

# DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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## CINDERS

By John T. King

If your child killed his first deer this season you'll want to get his picture and trophy printed in the paper. Just come by the office and we'll do the rest. (No charge, of course.)

Under Personal Notices in the San Angelo paper is the following Classified Ad: SANTA CLAUS will visit your children by appointment December 16 through 20 for \$1 gift to Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Such an idea might be a good toy-raising or gift raising project for some Sonora organization to take over next year with gifts going to needy families.

Ralph P. Mayer said that he wanted to see that everyone on the Welfare Council's Christmas list enjoyed a first-rate Christmas dinner and then wrote a check accordingly. That is one gift that will really make lots of families happy.

I notice that Goldthwaite has a new industry that though seasonal, is a natural for the area. Workers will turn out about 600,000 packages of mistletoe to be sent across the nation and earn about \$10,000 doing it. This is using your head to make money, turning an unwanted tree parasite into ready cash. I just hope that it doesn't end up by spreading this tree infestation into new parts of the country.

At the Downtown Lions Club meeting Tuesday fathers and grandfathers of the Elementary Choir declined Buzzie Stokes' offer to let them present the final Christmas carol.

E. B. Keng said that he wasn't sure that his new hat was an improvement over his old one, but that someone picked his hat up by mistake after the Tuesday Lions Club meeting.

In the mail bag this week: The Peril's River News, Sonora, Texas.

H. V. Stokes said that Ford Times would carry an article on the Caverns of Sonora in its March issue.

Walter Richter, Texas senator from the 19th district, said it was second in importance only to ones poll tax and I agree. He was talking about the 1964-65 Texas Almanac.

I'm not boosting it because we sell it—it's available almost anywhere. But the \$1.75 you pay for a reference book of Texas is small when you consider that it's even detailed enough to give every county's officials and every city's mayor. The 688 pages are packed with information about our state that is new to most of us. Pick up a copy for some interesting reading.



DEBRA KAY TITTLE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tittle, killed her first deer on the Tittle ranch six miles north of Sonora. Debra Kay is seven years old. Her deer had eight points.

## Funeral Services Held Wednesday For O. E. Merriman

Funeral services for O. E. Merriman were held Wednesday afternoon, December 18, 1963, at 3 o'clock in the First Methodist Church of Sonora. The Rev. Alanson Brown of Wichita Falls, formerly the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sonora, officiated.

Mr. Merriman died Monday in Veteran's Hospital in Kerrville following an extended illness. He was born July, 1887, in Putnam and moved to Sonora with his parents when he was a small boy. He worked as a sales clerk in the VanderStucken store. He was a veteran of World War I.

On December 21, 1921, he married Lilly Drennan.

Survivors include his wife; three stepsons, Tom Drennan of Midland, Bill Drennan, and Jack Drennan; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Della Merriman and Mrs. Pat Lyles; and two sisters, Mrs. Earl Bingham of Tularosa, New Mexico, and Mrs. Lee Bingham of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Granvill Barker, Joe David Ross, Tom Nevill, Dr. J. F. Howell, G. H. Davis, G. H. Hall, Herbert Fields, and A. W. Await.

Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff-Kerbow Funeral Home.

## Funeral Services Held for Father Of Two Sonora Men

Funeral services for Edmund Olenick, father of two Sonora men, were held Wednesday morning, December 18, 1963, at 9 o'clock in Cestohowa.

Survivors include his wife and ten children. Two of his sons, E. R. Olinick Jr. and Louis Olenick, live in Sonora.

Burial was in the cemetery at Cestohowa.

## Sonorans' Brother Dies December 17

D. T. Logan, age 70, died Tuesday, December 17, 1963. He was the brother of two Sonora men.

He was born October 18, 1893, in Kimble County. March 17, 1917, he moved to Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Froney; five sons; one daughter; two brothers, Joe Logan and Wiley Logan; one sister, Mrs. Belle Kirkpatrick of Junction; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He will be buried in Wilcox, Arizona. Funeral services are pending.

## Political Announcements

Commissioners—\$15.00.  
County Offices—\$20.00.  
State and Federal Offices \$25.00.

Note: The above price includes one writup of not more than 250 words. No refund to candidates withdrawing. All candidates must file not later than February 1, 1964.

The Devil's River News is authorized to announce the following names of candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary on May 2, 1964:

For Sheriff,  
Tax Assessor-Collector:

Herman E. Moore (reelection)

## Herman E. Moore Is First Candidate To Announce for Reelection in 1964

Herman Moore, Sutton County sheriff and tax assessor-collector, was the first candidate to announce for reelection in the 1964 Democratic primaries to be held in May.

Moore's announcement states: "I would like to announce my candidacy for re-election for Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector of Sutton County."

"I want to extend my hearty thanks to the citizens of Sutton County for the splendid cooperation you have given to my force and myself during this term of office."

"My family and I have enjoyed living in Sonora and it has been a real privilege to serve you fine people as your Sheriff, Tax Assessor-Collector."

"If I have the opportunity to be re-elected we will continue to strive to serve you with more efficiency, as you know through experience, we become better qualified."

"My sincere thanks to all Sutton County citizens for your con-



Herman E. Moore

sideration in the coming election to this office."

Moore was elected for his first term in 1960. He is a former highway patrolman, having worked with the force from 1948 to 1959.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two boys, Herman Jr., a junior in ACC and Larry Bob, a senior in Sonora High School.

## Basketball Teams Defeated Friday By Big Lake Owls

By Dick McMillan

The Sonora Broncos dropped their seventh game of the year here last Friday night to the defending district 8-A champion Big Lake Owls by an 83-68 margin. The Bronco shooting showed improvement, but lack of rebounding against the taller Owls spelled defeat.

Bill Elliott paced the Broncos with 23 points. Tino Noriega, playing in his first game of the year, pitched in 19, and Mike St. Clair added 11. Big Johnny Howard of Big Lake poured in 26 points to lead all scorers.

Big Lake also took the "B" team game, dropping the Bronco "B" teamers 54-25. Carl Teaff and Grady Roe led the "B" team with nine and eight points, respectively.

## DRAFT BOARD

Quotas were set at the December meeting of the Sutton County draft Board. Mrs. Ed Grobe, secretary, says that the number set for induction from Sutton County is two, and the number scheduled to be called for physicals is sixteen.

## TRUCK FIRE

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department was called out early last Thursday morning to extinguish a truck fire 21 miles east of Sonora. Four tires on the truck burned, and the side of the trailer was damaged. The driver was not injured. The vehicle is owned by a Pecos firm.

## Lions Roar

The Elementary School Choir sang special Christmas selections at the Downtown Lions Club meeting Tuesday. The choir was directed by Mrs. Lacy Steed and pianist was Jane Sawyer.

## School Favorites Selected at SHS

Mr. and Miss SHS and All-school favorites were chosen at Sonora High School this week.

Elected favorites by the student body were Jan McClelland and Larry Bob Moore. Joyce Hearn and Johnny Merck were named Mr. and Miss SHS. They were nominated by the faculty and elected by the Student Council.

News Want Ads Bring Results

## Railroad Location Set For Stockpens

Work on the construction of Sonora Stockpens Inc. is slated to get underway here soon. Two Santa Fe Railroad officials, E. A. Tusha and G. A. Alexander were here last week to make final arrangements to lease land to the stockpens company.

H. V. Stokes, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said that both railroad officials seemed very pleased with the results of talks with the Ranch and Livestock Committee. The only request made to the committee was that they withdraw application for railroad frontage extending south past the proposed pens,

and that there be 15 feet of land between the present railroad shipping pens and the new pens.

A location on the railroad, one of the most sought-after points of the stockpens, was accomplished after talks with both Santa Fe and Northern Natural Gas Company. Northern has agreed to relinquish their lease on land south of the present railroad pens and sell their building to Sonora Stockpens.

Formal application for some 14 acres of land is now in the hands of Santa Fe and a corporate charter is in Austin awaiting action.

Charlie Schwartz, Junction Stockyards owner, will be the lessee-operator and he has hired John Lockett for resident manager.

Schwartz said that all-steel pens were planned and that there would be a tile sale ring for special sales.

Stokes said "The Sonora Stockpens Inc. fill a long-needed want of area ranchmen. It is hoped that with the facilities we plan, Sonora can again regain the prestige once enjoyed—that of being the greatest livestock shipping point outside of the primary markets."

## WEATHER

Compiled by J. E. Eldridge

| Date               | Rain | Hi | Lo |
|--------------------|------|----|----|
| Wednesday, Dec. 11 | .02  | 58 | 30 |
| Thursday, Dec. 12  | 0    | 50 | 26 |
| Friday, Dec. 13    | .34  | 47 | 32 |
| Saturday, Dec. 14  | 0    | 40 | 26 |
| Sunday, Dec. 15    | 0    | 45 | 30 |
| Monday, Dec. 16    | T    | 42 | 33 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 17   | T    | 61 | 36 |

Rain for the month .47; for the year 17.05.

## 4-H Preliminary Lamb Showing Set For December 21

A preliminary showing of fine wool lambs by 4-H members who would like to enter lambs in the Odessa Fat Stock Show has been planned by D. C. Langford, county agent, for Saturday, December 21, at 10 a.m.

Langford explained that there are about 100 fine wool lambs and 100 fine wool cross lambs on feed for show in Sutton County. Only 10 lambs can be exhibited from each county in the January 1 Odessa show. These 10 will be the winners at the preliminary showing held at the Sonora 4-H Center Saturday.

Each 4-H member may show as many as 3 lambs at the Sonora show but only 2 lambs each may be taken to Odessa by the top ten exhibitors.

Langford urged all 4-H members to have their animals in top shape for the show. Vestel Askew will judge the lambs.

## County Recertified In Brucellosis Retesting Program

D. C. Langford, county agent, has received word from the United States Department of Agriculture that Sutton County has been recertified for an additional three year period in the brucellosis program. Following is a letter received by Langford from the USDA:

"Dear Mr. Langford:

"Enclosed is the Modified-Certified Area Certificate indicating Sutton County has been recertified for an additional three-year period ending November 16, 1966.

"We wish to extend our congratulations on this achievement and express our appreciation for your interest and cooperation in this and other disease control programs.

"R. G. Garrett, Executive Director"

Joe David Ross, DVM, was in charge of retesting herds in Sutton County.

## Askew Elected TS&GRA President

Vestel Askew, Sutton County ranchman, was elected president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association at the 48th annual convention held December 9-11 in Houston. He succeeds James L. Powell of Fort McKavett.

Askew has been vice-president of the 5,900 member organization for the last two years. He served as its secretary from 1941 to 1948 and is the first man in the history of the TS&GRA to be elected to the presidency who had formerly served as secretary. He says he anticipates a heavy schedule in the coming year.

Other events of the convention program were addresses by Senator John Tower, Colonel John (Shorty) Powers of NASA, and Lt. Governor Preston Smith.

John Paul Friess, named Texas' top 4-H sheep and wool goat and mohair producer earlier this year, gave a report to the group about his trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. His trip was sponsored by the TS&GRA.

Other speakers included W. Hugh Baber, president of the National Wool Growers' Association; Dr. Harold Lundgren of the USDA Wool and Mohair Labora-



Vestel Askew

## Bronco Booster Club Football Banquet Honors Players and Coaches Saturday

"You're mediocre only when you don't do your best," Berl Huffman told Sonora Broncos and the Bronco Booster Club Saturday night at the annual football banquet.

Huffman defended athletics as an important part of education contributing to mental and physical stamina. He said that coaches asked of players what life asked of players, and the competition on the field is the same as that which everyone meets later in life.

Recognition was given to "A" and "B" team players and coaches Dennis Hays, Bob Painter, Oliver Wuest and Bob Snodgrass by head coach Jerry Hopkins. Ralph Finklea was awarded a letter sweater for taking pictures for the last two years.

Three-year lettermen and all-district players were Pat Castro, Fred Perez and Larry Moore, all seniors.

Two-year lettermen were

Johnny Merck, all district, GM Trainer, Jim Brown, John Paul Friess, Tino Noriega, Ruben Castillo, Dick McMillan, Robert Bermea, Tommy Raye, and Joe Favela, all seniors.

Also John David Fields, Bill Elliott, all district, Mike St. Clair, Maxie Delrie, Arturo Sanchez, Pat Brown, Ismael Gonzales, and Roy Glasscock, juniors.

Also Eddie Howell, all district, and Joe Moore, sophomores. Managers were Robert Brown and Jim Billingsley, freshmen.

"B" Team members receiving recognition were Bryan Grelle, Laney Cook, Ben Perez, Bill Glasscock, Jerry Shurley, Stan Bundy, Mike Wuest, and Mario Sanchez.

Also Carl Teaff, Jimmy Trainer, Brent Johnson, Ed Elliott, Bert Bloodworth, Jessie Villareal, Al Letsinger, John Henry Dixon, Calvin Sanders, Johnny Ramos, Ray Sanchez, and Dick Means.

## The Printing Department of the Devil's River News Will Be Closed December 25 Through January 5 For Vacation!



**DOLLIES CAN'T LICK**—Just because her doll can't lick Christmas Seals doesn't hinder this young Texas miss from instructing her on the proper way to dress up mail at this time of year. According to Governor John Connally's proclamation, Christmas Seal Days in Texas began November 15 and will continue until Christmas Day. Young ladies, (and everyone else!) according to this young lady, should see that this proclamation is properly observed by pasting Christmas Seals on the back of outgoing mail.

## Editorials... Features... Columns... Man and Weather

Every time the weather gets a little more cantankerous than usual some people start blaming it on the things that man is doing. The lengthy dry spell has become a matter of grave concern for the East and parts of the Midwest, and Texas has been no exception. The scarcity of rainfall is attributed to atomic testing, space shots, hurricane seeding and all sorts of human activities.

People who think such things could have any appreciable effect on the weather fail to realize two things. 1. The vastness and power of the forces that make the weather what it is. 2. The fact that the weather was acting up a long time before anybody knew there was an atom, much less a bomb, and before anything but neurotic sea gulls were trying to fly through hurricanes.

Consulting the government's weather men with regard to the growing alarm over the unmoist situation in the East, the magazine U. S. News & World Report got what amounted to a chuckle in response to its question of whether man's

monkeying around could be the cause.

The meteorologists' explanation of the way America's rain patterns are formed should alone be enough to dispel any such ideas. Winds moving into the country out of the North Pacific and across it from the west constitute one of the main ingredients. The flow of moist air northward from the Gulf of Mexico provides another. Could anything man is doing alter these tremendous forces, operating as they are over such vast expanses? The weather men prefer to give nature the blame or credit. One of the worst droughts in history began, they point out, in 1863 when man was not so much as dreaming of controlling the weather.

Anyone who thinks man can be held responsible for this dry spell is not rebuking but flattering him. He is a long way from possessing the knowledge or means of accomplishing such a thing even if he tried. And in the case of the drought he sure isn't trying.

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Women today, whose most difficult washday chore may be getting the soap carton open, can get some idea of how far things have improved since great grandma's day from the following item out of the past.

It's an authentic Kentucky "receipt," in its original spelling, for washing clothes, contributed by a reader to the Colorado Interstate Gas Co. magazine:

1. bild a fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. shave one hole cake of soap in bilin water.
4. sort things, make three piles. 1 pile white. 1 pile collord. 1 pile workbritches and rags.
5. stur flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with bilin water.
6. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. rub collord but don't bile—just rench and starch.
7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle then rench, blew and starch.
8. spred tee towels on grass.
9. hang old rags on fence.
10. pore rench water in flower bed.
11. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
12. turn tubs upside down.
13. go put on cleen dress—smooth hair and side combs—brew cup of tea—set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins.

Pacific Gas & Electric Progress

**1 SHOPPING WEEK LEFT**

**CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

1963 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**Letter To The Editor**

Dear Mr. Bundy:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the service that your paper has rendered to the West Texas Boys Ranch during its 15 years of operation. We are very thankful for the fine cooperation and interest that we have received throughout our 60 West Texas county area. We are especially delighted that you feel that our program is worthy of your efforts.

I am enclosing three news releases which I hope you will use during the Christmas season as we need all the help we can get in trying to obtain operational funds for 1964. The present conditions have made it difficult for our friends to give to Boys Ranch; therefore, our Christmas donations are far less than they have been in quite some time.

Last year one fourteen year old boy whose parents "dumped" him, found himself without friends or a home. The boy had not been in any trouble. He was deserving of an opportunity. However, the community in which he lived was unable to provide him a permanent home. He lived in the county jail for three weeks before he was referred to us. We were filled to capacity; however, in cases like this you just have to find room and we squeezed him in.

The road has been rough for him; however, he has proven he has what it takes to make something worthwhile out of himself. His over-all progress gained him the distinction of being chosen as one of the four candidates for the top honor of Boy of the Year.

Imagine what could have happened to this boy if there was no West Texas Boys Ranch. We realize the benefit you receive from giving of your efforts can be measured only in terms of the personal satisfaction derived from knowing you have helped boys like this one.

Sincerely yours,  
Morris H. Craig  
Executive Director

**Old Philosopher Thinks Russians Need Lessons on Contours of Human Nature**

Editor's Note: The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on Devil's River expresses some views on Russian farming this week, his letter indicates.

Dear editor:

It has long been my theory that an ordinary Russian citizen finally would get tired of conquering space and losing at the grocery store, at watching satellites on an empty stomach soon loses its excitement, and an item I read last night bears this out.

According to an article from Moscow, "the Soviet masses have displayed open discontent about the shortages of flour and bread."

And Mr. Khrushchev has acknowledged this by announcing he will now spend 46 billion dollars on the Russian fertilizer industry to improve the food situation. It may work, but I doubt it.

It's easier to order a satellite to orbit than a farmer to plow. And what a farmer does with fertilizer depends on the farmer, not to mention the weather and the slope of his land, and it's possible to spend 46 billion dollars on fertilizer and produce only 26 billion dollars worth of food.

The Soviets may get by, for a time at least, with assuming that all men are exactly alike and will react exactly alike when told what to do, but when they assume all land is alike, they've hit a stump. Ordering every Russian farmer to put down 200 pounds of fertilizer per acre on February 1 is like ordering all women to wear a size 10 dress.

The contour of a piece of land, like the shape of a woman, is not subject to government regulations.

To get the most out of a

farm a man has to be intimately acquainted with it, and even then he can flop.

Russia may get its farmers to farm for love of the fatherland, but there seems to be more to eat when you farm for a profit.

Maybe Russia needs 46 billion dollars worth of fertilizer, but I have a notion it needs to spend a few billion more on the study of human nature.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.

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## Development of Breech-loading Weapons Marked End of Use of Muzzle Loaders

More types of breechloading weapons were developed between 1855 and 1865 than during any prior decade in the history of ammunition. Most of these guns, requiring their own peculiar cartridge or bullet, were used in combat for the first time during the Civil War.

Today, these guns and cartridges have become collector's items, their value enhanced considerably by the Civil War Centennial celebration, according to the National Rifle Association, a non-profit membership organization recognized as the governing body for shooting in the U. S.

Patented in 1856, the Morse .58 caliber cartridge marked the beginning-of-the-end for muzzle loading weapons, popular during the Revolutionary War and for many years afterward. Among the first metallic cartridges, it contained a primer, or detonator, similar to those found in today's

center-fire ammunition. The Morse .58—meaning the bullet was slightly larger than one-half inch in diameter—introduced a new era of experimentation with the breech-loading "fixed" cartridge, which consisted of a metal case, projectile, powder charge and primer. Its inventor, George Morse, joined the Confederate cause at the start of the Civil War and established manufacturing headquarters at Greenville, South Carolina. Both his weapons and his cartridges were produced in experimental quantities only and are collector's treasures today, the NRA said.

The .54 caliber Burnside, patented in 1856 by the Union general who gained fame by capturing Roanoke Island, New Bern, Beaufort and Fort Macon before his defeat at Fredericksburg, was used extensively during the Civil War in a carbine which Burnside invented. It was fired by percussion cap and resembled in shape a filled ice cream cone with the point of the cone broken off.

Another odd shaped Civil War cartridge was the .56 caliber Billingham-Requa battery gun used in the wheel-mounted volley gun of the same name. One of the first quick-fire, multi-shot weapons, its 25 barrels were loaded and fired simultaneously. A train of priming powder, reaching the full length of the breech block, was set-off by a percussion cap. The flame entered a tiny hole in the base of each cartridge and ignited the powder.

The first successful machine gun was invented in 1862 by Dr. Richard Gatling of Chicago. It consisted of six revolving barrels, each with its own loading and ejecting mechanism. Nearly 200 shots a minute were fired with "fixed" cartridges of different sizes up to one-inch in diameter.

The Army looked with disfavor on the weapon. In 1862, General Benjamin Butler purchased 12 Gatling guns from his own pocket and personally directed their use during the siege of Petersburg, Virginia. The machine gun was not used extensively until the 1870's.

### Badillo Receives Award from Army

Army Specialist Four Armando A. Badillo, whose wife, Leonora, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leandro U. Badillo Sr., live in Sonora was awarded the Good Conduct Medal late in November while serving with the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood.

Specialist Badillo was awarded the medal for exemplary conduct, efficiency and fidelity as a soldier in active service.

The 25-year-old soldier, assigned to Company A, 5th Battalion of the division's 6th Infantry, entered the Army in November, 1961, and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado.

## -GREEN NEWS-

By Monica Davis  
 Brrrrrr, these cold days really have cut down a great deal on favorite outdoor sport . . . If . . . but the first pretty day to have, the course will be swamped, and I'll be there too.

The Auxiliary did manage to have their monthly meeting last Wednesday. We had our luncheon at the Longhorn. The hostesses were Peggy Sharp, Betty Stewart, and Blanche Smith. Two tables of bridge were played, but no golf because of the cold, cold day. Those who played bridge were Mary Jean Hamilton, Lunetta Morgan, Joyce Meyer, Monica Davis, Phoebe Kelley, Libby Lowe, Christine Morris, and Jennette Walker. Winners were, high: Monica Davis; slam: Phoebe Kelley; and bingo: Christine Morris . . . Christine and Mary Jean did do a good job on their bridge playing . . . they really tried.

The bridge players are definitely going to have a running trophy. Each month, the winner will get to keep the trophy for a month. At the end of six months, the lady with the highest score will get to keep the trophy for good. So ladies be sure to post your scores each month on the bulletin board at the club house. Lots of luck to each of you.

At lunch time we were joined by Bobby Fawcett, Marilyn Bloodworth, Sammy Espy, Pauline Thompson, Mary Barrow, Jerry Tittle, Betty Stewart, Wanda Cahill, and Wanda Allison. We had lots of fun exchanging gifts with each other. Each one who was there brought a gift, and then was given a number to correspond with a number on the package. Then to

## Happy Birthday Calendar

Thursday, December 19  
 O. V. Morgan  
 Mrs. Turney Friess  
 Jean McPherson  
 Jana Ruth Harris  
 Friday, December 20  
 Mrs. Artie Joy

make things really confusing, everyone exchanged again—this is, nearly everyone—confusing!—and how!—fun?—loads.

I can give a little more news about the outcome of the dance. Up to this date, we have made 108 dollars. This still isn't all of it. Some tickets and money are still out. Libby Jo would really appreciate it if you could turn in the money and tickets to her so she could close her books on this event.

Don't forget about the scrap book Bobby Fawcett is keeping. Anyone who may have pictures, old golf rules, or anything pertaining to our golf club now or in the past will be greatly appreciated by Bobby.

I read a cute joke in this month's Readers Digest, and thought you would enjoy it too, if you haven't already read it—"We were watching the 18th hole finish of the televised Thunderbird Classic Golf Tournament. Arnold Palmer was about to take his stance, and the T.V. commentator's voice became hushed as he described the dramatic action. I asked my friend to turn up the volume, 'can't', she whispered, 'not while he's putting'."

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 Mike Ballard  
 Wess Hill  
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 Sunday, December 22  
 Ralph Tipton

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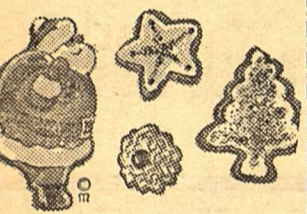
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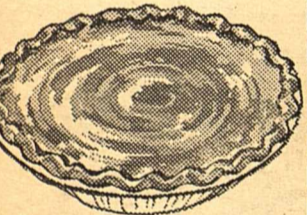
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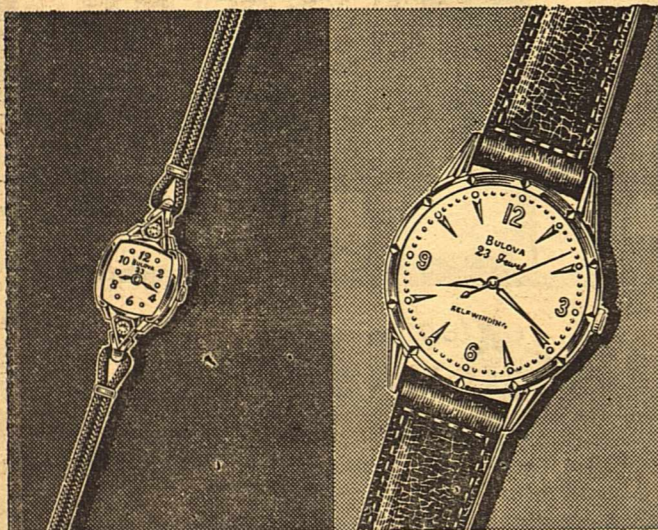
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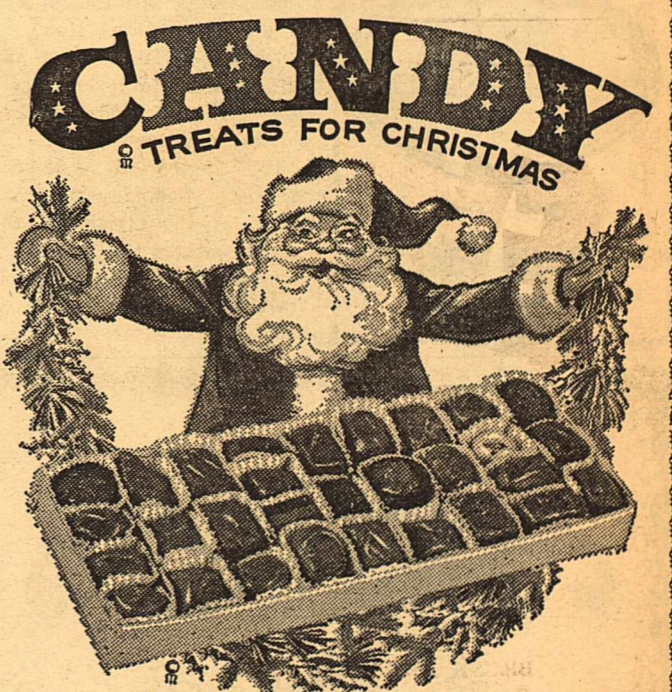
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These youngsters participated at the "Round-up of Creative Arts" held this week. Members of the Little Theater Buttons and Bows Troupes coached by Mrs. S. E. Jones, they sang several songs. Other children presented improvised scenes they had planned in a "Workshop Ses-

sion." Also performing were dancing students of Mrs. T. R. Glimp. Mrs. Bill Whitehead displayed some of her art work. Parents and friends were invited to the party which was held in the studio of the old elementary building.

### Mrs. Regeon Feted With Baby Shower

Mrs. Royce Regeon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cashew W. Taylor, was honored with a baby shower in Killeen last week. Hostesses were Mrs. John Ayers and Mrs. James Scrivner.

Refreshments included coffee, punch, and cake. Mrs. Preston Prater, formerly of Sonora, assisted in serving.

Attending from Sonora was Mrs. Cashew Taylor, and attending from Eldorado was Mrs. Palmer West, aunt of the honoree.

### Tedford To Direct Christmas Music Sunday Evening

The First Methodist Church is planning its Annual Festival of Christmas Music to be held at 7 p.m. Sunday evening, December 22, at the church. John Tedford will direct the program. Participating in the presentation will be the sanctuary choir and the divisions of the church school. The Rev. Allen Roe, pastor, will read scriptures.

After the evening service, there will be a Christmas party in the fellowship hall with Santa Claus attending.

### Monday Night Club Has Holiday Party At Letsinger Home

The Monday Night Club met for a Christmas party and to exchange gifts at the home of Mrs. Ted Letsinger last week. She served a salad plate and coffee.

Winning high score were Mrs. Frances Gibson for club members and Mrs. W. O. Crites for guests. Mrs. Howard Kirby won the slam prize, and Mrs. R. G. Nance binged.

Also present as guests were Mrs. George Wynn and Mrs. Collier Shurley.

Other members attending included Mmes. Joe Berger, Virgil Potter, R. B. Kelley, L. C. Newell, Francis Archer, and H. V. Morris.

### Two Sonora Girls Place in District Wool Sewing Meet

Two entrants from Sonora brought home honors from the district Make It Yourself with Wool Contest held in Del Rio last Saturday. Delia Duran won second place in the senior division, and Diana Black was runner-up in the junior division.

Delia will go to the Texas finals in San Angelo January 10 and 11, where the state judging will take place at San Angelo College. Mrs. S. M. Harvick of Ozona will serve as state contest chairman.

Top winners of the Texas contest will represent the state in the national finals competition in Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 20.

The grand prize for the national winner will be a 14-day Caribbean vacation. Other finalist also will receive awards.

Sponsors of the contest are the American Wool Council, the Women's Auxiliary to the National Wool Grower's Association, and in Texas, the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association.

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### Dessert Bridge Party Given Tuesday by Mrs. Duard Archer

Mrs. Duard Archer entertained guests Tuesday evening with a dessert bridge party.

Mrs. Louie Trainer won high score; Mrs. Charles F. Browne won second high; Mrs. W. B. McMillan won bingo; and Mrs. Eula Newell won low.

Guests also attending were Mmes. Collier Shurley, Belle Steen, Lottie Kelley, Anna Morris, Norma Potter, Lois Duncan, R. G. Nance, Ernest McClelland, Velma Berger, R. C. Vicars, James D. Trainer, and Francis Archer.

Mrs. Archer had her home decorated in the Christmas theme for the party.

### Tarantella Club Holds Christmas Snow Ball Friday

"A Christmas Snow Ball" was the theme of La Tarantella Dance Club's party held Friday evening at the 4-H Center.

Decorations featured a West Texas style snowman. Over eight feet tall, he was made of flocked tumbleweeds and wore a top hat and a red muffler.

Couples in charge of arrangements for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Finklea, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwiening, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VanderStucken, Mr. and Mrs. Hillman Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pfluger.

A buffet supper was served.

### Children's Program Scheduled Monday By Hope Lutherans

A program featuring children will be presented at Hope Lutheran Church Monday evening, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be "Great Is the Lord" with recitations and singing by the youngsters centered around a film. The youngest children participating will be three years old.

Coffee and cookies will be served following the program. The Rev. Arno Melz, pastor, says, "This is one of the most enjoyable functions of the church. Everyone is invited to attend."

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### The Devil's Workshop

An Idle Mind Column  
By Della King

Have you finished your Christmas shopping? Wrapping? Decorating? Baking? Hinting? If so, I congratulate you. If not, we're in the same leaky boat, and here's hoping we reach the shore before Santa Claus arrives.

Have you used any mistletoe in decorating your home? I read this week that the time-honored custom of kissing under the mistletoe may have had its origin in ancient Rome. Citizens there used it as a symbol of hope and peace. When enemies met under its boughs, they put aside their weapons, kissed each other and held off battle—until the next day. Earlier peoples believed that only happiness could exist under the mistletoe and sealed pledges of friendship under it with kisses.

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### Surplus Corn Not Available In Texas For Feed Program

By Congressman O. C. Fisher

The emergency feed program in the drouth-stricken counties makes milo maize available, from government-owned stockpiles, at reduced cost to consumers. Most ranchmen would prefer corn, but Agriculture officials report that there is very little, if any, surplus corn on storage in Texas. Most of it is in the mid-west corn belt, and the freight costs to the drouth area, which would have to be paid by consumers,

would run the cost up too much to do much good.

Mislabeled mohair garments continues to be under scrutiny by the Federal Trade Commission and the Customs Bureau. A few weeks ago I reported twelve big retail stores that were selling mislabeled imported sweaters, each purporting to contain more mohair than tests indicated. This has created quite a flurry in the garment trade. Macy's, for example, is reported to be re-labeling many products in an effort to conform with the law.

Pete Ballard and Noland Johnson of Wink visited in Sonora last week. Ballard is a former Sonora resident.

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### THE TEEN SCENE

By Mary Davis

Last weekend was pretty busy. Thursday eleven of our talented students left for Denton to attend the Denton Speech Meet. Peggy Lynn Grobe, Cindy Galbreath, Irene Davis, John David Fields and Gil Allison went in one car with Mrs. Davis. Dick McMillan, Gary McGilvray, Carla Whitworth, Merry Lou Glasscock, Carol Hopf, and Barbara Holland rode with Mr. Boyd. They had a marvelous time and had two semifinals. Irene was a semi-finalist with an entertaining piece and John David in prose. They returned home Saturday night to get their homework and book reports that are due this week.

Jim Billingsley, Gilda Ingram, Robert Brown, and Kay Ellis went to San Antonio with Rev. Billingsley Saturday. They made remarks about the age of some of the older people who happened to be driving for them. When they returned early Sunday morning, everyone was utterly pooped. The one who seems to have recuperated the most is Rev. Billingsley. We wonder who is actually the oldest.

Saturday night the football boys enjoyed some of the most wonderful steaks they had seen in some time. The Football Banquet was a big success. Everyone enjoyed the speech by Mr. Huffman. The girls enjoyed serving, too.

Class and All-school favorites were elected last Friday. Diana Cahill and Gil Trainer are senior class favorites. Jan McClelland and Larry Bob Moore are in the run off for All-school favorites.

Another couple in the run-off are Allison Espy and Bill Elliott. They are both juniors. Junior class favorites are Peggy Lynn Grobe and Maxie Delrie. All-school favorite candidates from the sophomore class were Janie Letsinger and Bill Glasscock. Class favorites were Libb Wallace and Susan Allison. Candidates for All-school favorites from the freshman class were Brenda McCutchen and Laney Cook. Their class favorites were Martha Love

### Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a toy gun, a guitar, and a bicycle and bring Jerry a gun like mine, top soldiers and a little guitar. Judy needs a doll and some little dishes. We all want a puppy. Love, Joe Gierisch.

Dear Santa, I hope you are fine and say hello to Mrs. Claus and to all your reindeer and to your helpers. For Christmas, I would like a pretty black pony, a red bicycle, and a gun. If you want to, you may use my pony to help pull your sleigh. Merry Christmas, Santa. Your friend, Ricky Mendoza.

### Adams Transferred To Labrador Base

Staff Sergeant Tony A. Adams has been transferred from Topeka, Kansas, to Goose Bay, Labrador. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams. His wife and three children, Sam, Mary, and Angela, will stay in Germany during the 15 months he is expected to be stationed in Goose Bay.

### Personals

Kay Shurley, daughter of Mrs. E. D. Shurley, will be home from William Woods College this week for the Christmas holidays.

Nancy Prugel, a freshman at Colorado State University, will be home this week for the Christmas holidays. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Prugel.

and Brent Johnson. Don't forget to bring a gift-wrapped package to the Christmas Dance Thursday night. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

### Central Elementary News

By Debbie DeMay

Our All Girl Choir will sing for the Lions Club December 17. The choir is composed of 20 girls from the sixth and seventh grades. Jane Sawyer who is in the seventh grade plays the piano for the choir. Sometime next week they will present a program over the radio station KCKG.

Members of the choir are Susan Stewart, Mary Lena Greenhill, Carol Adamson, Susan Prugel, Brenda Browne, Linda Franks, Nancy Weatherford, Kathy Morgan, Kay Archer, Linda Holt, Evelyn Jane Lowe, Terry Trainer, Vera Beth Wade, Sandra Adamson, Sharon Johns, Norma Radle, Gayle Hamilton, Shelley Morris, Jane Sawyer, Charlotte Redman, and Terry Merryman. Mrs. Steed is the

### Income Tax May Be Reduced By Study And Planning Now

Considerable income tax savings may be gained by spending a little time reviewing your financial records now, says C. H. Bates, farm management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A farmer's or ranchman's net income may vary considerably from year to year due to fluctuation in yields, changes in price and production costs, he explains. However, some planning by the taxpayer who pays by cash, as the rancher does, can help level out year to year income and save tax dollars, according to the specialist.

The producer must study business records before the end of December and make an estimate of the taxable income. If the prospects for taxable income appear to be high, the taxpayer may reduce it by paying for needed business items before the end of December, says Bates. Repair parts for machinery, paints, seed, tires, and reasonable amounts of fertilizer are some items which may be paid for in advance.

If the taxable income prospects point to a rather low figure for the year, the process should be reversed and steps taken to increase income as much as possible. This can be done by obtaining payment for all products sold through December and carrying some repair and other maintenance costs over to January, with the hopes that next year's income may be more favorable.

Some ranchers pay more taxes than they should because they fail to take advantage of depreciation on purchased livestock, Bates continues. Depreciation also provides an important tax management opportunity since new purchases of equipment items, irrigation facilities and similar items may be subjected to the 20 percent first year depreciation. Assets having a six-year useful life, and not in the real estate category are usually eligible for this treatment, says Bates.

### Boys Ranch Plans Christmas Program

The West Texas Boys Ranch special Christmas Service program will be held on December 22, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Ranch chapel. The Ranch boys planned this event with the Ranch chaplain Rev. Fred Hamner and extend a personal invitation to the public.

Immediately following the service there will be fellowship in choir conductor.

All the pupils in Central Elementary are looking forward to the Christmas holidays. They will be dismissed at the end of school on December 20, and will return January 2.

The annual Christmas program of Central Elementary will be presented on Thursday, December 20, at 9 a.m. in the auditorium. The first three grades have the program this year. Mrs. Myrtle Bridges is in charge of the program. We are looking forward to the play.

A new mobile library was put in use in the sixth and seventh grades. It contains 150 books of special interest to boys and girls in the two grades. Twenty-six new books were included in the 150. This is one of the special projects of the Central Elementary Student Council this year.

the Ranch dining room with refreshments. The 6943 School Squadron of Goodfellow Air Base of San Angelo will assist the boys in planning and preparing the fellowship hour.

The Rev. Fred Hamner will conduct the special services which will include the Ranch choir, special arrangements by the 6943 Squadron and Roy A. Minear of Midland, Boys Ranch President, will give the welcoming address.

The Ranch will be accepting seven new boys prior to Christmas. These are boys who have been waiting for a vacancy at the Ranch.

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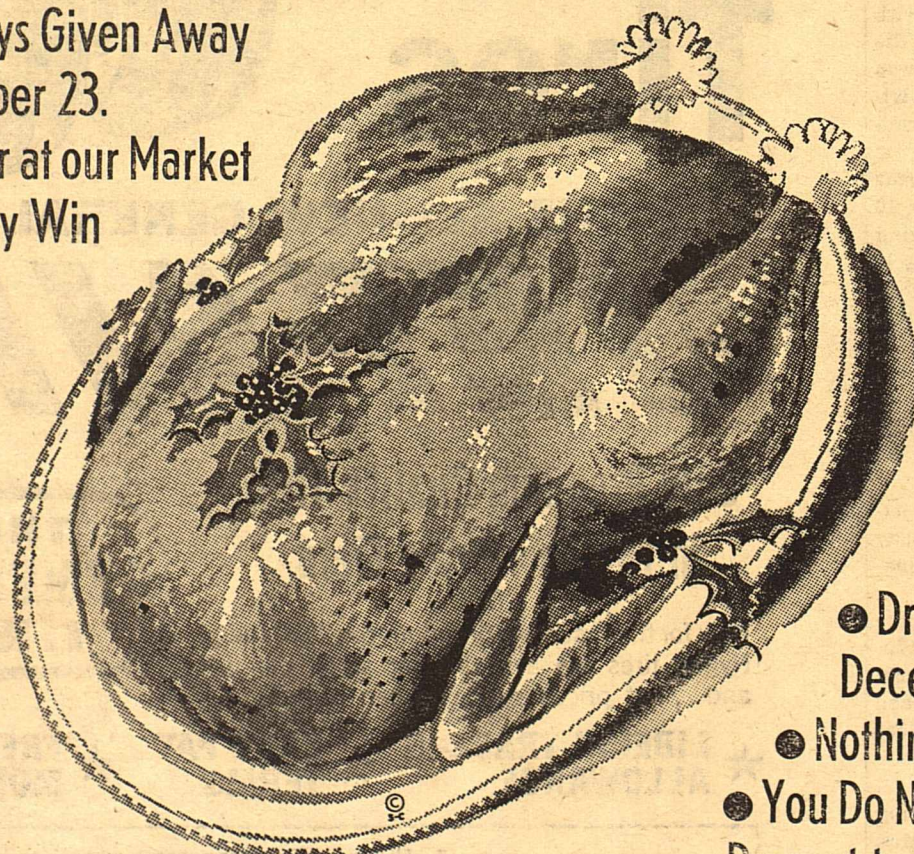
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The bothersome and sometimes destructive problem of birds in hay lofts can be solved by the use of a flashing light. A revolving cylinder with two amber and two clear lenses placed over a 75-watt bulb will annoy the birds and drive them away. Don't burn the light at night, however, because from a distance the flashing amber and white lights make the barn appear to be on fire.

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**For Sale**

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**Years Ago**

**DECEMBER 18, 1953**

Sonora's churches are observing Christmas with either special services or Christmas programs at their regular services. \* \* \*

Tucker Drilling Co. et al of San Angelo have staked location for a 4,700 foot rank Ellenburger wildcat in extreme northeastern Sutton County 30 miles east-northeast of Sonora. It will be the No. 1 J. D. Cowser. \* \* \*

Mrs. Ernest McClelland was hostess at a Christmas bridge party Tuesday night at her house. \* \* \*

**DECEMBER 17, 1943**

Members of the War Service Club met Thursday night, December 9, to make gifts to fill a Christmas box which is being packed for servicemen in the McClosky General Hospital, Temple. The box will be sent to the Red Cross which will distribute the gifts to the servicemen. \* \* \*

**YOUR USE OF THE TELEPHONE IN WARTIME WHEN RECEIVING A CALL DON'T SAY "HELLO"**

It's well to identify yourself. Avoid such old-fashioned time-wasting answers as "hello", "yes" and so forth. Identify yourself, your firm or your department. (Adv.) \* \* \*

**DECEMBER 22, 1933**

As college students come into town, Sonora teachers go out, as many and varied Christmas plans materialize. School closed Thursday afternoon with Christmas trees in most of the grammar school rooms.

Sonora will celebrate Christmas in usual hearty style from the moment of arrival of the town's sons and daughters from colleges and universities and the coming and going of their holiday guests. \* \* \*

Beginning Wednesday, the homecoming continues throughout the weekend.

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**YOUR MINISTER SAYS**

By Rev. Bob Brackney, pastor First Baptist Church  
What Price Prejudice?

The cost of living index has just recently taken another rise. The price of life continues to rise. The cost of prejudice and the price we pay for it, like the index, continues to rise each day. Webster's Dictionary defines prejudice as a "preconceived opinion or judgement." An unreasonable predilection or objection based upon insufficient

or faulty information. Most people today have various prejudices that they like to propagate.

We often call our prejudices convictions, but there is world of difference between conviction and prejudice. Convictions normally have a basis of truth while prejudice need not have any truth at all in it. It is fine and important to have conviction, but let us always examine our convictions in the clear light of truth and hope that they stand the test.

The price of prejudice is being paid in ever increasing amounts in our town, state, and nation.

When prejudice is mentioned, our thoughts are turned to the matter of Race. It is the cause of great heartache, much suffering and enormous cost. It can divide a nation and a town. The race problem, while having very real economic, political and social implications is in the final analysis a matter of prejudice. It has no scientific or Biblical basis. Science agrees with God's word

(Acts 17:24-26) when it says all men are of a single family and have a common origin. Christianity as presented in truth either abolishes or transcends human barriers which sets group against group.

Our look at prejudice does not end here, for a prejudice just as strong but more subtle attacks the very heart of America and our town. Cultural prejudice often disguised in various forms is eating away at the social structure of this nation. It is as old in time as race prejudice. Phrases such as, "the right club," "the right side of the tracks," "the right social functions to attend," or "the right church," are products of it. Some of the deepest hurts and wounds to children come at this point, and these hurts carry over to adulthood.

Last but far from least is Political prejudice. Prejudice, not conviction, has done more harm in this area. A person with conviction is to be appreciated, but political uninformed prejudice is to be avoided.

In a nation founded upon the equality of men and the inalienable right of each man these things seem strangely out of place. Let's examine our prejudices in the light of truth. "And men shall come from east and west, north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of god." Luke 13:20.

**Hospital Notes**

Patients receiving treatment at Hudspeh Memorial Hospital from Tuesday, December 10, through Monday, December 16, were as follows:  
Martha Baker, Rocksprings  
Nettie Word  
Eugene Benson  
Maria Flores  
Nancy Davis  
Margaret Schwiening  
Alma Brockman, Fredericksburg  
Anna Rose Gillit, Ozona  
Jackie Shurley  
Della Kisselburg  
John Thomas Land  
Cristobal Pena  
Jean Bell  
Beatrice Martinez, Eldorado  
Mark Shurley  
Virginia Vaughn, Eldorado  
Opal Melz  
Carl Aaron, Alice  
W. T. Hale  
Ester Avila  
Ida West, Eldorado  
Felix Smith  
Bill Stewart  
Bertha White  
Anita Samaniego

Patients dismissed during the same period were as follows:  
Nettie Word  
Eugene Benson  
Maria Flores  
Nancy Davis  
Anna Rose Gillit, Ozona  
Della Kisselburg  
John Thomas Land  
Cristobal Pena  
Jean Bell  
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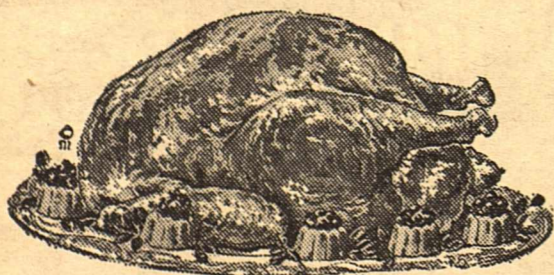
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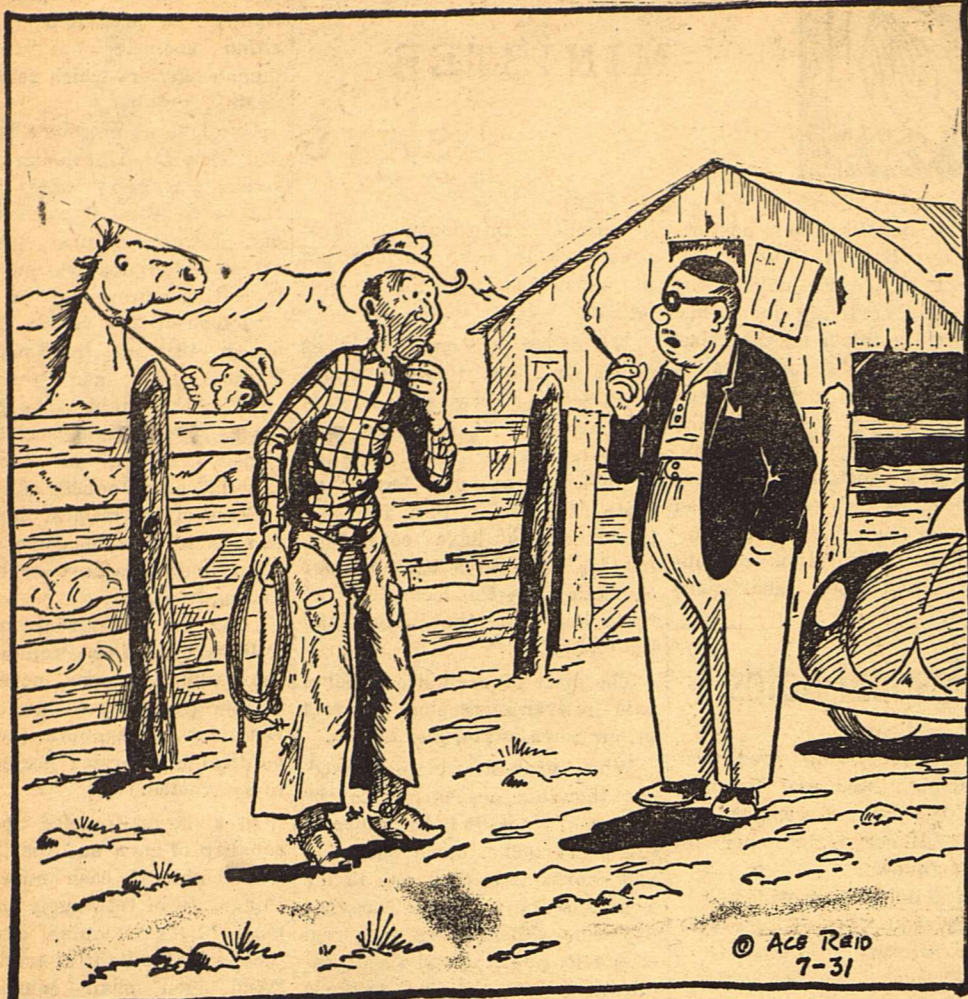
**As Christmas  
approaches . . .**

. . . all of us see many changes in this world of ours. But the relationship with the people we serve remains unchanged. . . for we can progress only as we earn your friendship. The Christmas season, dedicated to good-will among men, is an appropriate time for us to voice our thanks, and to tell you how much we have enjoyed serving you. All of us here at General Telephone wish all of you and yours a very

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By Ace Reid



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Pastime 42 Club Entertained Thurs. By Mrs. Cauthorn

Mrs. Jim Cauthorn was hostess last week when the Pastime 42 Club met at the home of Mrs. Rip Ward. Christmas decorations were used in the party room, and a Christmas salad plate was served.

Winning low scores were Mrs. O. G. Babcock for members and Mrs. Karen Peterson for guests. Mrs. Robert Rees and Mrs. Rose Thorp tied for high score for members, and Mrs. J. E. Eldridge held high score for guests. Mrs. Thorp won the traveling prize.

Also present were Mmes. Joe Berger, T. W. Sandherr, R. B. Kelley, and Charles Hull.

Billie Cash Taylor visited his cousins Nanetta and Resa Reagon in Killeen last week.

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FOR SALE—Remette Portable typewriter, \$15. See at Castle Courts. 1 to 14.

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James Hunts Host Christmas Party For Tuesday Club

The Twice Tuesday Club held its annual Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt. Among the guests attending were the husbands of club members. A Christmas dinner was served, and decorations followed a Christmas theme.

Prizes for high scores were awarded to Mrs. Nolan Johnson and D. C. Langford. Mrs. Tommy Smith won the traveling prize, and Mrs. Lin Hicks and Glen Richardson won bingo prizes.

Those attending the party included Mr. and Mrs. Glen Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Smith, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rousselot, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Renfro, Mrs. Clayton Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Hicks, and Dr. Joe David Ross.

College students driving home for a holiday weekend are asked by the Texas Safety Association to check brakes, lights, tires, battery and windshield wipers before leaving the campus. Make sure you and your motor vehicle are in perfect condition for a trip.

Mrs. Paul Turney entered Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Monday for treatment of her knee.

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WSCS Program Led By Mrs. Allen Roe

"If I Had Been in Bethlehem" was the topic of the Christmas program at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service last week at the home of Mrs. Cleve Jones Jr.

Mrs. Allen Roe was the program leader and narrator. Presenting characterizations were Mmes. Jim Holley, Herbert Christian, John King, Jimmy Harris, and David Shurley. Mrs. Albert Ward sang Christmas hymns accompanied by Mrs. James Caldwell.

Mrs. Jones presided at the business meeting. A Christmas project was selected and was referred to Mrs. J. F. Howell's committee.

Christmas wishes, distributed on cards to all attending, were read to the group.

High School Girls Present Program For Music Club

The Girls Ensemble of Eldorado High School presented the program at the meeting of the Sonora Music Club last week. The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Norman Rousselot. Mrs. R. Q. Harris was program chairman, and hostesses were Mrs. Rousselot, Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Mrs. Bryan Hunt, Mrs. W. L. Davis, and Mrs. Zilpha Wheelis.

Mary Ann Page accompanied the Ensemble. Vocal soloists were Karon Kemble and Kay Sanders. Connie Speck and Judy Sallee, pupils of Mrs. Harris, presented piano solos. The Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Oliver Teele, also includes Martha Sue Page, Kay Harkey, Mickey Phelps, Jan Wagley, Mary Lynn McGinnis, Carolyn Wilson, and Jan Porter.

Following the presentation by the Ensemble, club members joined in singing Christmas carols, and Mrs. Harris read a prayer and blessing of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Once A Year Club Has Annual Party In Berger Home

The Once A Year Club had its annual party Saturday at the home of Mrs. Velma Berger. A luncheon was served, and gifts were exchanged with Mrs. A. W. Awalt acting as Santa Claus. Mrs. R. B. Kelley, Mrs. O. G. Babcock, and Mrs. Velma Berger were in charge of arrangements for the party.

Decorations throughout the house followed a Christmas theme. The serving table was laid with a lace tablecloth. A centerpiece was composed of a tall white candle surrounded by Christmas decorations on a red base. On another table a red felt applied table cloth was centered with a miniature white net tree decorated with red and green balls. Gifts were placed around a silver tree in the living room.

Games of bridge, 88, and 42 were played. Winners in the 88 game were Mrs. Rose Thorp, Mrs. R. B. Kelley, and Mrs. Lucille Hutcherson. Mrs. Charles Hull won high score in 42, and Mrs. Belle Steen won high score in bridge. Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. Karen Peterson bingooed.

Others attending the party were Mmes. J. A. Cauthorn, Maymie Brown, Ida Kerbow, Lee Labenske, Anna Morris, Robert Rees, T. W. Sandherr, C. E. Stites, Laura Trainer, Frances Gibson, and Miss Agnes Jones.

Mrs. Rousselot, president, conducted the business meeting. The group sang the hymn selected for December with Mrs. Oliver Wuest accompanying at the piano. Mrs. Marie Ellis, treasurer, reported the treasury balance. Mrs. W. L. Davis gave a report from the Membership Committee, and Mrs. Frank Potmesil was elected a new member of the club.

Mrs. Rousselot announced that a January date had been set for the film to be sponsored by the club. Miniature cherry pies, nuts, and coffee were served.

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