the mushrooms and salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly stirring all the time. Cool thoroughly. Makes 1 quart. Package and freeze.

To reheat—heat creamed mixture in double broiler, stir occasionally. About 30 minutes is required for thawing and heating 1 pint of the creamed mixture.

CRANBERRY BREAD

2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 egg, beaten  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/3 cup orange juice  
3 tablespoons vinegar plus water to make 2/3 cups  
1 teaspoon grated orange rind  
3/4 cup melted shortening  
1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries  
1 cup chopped nuts

Sift together dry ingredients. Add liquids to beaten egg. Add to dry mixture. Add orange rind and melted shortening. Stir only until dry mixture is dampened. Add cranberries and nuts and mix well. Turn into greased 8" x 4" x 2" loaf pan. Bake at 350 degree F for one hour.

Cool several hours or overnight before slicing. Make sandwiches with cream cheese filling. Wrap and store in food freezer.

EASY DO PRALINES

1 package butterscotch pudding  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup evaporated milk  
1 tablespoon butter or margarine  
1 1/2 cup pecans

Combine all the ingredients and cook slowly until dissolved. Add the pecans and boil slowly until candy reaches the soft ball stage, 235 degree F. to 240 degree F. Remove from heat and beat until mixture thickens. Drop by tea-

spoonfuls on wax paper. Makes 30 two-inch patties. Store in covered container in cool place.

HOT MULLED CIDER

1 gallon apple juice  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon whole cloves

The spices in small cloth bag. Add sugar and spices to apple juice. Heat 20 minutes under the boiling point or until flavor suits taste. Longer heating develops a more spicy flavor. Do not boil. Serve hot from punch bowl.

Grape, raspberry, loganberry and other fruit juices may be used in the same way as the apple juice. Change the amount of sugar to taste and dilute fruit juices if desired.

Yield: 1 gallon punch or 16 measuring cups.

COMPERE HD CLUB

Mrs. Ab Hunter Jr. was hostess for the Comper Home Demonstration Club's Christmas party in her home Thursday, Dec. 11.

Carols were sung after which Mrs. W. S. Allred led the group in prayer.

Mrs. W. D. Ramsey directed two games.

Mrs. I. B. Ray reported on the county wide Christmas program held in Anson.

A business session with Mrs. Hunter, president, presiding closed the meeting.

Gifts were exchanged and party favors of bags of candy were presented the guests.

Visitors and club members present were Denise Conger, Tammy Seigrist and Stacy Stanley and Mmes. Ray, Stanley, Ramsey, Allred, Touchstone and Hunter.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. W. D. Ramsey Thursday, Jan. 8.

UNION RIDGE HD CLUB

Mrs. Carol Walton was hostess to the Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club at its annual Christmas party in her home Friday, Dec. 12.

The yuletide theme was used in decorations throughout the house.

A covered dish luncheon was served buffet style at the noon hour.

Secret pal gifts were distributed from an unusual white live-oak decorated tree.

Mrs. Denzel Cox, president, was the recipient of a shower of gifts from club members.

Mrs. J. H. Clark gave the devotional and Mrs. Cox offered prayer.

The group joined in the singing of familiar Christmas carols. Attending were Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Ike Turner and daughters, Mrs. Hallie Burden and Carl Walton, guests, and Mmes. O. E. Harwell, Clyde Newton, J. K. Pee, Buford Buntin, J. H. Clark, Marvin Douglas, Cox, Walton and Miss Mable McRee.

Misses Sara Hunter and Nita Cotten were Saturday night and Sunday guests in the homes of Sara's grandmothers, Mrs. Ina Hunter and Mrs. Gertrude Pee.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The cold spell over the weekend was the coldest we have had in years. Twelve degree weather is surely cold here or anywhere. Some of the oldtimers said it was the coldest they had seen in five years. Livestock feeding got underway during the spell and will continue through the winter.

There is a lot of complaint about the dry weather. Small grain is badly in need of rain. Small grain has afforded a little grazing up until now.

Attendance at Pioneer Church Sunday was down due to the cold weather.

The pastors and their families of the Abilene district had a Christmas Party at the youth camp Monday night.

Mrs. Joe Seymore has been in Lubbock with her daughter, Mrs. Melvin McCoy. The little daughter of Melvin and Bettie Jo's has been in the hospital there.

Mrs. Latimer fell again last week and was hurt pretty badly, but she is a little better at this time.

Mrs. Ray is doing very well at this time. F. H. Horton is doing very well, however he is in bed most of the time.

Ray Martin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin of Pioneer Church was home over the weekend. Ray said it is always good to get home.

B. H. Riney had an accident the other morning. He got his hand in the fan on his car and lost the end of one of his fingers.

The Tom Russom's were dinner guests in the home of the Frank Brnauks Sunday. Frank reports it is very dry at his place.

R. E. Clemmer, stockman in the canyon, has been buying light weight calves for his place. He says he thinks with some rain he can run a large number of calves on his grain fields.

The people of our community will have a Christmas tree and program at the youth camp this Sunday night. We will meet early, have sandwiches, coffee, and cookies, then the program and tree. Our pastor said let's make this a happy time.

A. L. Moore who is working in Ft. Worth was home over the weekend. He said it was really cold in Ft. Worth during our cold spell here.

The young people of our church attended the sub-district meeting in Sweetwater Monday night. Mrs. A. D. Scott and Mrs. Allen King are their sponsors.

Joe Seymore is wintering a hundred head of calves at his place. He said, "Just think what a good rain would do."

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman report their registered cattle are wintering fine. They purchased the cattle last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas, former Merkel residents, now of Casper, Wyoming, were visitors in the home of Mrs. W. M. Elliott Wednesday. They were en route to California for a visit with relatives.

Misses Sara Hunter and Nita Cotten were Saturday night and Sunday guests in the homes of Sara's grandmothers, Mrs. Ina Hunter and Mrs. Gertrude Pee.

CAKE AND COFFEE ADDS CHRISTMAS CHEER



Christmas has a large repertoire of traditional yeast-raised breads and delicacies. Here is a particularly elegant apricot-filled cake that is based on a Danish recipe. It is an ideal accompaniment for a hospitable pot of coffee with neighbors and friends who visit.

DANISH KRINGLE

1/4 cup milk  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 1/4 cups sifted enriched flour  
1/4 cup shortening  
1/2 cup, warm not hot (lukewarm for compressed yeast)  
1 package or cake yeast (dry or compressed)  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Scald milk. Cool to lukewarm. Mix together sugar, salt and flour. Cut in shortening. Measure water into large mixing bowl (warm, not hot, water for active dry yeast; lukewarm for compressed yeast.) Sprinkle or crumble in yeast. Stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk. Add egg, lemon peel and flour mixture. Stir until well blended, about 2 minutes. Place in greased bowl; brush top with shortening. Cover; let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 hours. Punch down. Turn out on lightly floured board. Roll out into an oblong, about 15" x 6". Place on a greased baking sheet. Cover let rise in a warm place, free from draft, about 1 hour. Make a slight depression in center of oblong to within 1 inch of the edge. Fill with Apricot Filling. Bake at 350° F. (moderate oven) about 25 minutes. When cool decorate as desired.

APRICOT FILLING

Combine 1 1/2 cups chopped stewed apricots with 4 tablespoons of honey and a dash of cinnamon.

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Mr. Santa Claus  
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North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your file!

The last time I wrote you, I spelled Bicycle with a "K"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and it's worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME, then," from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for the other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world. Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Nels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put into our Christmas cards and our packages the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts.

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and

that you'll be staging it always? I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,  
Lois Weekes

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a baby doll that sits in a glider. The rest of my gifts can be a surprise. My sister wants a layette set and a doll. The rest can be a surprise. We live 411 Locust St., Merkel, Texas.

Love,  
Reba Cooley

Dear Santa,

How are you doing all the work for Christmas? I want a bicycle and baby doll. I want something for my little brother, David.

Love,  
Vickie Robertson

### Starr Rest Home

By MARY OUTLAW

Our patients are all very well at this writing.

We are getting ready for Christmas. Paul Wheeler from Abilene came and visited the Rest Home and brought us a Silver Christmas tree. It sure is beautifully decorated. We express our thanks to Paul for bringing us the tree.

The G. A. Girls from the Noodle Baptist church came into the home Monday evening and sang for the patients. They brought a long large white cake, trimmed in Red and Green with Merry Christmas across the top. Those present were Janice Hill, Karen Sullivan, Dorothy Flowers, Linda Clift, Nancy Washburn, Wilma Cox, Nelda Hennegar, Carol Clift, Carolina Cox, Charlotte Alexander, Paula Caldwell and Mary Fielders. The leaders Mrs. Mary John Jones, Mrs. Macky Spurgin, Mrs. Lawrence Olive and Mrs. Hubert Sullivan. We appreciated their kindness and invite them back again.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, Stith, Mr. and Mrs. Willard West, Dallas visited their sister, Hettie West, and brought her Christmas.

Rev. Jerrel Thorp of the First Methodist Church of Tye came Sunday and conducted services at 3 P. M. He brought a group to help him sing. Everyone enjoyed the services and will be looking forward to seeing them again.

Mrs. Wallace Dean, leader of Girl Scout Troop 62 brought her troop, Connie Canrow, Mildred Haley, Ann Smith, Cherry Davis, Gayle Gladden, Sandra Robins, Lina Biera, Junita Mareno, Jennifer Smith and Brenda Doan came to the Rest Home Monday night and sang Christmas carols. We appreciated their visit.

Uncle Joe Allphin had visitors Sunday his two sons Oscar and Irvin and their wives from Clyde.

Nettie Harris is Grandma again. Her son, Arland, and wife of Abilene have a new girl.

Mr. L. A. Reno and daughters,

Mrs. J. L. Owens and Mrs. Al Barrett of Abilene visited Mr. Reno's brother, Joe Allphin Monday.

### Mrs. L. L. Murray Hosts WW Class For Yule Program

The Willing Workers class of the Grace Presbyterian Church held their Christmas program in the home of Mrs. L. L. Murray Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Joy to the World". The devotional was given by Mrs. J. R. Walling and prayer by Mrs. Etta Tucker.

The group sang Christmas carols and old familiar hymns. Each one recited scripture verse or poem.

The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison to close the program.

Names were drawn and gifts distributed from a decorated table.

Refreshments of red and green jello topped with whipped cream, cake and hot chocolate were served. Plate favors were red boxes filled with nuts and mints.

Present were Mes. W. T. Curb, J. M. Spurgin, W. M. Elliott, W. A. Campbell, J. R. Walling, V. M. Bell, James H. West, Etta Tucker, the hostess and Miss Johnnie Warren, members, and Mrs. J. O. Castles and Mrs. Pearl Harris, visitors.

### NOODLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Anderson returned last week from Corpus Christi where they visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross and children.

Mrs. Lilly Jackson and son, Herschel, visited her brother C. B. Anderson, who is ill, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Anderson.

Mrs. Wesley Martin of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Bud Fellers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell attended funeral services for Mr. Rister, father-in-law of Charlie Caldwell, which were held at Anson Sunday.

Four students from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, had charge of the services of the Baptist Church here Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

Paula Caldwell was a guest Friday night of Rogene Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Justice were weekend guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Poplin of Hobbs, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown had as visitors Sunday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Callaway.

Phillip Stayn, minister of the Church of Christ, and Marty Hooper were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touchstone. Marty is song leader for the church.

Flags of six sovereign powers have flown over the state of Texas. They are the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Southern Confederacy and the United States.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Gardner:

The column, "Does Your Son Drive?", helps the cause of Driver Education, and we are grateful to you for printing it. Maybe other papers will have vision enough to carry it.

Texas allows a 10% reduction in automobile insurance for drivers under 25 who have had an approved course in Driver Education, but this is not true in all the states and doubtless that is why it was not mentioned.

Sincerely,  
?? ?? ?? ????  
Public Service Department  
West Texas Utilities Co.

At least 14 Texas streams bear the name of "Rock Creek"

### Study Club Meets In Sadler Home For Yule Program

The Fortnightly Study Club met in the home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9 for their annual Christmas program.

Mrs. Brandon Wade played a medley of Christmas carols on the organ. She also accompanied Mrs. Homer Patterson who sang "Silent Night" and "O Little Town Of Bethlehem".

"Star of the Universe", a program on Christmas and what it should mean, was presented by Mrs. H. C. West. "We should not look into the sky, but into our minds and our hearts," she said, "for the true meaning of Christmas."

Refreshments were served from a table covered with a green felt Christmas cloth and centered

with an apergne which held red carnations and red burning taper in vative holders.

Two new bulletins released by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are MP-296, "Effect of Temperature and Relative Humidity on Market Egg Quality", and L-407, "Gulf Ryegrass." Gulf is a new ryegrass variety which shows promising character.

istics. The experiment station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service also have released a bulletin, MP-293, "Economics of Laying Flocks in Texas." All are available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

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AUTOMATIC WA650P	Washer	\$299.95	\$239.95
AUTOMATIC WA600R	Washer	\$239.95	\$199.95
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**NOTICE MASONS**  
State meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A. M. Saturday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
Othell O'Kelly, W. M.  
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

**STATED MEETING** of Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of Eastern Star Tuesday, December 23, 1958 at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.  
Fern Windham,  
Worthy Matron  
Estelle Humphreys,  
Secretary

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT:** 4-room and bath unfurnished duplex. Call Ray Wilson at 173. 13-1fc

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**FOR RENT** — One and two-bedroom apartments. Also bedrooms. Call 405-W or inquire at the Merkel Hotel. 40-1fc

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**FOR SALE**—Extra nice used GE Electric Range. Palmer Motor Company. Phone 159. 40-1fc

**FOR SALE** — 2-bedroom home, fenced back yard. 1226 La Salle, Abilene. Ph. 340-J, Merkel. 38-1fc

**FOR SALE**—Tru-Cold 16 ft. upright deep freeze. New at a bargain. Merkel Salvage. 928 N. 1st. 7-1fc

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**FOR SALE** — 1957 Ariel 4 cyl. motorcycle, 6,000 miles. Cash price \$650. See Ned or Earle Watts, Phone 296-R, Merkel. 34-1fc

**FOR SALE** — 50 No. 1 Duroc pigs. Ready to go. See W. B. Toombs or call 9014-JI 39-2tr

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**FOR SALE** — Furnished 2-bedroom house. One Master bedroom, breezeway and garage. 912 Locust. Second house south of hospital. H. B. Chambliss Estate. Call Trent 2-9382 or 63-W Merkel. 40-31c

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to thank each and every one who helped in any way during the illness and loss of our husband and father, Michael J. Shaw.  
Mrs. John Shaw and family

**KEEP THIS AD!**  
Over 25,000 Arthritic and Rheumatic Sufferers have taken this Medicine since it has been on the market. It is inexpensive, can be taken in the home. For free information give name and address to P. O. Box 826 Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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## Legal Notice

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
TO: Monte Clifford Kemmerling, Defendant, Greeting:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of January A. D. 1959, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 27 day of October A. D. 1958, in this cause, numbered 23,418-A on the docket of said court and styled Mildred Louise Kemmerling, Plaintiff, vs. Monte Clifford Kemmerling, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married February 25, 1954 and became permanently separated in October, 1958.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff sues for custody of their minor child Monte Lawrence Kemmerling and for support of same. Plaintiff alleges there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 20th day of November A. D. 1958.  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 38-39-40-41

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TO: John Banavige, Defendant, Greeting:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the courthouse

**Corner on Cotton**  
BY BOB COLLINS

Like to have some more cotton acreage free? . . . maybe you can get it, even if you select Choice "A" in the new farm bill, and there are no strings attached. It depends upon what's happening in your county to the acreage reserve of the soil bank . . . unless there are some changes next year, there won't be a reserve and some cotton acreage that was in the reserve may be abandoned . . . the acreage should be released to the county Agriculture Stabilization & Conservation (ASC) committee for reallocation but chances are this isn't being done . . . check now with your ASC committee and try to track down acreage that is being abandoned—it could mean lots more cotton acreage for your county, acreage that will be lost to cotton otherwise.

**Production Meet**  
A belt-wide cotton production meeting is slated for December 17-18 at Houston, Texas . . . sponsored by the National Cotton Council, the meeting will concern itself with "growing cotton for profit and markets" . . . could prove profitable to anybody who attends.

thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 29th day of December A. D. 1958, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court on the 12th day of November A. D. 1958 in this cause, numbered 23,468-A on the docket of said court and styled Helen Banavige, Plaintiff, vs. John Banavige, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married August 1, 1943 after having previously been divorced October 1947, but never lived together as husband and wife after second marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce and custody of children of previous marriage. Plaintiff alleges there is no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 13th day of November A. D. 1958.  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 38-39-40-41

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: plaintiff and defendant were married on or about May 20, 1954, and became permanently separated on or about December 1, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment. Plaintiff further alleges that there are no children of this union and no community property to be adjudicated, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date

**Cotton Untasty?**  
Research is underway to find out what the boll weevil likes in a cotton plant . . . hopes are that a plant can be developed that the pest will find untasty . . . think what it would mean if suddenly there were no boll weevil problem!! You could save up to 10 cents a pound by not having to fight them.

**More About Farm Bill**  
The U.S. Department of Agriculture gives you until March 16, 1959, to make up your mind as to which way you'll go on Choice "A" or "B" cotton . . . of course, many of you will have to make up your mind very soon because of tenant-owner agreements . . . the legislation continues to be misunderstood in the cotton belt . . . be certain to talk it over with some well-informed folks before leaning either way . . . especially talk about price possibilities . . . of course, nobody knows for sure, but there are several hidden angles that could change your whole picture.

**Mills Stretchout**  
Some textile mills are giving longer holidays and stretching out their cotton operations as much as possible . . . reason is they feel that the '59 crop is going to be available at prices more competitive with man-made fibers . . . seems reasonable for them to take steps to enter the '59 season with as low an inventory as possible . . . this combination of a more competitive price and low inventories should lead to a healthier and freer market.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 2nd day of December A. D. 1958.  
Attest: R. H. Ross, Clerk, 42nd District Court, Taylor County, Texas.  
By Irene Crawford, Deputy. (SEAL) 39-40-41-42

## McMurry Lists 23 Lettermen

One four-year letterman and a pair of three-year numeral winners head a list of 23 varsity lettermen for the McMurry Indians, which was released this week by Tommy Ellis, head football coach.

Ellis said the only four-year letterman was Ernie Davis, fullback, who was one of the top scorers in the country this season. And, ironically, his brother, Charlie Davis, a guard, was one of the two players that earned their third numeral. The other was Jim Boyd, co-captain and halfback.

The lettermen included Tommy McAdams, Terry O'Brien, Bobby Hartgraves, Don Howard, George Bridges, Gerald Combs, Jim Sadler, Jimmy Baldwin, Elmo Cure,

centers; Joe Boyd, Fred Enright, Eugene Dreyer, Charlie Davis, guards; Charlie Baldwin, Gene Hargrove, Bill Gorman, Robert James, tackles, and Jim Jackson, Don Flippin, Dalton Hicks and Wylie Wide, ends.

Mrs. Winnie Cyfert returned last week from San Antonio where she had been at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Rex Fritts.

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Due to a cold, try DURHAM'S ANAETHESIA-MOP and see how pleasant and effective a mop can be. Generous bottle with applicators only 75c at your Druggist.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a girl's bicycle.  
Please bring the other children



Sally Lewis says...

The refrigerator is one of the wonders of our American level of living. It's even more wonderful when you realize that less than a hundred years ago the most powerful monarch couldn't enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables all year round. Now we regard this household appliance as a necessity.

The refrigerator has many uses. For example, the dampened wash which you haven't time to finish ironing can be kept in ideal ironing condition by rolling it up and keeping it in the refrigerator.

Proper coverings and preparation of things for storage will give you the best service from your refrigerator. Milk, cream and table fats should be kept away from foods with strong odors and should be covered tightly.

Store wrappings should be removed from raw meat and it should be wrapped in wax paper before going into the refrigerator. Ground meat should be wrapped in wax paper and put into the freezing compartment or used within 24 to 48 hours. Opened cans of fruit and vegetables can be kept in the original containers, but cover them.

Fresh fruits and vegetables without protective covering should be stored in the hydrator or a vegetable bag. Wash and trim them before storage. Berries and cherries should not be washed until you are ready to use them.

Lemons, oranges and grapefruits which have been cut will keep moist for a while if placed cut side down on a saucer.

To delay mold formation on bread during summer months, wrap well and store in the refrigerator.

And to keep your refrigerator clean and fresh, wash it regularly with a solution of a half teaspoon of lye in a gallon of hot water. This solution dissolves grease and removes sources of odors.

something.  
Love Your Friend,  
Melinda  
Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a gun and holster set, and a saddle gun. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Steve Reddin

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy nine years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a pair of guns and a bike. Please bring the other children something nice.  
Love,  
James O. Evans

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy eight years old. Santa will you bring me a BB gun and a bicycle?  
Will you bring me a gun and a hooter set?  
Love,  
David

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a gun and holster set. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Arthur

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a machine gun. I want an electric train.  
Love,  
Sammy Ross

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a bicycle. Do not forget the other girls and boys.  
Love,  
Jan Hancock

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a BB gun and a bowling set. Please do not forget the other girls and boys.  
Love,  
Tex Barnhart

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a viewer and a doll.  
I hope you remember all the other little children.  
I hope you are well, and ready

to make your trip.  
With Love,  
Danna Thompson  
Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958

Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a baton and skates. Please remember the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Sandra

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want a football set. For Christmas please bring me a football set.  
Love,  
Gaylon Brnova

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a toy piano. Please do not forget the other boys and girls.  
Love,  
Lynn Gildert

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a BB gun and a gun and holster set, a basketball set, and an Indian suit. Please bring the other children something.  
Love,  
Clint Byers  
Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a plastic dishes and balarena doll. We live in Merkel, Tex. We hope you can find us. He also wants a

large tricycle.  
Ghronda and Buster Tarply  
Rt. 1. Merkel  
Trent, Texas  
Dec. 10, 1958

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a BB gun, a football suit and a football set.  
Love,  
Tim

Trent, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1958  
Dear Santa,  
I am a big boy ten years old.

I am in the second grade. For Christmas please bring me a bicycle.  
Love,  
Larry

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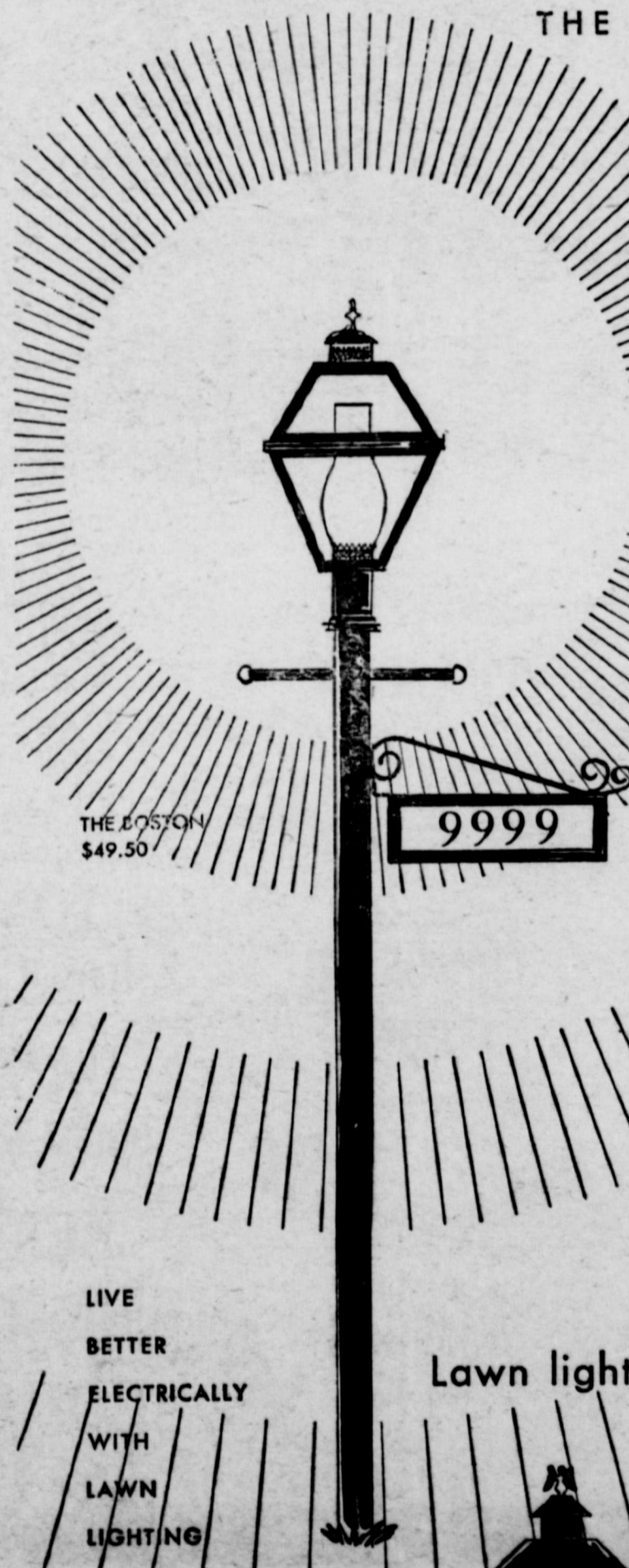
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For new sparkle, new brilliance, add these fashionable new post lights to your lawn! Four handsome styles, described below, are available through any local electrical contractor, completely installed at \$39.50 or \$49.50. These prices include up to 50' of cable and normal installation of an inside switch, so you may turn your post light on or off at will. Costs pennies to operate — you can use it all night, every night, for less than 28¢ a month.

See these smart styles on display at your electrical contractors



THE BOSTON \$49.50

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THE ARCADIA — Traditional head on adjustable post. Uses clear or colored bulb, 25 to 100 watts. Completely installed, up to 50' of cable and normal installation of inside switch, \$39.50, on easy terms.

THE BOSTON — Traditional style on adjustable post, with lighted house number bracket. Uses clear or colored bulb, 25 to 100 watts. Completely installed, up to 50' of cable, and normal installation of inside switch, \$49.50, on easy terms.

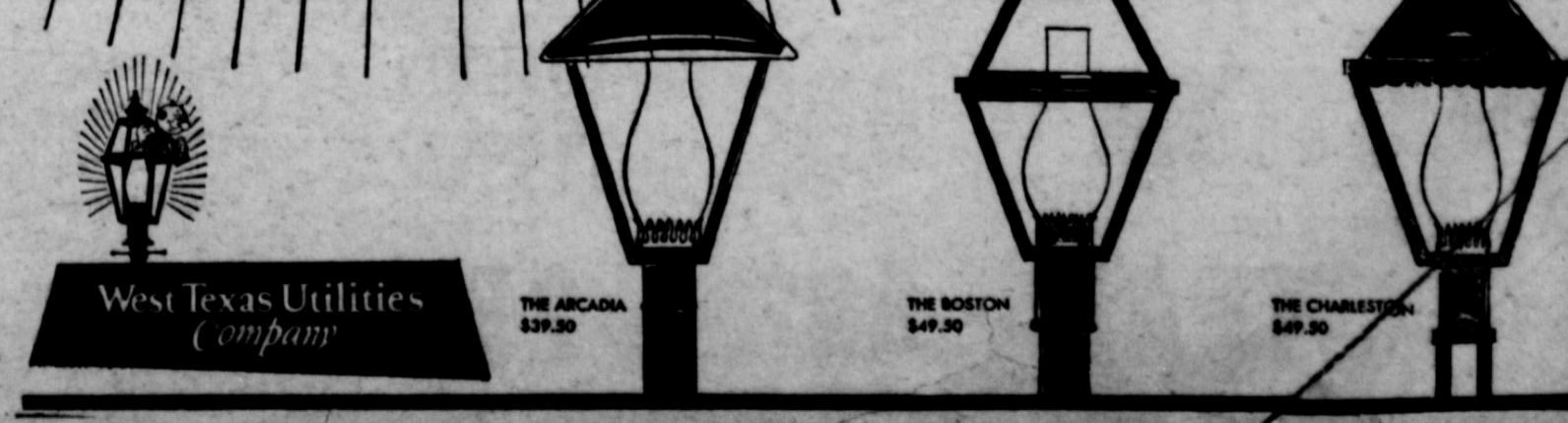
THE CHARLESTON — Traditional head on wrought iron base. Uses clear or colored bulb, 25 to 100 watts. Completely installed, up to 50' of cable and normal installation of inside switch, \$49.50, on easy terms.

THE DOVER — Striking modern head on wrought iron base. Uses clear or colored bulb, 25 to 100 watts. Completely installed, up to 50' of cable and with normal installation of inside switch, \$49.50, on easy terms.

WEATHERPROOF LAWN OUTLET — You can add a weatherproof electric outlet at the base of the post to plug in your electric lawn mower, edge clipper or other outdoor appliances. \$10.00 additional, but may be included in your monthly payments.

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### TEL Class Holds Annual Feast

The T E L Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church observed the annual "Love Feast" at the church Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Dinner was served from a table covered in white with center arrangement of red Nandina berries and green foliage.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler reviewed a Christmas story written by Dale Evans.

Mrs. T. J. Bird, president, presided for the business session.

Attending were the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sewell and Mmes. John Mansfield, Lucy Fird, E. W. King, Walter Frazier, Jim Kuykendall, Ira Moore, Clay Satterwhite, A. R. Booth, Myrtle Walker, Bird and Miss Selena Teaff.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oliver and twin daughters of Midland spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver.

### IT'S THE LAW

#### IS THAT CHRISTMAS GIFT TAXABLE?

Although it may come as a surprise to some people, the federal government levies a tax which applies to gifts made by one person to another. However, the government has no desire to tax ordinary birthday and Christmas gifts. The law therefore excludes from taxable gifts the first \$3,000 given to each individual in each calendar year.

The law also excludes from taxable gifts, gifts to the church, community chest, and similar charitable organizations, and allows each giver an exemption of \$30,000 before the tax applies.

The tax applies whether the gift is of money or of property. If it is of property, the tax is computed on the fair market value of the property at the date of the gift.

The purpose of many gifts is to remove the property from the taxable estate of the giver at the time of his death. This may or may not be accomplished. The federal law provides that transfers made within three years before date of death shall be deemed to have been made in contemplation of death and shall be taxable in the estate of the one who dies.

It may be advisable to "look a gift horse in the mouth" for the gift may cost the one who receives the gift in income taxes as well as the giver in gift taxes.

For income tax purposes the cost basis of property received by gifts is the cost to the giver regardless of the fact that the giver may have paid a gift tax on the gift. The other rule is that in case of property received by inheritance, the cost basis is the fair market value at the date of the decedent's death.

An example will show the application of the rules. Suppose a farmer acquired his land in the early days at a cost of \$10,000. This property is now worth \$50,000. The farmer wishes to retire and to escape estate taxes, so he gives the farm to his daughter.

Although he may pay federal gift taxes totaling several thousand dollars, when the daughter decides to sell the farm for its \$50,000 value, she still has to pay income tax on \$40,000 profit, (difference between the sales price and her father's cost of \$10,000).

On the other hand, if the farmer had not given the farm to the daughter, but had left it to her under his will, he would have saved the gift tax. The daughter would have taken the property (a cost basis of \$50,000, so upon sale she would not have had to pay any income tax.

Of course, there would have been some estate taxes and administration expenses in the father's estate, but that would have been much less than the taxes which resulted from the gift. However, depending upon individual and particular circumstances, there may be occasions when a gift is advisable. Your lawyer can advise you on this matter.

(This column, prepared by the State Bar of Texas, is written to inform—not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is fully advised concerning the facts involved, because a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

### TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

#### CARD OF THANKS

The relatives of Dean T. Stroud wish to thank everyone for their kindness during our time of sorrow.

Mrs. Natina Wilson and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Arl Sharp and Margaret



REMEMBER TO REGISTER  
for F-R-E-E Boys  
and Girls Bicycle  
TO BE GIVEN DEC. 23  
AT 6:30 P.M.  
Nothing To Buy — You  
Do Not Have To Be Present  
To Win. Remind Us for Reg.  
Slip Each Time In Store.

PRICES - THURS. - FRI. - SAT  
GOOD - DEC. 18th, 19th - 20th

#### HOLIDAY NEEDS

OCEAN SPRAY 300  
Cranberry Sauce - 2 for 43c

DREAM WHIP  
Topping Mix - - box 23c

WIN ALL 303  
Apple Sauce - - 2 for 19c

KRAFT JET  
Marshmallows - - pkg. 19c

GOLD COAST SPICED 2 1/2 Can  
Whole Peaches - 2 for 49c

TOWIE 8-oz.  
Marachino Cherries jar 27c

EAGLE  
BRAND  
MILK  
can  
29c

SWIFT'S  
PREM  
LUNCHEON  
MEATS  
CAN  
43c

DEL MONTE 303  
Golden CORN - 2 for 35c

KUNER'S 303 Tiney  
Dainty PEAS - 2 for 49c

DEL MONTE 2 1/2 Can  
PUMPKIN - - 2 for 39c

DEL MONTE Crushed No. 2  
PINEAPPLE - 2 for 49c

#### ENTER GOLD MEDALS EXCITING "TWIN STAR" CONTEST

Gold Medal Flour 89¢  
See Details on Page  
Reporter-News Dec. 18th 10 lb.

Swfit's  
**OLEO**  
Lb. - 15¢



Betty Crocker  
CAKE MIXES  
WHITE HONEY SPICE  
DEVILS FOOD 3 for  
YELLOW 79¢

**FOLGERS** COFFEE 2 lb. can limit \$1.29  
**SNOWDRIFT** Shortening 3 lb. can - 63¢  
**HIPOLITE** M. MALLOW Cream 2 jars 39¢  
**DATES** BORDO Pitted - - - 33¢  
Pound - - -

SALAD DRESSING  
**MIRACLE WHIP**  
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TOP BRANDS 12 to 18 lb.  
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**BACON** 2 lbs. 98¢

Market Made  
PURE SAUSAGE - - - - lb. 49c  
Fresh Center Cut  
PORK CHOPS - - - - lb. 59c  
Fresh  
PORK ROAST - - - - lb. 49c  
Swift's  
BOLOGNA - - - - lb. 45c

CHOICE HEAVY  
Club **STEAK** Lb. 69¢

CHOICE HEAVY BEEF  
T-Bone **STEAK** Lb. 89¢

DOLE  
GRAPEFRUIT  
PINEAPPLE

JUICE  
32-oz. --- 23¢  
Can ---

NESTLES  
CHOCOLATE  
CHIPS  
6-oz.  
Bag - - 23¢

PATIO  
TAMALES  
300 size  
2 Cans  
39¢

CHARMIN  
TISSUE  
4 Roll Crtn.  
25¢

OXYDOL  
2 boxes 53c

ZEST  
2 reg bxs 23c

JOY  
Reg. 33c

DASH  
Jumbo \$2.29

ZEST  
Bath 22c

COMET  
Reg. 17c

CARSONS' SUPERMARKET

#### Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

GOLDEN  
BANANAS  
Lb. - 12¢

ARIZONA NAVEL  
ORANGES - - - lb. 17c

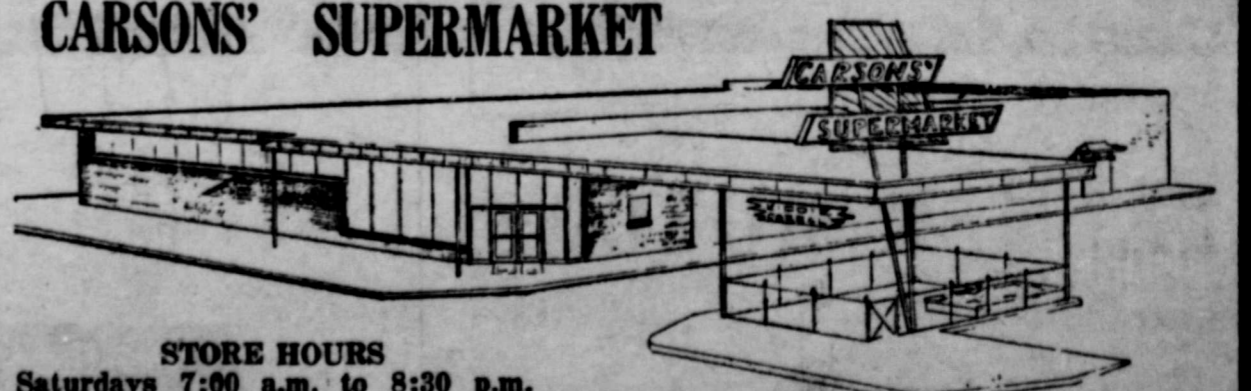
FRESH  
CELERY - - - lb. 10c

Fresh  
CRANBERRIES - - - - lb. 23c

Fresh  
COCONUTS - - - - lb. 10c

Fresh  
CABBAGE - - - - lb. 4c

RUSSETS - 10 lbs.  
SPUDS - - - - bag 49c



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