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Commissioners Call Special Election

Article 1903, Civil Statutes of Texas, County Commissioners called a special election to determine whether the offices of District Clerk and District Clerk should be separate or combined.

The decision falls below 8,000 and shall combine the two offices.

Hamilton County falls in this category since the 1970 Federal Census shows the population to be less than 8,000 persons.

The Commissioners, meeting Tuesday morning, authorized the election to be held in all voting precincts of the county on January 12, 1974, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This is the second such election for county residents, as the population dropped below the 10,000 mark in 1960, necessitating a vote to keep the duties of County Sheriff and County Tax Assessor-Collector separate.

Importance of the special election is reflected in the fact that both the District Clerk and County Clerk must seek re-election to their respective offices in 1974. The importance is further reflected in the fact that Feb. 4 is final filing date for candidates to get their names on the May 4th Democratic Primary ballot.

A legal publication, Notice of Special Election, may be found elsewhere in this issue of the News Review.



KITCHEN KLATTER KOMBO

KKK Band Entertains Here

By MRS. W. E. GOYNE

Friday, December 7 was a great day for the Senior Citizens of Hico and many of their friends. A holiday atmosphere prevailed at the Community Center as a delicious luncheon prepared by the Senior Citizens was served to approximately 100 guests.

The feature of the day was the program presented by the Kitchen Klatter Kombo from Whitney. The twenty members of the band were wearing attractive and colorful

long dresses. They performed on instruments from kitchen equipment such as the grease-trap, rub-board, tea kettle, spoons, pots and pans of various sizes and a bass fiddle assembled with a wash tub, a broom stick and a long cord.

The lively entertainment was much more than banging on tin pans. Audience participation was encouraged. Tyrus King sang "The Dying Hobo." New and old songs were played and everybody sang along. Waltzes were played and all who wished to do so joined in the dance.

This remarkable group of entertainers is made up of retired women, ages 60-82, who organized in January of this year with the aim of bringing happiness to patients

in hospitals and rest homes. Recently they decided to become available to senior citizen groups, "For they need us too," the director said. They have given 70 performances this year. Their next appearance will be in Waco at the Veteran's Hospital at 1:30 p.m. December 17.

The Kombo, led by Mrs. Dorothe Meridith of Whitney, a retired Senior Volunteer of Hill County, heartily commended the Hico Senior Citizens for their nice organization.

Bert Wood is First Political Candidate For 1974 Election

With two candidates announcing their intentions of seeking offices in Hamilton County this week, and another signifying that he would not be a candidate for re-election to his present post, the 1974 political year got off to an early start.

First candidate to file for an office was Bert Wood, who will seek another term as County Treasurer. Her announcement was followed closely by that of Elvin Mears, who will seek the two-year unexpired term of County Tax Assessor-Collector. Mears is currently serving in that capacity, having been

appointed to the post by Commissioners Court after longtime official Mrs. Pearl Williams resigned.

The county officer who announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election was Judge Herman W. Standifer. Judge Standifer gave no reason for his decision not to run for another four-year term.

Other county officials who must seek re-election in '74 are District Clerk Erma Maddox, County Clerk Genevieve Clark, County Superintendent Herman Walton, and Precinct 3 Peace Justice Paul Verdusco. There are three other county terms expiring but they don't affect Hico voters.

County Democratic Chairman Leo Rendessy must also seek another term to his position.

District officials who must seek re-election are State Rep. Jerry (Nub) Donaldson of Gatesville, and State Senator Grant Jones of Abilene. Both are for two terms.

Congressman Bob Poage must also submit for re-election. He has not formally said that he would ask for another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, but he is expected to do so.

All in all, everything points to an election year similar to that in 1972 when it was a highly competitive campaign for every office.

Deadline for filing for a place on the May 4th ballot is 5 p.m. Feb. 4th.

Miss Bonner Attends FHA Executive Council Meeting

Miss Melanie Bonner, Area IV 1st vice president, attended an executive council meeting of the Future Homemakers at Lipan Dec. 8. She was accompanied by her advisor, Mrs. Denna Gray.

Purpose of the meeting was to complete plans for the Area meeting to be held March 9 in Abilene.

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Tipton, Area President from Lipan. During the session the group was led in a discussion of the program by Miss Bonner, program chairman.

Following the meeting lunch was served by the Lipan FHA.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News Review will accept announcements for district and county offices in the order they are received, each to be carried through the first and second primaries, unless otherwise eliminated.

Rates for the various offices are:
 District Office \$27.50
 County Office \$27.50
 Commissioners \$27.50
 Justice Office \$27.50

For County Treasurer:
 BERT WOOD
 (Re-Election)

For Tax Assessor-Collector:
 (Two-Year Unexpired Term)
 ELVIN MIEARS

Carrington is New Civic Club Prexy

Lou Carrington, who has served as vice president of Hico Civic Club the past year, was elevated to the presidency last week, succeeding Paul Verdusco who has served during the past year.

Also elected was a new vice-president, Don Ross, and Mrs. Ruth Salmon was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Three new directors were elected to succeed E. V. Meador, Harold Walker and Mrs. Dean Hyles. New board members are Matt Ware, Ray Cheek and J. C. Braune. They will serve with Bruce Slaughter, Glenn Ross and M. I. Knudson. Verdusco goes on the board by virtue of having served the past year as president.

New officers will assume duties at the first meeting in January.

SCHOOL MUSICAL GROUP TO PRESENT SECOND CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The musical organizations of Hico Schools invite you to their second Annual Christmas Concert, to be held Friday night, Dec. 14 at 7:30 in the Auditorium.

A charge of twenty-five cents per person will be made, and the program promises to be well worthwhile.

The program will consist of the elementary (5th grade) band, junior high (6th and 7th), high school (8th through 11th), the High School Chorus and the High School Stage Band. Each group will perform two numbers.

NEWS REVIEW CHRISTMAS EDITION DUE NEXT WEEK

Holiday greeting advertisements will be published in the Dec. 20 edition, next Thursday.

If you wish a holiday ad and have not been contacted call 796-4528 and a representative will call on you.—Publisher.

Six Honorable Mention Berths—

Four From Hico Are All-District

China Spring, District 11A kingly in this past season, placed seven players on the All-District team to completely dominate selections.

Hico, which finished third in district action, failed to place a single team member on the offensive

Danny Polk was virtually a shoo-in for a berth.

Hico's all-district performers were Steve McAnally and Edd LeFevre, linemen, Danny Polk, linebacker, and Tony Mayfield, secondary. All are seniors except LeFevre.

Receiving honorable mention on offense were Tony Mayfield at end, Eddie Needham at tackle, David Ogle at guard, and Danny Polk in the backfield.

Honorable mention defensive players were Ogle at linebacker and Loyd Roberson in the secondary.

WEATHER REPORT—

The following weather report is submitted by W. R. Hampton, local observer for the Climatological Service of the United States Weather Bureau.

High temperature for month, Nov. 23, 84 degrees.

Low temperature, Nov. 16 and 28, 29 degrees.

Precipitation for month, 1.74 in.

Precipitation for year, 36.92 in. There were 12 cloudy days in November, 11 clear and seven partly cloudy.

ATTEND GRAND LODGE

Carl Spinks, Worshipful Master and other members of the Clairette Lodge, were in Waco Dec. 5 to attend Texas Grand Lodge.

Second Give-Away Program Saturday

June Roberson was winner of the big prize in the first of Hico merchants Bonus Days Program held last Saturday. She received \$35.00 on her winning ticket issued by Howard Drug.

Joan Rainwater won the \$20.00 prize on a ticket from Toegen Feed Mill. Ten dollar winners were Mrs. Ethel Rucker on a ticket from the News Review, W. B. Grant with a ticket from Toegen, and M. A. Linch with a ticket from Mayfield Grocery.

Next drawing will be Saturday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m., when \$90.00 will be distributed among five winners. Top award will be \$40.00, second \$20.00, and three \$10.00 awards will also be given away.

Final drawing is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 22, when \$115.00 will be given away as follows: first \$50.00, second \$25.00, third \$20.00, and fourth and fifth \$10.00 each. Also on the final day of the program, a new boys' or girl's bicycle will be awarded to some area youngster.



TWO AT ONE SITTING—Susan Knudson Burden, who has outshown many male hunters in past years, did it again late Saturday afternoon when she

nailed these two trophy bucks less than five minutes apart. The buck on the left was a heavy-horned eight-pointer, but the real trophy was the 12-

pointer on the right. The larger of the two scored third highest for the season in Hico's contest at Hamilton, using the Boone & Crockett formula.

MARK EMERY

Applications Sought For Night For Rent Here

Manufacturing Co., a clothing store located at Cranfills Gap is seeking applications for employment in Hico.

Gibbs, who was in Hico to interview applicants for employment Saturday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Community Public Service building.

Gibbs said that their work necessitated the expansion of their staff and he was anxious to have enough workers were available to establish a plant in Hico to establish a plant

company is seeking both experienced and unexperienced per-

Wood Will Be Candidate For County Treasurer

People of Hamilton County: Bert Wood is taking this means of announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Treasurer. I have served as County Treasurer since May, 1969. I feel I know and understand the duties and responsibilities of the office and will appreciate your support in the election to another

term elected to this office, I will continue to fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my

WOOD,
 Candidate for County Treasurer.
 (Pub. Adv.)

Items of Interest From Iredell . . .

By MRS. VINITA BLAKLEY

Open house will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 23 from 2 until 5 p.m. when Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Slater will be honoring her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conley with a coffee. All friends are invited to attend.

Remember to attend the Christmas program at the Iredell School Tuesday evening, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. This program is sponsored by Mrs. Dorothy Whitlock and is always good. Come and see.

The ladies of the Iredell Civic Club will be entertained in the home of Mrs. Savell Sharp Dec. 21 from 2 until 4:30 p.m. Everyone

is urged to attend and bring a small gift to exchange.

The I.C.I.C. meeting at the cafeteria Saturday evening was well attended. The Christmas spirit was felt with the decorations and refreshments. Bob Sawyer and his musicians entertained with music which was enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 5 at 7 o'clock. Place this date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Boost your community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fred Word attended services at the Hico Methodist Church Sunday. Mr. Word was the lay speaker due to the ill-

ness of their pastor.

Mrs. Dale Yant will entertain the United Methodist Women at the parsonage Friday evening at 7:30. All ladies are invited. Also on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, Rev. and Mrs. Yant will have their annual open house and buffet supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this Christmas fellowship.

Funeral services for Mr. Jim Locker were held at the United Methodist Church last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adkison were Monday visitors in Stephenville. On returning home they visited her aunt, Mrs. Annie Cavitt who is a patient in the Hico City Hospital.

Friday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Adkison were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cavitt of Kopperl.

Mr. Wick Simpson is now a resident in the Hico Village Nursing Home.

Wednesday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Woody were her nieces, Mrs. Bettye Richards of Arlington, Mrs. Dorothy McGinley of Mansfield, Mrs. Mar-

gie Rutherford and Mrs. Jean Tucker of Waco.

Mrs. Rosa McAden left Love Field Saturday for Moss Beach, Calif. where she will spend several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hoffner and family. Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, Mrs. Alberta McAden and Mrs. Nicki Jones carried her to Dallas.

Mrs. R. O. Burns received a Christmas card recently which had been addressed by Mrs. Bill Oakley before she died on Nov. 30. Mrs. Oakley was the former Fern Carter. She has been living at McLean, Virginia for many years and her mother, Mrs. Walde Carter is a resident in a home at Washington, D.C.

The singing at the Church of Christ Sunday afternoon was well attended. Most of the churches from the surrounding towns were represented.

Weekend visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dunlap were Mark Dunlap of Hico, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunlap, Linda and Kim of Irving.

Although the Christmas rush is on and all are trying to cooperate with the energy crisis, keep caring in your news. Your friends will be glad to read your news. Thanks.



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9 oz Hipolite Marshmallow Cream	29¢	Morton Frozen Pot Pies	25¢
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Superette Community News
By MRS. LUCILE MAYFIELD

Walsworth of Pleasanton Saturday morning...
Mrs. Tull Havens of Fort Worth spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir.
Mrs. Gwindola Hampton and daughter of Fort Worth visited Sunday with Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir and Mrs. Myrtle Thompson.
Mrs. Velma Alexander and Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir visited Sunday afternoon in Dublin with Mrs. Elbert Monroe.
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ownby this week is Mrs. Marie Griffin of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of Stephenville visited Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Zena Havens. Sunday night supper guests were Marjorie Jo Denton of Fort Worth and Mrs. Jossie Alexander. Marjorie Jo is visiting her great-grandmother, Mrs. Alexander.
Mrs. Sandra McVein and son of Fort Worth spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir.
Mrs. Gwindola Hampton and daughter of Fort Worth visited Sunday with Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir and Mrs. Myrtle Thompson.
Mrs. Velma Alexander and Mrs. Jennie Hoffpauir visited Sunday afternoon in Dublin with Mrs. Elbert Monroe.
Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ownby this week is Mrs. Marie Griffin of Saginaw.

OLIN COMMUNITY
By MRS. C. E. KING

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Walker and children of Mount Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parker.
Several from this community attended the revival at the Hico Baptist Church last week.
Roy Ables and Dale Hudson of

Everman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables Saturday night.
Mrs. Henry Smith of Cleburne visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Parker.
Mrs. Johnnie Crawford of Hamilton and her daughter, Miss Estelle Crawford of Austin and Miss Janice Adams of Hico spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables.
Mrs. R. L. Staggs of Hamilton and Mrs. Jerry Rich of Aleman and I, along with Miss Bernadette Kolar went to Gatesville Saturday and judged the Junior 4-H Food Show. It was a wonderful food with so many good things to eat and nicely prepared.
Mrs. Milton Rainwater is in Harris Hospital. She was reported to be some better Sunday.
Mrs. J. P. Merritt and Mrs. A. C. Odell of Hico were in Stephenville shopping Saturday.
Visitors during the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Waddell were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chambers of Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Haddock and Mrs. Tootsie Davenport of Lockhart, Mr. Jimmie Carothers of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waddell of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Redden of Iredell.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clements of Gustine visited Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. M. V. Knapp.
Mrs. J. P. Merritt and I attended the Home Demonstration Christmas party in Hamilton Friday.
Mrs. Glenda Holloway and children of Walnut Springs visited Sunday in the Akard home.

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MR. & MRS. RANDALL FOWLER

CHURCH CEREMONY SATURDAY UNITES MISS CHARLOTTE MEEK AND MR. FOWLER

The First Baptist Church of Hico was the setting for the wedding of Miss Charlotte Meek and Randall Wayne Fowler Saturday evening, Dec. 1 at 7 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. Eddie Malphrus performing the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Meek of Hico, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fowler of Beaumont are parents of the groom.

Mrs. B. F. Thomas, organist, played the pre-nuptial music and the traditional processional and recessional selections.

Decorating the altar were standing baskets of white gladioli and red carnations, carrying out the bride's chosen colors, and white candles in arched candelabra. Red poinsettias and greenery formed the background.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length gown of imported organza and Chantilly lace. The basque bodice featured a high neckline and full Bishop sleeves. White satin ribbon crested with pearls encircled the waist and continued with streamers down the back of the bouffant skirt. Three tiers of cascade ruffles all edged with scalloped re-embroidered Chantilly lace swept to a chapel train. She wore a Victorian caplet of matching lace from which fell an elbow length veil of silk illusion. Her bouquet was of red roses and white carnations atop a white Bible.

As the bride approached the altar, she presented her mother with a long stem red rose, and upon leaving the altar the bride paused to give the groom's mother a rose.

Mrs. Ronnie Henderson of Brownwood was matron of honor, and Miss Cindy Braune of Hico was bridesmaid. The attendants' gowns were of red designed in floor length. A set-in midriff highlighted the V-neck bodice, and white lace edged the broad collar and short puffed sleeves. The flared skirts featured back sashes. The dresses were made by the bride.

Shay Carpenter was flower girl and Jim Douglas Maddox of Clyde, cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Serving as best man was Gary Woodside of Beaumont, and Larry Mannino, also of Beaumont was groomsman. Danny Fowler of Beaumont, brother of the groom, and Don Stallings of Fort Worth, cousin of the bride were ushers.

The bride's mother wore a two-piece blue knit dress with brown accessories and the groom's mother was gowned in a beige knit dress with matching accessories. Both wore corsages of red roses.

For the reception, hosted by parents of the bride and held in Fellowship Hall, guests were registered at a table covered with a white lace cloth. Adorning the table was the wedding announcement done in decoupage, the bride's book and a red plume pen.

A red and green garland edged the serving table that was laid with

Mrs. Baley Entertains With Holiday Coffee

Mrs. Charles Baley was hostess for a holiday coffee Friday morning, Dec. 7.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the home and on the refreshment table where cookies, cake and coffee were served.

Guests were Mrs. Alvin Casey, Mrs. Sandy Ogle, Mrs. B. C. Dayton, Mrs. Bill Baley, Mrs. W. C. Howard, Mrs. Steve Parks, Mrs. Bruce Slaughter, Mrs. E. V. Meador, Mrs. Harold Walker, Mrs. Ray Cheek, Mrs. John B. Fouts, Mrs. Ellis Randals, Mrs. Jake McClammy and Mrs. W. F. Hafer.

ATTENDS SHOWER

Mrs. Vada Fail was in Fort Worth Thursday night of last week to attend a pink and blue shower honoring her granddaughter, Mrs. Jim Grimes. Mrs. Fail's great-grandson, Daric Fail, who had been visiting here returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Hafer were in Clifton during the weekend to visit with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conrad. Mr. Conrad is seriously ill in the Clifton Hospital.



GOLDEN WEDDING—Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ellis will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Hico Community Center Sunday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Hosts for the celebration will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. James Rainwater

of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tressler of Jennerstown, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Neil Ellis of Hurst, and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Needham of Hico. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were married Dec. 25, 1923 in the home of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James Riley Griffiths. Mrs. Ellis is the former Jewell Griffiths.

THE DAVID PAULS ARE NEW RESIDENTS OF HICO

Mr. and Mrs. David Paul and son of Denver, Colo. moved to Hico last week to make their home. Mrs. Paul is the former Becky Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Shepherd. They are living in the former home of Mrs. Sue Driver, who sold it recently to Mrs. John Golightly. Mrs. Driver moved to Burleson to be closer to her children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Greene of Abilene returned home Tuesday of last week following a visit here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Early Shepherd.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hafer were Saturday visitors in Dallas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins.

IN HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rusk and family of Dallas were here during the weekend to be at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. John Rusk, who was a patient in Hico Hospital. She was transferred Tuesday to a Dallas hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Malone of Waco, Mrs. Etha Seago and Mrs. June Saunders visited recently in Plainview in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bramblett. Mrs. Seago also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Duzan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Malone of Austin spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malone and grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Smelley, and in Carlton with Mr. and Mrs. Claudean Carroll and family.

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IN ARLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wilson were in Arlington Saturday and Sunday to visit with his brother, D. L. Wilson of Hico, who is a patient in the Arlington Memorial Hospital. They also visited in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lackey of Arlington spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lackey and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spinks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lackey were in Dallas Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lackey. Mrs. Mike Lackey underwent surgery last week in the Presbyterian Hospital.

VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton returned Saturday from a week's vacation. They visited in Fredericksburg, Kerrville and Austin and visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. French and Cynthia and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ramsey in Cleburne.

IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ben F. Meek and her sister, Mrs. Bundy Jr. of Durango here to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. H. E. Meek patient in the Hico Hospital.

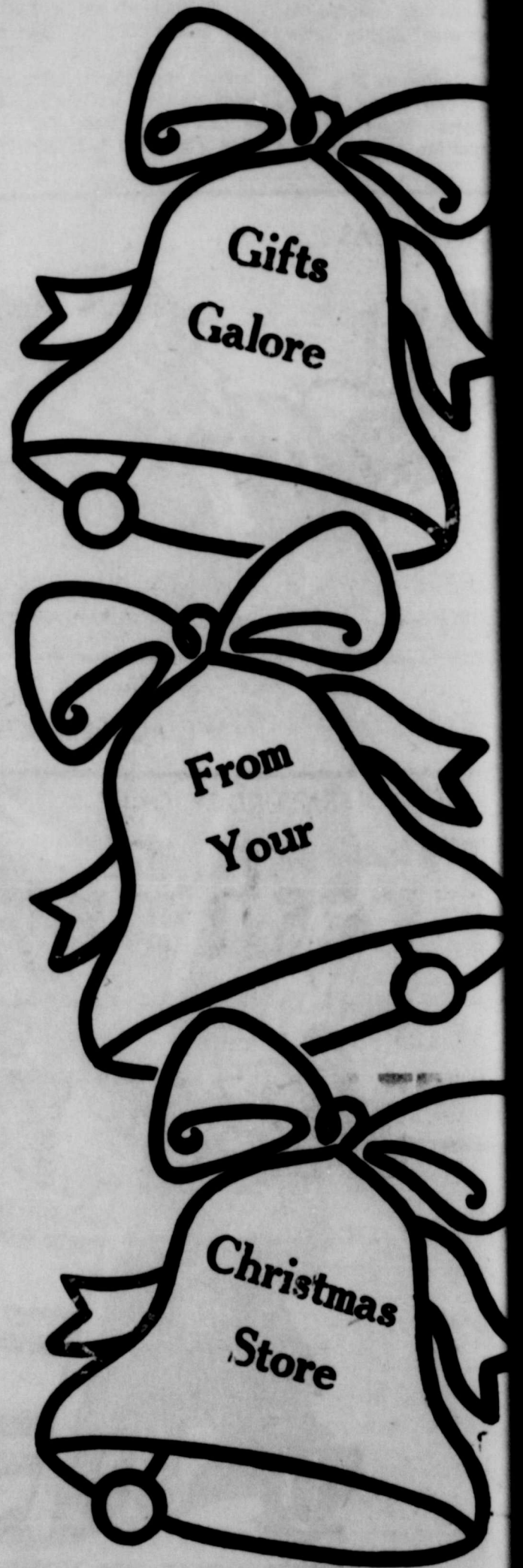
Mr. and Mrs. C. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meek visited Friday in the home of George Christopher.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Tyrus King Monday week were Travis King, Virginia and Mrs. Sh. of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sunday in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Fell.

J. C. Malone of Waco day in the home of his George Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Abilene visited recently of their aunt, Mrs. George Christopher.



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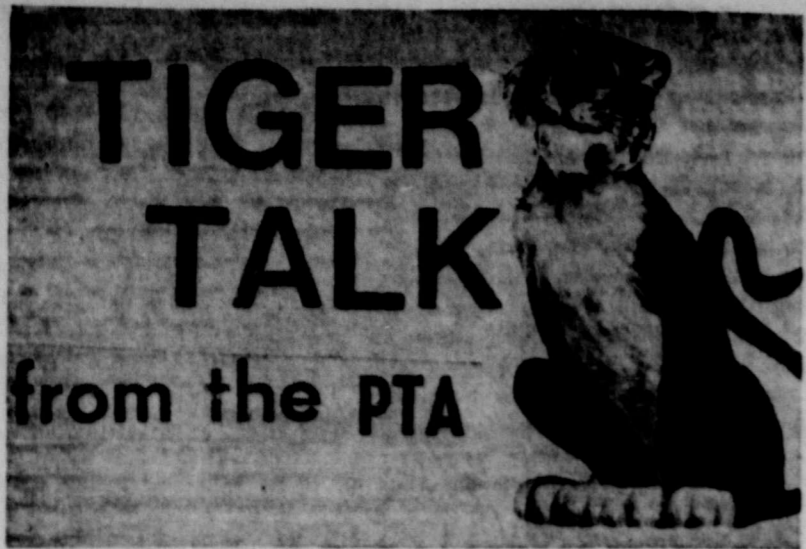
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By BECKY FARRAR
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We have been challenged by Mrs. Lillie Herndon, national P-TA president, to ask ten members to our P-TA roll this month. Four joined Monday night. Are there six more people in Hico who would take a dollar to Salmon-Ross or send it to school and thereby join and support the Hico P-TA? Our students are deserving of your help.

Two outstanding young people in our high school are James Horton and Clarice Huggins. They were chosen and sponsored by Hamilton and Erath counties, respectively, to attend the Texas Farm Bureau's 11th Annual Citizenship Seminar held at Baylor University last July. For four days they had the opportunity to get to know high school students from all over Texas. They listened to lectures, saw films, and enjoyed fun nights from 6:00 a.m. 'til "way late."

What could they learn in four days of lectures? Basically they learned more in depth about the American way of life and its economic system. They learned about the threats of Communism and other forces which would erode Am-

erica's greatness.

Was it like school? James said "No, it was completely different. We learned things we do not get in school. C. L. Kay was a good speaker. He discussed the different living styles. He said that while a lot needs improving in America, George can't do it all; you have to help." Clarice added that in Communist countries the "only God is Communism." Suspicion is a way of life; anything out of the ordinary is suspect.

Both Clarice and James spoke highly of W. Cleon Skousen, one of the four main lecturers at the seminar. A former FBI agent, he has written the book "The Naked Communist." James said he points out in his book that Communists don't bargain; they have broken 90ths of their treaties. "Why are we cowering to them?"

Agriculture in Communist countries is on communal farms, with work done under government contract only. James said that he knew Communism wouldn't work. The theory of everyone sharing equally pre-supposes perfect people, which we're not. Communism goes against the nature of man because "The

nature of a person is to be lazy."

Clarice quoted one of the speakers as saying that many third generation millionaires in our country are being duped into supporting Communism "to promote world peace." The Communists, however, have outlined ten steps to the takeover of our country, and they are now on step ten. In discussing these steps, James mentioned the breakdown of the family as a unit, a 3-day weekend to encourage Sunday as a holiday rather than a day of worship. Clarice pointed out that the registration of firearms is one step. James' opinion is that "No law is a good law unless it's enforceable." Clarice believed it is unconstitutional; it takes away our freedom under the Second Amendment. The honest people will register their firearms; the criminals won't. The breakdown in morals was another step. James cited that the pornography laws are ridiculous since they make pornography relative . . . depending on where you live. Clarice thinks young people who go to x-rated movies do so because they don't have anything better to do. She thinks that, particularly in urban areas, the trend is so strong to immorality that when one bucks the

trend, he gets "left out."

Were attitudes changed? Strengthened? What were the results of this seminar week? Clarice learned "a good bit more about what's going on." She learned about the real threat of Communist take-over. Her ideas of Americanism and patriotism were strengthened. She sees a need to share what she has learned, but has not worked out a suitable way to do this. James wishes everyone could go to the seminar. He thinks, though, that most people aren't interested in hearing about such things as Communism because of the attitude. "Why think about it? It's not hurting me now."

Is that our attitude? The Communist formula for the takeover

of the world according to their own publications is "External encirclement, internal demoralization, leads to progressive surrender." We are slowly but surely being encircled by Communist-dominated countries. We are being internally demoralized by any number of forces: civil strife, racial conflicts, increasing crime, immorality out of control, drugs being legalized, economic pressures. And, as James Horton expressed so well, "We are cowering to the Russians."

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We were very sorry to hear of the untimely death of Mrs. Herman Walton of near Hamilton who passed away about 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. She had sat at the hospital with a relative, Buss Gordon Friday morning going home about noon with intentions of attending a meeting that afternoon. As she was starting to leave she died sud- denly as she entered her car. Her husband was at home and called an ambulance and she was rushed to the hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival. Mrs. Walton and her husband taught school here for several years and we know she had many students who will be sor- ry to learn of her passing. Funer- al services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Hamilton with Rev. George Gas- ton officiating. She was born in McCulloch County, daughter of Chas. and Mae Epperson Gault, both de- ceased. Her birthdate was Nov. 13, 1914. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Helen Baxter of Richardson and Jane Keahey of Waco; one son, Charles Walton of Arlington. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Funeral services for Edgar Rai- bourne were held at 10 a.m. Dec. 11. Mr. Raibourne's wife was a daughter of the McClintock family who resided at Agee in the early turn of the century.

Funeral services for little Krista Blackburn, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Blackburn of Hamilton were held at 4 p.m. Mon- day with Rev. Gilbert Donald of- ficiating. She was born July 6, 1973 and passed away after a short illness. Our sympathy to the fam- ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers and Janice attended the funeral of Mrs. Herman Walton Sunday.

Mrs. May Burney of Hico came by and picked up Mrs. Ruth Cun- ningham and they joined Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Guest and attended the Walton service.

We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cunningham from our com- munity. Mr. Cunningham lived here most of this century.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinto and family have moved to Hamilton. They resided on the Duncan Ranch for the last five years. The Virgil Parkers certainly hated to lose them and are looking for another ranch hand.

Rev. Robert Ray filled his ap- pointment here Sunday and he and his family were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oran Willeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Arrant visit- ed during the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arrant and Mrs. Ruth Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoover were business visitors in Waco Friday. Enroute they stopped at the Clif- ton Hospital for a visit with her sister, Mrs. V. H. Heyroth. Mrs. Heyroth expected to be able to go home Saturday. She suffered a heart attack and light stroke re- cently.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Turner of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Dick- ie Wayne Turner of Richardson spent the weekend with T. R. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson and Tommy of Hico spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Richardson.

The writer, Mrs. Ruth Cunning-

ham and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goyne attended the Senior Citizens meet- ing last Friday. The Klatter Com- bo Band of Whitney were with us. There are some 18 members of the band and if you have never heard them you've missed it. We had several visitors, too many to list. There were 81 present. A turkey dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Grace French baked the turkey and made the dressing and it was sim- ply perfect. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and band. The Senior group will meet again Friday, Dec. 21.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. George Lees of Hico. We had known the Lees for some 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Licett of Fort Worth visited Friday in the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blakley. Max Lam and chil- dren of Gatesville also visited in the Blakley home during the week- end.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Oxley and family have moved to the Byrd Slater residence.

A well is being drilled at the former A. J. Miller place, and con- siderable repair and improvements have been made to the house. We understand relatives of Ken May own the place. We are glad to see families moving into the vacant farm houses.

The writer attended singing at

Lund Valley Sunday. A good crowd was present. Glad to have Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carr of Clairette and Mr. and Mrs. Jorgenson of Potts- ville. Mrs. G. E. Woosley, Mrs. J. O. Kemp and Mrs. Lula Young accompanied us from Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Bullard and Vicky visited his mother, Mrs. Wil- lie Bullard at the Hico Nursing Home Sunday.

Minister Estel Moser of Stephe- nvilled filled his appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday morning. A few members were absent due to illness. Glad to have Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Michener with us. They are owners of the former H. R. Brummett place.

Cemetery lots were worked off last week. Some have already got Christmas arrangements out. We appreciate this for it is evidence that folks think of their loved ones

and care and beautifies the ceme- tery at this time of year.

Sorry to learn that Claud Smith of Greenville had passed away. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ab Smith who lived in Fairy for some time.

We have learned that the barn and garage at the Gann place burn- ed Tuesday night of last week.

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Ruth Lees acknow- ledges with grateful appreciation all expressions of sympathy ex- tended when we experienced our loss.

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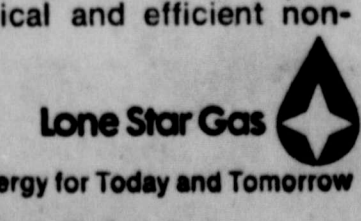
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Ralph Hubbard of Burleson Succumbs, Burial at Clairette

Funeral services for William Ralph Hubbard of Burleson were held at 11 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Shannon Funeral Home in Fort Worth, with burial in the Clairette Cemetery.

Mr. Hubbard was born July 15, 1902 in DeQueen, Arkansas, and passed away Dec. 2 in the Fort Worth Osteopathic Hospital following a long illness.

Survivors include his wife, Leah (Sissy) Hubbard of Burleson, two sons, Gerald D. Hubbard of Haltom City and R. W. Hubbard of Burleson; one daughter, Mrs. Janie Clements of Burleson; and 12 grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Steve Lewis, Gary White, Mike Hubbard, Ronnie Hubbard, Sonny Hubbard, and Curtis Hubbard.

Local People Have Part in Hamilton High Career Day

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cook and Bill Rutledge were among the speakers at Career Day held Tuesday for students of Hamilton High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook spoke on Teaching and School Administration and Mr. Rutledge spoke on Advertising and Advertising Art.

The day was divided into conventional class periods with students being given the opportunity to attend sessions of their choice. Many local professional and business people explained their crafts and skills and opportunities in their fields.

Mrs. Wilma Martin of Clairette,

Iredell Services Held Thursday Afternoon For James M. Locker

James M. Locker, 83, of Taft passed away Tuesday, Dec. 4 in a Sinton Hospital. Funeral services were held for Mr. Locker at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church in Iredell, with Rev. Dale Yant officiating. Burial was in the New Iredell Cemetery.

Mr. Locker was a retired construction worker.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Loyd Cody of San Angelo, Mrs. Otis Carpenter of Euless and Mrs. O. R. Minson of Taft; one son, James Oliver Locker of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Ila Bates and Mrs. Lee Chaffin of Iredell; two brothers, Rayford Locker and Elbert Locker of Fort Worth; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Ralph Bradley, R. F. Howard, Bill Helms, Chub McCoy, Red McCoy and Dub Harris.

YOUNG HOMEMAKERS WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Young Homemakers will be held Monday night, Dec. 17 at 7:30 at the Homemaking Cottage for a Christmas buffet and gift exchange.

Each one attending is asked to bring a gift not to exceed \$3.00 and a covered dish with 13 copies of the recipe. All members are urged to attend.

counselor, helped in the planning of the special day.

Mrs. Stella Elkins Succumbs, Last Rites Held Here Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Elkins, 70, of Dallas were held at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 in the First United Methodist Church in Hico, with Rev. Dale Yant of Iredell officiating. Interment was in the Hico Cemetery.

Mrs. Elkins was born Aug. 2, 1903 in Hamilton County, daughter of the late Charles and Sophia May Brown Tyler. She passed away Friday, Dec. 7 in Dallas.

She was a retired employee of the Dallas Police Dept. where she worked in the Auto Theft Division. She was married to the late Earl Elkins, who was deceased Dec. 10, 1964. Mrs. Elkins was a member of the Methodist Church and had made her home in Dallas for the past 30 years.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Jesse L. Jones of Graham and Mrs. Walter C. Flemming of Dallas; also a host of nieces and nephews.

TAR Group Presents Program For FHA's

Members of the TAR's organization of Erath County presented a program to members of the Hico Future Homemakers Dec. 5.

Girls presenting the program were Beth Chastain, Jill Gaines, Margie Hook, Michele Masuda, and their advisor, Mrs. Robert Haggard.

They explained their organization, which is the Teens Aids to the Retarded. The girls showed a slide series in which youth were working with retarded people ages 5-35.

Approximately 45 Hico High School girls attended the meeting.

Services Conducted Friday Afternoon For Mrs. Ruth Lees

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Johnson Lees, 71, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 in the First Baptist Church in Hico. Rev. Eddie Malphrus conducted the services, with burial in the Carlton Cemetery.

Born Sept. 27, 1902 in Coleman, she was the daughter of the late James F. and Margaret Quintilla Haskins Johnson. She passed away Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Hico Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Lees had made her home in Hico for the past four years and prior to that time was a longtime resident of the Olin community. She was a member of the Hico Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, George Lees of Hico; one daughter, Mrs. R. H. (Quintilla) Zimmerman of Arlington; three sons, George Edd Lees of Terrell, Carroll E. Lees of Houston and Troy L. Lees of Irving; one sister, Mrs. Maude Lees of Round Rock; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers were Glenn Ross, Don Ross, Grady Hooper, J. B. Wooton, J. C. Massengale and George Loden.

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

In Counties having a population of less than eight thousand (8,000) according to the last preceding Federal Census, there shall be elected a single clerk who shall perform the duties of the District Clerk and County Clerk, unless a majority of the qualified voters of the County who participate in a special election called by the Commissioners Court for that purpose, vote to keep the offices of the County Clerk and District Clerk separate.

In compliance to the option in Art. 1903 of Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, annotated, it is the order of the Commissioners Court, sitting in regular session December 11, 1973 that a Special Election, to be held in each election precinct in the County of Hamilton, be held on Saturday, January 12, 1974 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. for the voting public to determine the question of whether the offices of District Clerk and County Clerk will be separate or joint.

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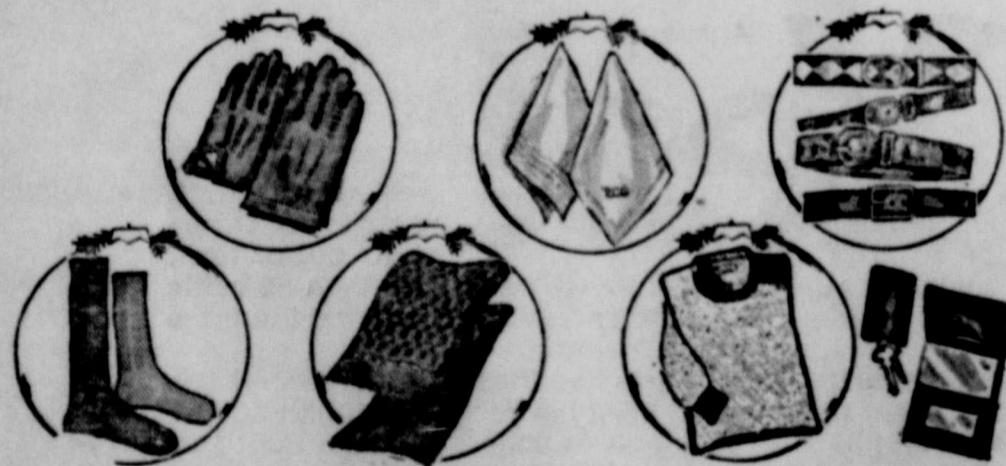
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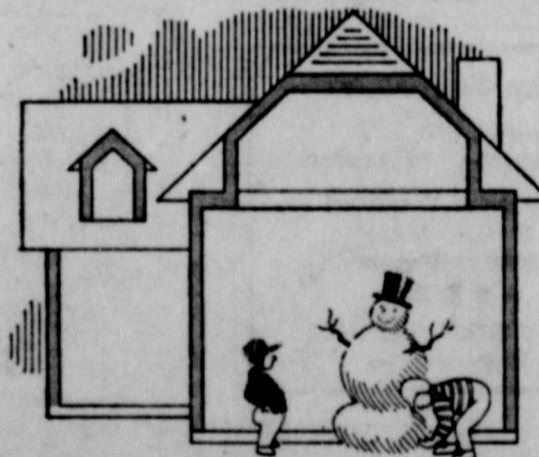
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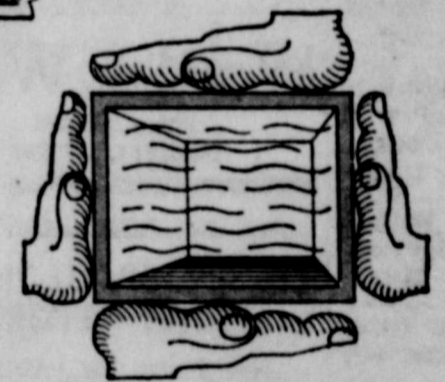
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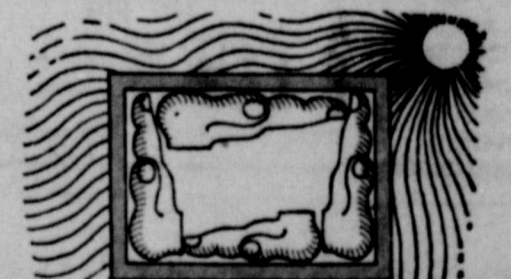
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