



The Ranger Times

Weather Reports

Colder Tuesday night. Fair and warmer Wednesday. Low Tuesday night 30. High Wednesday near 60.

35TH YEAR

RANGER, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1954

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Bulldogs Begin Hoop Play At Comanche

The Pathfinder
by Lee Harr



It seems as though some of the city's new Christmas decorations are destined for the rubbish heap. As of Monday, some were hanging awfully low on the street, leaving barely enough room for even pickups to pass without trouble. Don't believe one with side boards could make it.

The local marquee gives Fred MacMurray a dash of feminine makeup on their billboard. The current cinema is titled "Rogue Cop." The billboard reads, "Rogue Cop."

The tragic portion of the hunting season begins to pour in now with the season only half way gone in most sections of the state.

The tragic portion of which we speak involves hunting mishaps among teen age hunters.

A special report from Howard D. Dodgen, executive secretary of the Game and Fish Commission lists the following gun accidents.

A 17-year-old Larkin boy died when a gun held by another lad accidentally was discharged.

A Fort Worth boy, 14, was fatally wounded by his older brother's gun.

A nine-year-old Gatesville boy was killed by an adult brother-in-law.

A seventeen-year-old farm boy living near Easton was fatally wounded when a shotgun fell from a car and was discharged.

An Alta Loma woman was fatally shot when her 14-year-old son's shotgun was discharged as he was cleaning it following a hunting trip.

Five other teen agers were wounded.

A ten-year-old Moran boy was shot when his own .22 rifle was discharged.

A 14-year-old Cleveland youth was shot when the shotgun of a young companion went off accidentally as they walked through woods.

A 13-year-old Navasota lad was shot when a fellow hunter stumbled causing his shotgun to be discharged.

A 14-year-old San Benito boy was shot when he was mistaken hunter fired his .22 rifle accidentally.

A 16-year-old Huntington boy was wost when he was mistaken for a deer by an adult hunter.

A 17-year-old Houston boy drowned in Highlands reservoir while trying to swim out and retrieve a duck he had shot from the bank.

Melvin McCrary Reports For Duty Aboard USS Kidd

PACIFIC FLEET (Sp.) — Among those who reported to the destroyer USS Kidd for duty this month was Melvin R. McCrary, fireman, USN, of Route 2, Ranger, Tex.

He reported aboard in November from the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif.

Little League Sets Officer Election Friday

The Ranger Little League will hold its annual election of officers Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, in an attempt to re-organize before the next season begins.

Present officers of the organization are Bernie Milno, president; Joe Dakevich, vice president; Bill Bradshaw, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl White, secretary.

Four Little League teams, sponsored by Premier, Killingsworth's, Commercial State Bank and Art's Tool and Supply, last year provided wholesome entertainment for over 20 boys. Plans are now being made to enter league play that will include contests with similar teams of nearby cities next year.

Practice sessions for the teams will begin in June.

All interested persons are urged to attend this important meeting Friday night.

New Officers Appointed For Cub Scout Move

A complete line of officers have been appointed to rejuvenate the Cub Scout network in Ranger after the organization was disbanded early this year.

Charles Garrett has been appointed to act as chairman of Pack 34 while Eddy Jofes will serve as Cubmaster for the group.

First meeting since re-organization will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Methodist Church. Scout officials have urged all parents and boys desiring membership to attend.

Parents will meet in the Hall Bible class room while the scouts will gather in the Martha Dorcas Class room.

After the individual meetings the entire group will assemble in the basement for refreshments and entertainment.

Councilmen for the organization are Rev. Bruce Weather, institutional representative, Rex Mitchell and Gaston Dixon. H. L. Coody will act as the Cubmaster's assistant.

Membership cards will be presented to each new member.

JC Instructor Injured In Arlington Crash

R. L. Willis, instructor at Ranger Junior College, received facial lacerations and severe shock as a result of an automobile accident in Arlington Saturday morning.

Willis, secretary of the Pioneer athletic conference was bound for Dallas to attend the conference's annual meeting. He was hospitalized Saturday night and released to return to Ranger Sunday morning.

The college instructor relates that he crashed into the rear of another automobile awaiting a light change at an intersection, after the brakes of his car failed to stop his progress on a wet, slick street.

Damage of the two cars was estimated at approximately \$600.

Odd Fellows Eye President 'S-D Day' Call

Continuing its efforts to promote safety on the highways of this Nation, and as a part of their international campaign of this nature, Ranger Lodge No. 350, of Ranger, the local Odd Fellows Lodge, has joined with the President of the United States in the campaign for safe driving.

A Proclamation issued by Honorable Telle F. Aston, Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows of the World, has requested the cooperation of every odd fellow in this state in the forthcoming "S-D Day," and their continued efforts throughout the year to come.

Originated through Sovereign Grand Lodge, the International governing body of the Odd Fellows, a campaign for safer driving to "BE ODD—BE COURTEOUS" has been adopted by all states and the provinces of Canada. This campaign of the Odd Fellows which has the approval of the Department of Public Safety of several states, is in direct accord with the Proclamation of the President, and the local lodge is honored to join in a project of this nature.

The Odd Fellows campaign, in connection with "S-D Day," is under the direction of J. R. Hicks, Noble Grand, and John Ivy, Secretary of Ranger Lodge No. 350, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas, formerly of Eastland, died this morning at the Masonic Home in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Thomas had made Eastland her home for 20 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Presbyterian Church.

She will be buried in Bryson Wednesday.

Forney, And Rush Retained

The Ranger High School Bulldogs inaugurate the current basketball season with approximately six games to be played between tonight and Monday night.

Tonight the Bulldogs journey to Comanche for an encounter, then move play to Mineral Wells for a tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Monday night they tangle with Gorman in Gorman then host Comanche here Tuesday night.

Coach Boone Yarbrough said that he would probably start Ronald Bush, John Rush, Scott Forney, Jimmy Littlefield and Paul Hines.

Forney and Rush represent the holdovers from last year when Ranger fielded the winning district team, then lost a one point margin to Merkel in the bi-district contest.

In the Mineral Wells tournament, Ranger will meet Cisco at 5:30 Thursday afternoon.

Hopefuls for the Ranger quintet who answered the season's first practice calls other than the starting lineup were Charles Bonney, Gene Bagwell, Gerald Shockey, Clifford Estes, Wayne Jowers, David Wharton, Jerry Cantrell, Ivan Cruise, Robert Watson, Dwan Brown, Robert Watson, Jim Nail, Stanley McAnelly, and Jerry Wharton.

Rites Conducted In Austin Today For C. D. Wood

Funeral services were held in Austin today for C. D. Wood who formerly lived and conducted a business in Ranger.

Mr. Wood came to Ranger in 1918 with the Texas Pipe Line Co., and later privately entered the oil business.

He moved to Austin in the late 1930's where he resided until his death. He had been in ill health for several years.

The body is at the Reed-Corley Funeral Home in Austin.

Survivors include his wife and one son.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a blackboard, a nurse's kit, baby bottle for my doll, also some old clothes and some candy.

Bring my baby brother something too.

Jeannie Kay Phipps.

Dear Santa Claus: North Pole, Will you please bring me a sidewalk bicycle, cash register and my little sister, Pam, a tricycle and a doll and both of us a robe and house slippers?

And Santa, please remember every little girl and boy with toys and candy and fruit on Christmas morning.

We love you Santa, Jan and Pam Griffith, Mesquite St., Ranger.

Dear Santa,
I am a good little boy most of the time, I am six years old. Please bring me a road grader and a station.

Remember all my little class mates.

Thank you, Santa, Ronnie Dean Brashears.

The following letter threw Santa a little, so he is having it printed just exactly as it arrived.

Santa Clause,
Toys, Purse,
Joe Wesley

Tire Tube
Jimatayzov
Mary Wesley.

SEE DON PIERSON—
Old - Cadillac
Before You Trade
Eastland



LIVING ROSARY—Some 1300 children form this living rosary at the Polo Grounds in New York City, while practicing for a pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady, Queen of Mothers. The pilgrimage was held as an observance of the Marian Year, under auspices of the New York Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society.

More Than 25 Miles Of Highway Work Set

More than twenty-five miles of highways in Eastland County are earmarked for improvements by the Texas Highway Department.

It was announced today by the Highway Commission as they announced the first step which will set up a new program of work for the calendar year of 1955.

E. H. Thornton Jr., chairman of the Texas Highway Commission, said the funds for the program are being derived from state sources.

Robt. J. Milligan, district engineer, announced the following work in Eastland County. He was

the highway engineer is directed to proceed in the "most feasible and economical manner" with the work outlined:

Highway 80, from Callahan County line east to Cisco, 10.1 miles of additional surface and re-shaping of shoulders.

Farm-Market Road 101, from State Highway 6 at Morton Valley east to Ranger, 7.2 miles of additional surface.

Farm-Market Road 569, from Farm-Market Road 101 south to Nimrod, 3.1 miles of seal coat.

Farm-Market Road 1864, from Callahan County line east to Farm-Market Road 569, 4.7 miles of seal coat.

Milligan stated that the Highway Commission has authorized the development of this program for the purpose of protecting the investment of the public in the state highway system.

Yule Decoration Contest Delayed Until Next Week

Only three entries, a combination of commercial and residential buildings, have been entered in the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas decoration contest, it was announced today.

With the undetermined judging date drawing near, officials fear that in duplication of last year, several will miss awards because of not notifying the Chamber of their entries.

However, judgment will not be made until next week as several persons have expressed that they have decorations on order, but because of poor mail service have not received them.

Winners will be paid \$10, \$7.50, and \$5 respectively for first, second and third places in the contest.

Possibly, the Chamber of Commerce will secure out-of-town judges to avoid any favoritism.

Services Today For Kin Of Local Citizens

Funeral services were held today in Odessa for Mrs. Charlie E. Pierce, daughter-in-law of Dave Pierce, of Ranger, who died Sunday after a lengthy illness.

Formerly Roma Robbins, the deceased was living in Terminal at the time of death.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Larry and Ray.

Her mother, Mrs. Robbins, formerly of Cisco, was making her home in Terminal at the time of her death.

Mrs. Mary Wheat, of Ranger, a niece by marriage of the deceased, was notified by telephone Sunday night of the death.

Weatherford Thumps Rangers In Overtime

Oil News New Wildcat, Gas Well Head County Activity

A gas discovery near Ranger and a new wildcat staked near Eastland highlights Eastland County oil news this week.

Gas discovery from a Pennsylvania sand has been indicated 2 1/2 miles northeast of Ranger in Eastland County at J. C. Potter No. 1 Mrs. Nannie Walker Estate, Nancy A. Moore survey, A-1322.

On a 19-minute drillstem test from 3,657 to 3,670 feet, gas surfaced in one minute and mud in eight. Gas volume was estimated at 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 cubic feet per day and the well was shut in because of high winds.

It had been contracted to 4-100 feet for test of the Ellonburg.

Eastland Oil Company and F. Ferguson, Ft. Worth, staked a 3,250-foot wildcat seven miles southeast of Eastland. It is No. 1 Gene C. Woods, 280 feet from south and 1,400 feet from west lines, section 54, leagues 3 and 4. (Continued On Page Six)

Cogburn High Ranger Scorer In 78-80 Loss

Riding on the strong shooting arm of Dude Woodruff who poured 28 points into the basket, the Weatherford Coyotes sneaked a 78-80 victory by the Ranger Junior College Rangers in an overtime basket ball tilt, Monday night.

Legend Cogburn, the habitual high point scorer for the Rangers, netted 23 points to aid the losers.

With only ten seconds remaining in the final quarter of regular play, Weatherford tied the game on a rules infraction. Freddy Rowch required only three of the remaining seconds to score a field goal in what seemed to be the winning margin.

However, Weatherford, strong in the last few minutes of play retaliated with another field goal to pull into the tie.

The Coyotes, after taking a two point lead in the overtime practically removed the Rangers from further contention with their exhibition of ball control.

As the clock expired, various Ranger players were allowed three field goal attempts, but with the timelessness of the situation, failed to tally.

The Rangers meet the McMurray team tonight and Wednesday tackle the National Guard from Brownwood. Both games will be played in the Ranger High School gymnasium.

Box Scores

Ranger	FG	FT	P	TP
Carter	0	2	0	2
Taylor	4	7	4	15
Cogburn	8	7	2	23
McCurry	2	2	3	6
Carter	1	1	2	3
Gilstrap	6	1	5	13
Rowch	6	4	2	16

Weatherford

Phillips	6	6	5	18
Posey	7	3	3	17
Hobson	0	2	2	2
Moore	1	0	1	2
Young	1	0	0	2
Ruejfer	1	1	0	3
Woodruff	10	8	4	28
Trotter	2	0	1	4
Wheeler	0	4	2	4

Rites Planned For Father of Ex-Ranger Men

J. B. Cole, father of Irving and Odell Cole, former residents of Ranger, passed away in Amarillo Monday.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon in Sterling City for Mr. Cole who was 91 years old in September.

Mr. Cole had been living in Amarillo for 30 years. He was born in Alabama.

His survivors include four sons and a daughter. They are John, of McCarney; Frank, of Sterling; Odell and Irving of Caddo and Mrs. W. W. House, of Junction.

College Grigger Chosen Mr. RJC In Campus Election

In a student run-off election last week at Ranger Junior College, Frederick Schikade was chosen as Mr. RJC.

Mr. RJC designates the boy most representative of Ranger Junior College, and he, with the homecoming queen, will be given special recognition in the favorite section of The Ranger, the college annual.

Frederick, a sophomore student from Albany, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schikade of Albany. He lettered as a back on the 1954 Ranger football squad. He is majoring in business administration and plans to attend some senior college after graduating from Ranger Junior College.

More Than 200 At 4-H Club Yule Party Saturday

CISCO (Sp.) — More than 200 Eastland County 4-H Club boys and girls, parents, and local leaders were in attendance at the first annual county 4-H Club Christmas party at the Cisco Junior High School Gym Saturday night according to R. S. Higgins Jr., assistant county agricultural agent, who with Miss Faye Mason, assistant county home demonstration agent, helped to plan the affair.

Miss Rosemary Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Berry, a member of the Cisco 4-H Club, was master of ceremonies. Mary Carolyn Berry, Cisco, and Clinton Ray Humphreys, Eastland, helped to direct activities of the group during the evening which included skit from the various clubs over the county, group presents, distribution of Christmas presents and refreshments.

It was the first county wide Christmas party ever held, according to those in charge. Plans are already being considered for another year.

Clubs represented included those from Rising Star, Serranton, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Carbon, Gorman, and Desdemona.

Besides the county extension agents, the newly organized County 4-H Club Council helped to plan the affair. The council is made up of the president of each of the boys and girls 4-H Clubs as well as one duly elected representative. The group will help direct, plan, and coordinate club activities on a general scale in the future.

The next county wide event for all club members will likely be in April with the 4-H Rally Days according to Higgins.

LONGINES — Self Winding... World's Most Honored Watch D. E. PULLEY JEWELRY

C-C Reviews Year's Progress

The Ranger Chamber of Commerce placed renewed emphasis on the completion of Lake Leon this year by terming it a "long dream realized" in their annual activities report which was released Monday.

The lengthy report stated that the project was started by the Chamber of Commerce six years ago, and in their opinion, will be the main factor in the growth and development of this section in the near future.

Fire Department Plans Officer Election Tonight

Ranger's volunteer fire department will hold its annual officer election tonight at the fire station, Chief Virgil Johnson announced today.

Those, other than Johnson, serving as this year's officers are Bill Ewing, assistant chief; Jack Mace, fire marshal; T. C. Weavery, fire police; Bill Myers, and G. A. Facetti, instructors, and George Beighley and M. D. Short, team captains.

Abundant in optimism, the chamber credits the chamber with successfully enticing an industry to Ranger which has added more than \$60,000 to its annual payroll. Also the group, the report reflects, has been negotiating with an Eastland concern which contemplates the building of a million dollar plant in the Southwest that would employ about 250 workmen.

Negotiations are still progressing with the concern and the president and vice president of the organization have made two trips to Ranger for an on-the-ground inspection.

Tapering off into other items concerning the various committees, appointed by the Chamber's board of directors, the report predicts a growth in population, and a definite upswing in industry and activity.

A condensed version of the report follows.

Agriculture
To encourage Ranger as a market for cotton, peanuts, and other

agricultural products, the Agricultural Committee gave a prize of \$50.00 each to the farmer who brought in the first load of peanuts and the first bale of cotton.

Frank Potts of Ranger was the first to bring the cotton, and A. F. Burkhalter, near Rising Star, received the prize for the first load of peanuts. Chamber of Commerce checks were presented to the winners at meetings of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The Agricultural Committee throughout the year was host to many meetings pertaining to the agricultural development of the area.

Labor Survey
In November, 1953, when the Chamber of Commerce was negotiating with the Quarles Manufacturing Company to come to Ranger, the Chamber assisted the firm in conducting a labor survey by mailing out notices to residents of this area so that the manager of the manufacturing company might interview prospective employees in our office on a day set aside for the purpose.

Three hundred and fifteen women appeared for an interview and nearly 200 more filled out applications since that day. The information gathered during the survey was made available to local merchants wanting help, and many have secured employees from this source.

Industrial
The Quarles Manufacturing Company, which moved to Ranger in January, 1954, employs about 45 women and the company is gradually adding new workers.

The Industrial Committee had representatives at the ICC hearing.

9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: Blue parakeet. Call 753-J.

Annual Olden Community Tree Set Dec. 21

OLDEN (TNS) — Plans for the annual Community Christmas Tree at Olden are fast being completed. The big date this year is Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Travis Reese, chairman, has named committees for the affair. Atha Williamson will head the finance committee, Jim Everett and J. T. Weaver the buying committee, Gay Everett the sacking committee, Mrs. Homer Lawrence the decorating committee, W. J. O'Brien Hamilton the printing committee, Mrs. Max McCotter and Mrs. Travis Hilliard the program committee, J. D. Herrell the Santa Claus committee, Gilbert Copeland the distributing committee and Travis Reese the clean-up committee.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE EACH SUNDAY



Richard Widmark, co-stars with beautiful Bella Darvi, screen newcomer imported from France, in the unusual spy adventure of 29 dedicated men and a woman in Twentieth Century-Fox's new CinemaScope production in Technicolor DeLuxe. The film opens Tuesday at the Tower Theatre. Victor Franzen, Gene Evans, Cameron Mitchell and David Wayne are also billed in important roles for this pre-sent-day Atom bomb thriller.

President Proclaims Wednesday National Safe Driving Day

S-D Day could just as well be S-W Day. S-D means safe driving, but safe walking will be almost as important if traffic accidents are to be held to a minimum on S-D Day Wednesday, Dec. 15.

More than 1,000 pedestrians literally walked themselves to death during December last year, according to National Safety Council figures. December is always the peak month of the year for pedestrian fatalities.

However, on Dec. 15 the walkers as well as the drivers will have an opportunity to prove that accidents don't have to happen if every individual makes a real effort to prevent them.

President Eisenhower has proclaimed Dec. 15 as the date for the nation to keep traffic accidents at an absolute minimum for a 24-hour period as proof that traffic accidents can be prevented by individual and community action. The nationwide cooperative program is sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety.

Children and older persons are most vulnerable to pedestrians. Of the 8,600 pedestrians killed last year about 1,950 were under 15 years and 3,350 were over 65.

Most pedestrian victims are nondrivers who do not understand the mechanics or limitations of driving, safety experts say. Elderly men are most apt to be pedestrian victims.

Early evening hours are especially hazardous for pedestrians. More than a third of the victims were killed between 5 and 8 o'clock in the evening from October to March. About 41 per cent were crossing streets between intersections, 25 per cent were killed at intersections, and 11 per cent were walking in the road.

Ranger Student

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 Lockney; Louise Crook, Mary Fawcett, Macianna Key, Snyder; Barbara Jackson, Graham; Pauline Keefe, Phipps; Dusha Lusk, Plains; Frances McCreary, New Deal; George Anna Meadors, Wolford; An O'Neal, Breckenridge; Virginia Peacock, Seymour; Celia Perry (pianist), Portales, N. Mex.; Elizabeth Simpson, Levelland; Betty Taylor, McLean; Jimmy Tomlinson, Tulia; Jane Whitfield, Anton; Tommy Wieldard, Helen Willis, Dumas; Rita Purleson, Shirley Caldwell, Patricia Christensen, Carol Crisler,

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THIS WAR WILL SAVE LIVES

AN EDITORIAL

One segment of the United States Government has entered a war that will find popular support among the people because it is designed to save both lives and money. The battleground will be the Nation's streets and highways and the goal will be conquest of the growing toll of human lives and property loss resulting from traffic accidents.

Last year (1953) a total of 38,300 men, women and children were killed in traffic mishaps, and the economic loss, including property damage, hospital and medical expense and other costs, was placed at 4 billion dollars. Most of it could have been prevented.

The President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety has taken the initiative in a war of prevention by setting aside December 15 as Safe-Driving Day when drivers and pedestrians alike will be called upon to observe all written laws governing traffic, and the unwritten laws of courtesy on the streets and highways.

Strict observance of Safe-Driving Day by all drivers and pedestrians will without doubt cut the traffic toll for that day. If the toll can be reduced on one day of the year by strict observance and enforcement plus courtesies it can be held to a minimum on all other days of the year by the same methods.

Safe-Driving Day could well be extended into a Safe-Driving year.

Farm Safety Committee Joins S-D Day Campaign

COLLEGE STATION — Local, state and national attention will be focused on December 15 — S-D Day. That day has been proclaimed "Safe Driving Day" by President Eisenhower and his Action Committee for Traffic Safety is sponsoring the effort.

Because of its contacts with rural organizations, the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Committee is urging all rural groups, both adult and youth, to participate in the events planned before and on December 15.

The goal of S-D day is for every community to go accident-free for the 24-hour period. It is a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when each motorist and pedestrian accepts full responsibility for observing the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations. Every citizen is being asked to drive and walk as he would have others drive and walk.

S-D Day Director for Texas is J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association. He has told E. C. Martin, extension service administrative assistant and representative of the Farm and Ranch Committee on the Association Board that "Even though this is a single campaign, it should and can achieve lasting results. Every citizen has a part to play and if all will remember and assume their responsibility, traffic accidents can be reduced."

Quick Snacks Provide Fun In The Kitchen For Teen-Age Crowd

What to do for teen-agers? Give them a chance and they'll "do" for themselves. Every teenager needs a group. They call it a "gang," friends with whom they like to do things best.

A good way to keep teenagers out of the mischief that seems to be making the rounds these days is to make home a center for the things they like to do. Simple parties please this group. Let a teenage daughter or son take over the kitchen once a week to prepare what the gang likes in the way of refreshments. There'll probably be heavy demand for hot dogs, and some wonderful dessert that can be anything, just so long as it's chocolate.

Semi-Sweet Chocolate
Our teen-age recipes are a snap to make in a minimum of time. Note that most of these recipes require only two or three ingredients. Yet they are just the kind of food youngsters like. The secret of these quick and easy success snacks is semi-sweet chocolate morsels, the very same chocolate that makes the famous Chocolate Crunch Cookies. Use whole or melted, the candy-like flavor of this chocolate means that only one or two ingredients need be added to make a delightful sweet snack. And the recipes are specially designed to give all details for amateur cooks!

If you haven't any teen-agers, don't let these recipes escape you.

They're a cue to quick refreshments for folks from 1 to 70.

Chocolate Bark
MELT over hot (not boiling) water — 1 pkg. (1 c.) semisweet chocolate morsels.

ADD and toss gently until coated — 16 marshmallows, cut in quarters, 1-2 c. nuts, coarsely chopped.

Spread on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.
Chill until set. Cut into squares.
YIELD: approximately 2 dozen.

CHOCOLATE HAYSTACKS
MELT over hot (not boiling) water — 1 pkg. (1 c.) semisweet chocolate morsels.

ADD and toss gently until coated — 1-2 c. shredded coconut, 3-4 c. bran flakes.

Drop by teaspoonfuls on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.
Chill until set.
YIELD: approximately 2 dozen.

SEMI-SWEET RAISIN CLUSTERS

COMBINE and melt over hot (not boiling) water — 1 pkg. (1 c.) semisweet chocolate morsels, 1/2 c. shortening.

REMOVE from heat.
ADD and mix well — 1-2 c. seedless raisins, 1-2 c. nuts, finely chopped.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper.
Let stand until firm.
YIELD: 2 1-2 dozen.

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Best Yule Tree Can Be Picked By Feeling Twigs

Touch-typing will help you pick the choicest Christmas tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to stand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are this tree will look like a hattrick in short order, advises Martin L. Davey, Jr., the tree expert.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor in its selection. But an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors. Scotch pine is another favorite.

To make sure your tree doesn't dry out too quickly, place the butt in a tin-foil-decorated bucket of water, much like you would a flower in a vase. A couple of heavy rocks will keep the butt anchored securely, or you may prefer to buy a special Christmas tree container. Renew the water as needed.

Helping the moisture content of the trees pays off in two ways. It helps retain the appearance and minimizes the hazards of fire. A dried out tree will burn like tinder.

Burr Cotton May Be Stored On Ground On Plains

COLLEGE STATION — Burr cotton can be stored successfully in the field if the storage area is well-drained, the cotton is dry when put down and green bolls are at a minimum.

These are results of continuing studies of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock.

Field storage of machine stripped cotton will help eliminate the congestion around gins during the peak season and allows farmers smaller inventories of trailers and other temporary storage facilities.

In the latest tests reported by D. L. Jones, station superintendent, five 500 pound piles of cotton in the burr were put on the ground in November of 1951 and 1952 and subjected to various weather conditions during the next six weeks. In test "A," the cotton pile had no fence and no cover. Other tests included combinations of fencing, cover and varying amounts of rain, applied artificially.

When ginned, the cotton was graded and other fiber tests were made. Each indicated the field stored cotton was not materially damaged.

Moisture content of cotton when put in storage was 12.6 per cent in 1951 and 8.6 per cent in '52. Both years the cotton had less than five per cent of green bolls. Complete results of the studies are given in Progress Report 17-28. Copies are available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Matthews and grandson, Jimmy Butler, spent Friday in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, formerly of Ranger, are now making their home in Luling, Texas.

Mrs. Izetta Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith spent the week end in Odessa, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herrington and son.

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SOCIETY

Spanish Students Have Luncheon

Monday, Dec. 13. Mrs. R. L. Hamrick entertained the students enrolled in her Spanish courses at Ranger Junior College with a pre-holiday luncheon in her home. A Mexican theme was carried out in the menu, as "comida tipica," typical Mexican food, was served in true Mexican style.

The following Spanish students and guests were present: Gloria Wages, Bill Spears, James Meagle, Jim Kinchen, Richard Johnson, Eddy Wallace, Misses A. Kirk and Joe H. Van Breenen, Mr. and Mrs. Corvis Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rhodes, and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Langston, parents of Mrs. Hamrick.

Mrs. Ashton To Host 1920 Club Christmas Party

Members of the 1920 Club will hold their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Price Ashton at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16.

Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. R. L. Hamrick will be on the program. Also, a trio of RJC students, Rhelda Reed, Jo Ann Crider and Sadie Gray, will sing.

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Inspiration Hour Wednesday Night At First Baptist

Preparation for the last two Sundays in the year of 1954 will be made Wednesday night at the Officers and Teachers meeting being held in the lower auditorium of the First Baptist Church at 6:30, according to Wilson Guest, general superintendent.

Following the period of instruction there will be departmental meetings, with the superintendents, officers and teachers, discussing their many points of interest and planning for the next two weeks. Following this meeting there will be the discussion and teaching of the lesson for Dec. 19.

The hour of inspiration will begin at 7:30 with the pastor bringing a special message on the reversal of the theme, "If He Had Not Come" and will use the theme, "If He Does Not Come." If the shepherds had not found Jesus in the manger as they were told they would, and suppose that after the Magi had traveled the great distance following the "Star of Bethlehem" they had found an empty trough. There are golden opportunities in our land today because the Christ is followed by countless millions and the end result, "A better place in which to live."

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AAUW Meets For Mexican Dinner

The Ranger Branch of the American Association of University Women met in the home of Mrs. Howard Oliver Friday evening, Dec. 10.

A Mexican dinner was served by Meses. R. L. Hamrick and Pat Thomas and Misses Vivian Simmons and Mildred Balch. The Christmas motif was carried out in the decorations. Angel place cards were used on the individual tables.

A Christmas story, "Let Us Keep Christmas" was beautifully presented by Mrs. M. L. King, after which the group sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Miss Mildred Balch.

Members present were: Meses. E. H. Bobo, H. L. Coody, Dalton Covington, Walter Daniels, Arthur Deffebach, Vernon Deffebach, Saunders, Gregg, Hamrick, Hal Hunter, King, J. P. Morris, O. D. Penney, Thomas, Grady Tice; Misses Mildred Balch, Anna McEever and Vivian Simmons; and the hostess, Mrs. Oliver.

Eastern Star Has Christmas Party Monday

Members of Ranger Chapter No. 275, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular session Monday evening, Dec. 13, at which time Hazel Campbell of Eastland, Deputy Grand Matron, District 3, Section 4, made her official visit.

At the close of the meeting, the group adjourned to the dining room where coffee and fruit cake topped with whipped cream was served. The refreshment table was centered with a holiday arrangement consisting of a large red candle, a shiny red sleigh, a styrofoam santa and reindeer, pyra-cantha berries, silvered leaves and red roses. Candy canes were given as favors.

The center of attraction was a large, beautifully decorated and lighted, silver Christmas tree, around which members exchanged gifts.

Gifts to be sent to the Eastern Star home were placed in a gay red sleigh in the chapter room. There were 42 members and visitors present for the occasion.

Hope Class To Have Christmas Social Friday

Members of the Hope Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church and their husbands will hold their Christmas social Friday evening at 7:30 in the lower auditorium of the church.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins will be hostess for the occasion. Each couple is asked to bring a household gift costing one dollar or less.

LOOK WHO'S NEW



Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kingsbery of Strawn are the parents of a 7 pound 4 ounce boy, born at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doss of Fort Worth announce the birth of an 8 pound 5 ounce boy at 6:53 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Ranger General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrell of Cisco announce the birth of an 8 pound 10 3/4 ounce boy at 11:13 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13 at Ranger General Hospital.

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Glenn Wests To Host BSU Meet

An outstanding evening is expected for the BSU as they meet Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the home of the Glenn Wests on highway 80 east. Supper will be served at 6 and then a business session and the election of officers for the spring and summer semesters will be held.

Harold Edwards, a vice president of the State BSU will be present to instruct the newly elected officers and to talk to the group about the work in general.

Rev. C. Melvin Rheaugh, dean of men at Howard Payne College will be present, and will bring words of greetings. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Kent will accompany Mr. Edwards. The local BSU has maintained a close contact with the organizations of the state and was one of the first Junior Colleges to organize a BSU in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn West are counselors and Rev. Perkins is "Pastor advisor."

The newly elected officers will be installed Sunday, Dec. 19 at the morning worship hour.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arterburn spent the past few days in Oklahoma where they visited his mother, Mrs. H. C. Arterburn in McAlester; her father, M. B. Ellison in Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Arterburn in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Sidney Harton and daughter, Karla Kay, spent last week in Midland visiting her sister, Mrs. Paul Bullock and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicol Crawford are spending a few days in San Antonio. While there they will visit Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Nicol.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Millikan are at home following their wedding trip to New Orleans.

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Holiday callers will like spicy tea served with your Christmas cookie assortment. One good spicy mixture to add to the tea is made this way: Combine water, a cinnamon stick, several cloves and slices of lemon in a small saucepan. Cook about 15 minutes. A delicious aroma announces the tastiness of this spicy hot beverage.

Before you shop for your week's food supply, make it a habit to clean your refrigerator. Even the new self-defrosting ones can't clean themselves; and besides, you'll probably find yourself with more room than you thought you had!

We're never too old to learn new housekeeping "tricks"—and we're only too happy to make them a habit if they prove to be money savers as well as effective. For instance, wash clothes before they become very soiled; they'll wear longer with frequent washing, and less time will be needed for actual washing. Less agitation means less wear.

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During the Christmas season, every meal takes on party airs. Treat your family to luscious hot breads for breakfast often. Make it easy on yourself by using basic muffins or basic coffee cake and varying with different fillings and toppings. Cranberry Filling makes delicious use of one of the season's plentiful foods. Cook 2 cups cranberries in 1-2 cup water until the skins burst. Mix 1 cup sugar, 1-4 cup enriched flour and 1-8 teaspoon salt. Add to cranberries and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Cool before using.

Remember that nothing spoils an attractive appearance more than dull, stringy hair. That's reason enough for observing the shampoo - once - a - week - or - oftener rule.

Mrs. Pirkle Is Hostess For Love Class Party

Members of the Love Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Nath Pirkle last Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The party began with a covered dish supper, with the teacher, Mrs. W. A. Lewis, leading the invocation.

A small lighted Christmas tree decorated the buffet, and candles and ornaments adorned the individual tables.

Following the meal, Mrs. X. W. Warford introduced Mrs. J. B. Houghton who told the story of "Silent Night" while the song played softly in the background. Miss Glenda Rains gave a reading entitled "Remember". Mrs. Lewis read an original poem, after which the group sang Christmas carols.

At this time, Santa arrived and distributed gifts to everyone. Present were: Meses. C. O. Phillips, Houghton, Glenn West, Rains, Lewis, Earl Horton, Frank Penn, Bill Nichols, John Tibbels, Homer Gay, Roy McCleskey, D. C. Cox, Warford; Misses Anice Loeke, Glenda Rains and Helen Dawley; and the hostess, Mrs. Pirkle.

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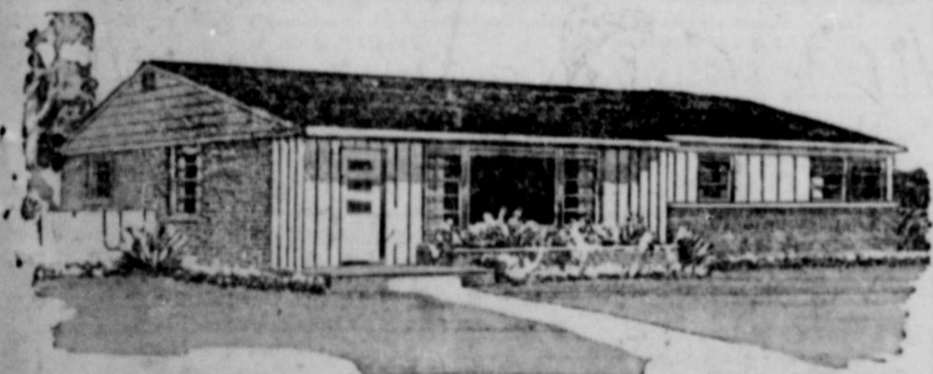


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ing to close down the Wichita Falls & Southern railroad and had witnesses testify in protest against the shutting down of the road.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce had made numerous visits throughout the year following leads that some industry was contemplating changing locations or opening a branch. Almost 1,000 personal letters were sent by airmail to various manufacturing companies over the United States advising them of the advantages of Ranger as a location for a plant as being easily accessible to a big market with excellent transportation, plenty of intelligent labor, and other favorable features. Over 5,000 pieces of literature bearing similar messages have also been sent out.

Highway Matters

The Highway Committee has given assistance to the people of Staff in securing a transportation outlet for them after the new lake is filled; also, the committee has done some work toward getting the road through from Ranger to the lake and across the dam, there to intersect a road from Eastland to Desdemona on the south side of the lake. This project is now getting considered by the State Highway Department.

In October of this year a meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce office of about 25 business men and citizens and representatives of the Highway Department in regard to the route which U. S. Highway 80 would take at Ranger Hill.

A survey had been made which left two tourist courts, two service stations and a cafe completely off the road. The meeting resulted in the District Engineer's promise to make a new survey so that the road would almost follow the present route down the hill.

Members of the Highway Committee made a trip to Denton County with our county commissioner to inspect roads that had been constructed of salt as a base. Since there is an abundance of salt water near Ranger from oil wells, we asked the Denton County commissioner if they thought salt water would serve the same purpose.

They said it had never been tried, but they thought if the salt content was sufficient it should prove successful. The City Commission was interested in making an experiment of one-fourth mile of road and the water was hauled from the salt water lake north of Morton Valley. This road was put down on July 17, and is holding up well. This method may prove to be the most inexpensive way to rebuild some city streets and eliminate dust, after the road has been tested for a sufficient time.

Trade Extension

The Trade Extension Committee has promoted a monthly trades day program that is bringing new business to Ranger from a wide territory. It is called "Ranger City Wide Bargain Days." Over 11,000 copies of a shoppers guide carries the messages of the merchants to that many homes in this section, and people from a wide area are attending these monthly events. The merchants report satisfactory results.

The committee during the year arranged for a Ranger Day at the Stock Show at Ft. Worth and had a Ranger representative there. Also, the Chamber office sold tickets to Ranger people who planned to attend the show.

The Chamber of Commerce helped the farmers, ranchmen and landowners of the Frankell and other communities to organize the East Gonzales Game Preserve, which will consist of about 30,000 acres when all have been signed. The Chamber arranged with the Game & Fish Commission to send a representative here to tell those interested about the operation of a game preserve and the require-

ments for its establishment. He came to Ranger on Feb. 12, and was taken to Frankell, where the ranchmen and landowners had gathered.

Quite a number signed up that night, and now the Chamber of Commerce is acting as a clearing house for all contracts signed by the landowners, with some 20,000 acres already signed up.

Membership Drive

A joint meeting of the Membership and Finance Committees was held on Jan. 9, at which time the two groups reviewed the list of membership pledges and an effort was made to readjust and equalize the amounts in proportion for a membership drive. The drive was the most successful conducted in the past ten years and resulted in old members raising their annual pledges \$1,271.10 and 13 new members pledged annually a total of \$316, which made a total increase of \$1,587.10 in annual budget.

Civic Matters

The Chamber of Commerce arranged for a city-wide civic committee to be appointed, which was to be composed of representatives from the Lions and Rotary Clubs, the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce, and the City Commission. This group called a meeting Aug. 13, of the heads of all ladies' clubs and civic clubs, at which time each organization was asked to sponsor some specific civic project for the coming year.

Representatives from about 12 clubs were present, and some have already accepted the responsibility of a project for the betterment of Ranger, and several others are considering the request.

In addition the Chamber of Commerce performed the following services:

Assisted the Community Chest in their annual drive to raise funds for the year.

Arranged for a delegation to meet the special train last year from Arlington State College at Strawn and welcomed them to Ranger, the occasion being the annual homecoming of Ranger Junior College and football game.

Conducted a successful Christmas Home Decorating Contest with three prizes awarded. The many homes decorated as a result of the interest thus stimulated gave the city a festive air during the holidays.

Raised \$80 for the High School

Band by erecting a Musical Christmas Tree in the show window of the Chamber of Commerce last Christmas, which was decorated with bills donated to the band by the public.

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous services by the Chamber of Commerce include the following:

Assisted the Ranger Country Club in putting on a successful Annual Invitation Golf Tournament which attracted players from a wide area.

On June 26 sponsored a bathing revue, with 14 local firms entering contestants. A new feature of the event was the inclusion of two junior groups. The event attracted about 2,500 people.

Wrote the State Highway Commission asking them to include Lake Leon on their 1955 edition of the Texas Highway Map.

Wrote several letters to finance and insurance companies and the FHA asking them to take a "new look" in Ranger in regard to the financing of new homes here.

Went to Bastrop Oct. 15 with members of the Water Board, where a conference was held with the State Parks Board in regard to taking over acreage the water district owns around the new lake for a state park and helping to secure some park roads. The board promised to send their engineer and landscaping man here to look over the property.

Joined with Eastland Chamber of Commerce in putting on a contest to name the new lake, with a \$100 prize being offered to the one whose entrant was accepted.

A total of 848 different names were submitted from over 300 towns in Texas, Canada and Mexico. News stories went out to over 500 newspapers, and over 1,700 entries were received.

On October 21 the Chamber of Commerce held one of the most successful annual banquets we have ever held. R. G. LeTourneau of Longview was the principal speaker. Two hundred and forty-seven tickets were sold and 269 attended.

Homes and Apartments

Throughout the year the Chamber of Commerce has acted as a clearing house for people coming in and needing apartments and housing. Places have been found for many families who were here temporarily with construction crews or other temporary employment. A complete list of owners of apartments is kept on file in the office and places have also been found for many new citizens who have come to stay. Apartment owners in town have cooperated and when they have vacancies they call our office and local people have learned to direct newcomers looking for apartments to the Chamber of Commerce.

New Christmas Street Decorations

A total of over \$1,500 was raised for new street decorations for the Christmas season as a result of a meeting of members of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants Association held at the Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 4. About 20 businesses were represented at the meeting, and practically everyone present expressed the belief that the time was opportune to change the appearance of our streets this Christmas season.

Those present at the meeting subscribed \$460 toward the project and several volunteered to work on committees to contact and solicit firms not represented at the meeting. The new decorations purchased are of a permanent nature and will be used each Christmas, probably with additions from time to time. An outstanding feature of the new decorations is a huge Santa Claus erected on the spot where the derrick formerly stood. It is 13 feet high and 6 feet wide, painted in bright red and white. It is easily visible to tourists passing through on the highway and to passengers on trains passing through Ranger.

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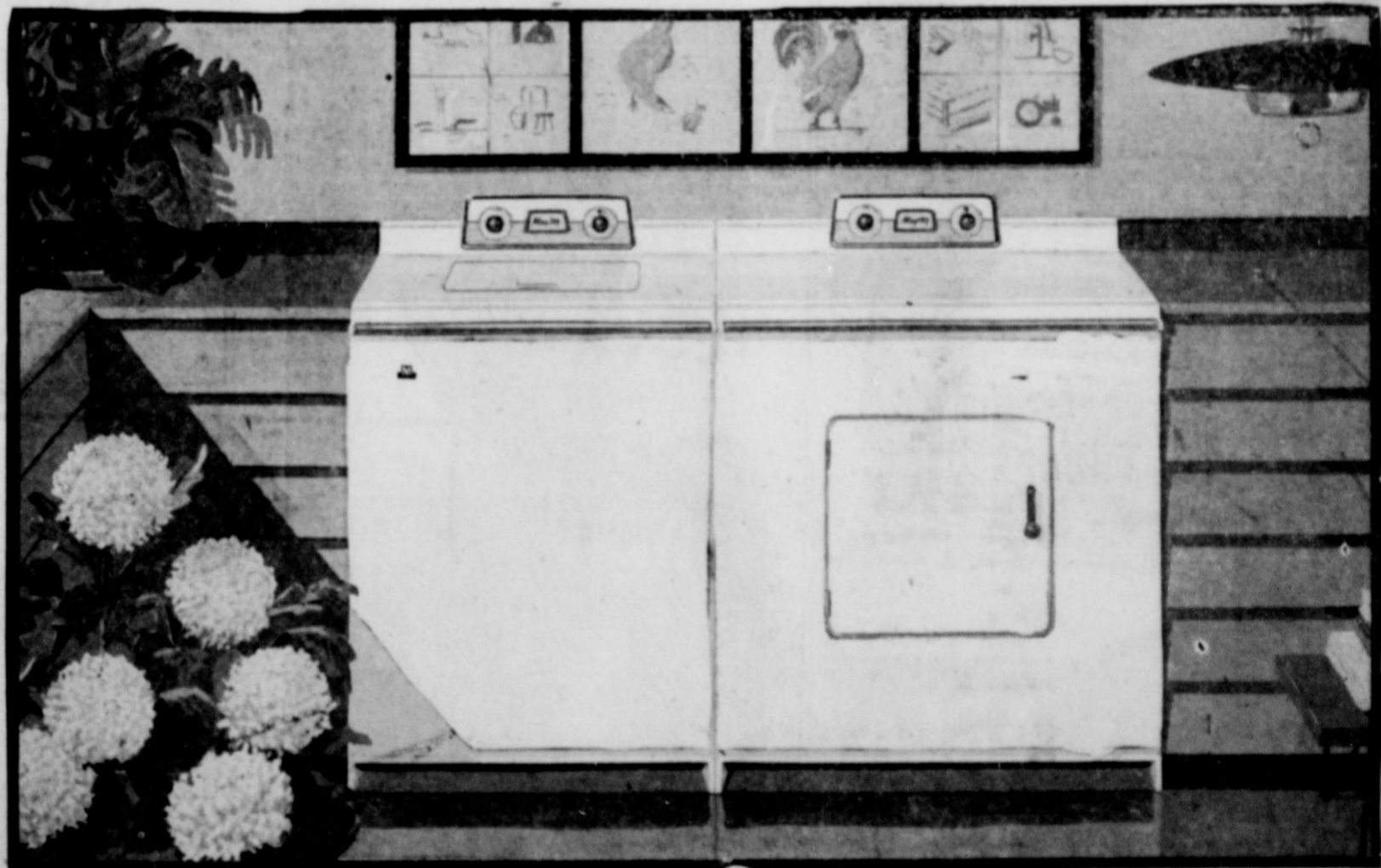
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Make Grape Jelly — America's Favorite



Did you know that grape jelly is the most popular home-made jelly in America? It's a fact! More of this jelly is made and consumed every year than any other kind. And it's no wonder the delicious taste and tender texture when you spread it on your toast or sandwich. Home-makers everywhere take advantage of this season's beautiful Concord grapes... they're really tops for jelly making.

GRAPE JELLY
Yield: About 12 medium glasses
1 box berries
1 cup sugar
1 cup water
1/2 cup lemon juice
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Turkey Hot Brown Is Tasty Way To Serve That Leftover Turkey

Having some friends here and not sure what to do with that turkey? Turkey hot brown is a new way to use turkey and make a big impression with guests or family. A creamy cheese and mushroom sauce is heated over the turkey slices. This sauce browns beautifully under the broiler and is piping hot and bubbling when served on the table. Either the turkey or the smaller pieces may be used for this main dish which is low in cost but still on the elegant side.

TURKEY HOT BROWN
INGREDIENTS:
2 cups water
1 cup uncooked white rice
1 lb. 1/2 pt. can condensed milk
1 cream can soup
1-2 teaspoon salt

Ruth Class To Have Christmas Party Thursday

Members of the Ruth Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church will hold their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Pete Smith at 7:30 Thursday evening, Dec. 16.

Legion Auxiliary Make Plans For Christmas Party

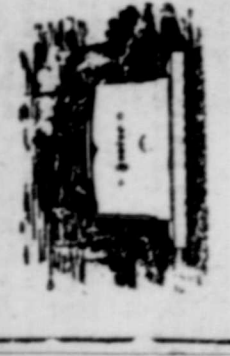
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary at the American Legion Thursday at 7:30 had a party with a good attendance report.

Three Eastland Band Members Win Honors

Three Eastland band members won honors at the All-Regional Band Festival when they placed first in Abilene. Two of the 150 were also named on the All-State band.

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THE 1954 HOUSING ACT MAKES IT EASIER FOR VETERANS TO OBTAIN HOMEOWNERS' LOANS... REPAIRS TO THEIR GI HOMES

Television now eyes departing freight trailer in some railroad yards. Car numbers are captured on film by the camera as the trains move out at 25 to 30 miles per hour. Errors made in visual checking are said to be eliminated.

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