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castro county

by b. m. n.

Statements will be mailed this week end to Dimmitt business firms by the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department for services rendered in putting up and taking down the public Christmas decorating lights. Each business firm will be billed for \$5.00 as their contribution to the project and the money will be placed in the treasury of the Fire Department to be used when needed to purchase fire-fighting equipment. A five spot is the suggested minimum, you can contribute more if you want to be a little extra nice to the smoke eaters.

Like all other public projects the Christmas lighting is with us each year and requires an enormous amount of work and time. In past years a few civic minded citizens have volunteered to do the work and like their neighbors were well pleased with the results. However, as time wore on and it was found that the same ones inherited the task from year to year, with an ever diminishing number in their ranks, it was decided that a new method should be devised. The fireboys, always suckers if persuaded a bit, agreed to perform the task provided that the merchants put a little extra money in their fund. A very satisfactory arrangement was evolved with the Chamber of Commerce agreeing to furnish the lighting equipment provided the firemen would see to its installation and maintenance each year.

Dimmitt merchants get dual results from the \$5.00, or more if they desire to increase the size of their check a little, as they get their Christmas lighting done with the same money that will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to make their property a little safer from the ever present threat of fire. Don't forget to mail the firemen a check.

A check with business firms confirms our prediction that business will be good in 1954. Despite the heavy Christmas buying local merchants report that business has been unusually brisk since the first of the year.

Politics in Castro county is getting off to a slow start. Ordinarily a number of candidates have dumped their hats in the ring for local offices by this time of the year, but not a one has made his hand-shaking appearance yet. It is just that the candidates that plan to run on the Democratic tickets are holding back to see what the Republican party will do about placing candidates in the field.

A new experience is in store for those interested in the political scene in Texas. For the first time in the history of the state the Republicans will be required to hold primary elections due to the required number of votes being cast for Governor on the Republican ticket in the last election. We are not too familiar with the new election law, but we do know that in the past the local candidates have born the brunt of the expense of holding the Democratic primaries, and presume that the Republican candidates will be called on to pay the expense of the Republican primaries this year. Without a slate of candidates, both local and state, the Texas Republican party will be faced with conducting expensive primary election if it is still their desire to make Texas a two-party state.

Fair Association Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of the Castro County Fair Association is slated to be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the District Courtroom of the courthouse at which time final reports of all committees and of the treasurer, in connection with last year's fair, will be heard.

The group will also begin preparation for the '54 event by appointing important committees including the catalogue committee. In addition to this, dates for the forthcoming fair will probably be set.

Fair President Wes Anthony urges a good attendance as "it is imperative that we get an early start this year in order to make our fair come up to the high standard set by the one this past fall."

Sunnyside Raises Funds For Projects

Sunnyside Community Building was the scene of a box supper and amateur program on New Year's eve.

Mrs. T. V. Tanner of Springlake auctioned off the many fine box suppers supplied for the occasion. Proceeds went into the community fund to help finance projects planned by residents during 1954. The large number present for the occasion indicated that it was a success and highly entertaining.

T. H. Lockett and Kenneth Knox of Kerrville were in Dimmitt on business this week. Kenneth is the brother of Mrs. S. S. Kennedy.

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Castro Cotton Farmers Move To Increase 1954 Allotment

Castro county cotton growers, meeting in the courthouse here Monday night, unanimously endorsed a strongly worded resolution designed to increase cotton acreage allotments and provide a more equitable basis for a permanent law to govern cotton acreage allocations.

Immediate relief from recently imposed acreage restrictions which call for a severe cutback in new cotton producing areas is the first goal of the some 150 cotton growers and officials that were present for the important meeting.

The resolution will be sent as a telegram to congressional and agricultural leaders instrumental in fixing national farm policy in an attempt to secure an immediate adjustment in cotton acreage. The text of the carefully worded resolution reads as follows:

"Castro county farmers feel that you will agree with us that the 70 percent cut in cotton acreage from our 1953 planting was unintended. We respectfully request your aid securing immediate temporary legislation to give relief. We suggest the following: 1. The re-enactment of the 1950 law to permit voluntary release and reallocation of acreage to individual farms with the provision that farmers releasing acreage to county committee be considered to have planted for future allotment purposes. 2. That no county

be cut below 60 percent 1953 cotton acreage. We believe this representative bona fide trend in cotton. 3. That additional acreage be allocated to bring national to 21 million 1954. We urge permanent legislation for cotton allotment purposes to insure that each legal sub-division, nation, state, county and cotton farm shall take the same percentage cut, holding a reasonable reserve for hardship cases and new growers. Suggest compromise 4 year historical base period at all levels. Pattern similar to present wheat percentage allotment program but being careful to use identical base period at all levels.

The resolution was signed by Allen Webb, chairman, Castro County Cotton Growers. Webb presiding chairman of the meeting and County Agent Charlie Hudson was moderator.

The group voted to send a delegation comprised of P. F. Robb, Clint McFarland, Gene Ivey, Harvey Davis and Posee Cunningham to appear before the House Agricultural Committee hearing slated to be held in Waco, January 13. They will present their

local drive. The services of the local Boy Scout troop and the American Legion Post have already been enlisted for the last two Saturdays in January. The campaign ends January 31.

In emphasizing the great need for Polio protection, Houghtaling said, "The March of Dimes drive is about 20 years old. During that 20 years our contributions have enabled the Infantile Paralysis foundation to come up with what they hope is a cure for the dread disease. This year the foundation is asking you to dig even deeper to make this a reality." Houghtaling added that drives have been launched in Hart and Nazareth.

Lion Earl Harrison told members that 50 percent of the campaign funds raised in Castro county stay in the county. "It's a worthy cause and we need to make a special effort to give all we can and collect all we can to assure treatment and protection for our children," the speaker continued.

Just before the group adjourned to view a film on the tragic San Angelo and Waco tornado disasters, County Agent Charlie Hudson presented Jack Acker of Nazareth, the state's outstanding 4-H boy in 1953, with two statues on behalf of the Ford Foundation. Hudson told the honoree that the awards were symbolic of his fine 4-H work and complimented the youth for a "job well done." Club President Joe Benson, immediately after the presentation, stated, "I think it's quite an achievement for a young fellow to be named the outstanding 4-H Clubber of Texas." Let's give him a big round of applause."

Guests at the meeting included Acker, Bill Houghtaling and A. D. Currie, M. R. Richards and Mr. Pate, all of Amarillo.

Bobcats Squeeze Past Cowboys In Thriller; Bobbies Win, Also

The Dimmitt Bobcats, fighting all the way, squeezed past the Happy Cowboys Tuesday night, 38-37, to win one of the closest and most exciting basketball games played in the local gym all season. The Bobbies had an easier time, thrashing the Happy girls, 36-22.

"Wimpy" Witt and Richard Wood captured scoring honors for the evening each piling in 13 points while ironically enough, Happy's two leading scorers, Sims and Oler also netted nine points each.

Dimmitt held a commanding lead up until the third quarter when Coach Leo Fields was forced to take Bobby Brock and Edgar Dennis from the game as each were close to fouling out. The Cowboys, improving as the game progressed, went on a scoring spree in the crucial third period and netted 14 points while the Bobcats were held to nine.

In the fading minutes of the final quarter the Cowboy cagers threw a scare into Dimmitt fans by narrowing the lead to one point. Just as the final buzzer was about to sound the scoreboard registered, 38-38, and frenzied fans thought they were about to witness an overtime game when the scorekeeper discovered that he had erred and changed the score to read, 38-37. The hosts managed to gain control of the ball in the last minute and hold it until victory was assured.

Also scoring for Dimmitt were Brock with four and Dennis and Brown with three points each. Cole, who entered the game in the last half, threw in one free shot for the Bobcats.

Margaret Odum, who has been absent from the Bobbie lineup for two weeks, returned in time for the Tuesday night contest and led her teammates to a one-sided vic-

torious over the Happy girls by pouring in a total of 20 points. Mary Nelson also proved instrumental in the Bobbie win by netting 13 points. Darlene Cates, handicapped by injuries suffered in a car wreck, saw limited action and accounted for three of the Bobbies' points.

Guards Dee Howard and Sonja Love also played a good game defensively and deserve a great deal of credit for holding the visitors to only 22 points. The entire team showed plenty of spirit and aggressiveness in marking up their 12th game in 14 starts.

The Dimmitt cagers journey to Kress for their next engagement Friday night. Game time for the preliminary or girls match will be at 7:30 p. m.

Dimmitt Girl Hurt In Crash

One person was injured Thursday (Dec. 31) at 8:30 p. m. when two automobiles collided south of Dimmitt at the intersection of Highway 51 and Farm Road 194.

The victim, Darlene Cates of Dimmitt, was hospitalized here and treated for cuts and bruises. According to hospital attendants she suffered a gash in her forehead and multiple bruises to one leg. Attendees added, however, that she was released in good condition.

The crash occurred, according to investigating officer J. V. Messenger, when Jose Ramirez, driver of a 1942 Ford, decided at the last minute to turn into Highway 51. Ramirez was traveling from Dimmitt while the driver of the other car, Rex Wooten, was approaching the intersection from Summisse. The Mexican made a late turn into Highway 51 and the vehicles crashed head-on. Five other Mexicans in Ramirez's car were uninjured. Also in the Wooten car besides Miss Cates, who was riding on the front seat, were the driver's sister and brother-in-law from Hart. They escaped injury, too.

Ramirez was charged with failure to grant the right-of-way and fined \$14. His car incurred damages estimated at \$150 while Wooten's automobile, a 1951 Ford, incurred damages estimated at \$250.

Rites Held For Thompson Infant

Joseph Paul Thompson, two-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thompson of Dimmitt, died Friday in the Deaf Smith County Hospital. Funeral rites were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Avenue Baptist Church at Hereford with the Rev. D. W. Ward, pastor of Friona Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the West Park Cemetery at Hereford under the direction of Gilliland Funeral Home.

Besides his parents, the deceased leaves: one sister, Gayle, two years old; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson of Hereford; and Maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Godman of Amarillo.

case at this meeting. Consideration was given to sending a delegation to Washington. However, it was voted that the group appearing in Waco should make their report before further action is taken.

The date for the next meeting of the group has been set for January 13 at 7:30 p. m. in the District Courtroom of the courthouse. A report from the Waco delegation will be heard then.

Growers present for the meeting indicated that they are definitely in favor of price supports on cotton but feel that a strict interpretation of a 1938 law under which cotton acreage was allocated is unjust in that it too severely cut new producing areas even though they have established a definite cotton trend in recent years.

Last years planted cotton acreage was 113,000 acres compared to the slightly over 35,000 acres that have already been designated as Castro's '54 acreage allotment. This presents approximately a 70 percent cut.

A list of congressional and agricultural leaders that have been sent the above telegram besides the President follows: Clifford Hope (Rep. of Kansas), chairman of the House Agricultural Committee; Ezra Taft Benson, secretary of agriculture; Walter Rogers, representative from 19th Congressional District; Price Daniels, junior U. S. senator from Texas; Lyndon Johnson, senior Texas senator; Bob Poage, U. S. representative from Waco; George Mahon, U. S. representative from Lubbock; W. O. Fortenberry, farm leader from Lubbock; Claude McCann, chairman of State ASC committee; Clinton Anderson, U. S. senator from New Mexico; and P. Lyons, state ASC chairman.

March of Dimes Campaign Gets Underway Here

Dimmitt and Castro courtians will be asked to open their hearts and dig down into their purses and pockets for the "March of Dimes" campaign which officially got underway here this week.

No specific amount of money has been set for the county goal but residents will be counted on to give all they can in order to make this the most successful drive ever conducted in the county.

Signs and small plastic collection containers have been placed in the various business houses for the convenience of those who do not wish to mail contributions in to the national foundation office.

Polio is still a leading killer in the United States as last year many children and some adults were stricken by the dreaded disease. The need for funds is just as great as ever if the Infantile Paralysis program for 1954 is to be carried out. The National Foundation expects to shoulder its greatest financial burden in history in 1954 to provide more gamma globulin and to test an experimental polio vaccine.

Those who fail to give through local collection mediums may mail their contributions to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York 5, New York.

The campaign ends January 31.

Castro Farmers To Lubbock Meeting

A number of Castro county farmers and agricultural leaders have indicated that they will attend the First Annual Agricultural Chemical Conference slated to be held in Lubbock, January 13-14.

This conference, according to County Agent Charlie Hudson, cannot be over emphasized as the important discussions and various phases of the program dealing with the chemicals place in West Texas agriculture can be of great benefit to farmers.

Highlights of the conference, which will be held in the Student Union Building at Texas Tech, include talks on "Soils of the High Plains," Symposium on Organic Matter," "Fertilizer For Vegetable Crops," "Fertilizer Trials With Cotton and Sorghums," "Fertilizers For Wheat and Pasture Crops," "The Problems of the Fertilizer Dealer," Weed Control in Cotton, Sorghums and Wheat," and "Control of Johnson Grass, Bind Weeds and Blue Weed on Crop Lands."

Soil Conservation District Signs Agreements With USDA

Supervisors of the Running Water Soil Conservation District, during a meeting in the county courthouse Wednesday afternoon, signed two memorandums of the agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture whereby USDA will cooperate with and assist the district in carrying on erosion control and soil conservation work.

Home Taft, USDA representative from Lubbock, read both agreements with supervisors and discussed pertinent points pertaining to each before they were officially signed. These agreements, as Taft points out, are actually the same as those that were signed with the Castro County Wind Erosion District. The only significant difference is the fact that the new agreements will enable supervisors to act as their own governing body whereas under the old agreements effecting the wind erosion district the county commissioners court served as the governing body.

Taft explained that "it is simply a matter of terminating the old agreement and drawing up a new one." The agreements, known as "basic memorandum of understanding," and "supplemental memorandum of understanding," may be terminated by joint agreement of the parties concerned or by either party giving 60 days notice.

As was brought out at the meeting, these agreements had not been drafted and signed earlier as it was necessary to revise the program plans of the wind erosion district to fit the program or objectives of the Running Water Soil Conservation Districts. Taft also gave a brief run-down on the Running Water Soil Conservation Districts document of objectives and purposes and outlined histories of both the present district and the old wind erosion district; stating that the charter of the wind erosion district was issued in 1942 and the charter for the new district in 1948. He emphasized that

it is necessary for a district to formulate plans and develop a program within its own boundaries in order to get aid under federal law. He also brought out that a district does not have the authority to levee taxes.

By signing the papers of agreement supervisors made it possible for USDA to participate in their program. It was emphasized that USDA has no jurisdiction or authority over the district but will simply cooperate and assist the district.

Prior to the signing of the agreements, supervisors agreed that a fellow member, Ray Axtell, would represent the district at the forthcoming meeting of the Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors in Fort Worth, January 13-14-15.

County Agent Charlie Hudson also discussed the "Soils Building Day" program to be held in Dimmitt on February 23 during the course of the meeting. The group decided to contact several county farmers to serve on a question and answer panel which will be a part of the "Soils Building Day" program. Several visiting speakers were also added to the original program list to round out what will probably be one of the best soil conservation day programs ever held in the county. The new lists will be released well in advance of the all-day meeting.

Second Fire In 2 Days Destroys Ferguson Barn

Feed and Machinery Also Destroyed Losses Reach \$10,000

Castro county's second fire in two days occurred Thursday at 3 p. m., completely destroying a barn containing 600 bales of hay and several pieces of farm equipment on the Floyd Ferguson place, four miles north of Dimmitt just off Highway 51. First reports place total damages at approximately \$10,000, bringing fire damages in the county this week to \$70,000. This includes the \$60,000 fire that leveled a unit of the Farmers Grain Company in Hart.

Mrs. Ferguson first detected the blaze and phoned Dimmitt firemen, who arrived on the scene just ten minutes later and battled the fire 45 minutes before bringing it under control. All that remained of the tin-covered wood structure was two walls and some 50 bales of hay. All the hay was considered a total loss, however. Destroyed in the fire were a self feeder full of ground feed, a feed grinder and a tractor just outside of the barn.

Sparks from a feed grinder is believed to have caused the destructive blaze. Most of the loss was covered by insurance, according to Assistant Fire Chief J. B. Moore.

The ten firemen that answered the call remained on the scene for three hours in order to keep the fire from starting again and spreading out of control. Moore said a strong wind from the southwest caused the fire to spread before the entire structure before his crew arrived. Firemen also experienced a small delay when the 500 gallon truck capacity tanks were drained of water and a booster had to be loaded from a nearby irrigation pump.

Had the wind been blowing from the east the fire might have spread to several other nearby farm buildings and Ferguson's home, causing much greater damages, Moore indicated.



KENNETH HOWARD

Kenneth Howard Spent Two-Week Leave Here

Milfred Kenneth Howard, AN, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Howard of Dimmitt, returned to the Naval Air Station in San Diego, Calif., Tuesday after spending a 15-day leave with his parents.

Howard has been serving aboard the Carrier Phillipine Sea and has seen action in the Korean theatre. He entered the service in 1951 after graduating from Dimmitt High School. Twenty-one years of age, Howard has been overseas twice, each time serving aboard the Phillipine Sea.

1st Polio Case Of '54 Reported

Castro countians were given even greater reason this week to support the March of Dimes drive as it was reported that the county's first polio victim of the new year, Leonard Gerald Finney of Hart, was taken to Plainview for emergency treatment.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Finney reportedly came down with the disease Saturday and was entered as a patient in the Plainview Hospital and Clinic, Monday. The youth's father is employed by the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company.

Three new cases of polio were reported in the county in 1953 indicating that the disease might be relaxing its grip on Castro county, but local doctors and MOD officials emphasized that Castro county cannot afford to be unprepared in the event of an emergency.

'53 Gilt Winners Are Announced

Castro county winners in the Pure Bred Poland China Gilt Contest for 1953 were announced this week by County Agent Charlie Hudson.

They are: George Huseman, Nazareth; Dick Cooke, Hart; Leroy Hopling, Nazareth; and Jack Bradley, Dimmitt.

These youths will receive a Poland China gilt as a result of having written the best essays of a large number submitted with the title, "Why I Would Like To Have A Pure Bred Poland China Gilt."

The boys and their fathers will gather at the Frank Huseman farm south of Nazareth, Saturday afternoon, January 9, to choose their gilts.

Blaze Is County's Worst In Five Years

Fire Hits Hart Grain Firm; Losses Figured at \$60,000

Castro County's worst fire in five years occurred Tuesday shortly before noon when a blaze of unknown origin completely destroyed one unit of the Farmers Grain Company at Hart causing damages estimated at \$60,000, according to first reports. Dimmitt and Olton firemen, who battled the fire for over an hour before bringing it under control, were summoned to the scene again late Tuesday afternoon to suppress the blaze when smoldering embers caused it to catch afire a second time.

Also damaged when the raging inferno threatened to spread out of control, were three nearby elevators and a warehouse. Some 40,000 bushels of kafjir, stored in the destroyed elevator, was also a total loss.

Firemen from the Dimmitt and Olton Fire Departments were alerted by a Hart service station attendant who first detected the fire. The alert 35 crewmen who responded prevented flames from spreading to three grain tanks nearby but they were slightly

damaged from the intense heat and sparks from the conflagration.

The fire, according to Otto T. Dinwiddie, owner-manager of the grain firm, started at about 11:30 a. m. in the top of the elevator or in the headhouse. A slight wind caused the fire to spread over the entire east side of the tin structure before battling fire crews could bring it under control. Employees from the company and residents of Hart used a hose from the cotton yard tank in an effort to hold the blaze in check until firemen arrived. Firemen were delayed temporarily when water pressure caused the fire hose laid to burst and a second hose was required. Despite this handicap they managed to prevent the flaming mass from spreading out of control. A hose running sever city blocks was used to suppress the blaze.

Reliable sources speculated that spontaneous combustion might have caused the destructive fire while others indicated that dust in the headhouse or sparks from

machinery could have been the cause. The exact cause still had not been determined as the News went to press Thursday. Total loss, which Dinwiddie said would range from \$50,000 to \$60,000, was covered by insurance. A large supply of greases and oils were removed from ground level rooms of the elevator just ahead of the fire. The burned structure was located just two city blocks from the main elevator of the firm.

The Hart fire was Castro county's worst since a series of destructive blazes broke out in the Dimmitt business district some five years ago causing heavy damages to several business houses. Dinwiddie had high praise for the quick response and fine work of both Dimmitt and Olton Fire Departments, indicating that a much greater loss would have resulted if it hadn't been for their fine efforts. Firemen remained at the scene of the fire until 9 o'clock Tuesday night to make sure that no further damage was caused.

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SHADES OF O'DANIEL

When W. Lee O'Daniel made his first successful bid in politics and was elected Governor of Texas, his name was associated in many quarters with old age pensions. In fact, O'Daniel and old age pensions became synonymous. It, no doubt, had much to do with his subsequent election to the United States Senate. Much water has gone under the bridge on the old age pension issue since that time, and some rather queer reversals have occurred. It was generally reported that O'Daniel advocated and supported a program to pay all persons over age sixty-five a pension. There was much criticism of this proposal on a state and national basis. A substantial amount of the opposition came from sources that were self-advertised as being ultra-conservative. These sources in many instances, condemned any payment to an aged person on the ground that it would destroy individual initiative and incentive. Many of these same sources fought the Social Security Act that was passed August 14, 1935. These same forces have now completely reversed themselves. They have divided into two factions, both supporting a program that will enable the aged to receive benefits. One faction wants to expand the social security program that they fought, so that it will include every person in the United States of America. The other faction wants to follow what could be termed the original O'Daniel plan and pay everyone over sixty-five a definite amount. The second faction also advocates the use of social security funds for meeting the costs of their proposals. All of this will, no doubt, come out into the open in the early days of the coming session of Congress. It does not presently appear that the "pension for all" plan will meet with success. Management and labor will join hands through their associations and unions in opposing the "pension for all" plan. These same organizations will join hands in support program to expand the social

Income Tax Laws Allow Texas Farmers To Reclaim Losses

Texas farmers who suffered a net operating loss in 1953 should investigate provisions of federal income tax laws that make allowances for unprofitable farm operations.

Farmers showing a net loss this year from the department. It is reported that the Justice Department is now preparing new and amended charges as grounds for his dismissal. No doubt, one or several of the veterans organizations will pursue the matter until it is finally settled by the courts. This certainly should be done, because the rights of many veterans are affected by the actions of the Justice Department in recent months in discharging veterans. These veterans are entitled to know what their rights are under the Veterans Preference Act and to have these established by proper court findings. Whatever rights they have under this act should be honored and recognized and should not be subject to change without notice at the whim of some bureaucrats.

The Unemployment Defense Contract Directive

The recent directive of the President to channel defense contracts into areas where unemployment is beginning to show its ugly head appears very good on the surface. However, this will meet with much opposition in Congress, just as these proposals have in the past. This action simply means that a great many defense contracts that would be let in the Southland and in the West will go into the factory and industrial areas of the Middle West and the New England States. This, of course, would curtail the industrial growth and development of many sections of the South and West. The industrial areas of the Middle West and the East have long looked with alarm at the continuing and increasing trend of manufacturers to the South and West. These older industrial sections joined forces in past sessions of Congress to defeat attempts to require government supported industries in the defense field to be dispersed throughout the nation rather than concentrated in the East and Middle West.

chances to file losses for the 1952 period when income was subjected to tax.

Many operators are hesitant to report their complete losses. Bates concludes, but a careful tabulation from records should be made and all deficits reported. Actual farm records, however, he warns, should be kept to substantiate losses.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and neighbors for all the nice Christmas cards, baskets of fruit, nuts and candy, all your visits, and for the Carol singing, during the Holidays. I enjoyed them all, and may God bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. C. Newton

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOICE is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Castro for the following described road machinery until 10:00 A. M. Monday, January 11, 1954, at which time the bids will be opened:

One Motor Grader with 100 HP diesel engine with tandem drive and with 1300x24 12ply tires on all wheels. Grader will be equipped with cab, cab heater, 14 ft. Moldboard, one 2 ft. extension for moldboard, steering

booster and electric starting motor for gasoline starting engine for the Diesel motor.

The County offers to trade in one A D 4 Allis Chalmers Motor Grader, Serial Number AD-1808.

The County will issue time warrants in payment therefor not to exceed twelve (12) thousand dollars at 4% interest and to mature not later than May 1, 1958.

The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

A cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid price must accompany each bid.

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Castro County, Texas

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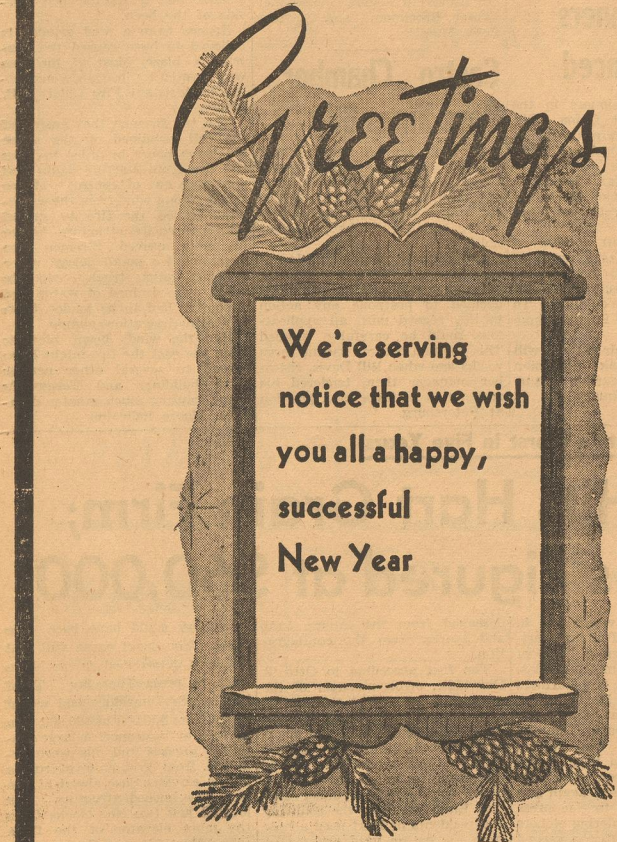
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Important Book Review Scheduled

A book of great interest to Dimmitt and Castro Courtians will be reviewed here at the next meeting of the Dimmitt Book Club, Wednesday, January 13 at 3:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the District Courtroom of the courthouse.

"The Greatest Thing in the World", by Henry Drummond, will be discussed by Mrs. Catherine Easter. This great work of literature has a stirring and inspirational interpretation of Paul's message of Love.

Guests are welcome to attend the review. A nominal fee of 25 cents is charged for each guest in attendance. This goes to support the local library, whose support and growth is the sole project of the Book Club.

On Christmas Day, a "small part" of the "Turner" and "Noble" families got together in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ester Noble. Those gathering for the noon meal were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gollehon, Mr. and Mrs. George Burch, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ester No-

BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. J. F. Ford of Lubbock was a Monday evening supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts made a business trip to Tucumcari, N. M., Tuesday.

Mrs. Harry Rothwell and Mrs. Leona Rothwell were in Plainview Tuesday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bates and Mike.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell visited Mr. Glenn Riley Monday in the Castro County Hospital. Mr. Riley lives at Hart. His pickup overturned Saturday afternoon on a fresh graded road near his home.

Odell Warren who is now making his home in Brazil is here for a two weeks visit with his parents, Don Loy, Jerry and Wilma; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myers and Jeffrey Lynn.

Others joined us in the afternoon. These included: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams of Hereford and A 1/c Wayne E. Williams of Chanute Air Base, Illinois; Beverly Johnson, Rowan Sheppard, and Clarence Rogers.

ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Warren and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts were in Plainview Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell made a business trip to Hereford Monday morning.

Judith Cleavinger and Nancy Neumayer were Sunday guests of Sue Bagwell.

Mrs. R. M. Warren and Barbara Jean were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rothwell and A 2/c Bobby and Mrs. Warren and Gary Keith.

Supper guests in the George Bagwell home New Years Eve were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson and Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts.

Mrs. Nell Reynolds and son Wayne of Albuquerque, N.M. were week end visitors of her father, Mr. R. M. Dunn, and sisters, Mrs. Leland Smith and family, and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stehr and children have returned from a holiday vacation through Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate Shannon and children have moved this week closer in our community—a mile west and a half mile south of Bethel. We are so happy to have them as our neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Underwood and girls were Monday afternoon business visitors in Littlefield.

Roy Dale Underwood from Camp Hood, Killeen, Texas, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Underwood and brother, Doyle, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts had as their guest for New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. George Bagwell, Carolyn and Sue, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McClung and Judith Cleavinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Runt Massey of Friona were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown enjoyed having their daughter, Mrs. Helen Correia, and daughter, Mrs. Wanda Byrd, and Mr. Byrd and sons for the New Year holidays. Mrs. Correia returned with her sister to Santa Fe, N. M., for a visit but will return in a few days to spend a months visit with her parents.

Mary Givan and Elzada Smith from Amarillo spent the New Year holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sanders of Earth were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Sander's sister, Mrs. Doyle Underwood and family.

Mrs. Doyle Underwood was hostess Friday afternoon to a birthday party for her little daughters, Darla and Debra. There were nine children present, also several mothers who accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams enjoyed a get together of the Williams family in Plainview on New Years Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robinson of Hereford are spending a few

days with her sister, Mrs. Vernon Williams and family.

Vernon Williams spent two days last week in the Castro County Hospital from an infected hand. Those who enjoyed the Bow-

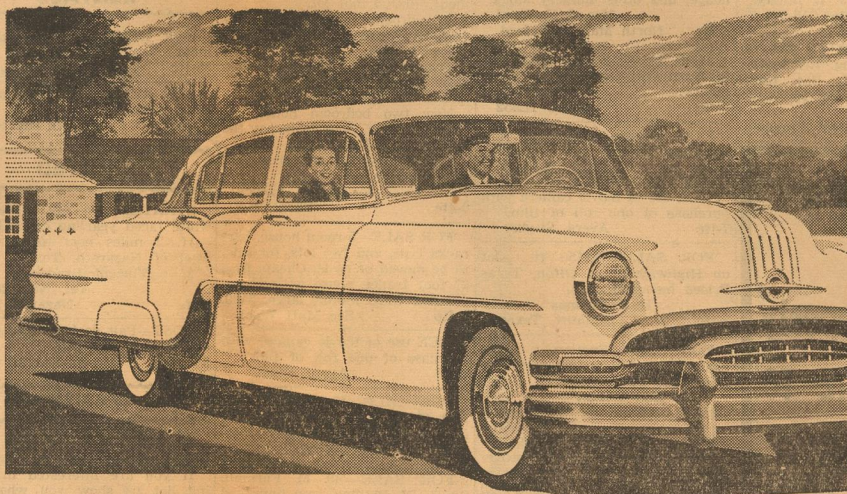
games on television in the Ivor Bagwell home New Years Day were Mrs. Leland Smith, Wesley, Zella Vee and Douglas, Edgar and Decima Dennis and Gaston and Jimmie Howell.

Dinner guests in the Leland Smith home Saturday were Mr. R.M. Dunn, Mrs. Nell Reynolds, Wayne Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell and Milton and Nelda.

Friday visitors in the R. M. Warren home were Mrs. Leldon Rawls and children of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Sheek and boys of Friona, A 2/c Bobby Warren of Roswell and Odell

Harry Rothwell attended the Stock Sale in Amarillo Wednesday. Carolyn Bagwell was a caller of Mary Givan Tuesday.

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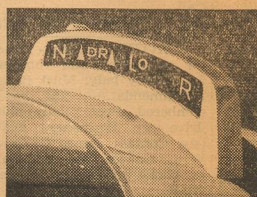
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Here is the real news behind Pontiac's completely new Star Chief line—and the real reason why it is so important that you see and drive this magnificent car soon. At a cost just above the lowest, you can now acquire the biggest and most powerful Pontiac ever built. And with this dramatic size and performance comes distinction of contour and interior richness that make the Star Chief the peer of any car for beauty. Come in and drive it for plentiful proof that Pontiac represents the world's finest union of luxury and low cost.

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- Magnificent New Beauty, Inside and Out
- New Custom-Styled Interiors—New Colors
- Most Powerful Pontiac Ever Built
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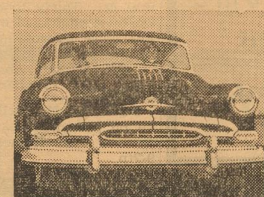
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 FOR SALE—160 acres choice irrigated, 2 miles south of Friona on pavement. M. C. Watson 10-7tp Rt. 1, Friona, Texas
 FREE use of movie camera with purchase of one roll of film. 7-7c Ayers Studio

FOR SALE—DC Case Tractor in good condition. Also lister and cultivator. See J. L. Dowty 10-3tp Tele. 318-W
 FOR SALE—Lots of lots on paving or off paving. Residential lots or business lots. See these if you want a place to build. Phone 195 or see 5-10tp Claud Forson

FOR SALE—Shade trees, fruit trees, evergreens, shrubs, roses, hedge, and other nursery stock. Mrs. J. F. Ward 6-6tc North Main, Hereford.

FOR SALE—2 bedroom home in Northwest Dimmitt, on pavement. Allan Webb 5-7tc Phone 1L552

Farm Bureau Insurance, Hail Insurance. See E. L. Ivey 28-7tc

FREE use of movie camera with purchase of one roll of film. 7-7tc Ayers Studio

FOR SALE—75x150 ft. lot on Highway 70 at Olton, Texas. Priced for quick sale. H. J. Thomas 7-7tc Dimmitt, Texas.

FOR SALE—Section cotton loader with Oldsmobile motor for sale price \$225. See Edd Wilson 7-7tc 8 mi. S. W. Dimmitt

FOR SALE—1/4 Section, 2 8 inch wells, fenced. No improvements. Wheat goes. Will sell in quarters. Will carry a good 20 year loan with small down payment. 2 miles west Hart, Texas. 7-7tp See Virgil Cummings

FOR SALE—Excellent irrigated section three miles east of Dimmitt. Three 8-in. wells on natural gas. Thirty thousand dollars worth of additional improvements. For more information and terms see Charley Kent 7-7tp 110 Sunset, Amarillo, Texas or phone 3-1280

FOR SALE—75x150 residence lot on pavement near school. Russel A. Moran 9-2tp Phone 340

HOUSES FOR SALE—Two bedroom modern house on pavement, 70x150 foot lot. 2 bedroom house, practically new, hardwood floors, corner lot. Priced to sell. Two bedroom house on paving, close in. G. I. Loan, easy payments. See this one. New two bedroom house, attached garage. Good loan, pay the difference and move in. Listings wanted on farms and city property. Joe Cowen Agency 9-4tc Phone 195

FOR SALE—5-room house, bar-tracks type, and two lots, for sale, to be moved or as is. Cheap. Also 27 foot trailer house with reconditioned GMC motor, large, \$500. 9-4tp See Mutt Webb

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FOR SALE—40 tons bundled Red Top Cane. \$12 per ton. 1 mile north, 2 miles west Springlake. J. B. Rowan 10-2tp

FOR SALE—49 M Farmall. See L. V. Phillips, new improved place 7 miles southeast of Dimmitt 10-4tp

FOR SALE—1953 Victoria Ford clean, good tires. See 10-2tc C. & S. Equipment Co.

FOR SALE—6 burner Roper Gas Range, large oven and broiler. Good condition. Call 237. 10-4tc Mrs. Bob Estes

Housewives—Address advertising postcards. Must have good handwriting. LINDO, Watertown, Mass. 10-4tp

Try a NEWS Want Ad

RENTALS
 FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. 35-7tc Glenn Youts
 FOR RENT—Four room apartment with bath. 9-7tc W. S. Hembree

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 STRAYED—To my place 9 white faced yearling calves brand—(2 miles north and 1 mile west of Nazareth, Tex. Vincent Braddock Tel. No. 2262 7-7tc Nazareth Exch.

LOST—Pair dark rimmed glasses. Reward. Call 346. 9 Brown-Martin Gin

WANTED
 WANTED—Listings on your farms, ranches and city property. If you are interested in buying, let us show you what we have 51-7tc Scoggin Real Estate

HELP WANTED—Two registered nurses needed at Castro County Hospital in Dimmitt, Tex. Salary plus part maintenance. Call Owerl Cox, Tele 33

WANTED—middle - aged lady for companion and housekeeper for elderly lady. Must have good recommendations and be unincumbered. Prefer lady able to drive car. Permanent and good pay. Contact James G. Cowan or W. C. Cowan, Sr., at Tulia, Texas, phone 5-2226—P. O. Box 685A 4tp-8

MAN WANTED—Are you dissatisfied with your work? Would you like a business of your own in Castro county? If so, see Clifford Lead, Bovina, Texas or write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-220-GG, 10-2tp Memphis, Tenn.

WANTED—Farm hand. References required. See J. L. Givan, nine miles west and four miles north of Dimmitt. 10-1tp

LOST & FOUND
 LOST—Small Pomeranian male dog, with harness. Reddish brown color. Reward. Return to 10-2tp Sam or Joe Butler

Rent It—Buy It—Sell It Through A NEWS Want Ad

FOR TRADE—Nice five room residence in Southwest Lubbock, near Tech College, has hardwood floors and venetian blinds throughout, on bus line, on pavement. Also two 3-room modern apartments. To trade for residence in Dimmitt. Roscoe Fort Phone 23419, 3609 22nd Place Lubbock, Texas 10-1tp

WANTED—Steady farm job, capable, courteous and efficient. Can supply recommendations. See Morris Medford c/o Farmers Gin Hereford, Texas 3tp 8

WANTED—Child care in my home by hour, day or week. Mrs. Eugenia Ward 203 W. Belsher Street Dimmitt, Texas 7-4tp

WANTED—Job on farm. Can give references. O. L. Follis 3 1/2 miles north of Dimmitt on Jones farm 9-3tp

SERVICES
 MOVIE SERVICE—Record your children's history with moving pictures. With the purchase of a roll of film we will loan a movie camera free for one day with a nominal fee being charged for use of camera for additional days. 18-7tc Ayers Studio

SERVICES—Let me do your button hole work. Mrs. G. R. Owerl Tele. 297-J 10-2tp

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SERVICES—Will do your button hole and alteration work and will continue to do your other sewing. Have moved west of old grade school. 10-1tp Mrs. E. V. Hargrove

GRISWOLD'S REST HOME — Good food and care. Registered vocational nurse, manager. Phone 781-W and 1231-J, 401 Irving St., Hereford 10-4tc

YOUR OWN business. Rawleigh dealers earn good profits. Start in Castro county. Exceptional opportunities for industrious man. For full particulars see Clifford Lead, Bovina, Texas, or write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-220-170, 10-4tp Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Lynn McCarty OPTOMETRIST
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Dub Parks returned home Friday from a hunting trip to Del Rio where he bagged an 8-point buck.

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80 ACRES: On the pavement, 1/2-mile of town, near natural gas line, all will irrigate, down payment, balance, terms. Price per acre \$165.00.

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HALF SECTION: All in cultivation, all good clean land, all will irrigate. Two 8" irrigation wells. Good 6-room modern home, on REA, school bus line. Possession. Down payment, balance long term loan. Price per acre \$225.

165 ACRES: Good 8" irrigation well, all in cultivation. 3-room home, big steel granary, one mile from pavement. \$13,000 down, balance 15 years at 5% interest.

FARM & RANCH LOANS: 20 years to pay, low interest rate. Come in and see about this good plan.

BRAND NEW: Two bedroom home, never been occupied, hardwood floors throughout. It is pretty. Garage attached.

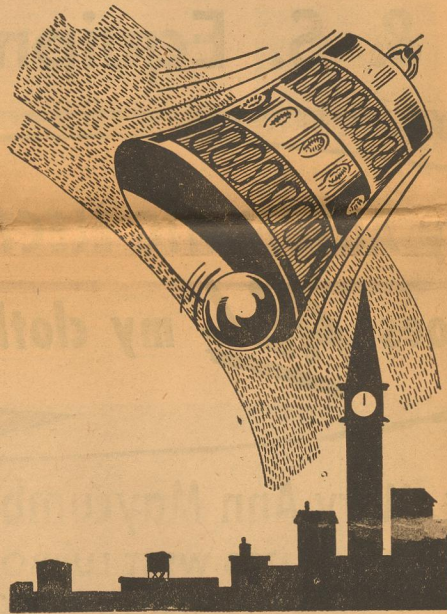
THREE ROOM HOME: On the pavement, good location, you will like this one. Down payment, balance loan.

THREE BEDROOM HOME: This home is only 6 months old and a good one, two baths, underground sprinkler system, big loan. Bargain.

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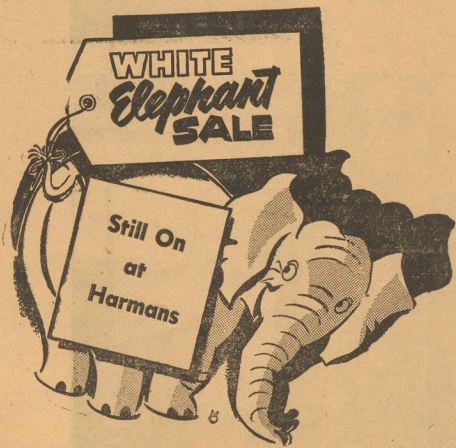


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Navel, Large Size	ORANGES	Dozen	35c
Starking Red Delicious	APPLES	Lb.	15c
Colo., No. 1 Red	POTATOES	10-lb. bag	33c
	Almonds-Walnuts	Lb.	39c

ORANGE JUICE	Surefine, 46-oz. can	29c	Surefine frozen, 3 cans	49c	
SUGAR	Pow. or Brn. 2 boxes	25c	OLEO	Meadowlake, Lb.	25c

MEATS BEEF ROAST		Best Beef, Lb.	49c
SAUSAGE	Charlies, pure pork, lb.	59c	
VIENNAS	Campfire, 3 cans	25c	
HAM HOCKS	Lb.	39c	
SOUP	Heinz, Tomato, 2 cans	23c	

We Give S&H Green Stamps

SNOW DRIFT	3-lb. can	79c
RINSO	1 Giant Size	59c
	1 Large Size—Both	59c
KRAUT	White Swan, 2 cans	25c
POP CORN	3 Minute, 2 cans	39c
STARCH	Niagra, box	19c

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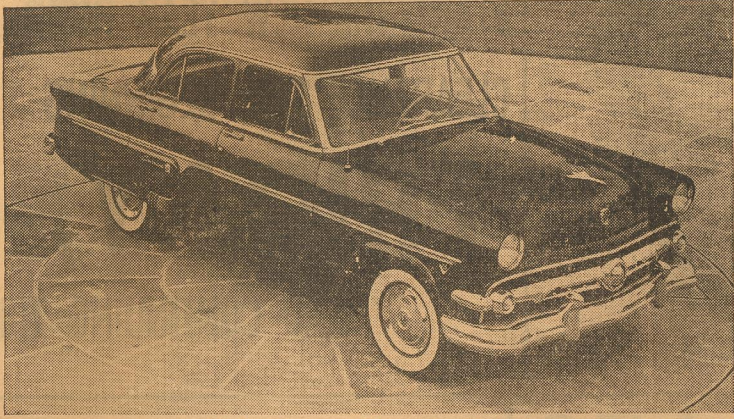
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This 1954 Ford Crestline Fordor sedan—new this year—has interior beauty and new power assists usually found only in costly limousines. Its smart new grille has a characteristic Ford center spinner, recessed parking lights and jet-type air scoop. Like all 1954 Ford passenger cars, it has new ball-joint front suspension for easier handling and the choice of either Ford's completely new 130-h.p. Y-block V-8 engine or the new 115-h.p. I-block Mileage Maker Six. For ease and driving pleasure it has power steering, power brakes, power operated windows and front seat, plus Fordomatic or overdrive, available at extra cost.

Gas Companies Are Consolidated Into Texas Corporation Jan. 1

Effective January 1, 1954, West Texas Gas Company, Amarillo Gas Company, Dalhart Gas Company and Clayton Gas Company were consolidated into one natural gas company, a Texas corporation. The simplification of the corporate structure of the above named companies has been ap-

proved by the Securities and Exchange Commission and upon its completion will provide many operating advantages. Pioneer Natural Gas Company is now the natural gas utility serving some sixty cities and towns throughout an area reaching from Clayton, New Mexico on the north

to Midland and Odessa on the south. Some of the larger places served in addition to the above, are Amarillo, Lubbock and Plainview.

The principal officers of Pioneer are as follows: Geo. Baird, president; M. D. Snyder, vice president and secretary; Thos. F. Cartwright, vice president and treasurer; H. R. Budke, C. I. Wall and A. F. Cox, vice presidents. Directors are P. C. Spencer, Joseph W. Walsh, Geo. Baird, M. D. Snyder, Thos. F. Cartwright, Ross D. Rogers and George W. Dupree.

Pioneer has one wholly-owned subsidiary company, which is Amarillo Oil Company. Amarillo Oil has acquired the assets and business and assumed the liabilities of Red River Gas Company. It is primarily a producing company, but also handles field gathering, field compression, and extraction and sale of liquid petroleum products. C. I. Wall is one of the directors of Amarillo Oil.

Lubbock is headquarters for Pioneer's West Texas Division. This division comprises the area formerly served by West Texas Gas Company. The company's General Offices are in Amarillo. West Texas Gas Company, Red River Gas Company, Clayton Gas Company and Dalhart Gas Company were dissolved on December 31, 1953.

Pioneer is owned 100 percent by Southwestern Development Company. Subject to approval of stockholders of Southwestern, it is planned to liquidate and dissolve that company. A meeting of

Over 12,000 Expected to Attend Baptist Conference at Fort Worth

More than 12,000 Baptist pastors and lay workers are expected to attend the annual State Evangelistic Conference January 11-13 in Fort Worth, according to Dr. C. Wade Freeman, evangelism superintendent of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Sessions of the conference will be built around the theme of "The Holy Spirit" and will include message of salvation, Christian Growth, Evangelism and Indwelling Power.

Dr. Billy Graham, well-known evangelist from Montreal, N. C. will bring a message on Tuesday evening on "The Appeal and the Holy Spirit." Another speaker for the same session will be Dr. C. Kearnie Keagan, director of Student Work for the Southern Baptist Convention from Nashville, Tenn.

Other speakers during the three-day conference will include Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dr. Sidney W. Powell, pastor of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Boston, Mass.; Dr. R. C. Campbell, evangelist from Shelby, N. C., and James N. Morgan, pastor of the North Fort Worth Baptist Church and president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Dr. Freeman and Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Dallas, executive secretary of the BGGT, will preside during the sessions.

Among topics to be discussed during the conference will be the value of the simultaneous crusade. Almost half of the 123 Baptist Associations in the state have scheduled simultaneous campaigns during 1954. Other points in the proposed program for 1954

the stockholders of Southwestern to vote on the liquidation and dissolution of the company will probably be held some time in February.

Andy Rogers To Seek Re-election

Childress, (Special)—State Senator Andy Rogers said here today that he planned to announce within the next few weeks for re-election.

Rogers will be seeking his first full four-year term as Senator.

He was elected in 1952 to the office of Senator for the newly-created 30th Senatorial District and drew a two-year term for his area in the re-shuffling of the districts in the state.

His district is comprised of Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Childress, Hall, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Collingsworth, Donley, Armstrong and Deaf Smith.

Rogers' announcement will be

carried in the News.

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FOR COUNTY COMMITTEEMAN OF HIGH PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

POLLING PLACES IN CASTRO COUNTY

1. Dimmitt Courthouse at Dimmitt, Texas
2. Hart School House at Hart, Texas
3. Jumbo School House
4. Nazareth School House at Nazareth, Texas

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Dr. Caldwell's Senna Laxative tastes good, gives gentle, comfortable, satisfying relief of temporary constipation for every member of the family. Helps you get "on schedule" without repeated doses. Even relieves stomach sourness that constipation often brings.

Buy Dr. Caldwell's Money back if not satisfied. Mail bottle to Box 280, New York 18, N. Y.

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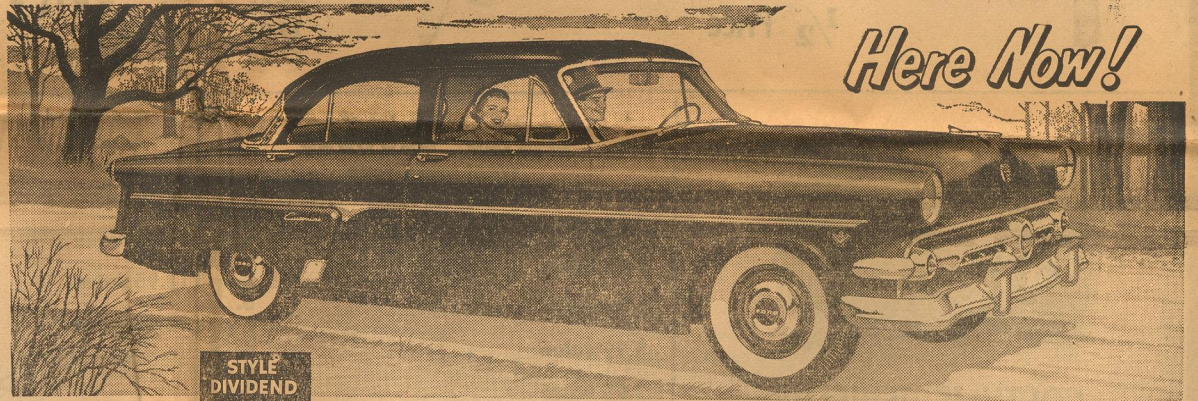
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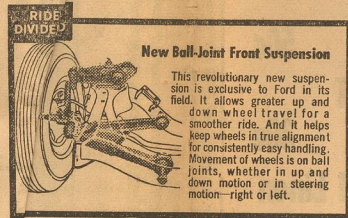
'54 FORD the "worth more" car declares a dividend



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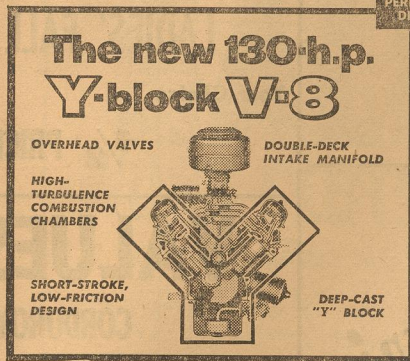
3 distinctive lines
— 14 brilliant body styles

YOU'LL FIND THAT EACH new feature in the '54 Ford is an extra dividend in driving enjoyment... establishes Ford, even more in '54, as the "Worth More" car. You get a special dividend in styling with Ford's distinctive new appearance. You get sparkling new interiors, too, that are a dividend in themselves. And each of the new Fords gives you special dividends in ride and performance... with new Ball-Joint Front suspension, the greatest advance in chassis design in 20 years... with your choice of Ford's new low-friction Y-block V-8 or I-block Six, the most modern engines in any car today! With 28 brilliant new models to choose from, you'll find the exact car to suit your tastes and requirements. Come in... See and Test Drive the '54 Ford.



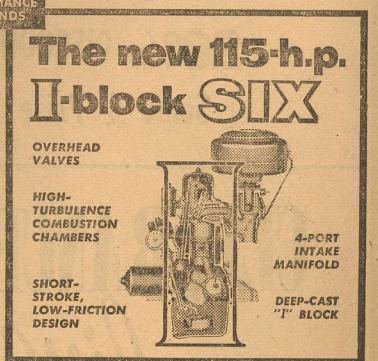
New Ball-Joint Front Suspension

This revolutionary new suspension is exclusive to Ford in its field. It allows greater up and down wheel travel for a smoother ride. And it helps keep wheels in true alignment for consistently easy handling. Movement of wheels is on ball joints, whether in up and down motion or in steering motion—right or left.



The new 130-h.p. Y-block V-8

OVERHEAD VALVES
HIGH-TURBULENCE COMBUSTION CHAMBERS
SHORT-STROKE, LOW-FRICTION DESIGN
DOUBLE-DECK INTAKE MANIFOLD
DEEP-CAST "Y" BLOCK



The new 115-h.p. I-block SIX

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The greatest engine advances since the original FORD V-8

Both new 1954 Ford engines... the Y-block V-8 and the I-block Six... have overhead valves for most efficient high-compression operation on today's fuels. Valves are free-breathing to give you the most GO... free-turning to seat tightly and maintain high compression. Both engines have a deep-cast block with skirt that extends well below the crankshaft for greater strength and rigidity... smoother, quieter performance and

extra-long engine life. Their modern short-stroke, low-friction design cuts friction losses... gives you more usable horsepower, more miles per gallon of gasoline. New high-turbulence combustion chambers assure a more thorough mixing of fuel and air for faster, more efficient combustion. Plan to Test Drive a '54 Ford. You'll find these new Ford power plants are the greatest engine advances since the original Ford V-8.

Plus five optional power assists* you might find only in America's costliest cars



Master-Guide Power Steering
It does up to 75% of your steering work for you, makes parking a pleasure, leaves you with the normal feel of steering on the straightaways.



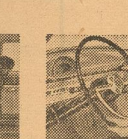
Scott Sure Power Brakes
Power does up to one-third of the work of stopping for you! You are less fatigued, more relaxed, in the stop and go driving of congested traffic.



Power-Lift Windows
Windows open or close at the touch of a button under each window or on left front door. Driver may operate any of the four Power-Lift Windows.



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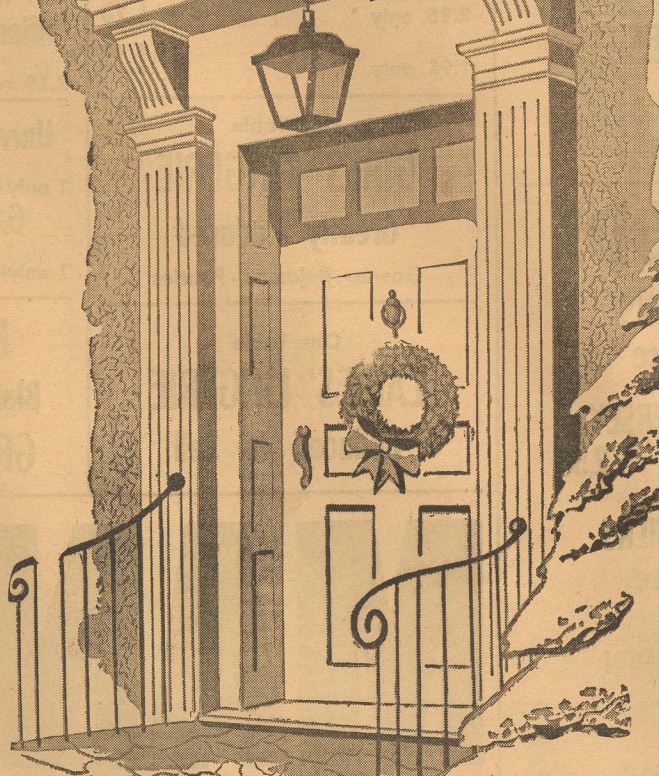
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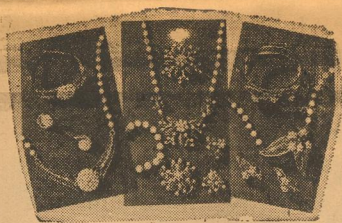
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Thousands of Gallons of Water Wasted Each Day by Saltgrass

By JIM COMPTON

On the South Plains, where water is the bread and butter of the land, virtually thousands of gallons are wasted each day by a group of plants known as the phreatophytes.

Though this group numbers about 50, there is only one which really wastes much water in this area. It is saltgrass. Saltgrass is a pumping plant which transpires large quantities of underground water into the atmosphere each day. Principally, the roots of this plant do not use soil water, but

reach on into the water bearing material and take moisture from the water table. It then dispenses this water into the atmosphere.

If this plant is allowed to thrive on South Plains farms, it will usually lower the water table beneath it several feet per year though its transpiration activities. It is a plant that cannot live from soil water alone; thus the long roots. Though the plant does not pump water in the sense one usually thinks about, it does cause the loss of much water from the underground reservoir each year. Water in the atmosphere will not help produce a crop.

Saltgrass is of very little good. Being used only for early grazing, it is a coarse grass and has little nutritional value. Baling is costly, and animals find it unpalatable.

It grows any place it can establish. It will grow in altitudes ranging from sea level to 8,000 feet. It will grow in sandy or clay soils. Once it is established on the land it is hard to eradicate.

As a general rule, the shallower the water table, the higher the rate of use of water by this "waster." Saltgrass commonly

Name Texas 4-H Youth for Awards

HIGH RATINGS in the 1953 National 4-H programs were received by three teen-agers in the Dairy Foods Demonstration and Poultry programs. Statewide recognition in Texas was based on their club records.



Mildred Hoelscher Margaret Wendland Nathan Allen

A Dairy Foods Demonstration that won first honors in Texas was carried out by the team of Mildred Hoelscher, 15, and Margaret Wendland, 15, both of Robstown.

They have utilized many ways of varying the diet by the use of dairy products, stressing the value of milk for good health.

Their high ranking team demonstration was "Baked Custard." Chosen state winners, each girl is awarded a 19-jewel wrist watch by the Carnation Company.

In carrying out this program, the teen-agers learned to speak well in public and developed poise and good sportsmanship. They performed a genuine service to their communities as well.

Nathan Allen, 15, of Brownwood, has been selected as state

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winner in the 1953 Poultry Achievement program. His trip award to the National 4-H Club Congress was provided by Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Co.

His record shows that he won grand champion tom turkey and reserve champion hen awards at the Brownwood show this year. His awards include a medal for poultry at the 4-H Club Achievement Day banquet. He has helped many younger boys enrolled in the poultry project.

Despite the hours of effort devoted to the poultry program, Nathan found time to serve as secretary of the Early 4-H Club. He has been in 4-H Club activities for five years and has completed projects in field crops. He is the son of L. L. Allen, who farms 120 acres.

grows only where the depth of the water table does not exceed six to eight feet. It has been observed growing, however, in places where the water table depth was 12 feet. There are many farms on the South Plains where water is less than 12 feet from the surface.

Even mineralized water, known to stop the activity of many of the

phreatophytes, will not halt the water wasting activities of saltgrass, once started. It has a high tolerance for mineralized water.

Reduction of this consumptive waste may be accomplished by lowering the water table in the area of the evapotranspiration, either by pumping or by drainage. In order to be effective, however, the lowering should be rapid; otherwise the plant roots may keep pace with the declining water level and keep the plant alive until conditions again become staple.

Burning does no good. Saltgrass after having been burned, was observed to have tall growth again after six months.

Lowering of the water table immediate to the saltgrass area, would not interfere with irrigation. On the South Plains, where saltgrass is growing (there is some in every county), no economical crop should be planted until the phreatophyte is removed.

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News of Our Neighbors

PLAINVIEW — (from the Plainview Herald) Eighteen bales of cotton have been donated to the Christian Rural Overseas Program from Hale County. Most of \$387.50 cash donated to the program from Hale county has been used to buy the cotton. Last year Hale county people gave 41 bales of cotton to CROP. Crosby county has also contributed 21 bales to the CROP program for overseas relief.

HEREFORD — (from the Hereford Brand) Two men charged in Clovis with automobile theft were apprehended Sunday night (Dec. 27) about 11:15 o'clock two miles west of Summerfield by Deaf Smith county authorities. The pair attempted to elude officers but were arrested two miles east of Summerfield after a wild chase. It was reported that the two men had previously broken out of the stockade at Clovis Air Base. Both were returned to officers from New Mexico and will stand charges in Clovis.

CHILDRESS — (from the Childress Reporter) Funeral services for Dr. Marian Authur Cooper, long-time resident of Childress, were conducted recently at the local Church of Christ with the Rev. E. A. Sanders officiating. Dr. Cooper had been retired from active practice since April of 1953 due to ill health. The deceased was a member of the Church of Christ and had been prominent in church and civic affairs.

COLORADO CITY — (from the Colorado City Record) — Civic leaders here have pledged cooperation to Humble Oil Company in locating a Humble field camp in the Mitchell-Sterling county area. Decision whether or not to build the camp will come sometime in 1954. Development of new production areas holds the key to when and if the camp is built. Present conditions favor the building of the camp in the Mitchell-Sterling area. Chamber officials here are hopeful the camp, if located in this area will, can be built in the vicinity of the State Highway 101 (to Sterling City.) That would provide access to oil production area in Coke coun-

ty west of Colorado river. **FARWELL** — (from the State Line Tribune) Material has arrived for the street signs in Farwell, with the exception of the stencils. The signs will be erected in early January. When the stencils arrive the signs will be lettered and numbered.

Men representing the group backing a new building for the Farmer County Hospital left Farwell feeling encouraged after the meeting with civic leaders, recently. Local representatives agreed that a new building is needed and should be undertaken. A fund raising drive to secure \$150,000 to build the new project will probably be launched soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Bagwell enjoyed a enchilada supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith Thursday night.

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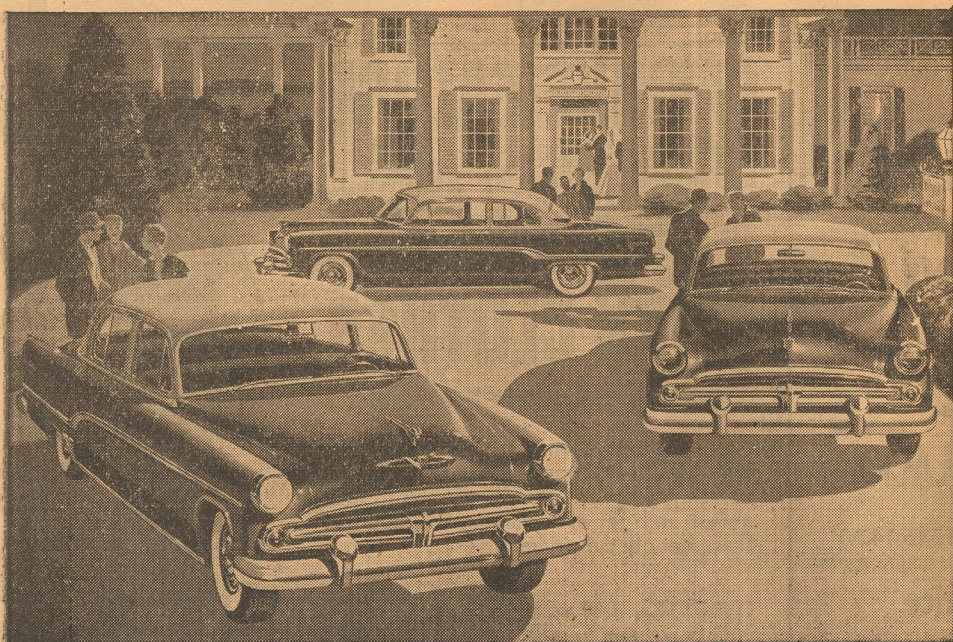


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2 Texas 4-H'ers Win High Honors

MERITORIOUS achievement records in the 1953 National 4-H Entomology and Recreation-Rural Arts programs have brought state honors to two club members from the Lone Star State. The winners and some of their achievements follow:



Ellen Denson

The Texas Club office has selected Ellen Denson, 15, Brownsville, as having the best all-around 4-H Entomology program in the State during 1953.

In recognition of this honor, she was awarded a 19-jewel watch, provided by the Hercules Powder Co. New vistas and experiences have been opened to Ellen through the study of insect life and community projects relating to insect control.

She has collected 250 insects in two years. She made her own display cases, caught and mounted about 140 moths, grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies and bees of many different species. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Denson.

Ellen has given four individual demonstrations before 211 people and 49 talks, 3 over the radio. She has held all offices of her 4-H Club.

These programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.



Evelyn Robinson

Leadership and achievement in the 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program have brought state-wide recognition to Evelyn Robinson, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Robinson of Graham. Evelyn will be presented a Certificate of Honor as well as a \$37.50 cash scholarship for recreational training, all provided by United States Rubber Co.

Cash awards of \$25 for the purchase of recreational equipment also go to counties in which the local 4-H Clubs have reported outstanding accomplishments in recreation and rural arts.

Evelyn belongs to the Indian Mound 4-H Club, which she serves as president and junior leader. Her interest in recreation leadership has brought increased interest in school and in other 4-H projects. She plans to study recreation and social development in college.

plete his move from South Dakota to Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. McRee and children spent the week end visiting her parents and other relatives at Olustee, Okla.

Mrs. Darrel Lacy returned home with her parents to Nashville, Tenn., for an extended visit during which she will undergo surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Height spent their holiday in Bentonville, Ark. with her sister. For New Year's Eve they, with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor and sons went to Clovis for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Leslie and Lynn passed through Hart on Thursday going from Lubbock to Clovis and then on to Memphis, Tenn. where he will re-enter the Veterans Hospital there. While the party was here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Height a large number of friends dropped in to visit a few minutes and to wish Johnnie a year of continued improvement. He will be remembered as the person who was so seriously crippled in an accident while helping with the construction of the school building. He is able to be in a wheel chair now and to use his hands some.

Mrs. E. I. Dellis has returned to her home in San Diego, Cal., after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glyn Reed and family, and her sister, Mrs. Jim Height.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sanders are announcing the arrival of a son on Dec. 31 in the Plainview Hospital. The young man will be called Larry Mark and weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. Visiting him and his brother and parents Sunday were his grandmothers, Mrs. C. M. Tidwell of Littlefield and Frank Sanders of Hart, also Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Don Bagwell and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bowen of Littlefield and Mrs. Furche Riley of Sunnyside.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bennett and family of Plainview spent New Year's Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winnett and Don spent the New Year's week end with relatives in Colorado City. Don returned to Texas Tech on Monday morning.

Mrs. Valena Evans of Tehlequah, Okla. visited her father, J. M. Scott and other relatives here between Christmas and the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Herald Hawkins spent the weekend in El Paso with their son, Lt. Eugene Davidson, and family. Lt. Davidson has just returned from a tour of duty with the Air Force in Korea.

Wesley Sharp of Ft. Hood spent a New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cordova of Plainview spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Percy Hart.

Neil Wall is in Okla. and South Dakota helping Eldon Shive com-

and children of Fort Worth have returned home after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hawkins during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Davis and Peggy were in Hobbs last week end to be with their daughter, Mrs. Louie Sweatt, while she underwent surgery. Gail and Linda Sweatt returned home with them for a week and this week-end the Bob Davis family visited in Jal with the Sweatts and returned the girls to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Smith had their family gathering at a dinner in their home on Christmas Eve. Sharing the meal and good fellowship were their children, Mrs. W. T. Sanders, Mr. Sanders, Judy and Jo and Mrs. Rodney Smith. Others seated were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cluck, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Thompson and Mrs. T. B. Cox and the hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Armstrong visited her mother and other relatives in Texarkana between Christmas and New Year. Loyd Davis of Fort Bliss is home for a few days with his wife and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lilley entertained all the Armstrongs, Lilleys and Davis with a dinner for Loyd on Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pyeatt and family watched the New Year in with dinner and singing in their home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley and children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garrison and children from Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hart.

The Square Dance Club had a watch party and dance at the Legion Hall on Thursday night. Visitors were from Dimmitt,

Hereford and Tulia.

Jack Dinwiddie of Centennial, Wyoming, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. W. C. Dinwiddie and brother, O. D. Dinwiddie, and wife.

Hart Seniors of 1951 met in the Legion Hall on the night of Jan. 1st for a turkey supper and New Year's party. Twenty-one persons were present of whom 9 were members of the class. Three members were absent. All three room mothers were present. After supper members of the class exchanged gifts and presented the room mothers with gifts. Games and singing were enjoyed. A sword brigade was formed and went into action with Joe Percy Hart coming out as hero. Present were Bob and Bobby Hill, Joe and Sarah Hart, Loyd, Mavis and Lonnie Davis, Robbie, Leta Mae and David Hawkins, Marilyn Covington, Wesley Sharp, Opal Ray, Erma Hacker, Elva Mae and Dear Wall, Mrs. Buster Aven, Mrs. Percy Hart and Percy, and Mrs. Howard Sharp and Howard.

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property hereinafter described, all of whom are DEFENDANTS; Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court of Castro County, Texas, in the Court-house thereof in Dimmitt, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 1st day of February, 1954, then and there to answer in writing Plaintiff's petition filed in said court on the 17th day of December, 1953, in this cause numbered 2162 on the docket of said Court and styled, Gladys Ramsey Howard, et vir, vs. Bedford Town and Land Company, et al., a brief statement of the nature of said suit being as follows:

Suit in statutory form of trespass to try title, and for costs by Gladys Ramsey Howard, joined by her husband, Joe Howard, Plaintiffs, against those persons who are first named in this citation and to whom it is directed, as Defendants, and the unknown spouses and heirs and legal representatives of the said named persons and each of them, the names and residences of whom are alleged to be unknown to the Plaintiffs, the Plaintiffs suing for title and possession of the following described real estate lying and being situated in Castro County, Texas, to-wit:

- Lot No. Twelve (12), in Block No. 49,
- Lot No. Seventeen (17), in Block No. 72,
- Lot No. Twenty (20), in Block No. 82,
- Lot No. Eight (8), in Block No. 86,
- Lot No. Nine (9), in Block No.

- 101, Lot No. Fifteen (15), in Block No. 112,
- Lot No. One (1), in Block No. 158,
- Lot No. Five (5), in Block No. 158,
- Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. 167.

Plaintiffs allege that they are entitled to the title and the possession of said property, claiming under the five, the ten and the twenty-five year Statutes of Limitations, and Plaintiff further pray that the cloud cast on the title to the property above described by Defendants be removed and said title vested in the Plaintiffs, all as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' Petition on file in this suit.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to law and make due return as the law directs, and if this process be not served within ninety days from the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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HART NEWS

Mrs. Eldon Shive and children returned to their home in eastern Oklahoma on Thursday after spending the holidays with the Beardens and Shive relatives.

Karen, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Gambliir, has been quite ill of pneumonia in the Olton Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welty and the family of W. N. Currie visited Mr. Currie in Lubbock on Sunday. He underwent surgery in a Lubbock hospital on Dec. 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Davidson

spent the weekend in El Paso with their son, Lt. Eugene Davidson, and family. Lt. Davidson has just returned from a tour of duty with the Air Force in Korea.

Wesley Sharp of Ft. Hood spent a New Year's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cordova of Plainview spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Percy Hart.

Neil Wall is in Okla. and South Dakota helping Eldon Shive com-

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bennett and family of Plainview spent New Year's Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winnett and Don spent the New Year's week end with relatives in Colorado City. Don returned to Texas Tech on Monday morning.

Mrs. Valena Evans of Tehlequah, Okla. visited her father, J. M. Scott and other relatives here between Christmas and the New Year.

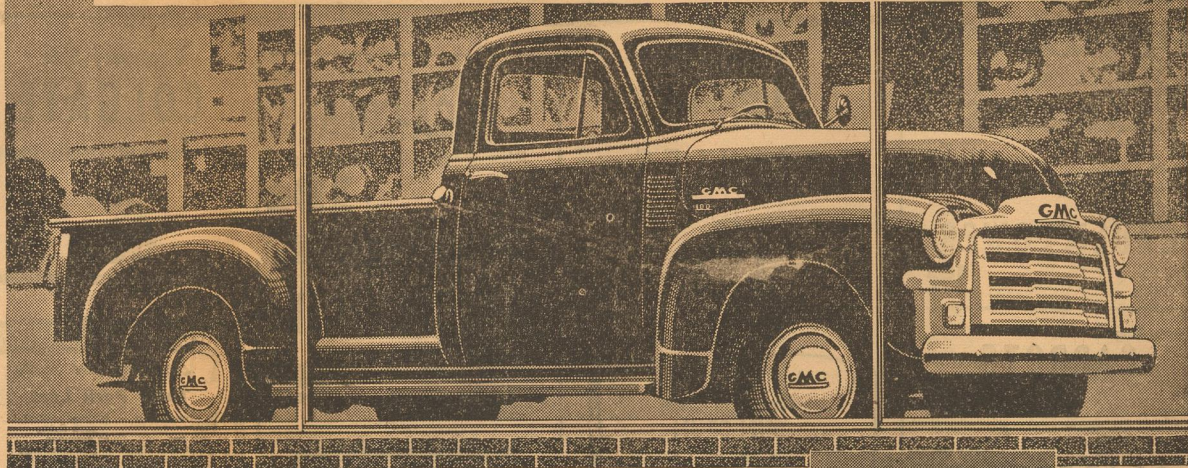
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WSCS Has Social And Business Meet

The regular business and social meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service was conducted in the home of Mrs. E. B. Wright with Mrs. Alta Gladman serving as co-hostess. Fifteen members were present for the Monday meeting.

Reports were heard from the treasurer, Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Ed Wilson gave a report on the breakfast given for the young people of the Methodist Church during the holidays. Mrs. Neumayer also gave a report on youth work.

The Society received a letter of thanks from the orphans home in San Antonio for the box that was sent there.

Mrs. Earl Lust gave the devotional which was followed by the reading of several songs and the singing of "Joy To The World."

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Lust. Delightful refreshments were served to those present.

Rowans Observe Two Anniversaries

Two wedding anniversaries were observed in Springlake recently when the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rowan of Amarillo and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rowan of Dallas, met with friends and relatives in Rev. J. B. Rowan's country home.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rowan observed their 50th wedding anniversary while their son and daughter-in-law celebrated their 25th anniversary. Some 20 relatives in addition to the immediate families of the honorees were present for the occasion.

Rev. J. B. Rowan married his wife in 1903 in Canyon. She is the former Miss Mary Ina Turner.

Ernest Jones Home Scene of Reunion

Some 50 friends and relatives were present for the New Year's dinner held in the Ernest Jones home. It was the first family gathering of the group since the oldest son, Billy, returned from Korea.

Those attending the reunion include the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones, Odenton; Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jones, Eddie Sam and Carlene, all of Earth; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Odom and Jerry, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Norfleet, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Norfleet, Charles and Susie, Mr. and Mrs. Ross White and Gene, Miss

Levege Thomason, Viola B. Moody, Bonnie Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bince Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Kit McDaniel, Jr., Barbara and Ronda, all of Hale Center, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Jones, Weldon Dale, San Rogene and Jeton, all of Hart; Mrs. Earl Flake, Tice, Garland and Jack, all of Lubbock; Misses Linda Moore of Hale Center, Gladys Holt of Wakenburg, Colo., and Joan Book of Nazareth; and Mrs. Alta Gladman, Dimmitt.

Returns To Camp Hood

Charles Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Morgan of Dimmitt, reported back to Camp Hood, Texas after a 30-day furlough at home. He has been in service three years—14 months of his time being spent in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webb visited their daughter, Jean and Floyd Copeland, in Houston last week.

Hart HDC Members See Demonstration

Castro County Home Demonstration Agent Sybil Stringer gave members of the art Senior Home Demonstration Club an interesting demonstration on the making of whole wheat hot rolls at the club meeting Tuesday. Nine members were present for the occasion.

Present for the demonstration other than Mrs. Stringer were Mesdames Ruby Davis, Mildred Garrison, Odessa Kidd, Margie Murray, Thelma Huggins, Ruth Hamm, Cora Davis, Lola Myrick, and Edna Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilmond Neumayer returned from a vacation on the Texas Gulf Coast. They visited Corpus Christi and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowser vacationed in Albuquerque last week.

Large Crowd Sees 1954 Ford Here

Som 300 persons crowded the showroom of the Castro Motor Company Wednesday to see the new 1954 Ford, according to Ray Bearden, co-owner and company manager.

All viewers were impressed with the new car, Bearden indicated. Those features of the automobile that created most comment were interior decoration, added motor power, easier steering and the advance air ball point suspension.

The 1954 Ford was on display all day for the convenience of those who were unable to visit the showroom until late afternoon.

The new Ford 130-horsepower overhead valve Y-block V-8 engine is described by Ford engineers as the greatest engine advance since Ford introduced its original V-8 22 years ago.

The 1954 line of Ford trucks powered by five ultra-modern short-modern short-stroke truck engines are also on display at Castro Motor Company.

School Census Begins Here

The 1954-55 school census for the Dimmitt Independent School District will get underway this year in January instead of March as has been the school's policy in previous years, according to County Judge Robert Estes.

Any resident of the Dimmitt School District who has a child five years of age now and who will be six by September 1, should report this information to the county judge or to the office of the high school principal. The date was moved up in order to assure school officials of obtaining a complete list of new enrollees before school opens in the fall.

The deadline on the request for transfer of a student has also been moved up. In past years transfers would be accepted up to August 1, whereas now the deadline is June 1. This type of request can be made only through the county judge's office.

Dimmitt Boys Down Farwell

Dimmitt High School's basketballers split a twin bill at Farwell Friday night, the boys winning their game, 50-43, and the girls dropping their contest, 35-29.

By winning their game the boys now have a record of five victories against two losses. It was also the Bobcats second victory within a week over the Farwell Steers.

Melvin "Wimpy" Witt, consistent high scorer in 1952, regained his old stride Friday night by leading his teammates with a total of 23 points. Brock and Brown tied for runnerup honors by tossing in eight points each. Others scoring for the Bobcats were Wood with six, Dennis with four and Robb with one. Smith racked up 22 points for Farwell while Hardage netted ten.

It was Witt's best game of the season as the speedy forward consistently hit the basket on layup and long distance one-hand throws. Brown and Brock played their usual good game, although the latter fouled out before the game ended.

Dimmitt was forced to come from behind to win as they were trailing 10-13 at the end of the first quarter and 23-24 at halftime. The Bobcats turned on the heat in the third, however, and forged ahead, 33-31. Before the final buzzer sounded the visitors made the scoreboard read 50-43 to win by seven points.

Directors complimented members of the local fire department for the fine job they did in stringing up Christmas lights over town.

Mrs. Jack Ebeling and Mrs. Noble Howard; a visitor, Mrs. David Blanton and Mrs. Sybil Stringer, C. H. D. A.

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Full Quart **SUPREME PICKLES** Jar 19c

No. 303 Can **SUN SPUN CORN** 2 Cans 29c

Carton of 6 **COCA-COLA** Plus Deposit on Bottles Carton 19c

PET MILK 2 Tall Cans 25c

2-lb. box, White Lilly **CHEESE** Box 79c

Economy Size **COLGATE** Chlorophyll Tooth Paste Tube 59c

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
By Mary Lee Taylor
Tasty Pork Loaf

1 lb. ground lean pork
3/4 cup Pet Evaporated Milk
2 Tablespoons finely cut onion
few grains pepper
1 1/4 teaspoons salt

3/4 cup crushed corn flakes
1/2 teaspoon powdered sage (can omit)
8 small sweet potatoes, cooked or canned

Mix well the pork, milk, onion, pepper, salt, 1/3 cup crushed corn flakes and the sage. Shape into a loaf. Roll in remaining 1/3 cup crushed corn flakes. Put into a shallow baking pan. Bake in a 350 oven (moderate) 1 hour. Arrange sweet potatoes around loaf and spoon fat in pan over them. Bake 20 minutes longer, or until loaf is brown. Makes 4 servings.

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Parents of Mrs. Ray Are Visitors Here

It was a happy occasion for the Rev and Mrs. George Ray during the holidays when Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bitters of Dallas, paid them a visit. The Bitters had never visited Dimmitt or the Plains before and were much impressed with the farms in this area. Mr. Bitters is a retired Illinois farmer.

Also visiting the Rays during the holidays were Mr. Ray's brother, Lem Ray, and family of Abilene and Gilbert Ray and family of Amarillo.

Mrs. Ireland Feted With Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright honored Mr. Wright's sister, Mrs. E. S. Ireland of Shallowater, with a birthday dinner Sunday in their home. Those present for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Chess Wright of Shallowater, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gilbert and Mrs. Harold Kek and baby, Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Wright and Dorothy.

Mr. Weldon Bradley made a business trip to Ralls, Texas, Tuesday.

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Mrs. Loyd Blanton Is Club Hostess

The Sunnyside Home Demonstration club met Wednesday, January 6, in the home of Mrs. Loyd Blanton. The president, Mrs. Noble Howard, presided.

Mrs. Sybil Stringer, County Home Demonstration Agent demonstrated the making of whole wheat yeast rolls. Dry yeast was used. This is recommended because of its better keeping qualities and quicker action. Some points emphasized were that the proper extent of fermentation should be observed as to the dough doubling in bulk and by making the finger test—a hole is left in the dough when two fingers are inserted.

The hostess, Mrs. Blanton, served refreshments to the following members: Mrs. Irving King, Mrs. Bill Ott, Mrs. J. E. Shirrey, Mrs. Cecil Curtis, Mrs. R. A. Axtell,

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