

Christmas Buying Expected to Exceed Last Year's Totals

Dimmitt and area residents have succumbed to a good case of Christmas shopping fever and the buying rush is now on. Local store owners report big sales as the shopping spree moves into full swing in what may be the best sales year locally and nationally in the country's history.

A shopping survey conducted in Dimmitt by the News shows that sales are running about the same as last year, but as one merchant said, "the potential is here and sales will probably far exceed that of last Christmas."

What does junior or sis want this Christmas? Well, their wants vary considerably but they all share one thing in common—they want just as much as old Santa will bring. One merchant reports a big demand for "Tiny Tears" and "Betsy Wetsays." If you're not up on the latest in children's toys, you may not be familiar with these items. Both are name brand dolls but are not ordinary. That's the reason they make such a big hit with the kids.

Cook Resigns As City Marshal

Dimmitt City Marshal Wilmer Cook in a surprise move Monday afternoon tendered his resignation to city commissioners to become effective January 1.

Cook, who has been on the job here for better than three years, told commissioners he was resigning to devote more time to personal interests. He indicated he should resign as rental property and other outside interests were beginning to prevent him from giving the job his complete and undivided attention.

Cook took the job of city marshal here in October of 1952. He has lived here and in the county all of his life and will continue to be a city resident after his resignation.

Commissioners have received no applicants for the vacancy and at this writing no one is under consideration for the job.

Firemen Answer Two Local Calls

Local volunteer firemen made a run to the Skipworth Apartments in west Dimmitt Wednesday night to suppress a small fire in the living room of one of the apartments.

A lighted cigarette left on an ash tray burned over the edge of the tray and ignited the arm of a davenport, according to Fire Chief J. B. Moore. Damage was negligible as fire extinguishers on the scene shortly after arriving on the scene.

Firemen also made a run to the "X" just south of Dimmitt Tuesday night. The brake lining on a cattle truck caught fire after the driver failed to release his emergency brake. The fire was out, however, when the local crew arrived.

Methodist Church Sets Yule Cantata

A Christmas cantata will be presented by members of the local Methodist Church choir this Sunday night. The program will be in the auditorium and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Entitled "While Shepherds Watched" by Lawrence Keating, the cantata will feature the following soloists, Miss Lanelle Blanton, Nolan Froehner, M. E. Cleavenger, and G. P. Dyer.

Two duets featuring Mrs. Raymond Van Zandt and Mrs. M. E. Cleavenger and Miss Patricia Wilson and Miss Barbara Rogers will also be on the special yule program.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mister Voter Pay Your Poll Tax Now

Mister Voter, remember January 31 is the deadline for paying your poll tax!

This reminder comes from Kent Birdwell, deputy tax assessor-collector. Although the payment of poll taxes in Texas is not mandatory, they must be paid if the prospective voter is to participate in the 1956 elections. At this writing 670 persons have paid their poll taxes in Castro county compared to 540 for the same period of last year. However, 1956 is a big election year as presidential, state and some county offices will be filled. Considering this fact, many, many more persons will want to pay their poll taxes. Birdwell indicated.

In 1954, a total of 1,534 Castro courtians paid their poll taxes. This was not a large number compared to past years, but voters were paying taxes for an off year election—1955.

The prospective voter is asked to bear in mind that all county officers elected in the future will be elected to four year terms under a new law passed by the state legislature.

The Texas poll tax fee is \$1.75 and persons interested in the coming year elections as well as any bond elections that may be on tap, should attend to this matter soon.

Farmers Approve Cotton Quotas

Vote Is 322 For To 42 Against

Returns from the county-wide cotton referendum held Tuesday show that farmers gave the measure overwhelming approval. A total of 364 votes were cast with 322 okaying quotas and 42 voting "no."

All counties participating in the election favored quotas except Runnels county, according to an election survey.

The breakdown of voting in Castro county follows: Nazareth—41 for and 9 against; Frio—48 for and 5 against; Dimmitt—155 for and 16 against; Big Square—21 for and 7 against. The total county vote was slightly above that of last year, according to Doyle Thomas, local ASC office manager. The referendum carried by an 88.5 percent majority.

With the approval of cotton quotas goes the acceptance of penalties on allotment overplanting. It also means cotton will be supported somewhere between 75 percent and 90 percent of parity in the coming year.

Important Milo Meeting Slated

An important meeting of the Castro County Grain Sorghum Growers Association has been called by President Carlos Calvert for Monday night, Dec. 19. The meeting will convene in the District Courtroom here beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Important farm legislation that will have a direct bearing on the grain sorghum grower will come up for discussion. The group will further discuss county organization as well, according to Calvert.

The president emphasized that the Monday night meeting is most important and every grower should make a special effort to be present as the above mentioned farm legislation will be acted upon in early January.

Dimmitt Teams Gain Initial Cage Victories

Both the Dimmitt Bobbies and Bobcats broke into the victory column during the Happy basketball tournament over the weekend as they gained their initial triumphs of the young cage season. Each team was successful in their games here Monday night, too, as twin victories were registered against the Silverton Owls.

The girls beat Silverton 43-39 for their third win of the season. They had previously downed Canyon 57-31 and Springlake 55-33 in the Happy tourney before bowing to Happy in the finals by the score of 56-37.

The Bobcats whipped Price College of Amarillo in their first game and then fell to the Happy Cowboys 73-44. Their victory over Silverton gave them a record of two wins and four losses while the Bobbie now have a 3-3 record.

Jim Cole was high man in the Silverton tilt with 15 points, followed by Wilmer Studer with ten and Alton Bates and Don Mobley with nine each. Bailey paced opposition with a 23-point total. In the Price College game Cole racked up 28 points to lead the way. Bates swished the nets with 14 points in the Happy contest while Poague was high point getter for Happy with 25 points.

Shirley DeLozier found the range in the girls game with Silverton as she whipped in 24 points. Mary Alley was second with ten points. Silverton's high scorer was Redin who bucketed 20 scores. DeLozier ripped the nets for 28 points in the Springlake game and Alley garnered 16 in the same tilt. Dovie Smithson made nine points in the Springlake game. Charlene Hamilton put on an almost one-girl show for Springlake as she poured in a sizzling 41-point total. The Bobbies had an easy time with Canyon in the tournament at Happy as DeLozier tossed in 18, Alley 14, Thompson nine, Pelley five, Smithson seven, and Booser four. Brotherton made Canyon's best effort with 13 points. Even though the Bobbies lost to Happy, DeLozier piled in 24 points to 31 for Happy's hopper.

Kaye Killingsworth and McDermitt were defensive standouts for the Bobbies.

In a preliminary tilt Monday night on the local court, the Dimmitt B team dropped a thriller to the Silverton B by the score of 32-30. Jerry Cluck paced the Dimmitt crew with ten points, followed by David Bradley with seven.

The Bobbies and Bobcats are not scheduled to play again until the night of January 3 when the Abernathy teams will invade for a doubleheader return engagement.

Mrs. Ted Sheffy underwent surgery at a Plainview hospital Tuesday. Her condition is reported as improving.

275 Attend 4-H Christmas Party

A near record crowd, 275 Castro County 4-H'ers, their parents and 4-H adult leaders, attended the county 4-H Christmas party at the high school here Monday night. The party was termed a big success and all youngsters received Christmas packages and treats.

Mary Helen Behrends and Mary Taack led the 4-H'ers in group singing at the start of the program. Mary Ann Huseman provided music for the occasion while Bobby Bradley served as master of ceremonies for the party.

The large number of 4-H'ers divided into junior and senior groups with the juniors dispersing to the school gym for game entertainment and the seniors remaining in the school auditorium.

Party members sang Christmas carols at 9 p.m. and Old Santa himself paid the group a visit. The party was concluded with the exchanging of Christmas gifts.

County Agents Marvin Simms and Mrs. Sybil Stringer supervised the program for the evening.

Dimmitt Assembly To Have Xmas Service

Rev. J. A. Bradley, pastor of the local Assembly of God Church, announces a special Christmas service Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

In this service the CA's of the church will present a three act play, "New Found Joy," under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Bill Kitchers. There will also be recitations and musical selections presented by the children.

The service is open to the public.

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County Boys Get Lions Share Of Corn Awards

Castro county farm boys failed to capture the two top prizes at the Area I Texas Hybrid Corn Contest award presentations held at the Tuesday Dimmitt Lions Club luncheon meeting, but they literally "hogged" every other corn honor handed out.

About 85 persons were present when John Welsh, Texas Hybrid Corn Association representative, presented the youths corn club certificates and plaques while John Hutchinson, Extension Agriculture leader, gave them accompanying cash awards for their fine efforts.

Royce Turner, Lamb county 4-H'er, was recipient of the first place award with a corn yield of 251.5 bushels per acre. He was given a plaque of recognition along with a cash award of \$100. His brother, Allen Doyle, placed second with a yield of 212.9 bushels per acre and earned a plaque as well as a \$35 cash award.

Following presentation of the two highest awards, Castro county youths began parading to and from the speakers position. This prompted Welsh to say "Now we know where all the corn is grown and who'll have to be reckoned with next year." Johnny Collins took the third place award of \$25 for producing just under 140 bushels per acre; his brother, Leon, received the fourth place check of \$10 for producing 137.9 bushels; and Jerry Lange, was fourth with a yield of 133.6 bushels. Lange was given a check for \$5. All money awards were provided by the Texas Hybrid Association, who jointly sponsor the state-wide contest with the Texas Extension Service.

Other county boys not receiving cash awards but who were also recognized as members of the 100 bushel per acre club and were given medals include Richard Hunter, 126 bushels, and Norman Nelson, Darny Bruton and E. L. Hochstein were eligible for medals but were not present. All medals were presented by Conty Agent Marvin Simms.

Included among the many guests at the awards program were "Cotton" John Smith and his assistant, Bill Ray. They recorded bits of the program in voice or on film and informed the group that the story of the presentations would be shown over Amarillo television station KGNC Sunday from 12:40 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

There were 118 entries in the Texas Hybrid Corn Contest and 55 of this number made 100 bushel or more. The average corn yield in Texas this year was 23.5 bushels per acre.

Other guests present were Hugo Beyer, J. B. Murrain, A. K. Hopperly, Fort Worth and Denver agent, District agents Knox Parr and Doug H. Jones, Jack King, M. E. Lacey and Marcell Orman.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams have spent the past two weekends in Spur as guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gabriel and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Draper. Mr. Williams reports that he got his limit of quail.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams will meet their daughter, Gail, a student at TCU, in Spur Sunday. She is playing the organ music for the Hoover-Spray wedding at the Spur Baptist Church.

Old Santa Will Be In Dimmitt Friday

Children of all ages will literally "lay siege" to the courthouse square here Friday afternoon when Santa Claus comes riding into town on the new Dimmitt Fire Department truck. The time for Santa's visit is 3 p.m. and the place to be for a good look and talk with the cheery, white-whiskered fellow is in a blocked off street area in front of the courthouse.

Plenty of treats will be available for the kiddies and waiting will be dispensed with as the chamber of commerce as well as local merchants have made elaborate arrangements for the yule event. Parents are under eight years of age. All in this age group will get to chat with Santa and the jolly old man will personally give them their treats. Kids over this age will be given treats from another trailer by merchants assisting in the distribution of Christmas bags.

Legion To Kickoff Building Campaign

Members of the Dimmitt American Legion, Greer H. Estes Post, will kickoff a building fund drive with a turkey shoot here December 19. This event will start the Legion's drive to raise \$12,000, which would boost the fund to a total of \$16,000 and enable the organization to erect its new building.

At a recent meeting, members agreed upon the above event and discussed other fund-raising projects as well.

The new building, with proposed dimensions of 60 feet by 80 feet, would be located 700 feet south of the highway on one acre of land. This site, on Highway 86, west, was donated by Joe Butler.

Legionaires want to start work on the new building as soon as possible following the Christmas holidays.

Baptist Church To Have Carol Service

A Christmas carol service, with the combined choirs of the church participating, will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Dimmitt First Baptist Church, James Sinclair, church education and music director, announced this week.

Scripture reader for the special yule program will be Rev. George Ray, church pastor.

The Concord, Carol and Church choirs will take part in the program, which will be divided into six parts. They are, Prophecy, Nativity, Vision of the Shepherds, Visit of the Wise Men, Adoration of the Faithful and King of Glory.

Music for the program will be provided by the combined choirs of the church, ladies sextette and male chorus.

The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gollehon of House, N. M., were here last week end for a visit with relatives and friends. The Gollehons are former Dimmitt residents.

Soils Fertility Day Set for Feb. 14 at High School

Some of the best farm experts obtainable will headline the annual Soils Fertility Day program tentatively scheduled to be held in the local high school auditorium Tuesday, February 14.

Tentative arrangements and speakers names were drawn up at a called meeting in the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. Among those attending this important meeting were A. K. Hopperly, Fort Worth and Denver official; Mayel K. Norman, Fort Worth and Denver agricultural agent; Hugo Beyer, Castro County Farm Bureau president; Bob McLean, local bank president; B. M. Nelson, Castro County News publisher; Bob West, Work Unit Conservationist for the Running Water Soil Conservation District; Chamber Manager Glen Youts and County Agent Marvin Simms.

The county-wide program, as planned now, would begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. with lunch being served at noon in the old school gym. Tentative speakers include John McHaney, Dooley Dawson, Jack Barton and John Shunk. McHaney, Extension Economist for the State Extension Service, would discuss the outlook for agriculture. Dawson, a Houston banker, would talk farm diversification; Shunk, irrigation specialist, would express his views on irrigation, and Barton, Extension Conservationist, is tentatively slated to speak about soil conservation.

In urging a large attendance for the Soil Fertility Day meeting, Hopperly stated, "When we see such big corn and cotton yields, we realize the potential is there and know there is still much valuable information to be gained. We want just as many farmers as possible to turn out and hear these soil fertility speakers."

A panel of county farmers, to be chosen later, will appear on the afternoon program of the meeting. They will view agriculture and soil fertility from the farmers standpoint; discuss their problems and exchange useful farm information.

All of the some 20 persons attending the Tuesday meeting agreed that new and authoritative speakers should appear on the program and a different program with a variety of subjects should be offered. Commodity prices may also be injected into the program subject matter as this is a controversial topic and a much talked about matter among farmers.



MYSTERY FARM 47—If you recognize this picture of a Castro county farm, or mystery farm number 47, telephone the News office and have your guess placed in the box. Who knows, you may be the winner of a one-year subscrip-

Hart Voters Urged To Turn Out For Saturday Election

Regardless of how you vote, be sure to exercise your voting rights in the election Saturday. This is the urgent appeal of Paul Robertson and A. R. Hall, election judges for the important election coming up at Hart to determine whether or not that community will incorporate and elect its first slate of city officials in history.

Polls will be open in the Hart Legion Hall from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. To be eligible to vote a person must be 21 years of age, a resident of the proposed city limits and his or her poll taxes for 1954 must be paid.

Should the election carry, three new public offices would be created. They are mayor and two city commissioners. These offices would be filled by a write-in vote.

A number of things are at stake in the election, chief among these being the possibility of a bank locating at Hart and the acquisition of GI and FHA housing plus potential new businesses. Approval would also carry with it the acceptance of city taxes. Hart residents are also very interested in a fire department and reportedly will start promoting a volunteer department Monday if the election carries.

Dimmitt Merchants To Close Dec. 26

Although Christmas falls on Sunday this year, Dimmitt merchants will close their business houses Monday, December 26 in observance of the universal holiday. This is one of the 1955 holiday dates agreed upon by merchants and the chamber of commerce at the beginning of the year.

The local bank, post office and all county offices will also be closed on the 26. Most businesses will remain open here the day following New Years while some will be closed, but only for the purpose of taking inventory.

School students here will have 11 days off at Christmas time as classes will be suspended Wednesday afternoon, December 21 and will resume Monday morning, January 2.

School Christmas Program Scheduled

The Department of Music and Speech at Dimmitt High School will present an all-school Christmas program for the local Parent Teachers Association Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 8 p.m., according to an announcement this week. The program will be held in the high school auditorium.

Music will be under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Bain, head of the music department, and James Bates, speech department head, will direct the narration part of the program.

The yule program will feature favorite Christmas carols by Mrs. Bair's music classes and the Christmas story told in song and narration by the high school choir and speech students. The program will be presented in two parts—song and narration.

The program is open to the public.

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Editorial Comment

Installation buying vs. saving

"A penny saved is a penny earned," was a little gem in Poor Richard's Almanac, and over the past century or so it has been repeated and repeated to our children, to each other and to anyone who would listen.

On the surface, this would appear to be sage advice... something of a universal truth. But what if everyone proved to be as thrifty as the fabled Scotchman?

Think of what would happen if everyone decided to spend nothing except the cost of groceries, rent and taxes for a year.

Right off the bat we would experience a complete collapse of everything. Even the giant General Motors Corporation, which has had a rough time weathering the commercial drought. Every small business in the country (with the possible exception of the grocery stores) would have to close their doors. Unemployment would reach a peak that would make the depression years look like the Golden Cities of Cibola.

On the other hand, look at what credit is doing. Ben's saying today might should be rewritten to read: "A penny's credit is a penny earned." It works essentially the same way except that you spend it before instead of after earning it.

We're not trying to start a raid on all the penny banks and savings accounts in this area—far from it. For a man is indeed playing it smart to save his money and pay cash to get around interest charges. But how many of us can do this?

We'll argue most any time for credit. It has built this nation into what it is today. The average citizen is much better off than his grandfather was around the turn of the century when installment buying was almost unheard of.

As far as interest is concerned, for items that have a long term of life, the interest payments are often well worth the use of the article during the time it would take to save money enough for outright purchase. Now we're talking about bank-type interest. Some finance companies charge so much for their money a person can wind up paying 25 or 30 per cent more for purchases than the original cost. Sometimes it's more.

In other words, for the economy as a whole, it is much better to keep money circulating and holding buying power at an optimum level than to tie it up in savings.

This is not a new theory. Economists have known it for a long time. We haven't let the economy down either so far as spending is concerned. Through installment buying and borrowing the citizens of the United States have built a standard of living unparalleled in the history of any country.

The need for individual saving today is not so desperate. Once when a person was too old to work, he lived with his children or made out as best he could on what he had put away. Now with pension plans, investments and insurance policies that provide old-age income,

we are relieved with the desperate need to save for our later years.

Saving does play one big part in our economy. If nobody saved money the banks would have none to loan. The person who saves his earnings through a savings account is actually loaning it, through the bank, to persons who need quick cash. Thus another form of credit is made possible.

The next time someone says only suckers buy on the installment plan and borrow money, just remember the millions of us "suckers" making those "easy 24 monthly payments." There are very few who can afford to pay cash for everything. Without financing there would be a lot more rub-boards, horses, dirt roads, slums and the like.

Financing built this country and gave us most of what we have. Don't criticize the installment principal too much.

Of famine and plenty...

Ever think how cruel and twisted the world can be sometimes? It's Christmastime here in the United States and in Europe. It will be a gay and festive time for about one fourth or less of the world's population.

But look at the remainder in India, Free China, Korea, Burma, Pakistan, Africa, Arabia, Greece, and all the other underprivileged countries of the world.

Then look at the purported statistics on grain and cotton surpluses in this country. There's something wrong in a situation like this when some countries have more than they can use and others have to starve to death because they don't have any money. Such things don't have to happen in this country, but in other places where there are no relief agencies, the only alternative to complete poverty is death by starvation.

We were talking one day with a friend in Inchon, Korea, one of the filthiest, dirtiest, and roughest cities in the world. He said sometimes he could hardly stand to walk out of the company area and past the dozens of parentless children who stood outside the gates hoping a passing GI would give them something to eat.

"Why try to give something to one when fifty others you can see go without, especially when the one you feed will be just as hungry tomorrow? On the other hand, how can you keep from giving them everything you've got? None of the poor little beggars can help themselves... in this fouled-up country they can't even find any food to steal."

He was new in Korea. Before long he assumed, as did the rest of us, a glazed conscience about these things. He, like the rest of us, could look at a Korean who had starved to death without feeling remorse at being part of a world that allowed such things to happen.

His attitude is typical of the people in lands of plenty the world over. The logic that you can't do much about it, that we'll always have poverty and plenty and to feed one orphan today means you'll have to feed him tomorrow

or it won't do any good is unfortunate but correct.

We could easily bankrupt this country trying to feed the poverty-stricken of other nations on a continuing basis. The trouble with the Orient, now as always, is overpopulation. They can't produce enough to fill their own wants and they never will.

It is doubtful that humanity will ever find an answer to this problem. The irony of famine and plenty existing on the same globe is something everyone must contend with, rich and poor alike. It is a tragedy of an imperfect world.

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Nazareth News

Eleven new members were received into the Nazareth Church during the reception ceremonies on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Holy Family Church. These received into the church were Mrs. Verna Morsch, Mrs. Paul Warren, Mrs. Jerry Wilhelm, Mrs. Elmer Schulte, Mrs. Leonard Bartelle, Mrs. Ralph Sciffins, Mrs. John L. Womack, Mrs. Gus McLain, and Mrs. Arnold Hausman. After the reception ceremonies, a social was held for the new members during which the Christmas motif was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. As each lady registered for the special gift she made a Christmas cheer for the needy.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 8, 18 new members were received into the Children of Mary. Prefect Jack Acker led the candidates to the Communion Rail and Sodalist Odella Ball received the promises of the candidates. Rev. Peter Morsch received the new sodalists and presented the medals and certificates of membership. Those honored by reception into the Sodality were Howard Schulte, Tommy Brockman, Fred Acker, Gerald Acker, Ronald Hoelting, Henry

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Hart 4-H'ers Name New Club Officers

Hart 4-H Club boys elected John Smith as their new president for the coming club year and named Ralph Myrick, vice-president.

Other officers elected at the recent meeting were Wilbur Brooks, secretary, and Larry Lee, reporter.

Club members also discussed different projects for the new year as well as plans to be carried out in connection with the annual county fair.

Twenty-six boys were enrolled at the initial meeting of the new year. County Agent Marvin Simms was also present at this meeting.

Ellis-Howell Vows To Be Said Dec. 23

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ellis of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Norma, to Gran Keith Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moss Howell of Dimmitt.

The wedding will take place December 23, at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited.

Dimmitt Student On Industrial Tour

W. D. Powell Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Powell, Dimmitt, was one of 30 junior and senior industrial engineering students at the University of Arkansas making the annual inspection trip to view industries in operation last week.

The students, accompanied by Wray Wilkes, assistant professor of industrial engineering, visited industries in the Dallas area including the Ford Motor Company, Kraft Foods Company, Lone Star Cement Company, Proctor and Gamble and the Wyatt Metal and Boiler Works. The students returned to the campus Saturday after a three day visit.

Flower And Garden News Is Available

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 15—Both outdoor and indoor home gardeners and those who like flowers in the home will find information on the subjects in three recently released Texas Agricultural Extension Service publications.

"Foliage Plants for the Home" describes the place of indoor plants in the modern home. Suggestions on plant selection, care and watering are major topics discussed. The number of this publication is MP-134.

"Flower Arranging is Easy" is MP-135 and the publication covers such items as equipment needed by the flower arranger; making cut flowers last longer; basic rules for arranging and design terms for flower arrangements.

"Propagation of Ornamental Plants," B-816, covers the methods and how of propagating ornamental plants. All three are authorized by A. F. DeWorth, head, Department of Floriculture and Landscape Architecture, Texas A & M College System.

The publications may be obtained from the offices of county extension agents of the Agricultural Information Office, College Station, Texas.

Southwestern Has Good Safety Record

One million two hundred and seventy five thousand man hours without a lost time accident is the record completed on December 1 by the employees of the Plains Division of Southwestern Public Service Company, it was announced today by Jim Collins, division manager for the electric light and power company.

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Bruce Faust To Play For School Dance Band

Bruce Faust, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Faust, Earth, has been selected a member of the dance band, a popular organization at Komper Military School, Boonville, Mo. Under the direction of Lt. A. D. Morris, the dance band

performs for many groups, and was recently featured on a television program in Sedalia, Mo., and over the Boonville radio station. He plays the trumpet.

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able to come up with this one. However, he says he has a gift which will help all dairymen to widen the spread in the cost-price squeeze.
Santa, being wise with years of experience, knows that dairymen must have available certain information on their herds if they are to do the best job of feeding, breeding and managing. So, his gift this year is built around the theme that "a dairymen's knowledge is no better than his information."
The wise old gentleman is giving dairymen a choice of three gifts. First, they may choose a package labeled "D.H.A." Santa believes many dairymen in thickly populated dairy counties will accept this gift. It will give them an opportunity to cooperate with their neighbors in getting the information they need on their herds.
Santa has a package labeled "Official Testing" for all purebred breeders. In the package there is a note from Santa asking this question: "How can you be a breeder without herd records?" How about all other dairymen? Santa hasn't forgotten them. This time his package is labeled "Private Herd Records." This is a do-it-yourself kit, but according to Santa, it will provide the same type of information as the other two gifts.

Gold dry air lends itself well to the preservation of organic matter. Scientists say that food stuffs could be stored in the Antarctica to build up reserves or to stabilize the world markets.

Farm Employee SS Is Due In 1956

Self-employed farmers will, for the first time in 1956, pay social security tax on their farm income for 1955, according to John R. Sanderson, manager of the Social Security Office in Amarillo. If you are a self-employed farmer and have earnings of \$400 or more a year, you must file a report of your self-employment farm income at the same time you file your income tax return.
The social security tax is 3 percent of the self-employed farmer's earnings up to a total of \$4,200 in earnings. If you work or have other types of self-employment income, earnings from these sources may be combined with your farm earnings up to a combined total of \$4,200, according to John R. Sanderson.
The fact that you own a farm does not automatically make you a self-employed farmer under the Social Security law. To be self-employed, you must actually engage in the operation of a farm, either alone or in partnership with someone else.
The rental or a lease of a farm to someone else is not self-employment for social security purposes, and income from such sources is not considered farm income even though it is in the form of crops or cash. Such income is considered rental from real estate and is excluded from earnings that count for social security purposes.

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High Plains Irrigation Farmers Own 1,800 Mile Water Pipe Line

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 8.—Irrigation farmers in the High Plains area of Texas are doing something about conserving water and making its use more efficient. The result is better crops.
According to a report just released by Extension Irrigation Engineer R. V. Thurmond, farmers in the Plains area have installed since 1948, a total of 9,618,062 feet of concrete pipe on their farms and ranches. Putting it another way, Thurmond says this pipe, if placed in one continuous line, would make one whole of a project. It would extend for 1,822 miles and would range in size from 12 to 18 inches in diameter. Quite an engineering feat is his way of describing the work done.
Thurmond says it's a demonstration which shows that farmers are doing something or their own to conserve and get the most efficient use from the water pumped for irrigation on their farms. The installation of an underground concrete pipe irrigation system means the elimination of water losses from ditch seepage and evaporation. Evaporation losses alone in the area range from 70 to 80 inches annually. It does away with the weed problem in ditches; makes for easier and more complete cultivation of all areas; permits tying together two or more wells which cuts labor costs and of major importance, it permits better water distribution over the entire farm.
The engineers says four commercial companies are doing the work and are to be complimented on the thorough job which they have done. They overlook no details in planning and installing the system for the farmer.
The first system was installed in 1948 and by January 1954, 4,391,218 feet of underground concrete pipe were in use. Since 1954, approximately 1,000 additional miles of installation have been made. It is expensive, says Thurmond, but its lasting qualities are

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about \$5.3 billion and for the following 10 years to around \$11.3 billion. The study is based on previous estimates that the power requirements of REA financed systems will nearly double by 1965 and triple by 1975. It also assumes there will be no drastic changes in income, prices and technology and that the number of farms based on census definitions will decline by 15 percent during the next 20 years.
Expenditures for 27 items are estimated in the study. Lights and house wiring will be the best sellers. Refrigerators are second; television receivers third; washing machines fourth and in order are plumbing and related facilities, home freezers and electric ranges.
In the farm equipment group, milk coolers and water pumps are expected to be the top sellers.

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COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 15.—An estimated \$24 billion will be spent by farmers of the nation for electrical appliances and equipment during the period from 1956-1975. This amounts to an average of \$3,200 per farm.
The estimates are from a rural market study just completed by the Rural Electrification Administration and contains estimates for the total number of U. S. farms whether served by REA borrowers or other utilities.
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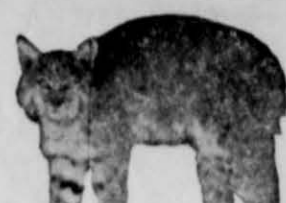
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Students To All-State Try Outs

Ten D. H. S. students participated in all-state Band and Choir try outs in Canyon Dec. 9. Those trying out for Band were: Taylor, Jonalyn Alldredge, Keith Taylor, Jonalyn Alldredge, and Charlotte McElroy. Charlotte is an alternate for the All-State Band. Those trying out for All-State Choir were Joy Walker, Ann Golshon, Douglas Mode, Myrna Thompson, Gail Cooper, Jimmy Tate, and Hazel Rogers. Joy and Ann made All-State Choir, and Jimmy Tate made alternate.

WRESTLING

At The Bull Barn In Hereford Every Saturday Night Sponsored by the Hereford Lions Club

D. H. S. Dates

December 16-Choir party 19-PTA party 20-Rainbows January 2-FHA 3-Abernathy vs Dimmitt, here 6-Happy vs Dimmitt, here 9-Rainbows 10-Hale Center vs Dimmitt, here 13-Littlefield vs Dimmitt, here

This Week's Hit Parade

Moments To Remember-Senters to DHS Letters Have No Arms-Barbara Stevens to Franklin Fight Song-To the basketball boys and girls Wish You Were Here-Barbara R. and Pat W. to Jerry and Bobbi Near You-Sharon to OC Do Me Good Baby-Alton to Mary

88 News

The eighth grade basketball girls have a game with Tula Thursday night at 6:30 following the seventh grade girls. The class chose a group to write a constitution for their reading and spelling class. The seven are Deryl Todd, Rughelia DiCuffa, Amanda Sober, Don Lolley, Jimmy Slough, Jack Bradley, and Nancy Mauk Reporter

Students Attend WT Play

Thirty-six students and James W. Bates, dramatics director, attended the play, "All My Sons" December 7 in Canyon. The play was presented by the Department of Speech of West Texas State College and directed by Margaret E. More. "All My Sons" was dedicated to the memory of Ann Snapp. The play was a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Senior of the Week

On November 21, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson were blessed with a baby girl. Now Patricia Elaine Wilson, a senior here at Dimmitt High. She plans to attend Southern Methodist University and study medicine upon graduating from high school at mid-term. Pat is an active member in the Band, National Honor Society, and F. H. A.

Tommy Sheffy's Ideal Boy

Most Handsome-Bud Dye A Dollar Down-To everyone buying apples I've Got My Eyes On You-Bud to Karen Gotta Be This or That-Myrle to Jimmie Don't Stay Away Too Long-Mrs. Bain to her husband in Alaska Green Years-To Freshmen and new students The Song of the Dreamer-Mrs. Hendrick to the sleepheads in Study Hall He-Melba Curry and Ruth Shelton to the boys and girls Daddy-O-Shortland class to Mr. Bates Love Me or Leave Me-Jerry to Wilma Too Pooped To Pop-Band kids after rehearsal Always-Melba Chien to Bill Only You-Belva to Alton There'll Be Some Changes Made-Cason Smith to P. G. class Most of All-Mr. White to English IV classes It's A Woman's World-Ralph Smith to Avis Smith

Junior Class Presents Special Assembly For Hart H. S.

The Junior Class of DHS took their play, "Papa Was A Preacher" to Hart for a final performance Thursday afternoon, December 8. The play was well received by the entire Hart student body. Some three hundred people saw the play. Some visitors were townspeople of Hart.

Seventh Grade News

Thursday, December 8, at 5:30 the seventh and eighth grade girls played Frisco. The seventh grade won 34 to 20, and the eighth grade lost 32 to 20. We are grateful to Mrs. Fuquay, our coach, for the way she has worked with us for our team. Reporters: Kay Carpenter Dickie Reinhardt

Hospital News

Patients In The Hospital: Mrs. Francis Duke Lydia Dodd Mr. A. L. Glenn Mrs. Fern Murdock LeRoy Macreilas Modesto Partida Florentino Parida Patients Discharged From The Hospital: Julia Campos Andy Lindsey Mr. R. B. Lindsey Riley Hudson Mrs. Amy Sayles Stephen Acker Janie McDermitt Charlie Ortiz and baby boy Mr. W. R. Gipson Mr. B. J. Lamston Suzanne Williamson Rose Mary Putman John McKinley Jack Lynn Stegert Mr. George Bradford Pete Estrada Treasa Rodriguez Bent It-Buy It-Sell It Through A NEWS Want Ad

Clifford Smith's Ideal Girl

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Notice To Dimmitt Water Customers

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Nazareth Cagers Win One, Drop One In Amarillo Games

The Swifts and Swiflies of Nazareth played Price and St. Mary's at Amarillo Sunday, Dec. 11. The girls B team won easily with a score of 53 to 23. Beatrice Schumacker was high scorer with 22 points followed by Clarice Schulte who made 14 points. Norma Venhaus made 7 points and Dolores Warren helped in the defense. Charlene Hoelling, Louise Schacher, Pat Ball, Grace Drupp and Faye Annen did good offensive work.

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First State Bank of Dimmitt

Mirzi Wilson Named Class Officer At WT

CANYON, Dec. 15-Mirzi Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd S. Wilson Sr., was recently chosen secretary-treasurer of the Junior Class of West Texas State College.

Panhandle Group To Cattle Meeting

Texas beef producers will be leading participants in the 50th annual convention of the American National Cattlemen's Association in New Orleans Jan. 9-11. A large delegation of Texans are expected to join 2,000 stockmen from 30 states in special discussions of research, beef promotion and cattle feeding problems.

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Coffee Held In E. B. Wright Home

Mrs. E. B. Wright and Mrs. R. S. Vestal were hostesses at a coffee Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. B. Wright.

The house was decorated with many Christmas arrangements and the serving table was very attractively covered with a red cloth. The center piece was a large silver gift box with silver

arrangements of leaves. Mrs. Jack Cowser and Mrs. Jim Cleavinger served small cakes, coffee and tea to more than 80 guests.

Assisting the hostesses were Mrs. Bert Fuller and Mrs. Alta Gladman.

In February 1947, during flight operations of Operation Highjump, U. S. Navy flight crews discovered warm lakes in the Antarctic in an area where the ice is known to be hundreds of feet deep.

Twenty-Two Attend 42 Party And Dinner

Mrs. Margaret Boren and Faye Holland were hostesses at a dinner and 42 party Friday evening.

Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames Edwin Ramey, Bill Graham, Bill Humphrey, Matt Gilliland, H. H. Houtchens, Mmes. Ethel Womack, Willie Waggoner, Pearl Sheffy, Gaines Neil, Nettie Graham, Myrtle Wright and Miss Hazel Merritt.

Garden Club Has Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Dimmitt Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. W. H. Curtis with Mrs. Robert Singer and Mrs. Raymond Van Zandt as assistant hostesses.

Each member brought a Christmas arrangement. Mrs. Ray Riley prepared an arrangement of acorns, oak leaves and pine burrs all sprayed in gold and arranged on a gold platter. This arrangement was the subject of much conversation.

Mrs. E. B. Wright presented the program, "Garden Therapy," and its value as a national project. Members were asked to bring their used jewelry, trinkets and quilt scraps to Mrs. Wright. They will be sent to a home for aged ladies.

A lovely refreshment plate was served to 12 members in attendance.

Town-Country Club Has 1st Yule Party

The Town and Country Garden Club met Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Jim Davidson for its first Christmas party.

Mrs. Lon Boothe and Mrs. James Autry gave interesting talks on Christmas arrangements they had prepared earlier. These included centerpieces, display of Christmas cards, wreaths for doorways, and entertainment for the children at Christmas time.

Gifts were exchanged and the president, Mrs. Dee Umberson, presented each member present with a variety of her prized Glad-lola bulbs.

Refreshments were served to nine members. The next meeting will be January 10 in the home of Mrs. Steve Taylor.

CARD OF THANKS

The doctor has told me that in a short time I will be as good as new. The months have been long but everyone has been so thoughtful and kind to me that it hasn't been so bad after all.

I want to say "thank you" to each and everyone for your prayers, telephone calls, visits, gifts, cards and thoughtfulness. Each one cheered me and helped me get well sooner. To me this will be a very happy Christmas. I hope it will be for you and that Santa will remember you in a very special way.

Cindy Scoggin

Mrs. B. M. Nelson visited Mary at Texas Tech., Lubbock, Tuesday.

Cage Triple-Header Set Monday Night

The Dimmitt seventh, eighth and ninth grade teams will fill in for the idle Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobcats when they stage a basketball triple-header in the local gym Monday night, December 19.

The admission price will be 25 cents for students and adults.

Starting at 5:30 p. m., the seventh graders will tie up with the Happy seventh grade team and at 6:30 p. m. the eighth grade quintet will take on the Happy eighth graders. The Dimmitt freshmen will go against the Plainview frosh at about 8 p. m. in the final tilt of the evening.

The local eighth grade club has two wins and no losses. They have defeated Hart and Plainview. The seventh grade cagers have an even split, winning from Hart and losing to Plainview. The teams are under the supervision of Thomas Harrison and W. E. Reisdorph.

Bobcats To See WT Xmas Games

The entire Dimmitt Bobcat basketball squad will be in the spectator section when the annual West Texas State Christmas cage doubleheader is played the nights of December 19 and 20—thanks to local merchants.

WT exes and the Canyon Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the event. They have sent tickets out to a number of Panhandle high schools and are urging merchants to send their local teams to the doubleheader.

The Bobcats will be treated to some fancy basketball both nights. The first night, or Monday night, WT will take on the University of New Mexico and Hamline will be pitted against Murray State. The following night WT will engage Murray and Hamline will play the University of New Mexico.

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H. E. Hershey Guesses Mystery Farm 45

H. E. Hershey of Dimmitt is the winner of a year's subscription to the News as he correctly identified mystery farm number 45, appearing in a recent edition of the county paper. Hershey identified the farm as that of Jim Schwaller, located three miles north of Nazareth.

The farm was purchased by Schwaller's father in 1931 from Henry Drerup and he came into possession of it in 1947. The farm was first put under plow in 1910.

The second irrigation well ever drilled in the county reportedly was drilled on the Schwaller farm.

Schwaller carries out a diversified farm program. He has a total of 2,660 acres. Of this number, 450 are in cultivation. About 200 is seeded to wheat, 50 in feed silage,

200 in grain sorghums and the balance is in pasture land.

Schwaller carries out good summer fallow practices and a program of crop rotation. Wheat is his favorite crop.

Schwaller is partial to Black Angus cattle and has 75 head of the animals.

As for hobbies, Schwaller delves in photography, geology and astronomy. He has some astronomy equipment and uses it to best advantage on clear nights.

Schwaller married the former Miss Maureen Hyland in 1947. They have one daughter, Sybil, who is eight years old and in the third grade at Nazareth.

The Nazareth farmer is a member of the American Legion and he and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

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