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## Major Roger Hayden Williams, 31, Buried Here Thursday

Roger Hayden Williams, Major, U. S. Army Air Corps, was buried here Thursday afternoon. Williams, 31, died in Brooke General Hospital at San Antonio early Wednesday morning, following an illness.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Greenville Williams of Sterling City, final rites were held from the First Baptist Church here at 4 p. m. The Rev. C. D. McEntire, Rev. Ed. H. Lovelace and Rev. B. B. Hestir, officiated. Lowe Funeral Directors were in charge of arrangements. Burial was in the City Cemetery. Pallbearers were John Brock, William Foster, Jesse Q. Foster, J. S. Cole, Jr., all of Sterling City; Fred Roe of Robert Lee, Edwin Aiken of Sweetwater, Son Cole of Milwaukie and Captain John C. Adams of Forsan.

Major Williams is survived by the widow of San Antonio; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greenville Williams of Sterling City; four brothers, Evan Williams of Mt. Home, Ark., Greenville Williams, Hubert Williams, and Dexter Williams, all of Sterling City; four sisters, Mrs. Templeton Foster and Mrs. Vern Davis of Sterling City; Mrs. Harold Tips of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Louise Dudley of San Antonio.

Reared and educated in Sterling County, Williams was graduated from Sterling High School in 1935. He attended Texas Tech at Lubbock for two years and then he went on to Texas University where he received a bachelors degree of business administration in 1940.

He immediately enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, receiving training at the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Stockton, Calif., where he graduated in July 1941, commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

In early December his group was scheduled for duty in the Hawaiian Islands, but was delayed by the Pearl Harbor bombing of Dec. 7. Five weeks later the group sailed for New Zealand and active duty in Australia and Java. He served with distinction in the fall of Java and other Pacific encounters and was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action over Sourabaya, Java, February 19, 1942.

His promotions were rapid, successively advancing to 1st Lieutenant, Captain and Major. Returned to the U. S. in 1943, he was stationed in Florida. He transferred to the European Theater of Operations in early 1944, and was on active duty when European hostilities ceased.

Discharged in December 1945, Roger moved to Seattle, Washington, where he engaged in the real estate business. There he met and married his wife, the former Grace Harmon. In 1946, he accepted a position with the Shell Oil Company in Odessa, Texas. He was with the Shell Company until his resignation in August, 1948, when he resigned to reenter the Army Air Corps as a Major.

Shortly thereafter, he became ill, which illness resulted in his death. He was given a military funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Chapple and Alfred will spend Christmas day in San Angelo with Mrs. Chapple's sister, Mrs. J. E. Batcheler. On Sunday they will spend the day with Mr. Chapple's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Chapple of Christoval.

## Eastern Star Has Christmas Party

The local Order of the Eastern Star had their annual Christmas tree and party Tuesday night. The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, and honored were the members who had been members of the local organization for twenty five years or more. The occasion for the honoring the members of long standing was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

Among those honored were Mrs. T. S. Foster, Mrs. Ruth Allen, Mrs. E. B. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster, and Mrs. J. A. Revell.

Following the meeting at the hall, the members went over to the Community Center for the Christmas tree party and refreshments.

The committee in charge of the party was composed of Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. J. A. Revell, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Williams.

## LEGION OPEN HOUSE HELD LAST SUNDAY

Coffee, doughnuts, and cookies were served to 156 guests last Sunday at the recently completed American Legion building. Chesley McDonald, Legion Commander, Worth Durham, George Case, Doug Farnsworth, Dan Ritter and John Brock served on the reception committee. The open house was held to give residents of the community an opportunity to see the results of the recently completed building program, which was handled by a building committee composed of John Brock, Doug Farnsworth, and Dan Ritter. The improvements amounted to around \$5,500.00, it is estimated.

Boehms Bakery furnished the cookies, Mead's Bakery, the doughnuts, and Wootens Wholesale Grocery furnished the coffee used in the event. Seth Bailey, Byron W. Frierson, Roy Tom Foster, Harold Emery, Marvin Churchill, Aaron Clark and Harvey Hennigan handled the refreshments.

Arrangements are being made for furnishings for the building. In fact some of the new furniture arrived here Monday, a day late for the open house event. Divans, sofas, and recreational equipment have been ordered and are on the way.

Chesley McDonald is the Commander of the Legion, B. W. Frierson is 1st Vice Commander, Worth B. Durham is 2nd Vice Commander, W. D. Farnsworth is the Adjutant, James F. Black is Chaplain, Hal Knight is Finance Officer, and George Case is Sergeant-at-Arms.

The entertainment committee is composed of Frierson, Ross Foster, Tommy Foster, and S. M. Bailey. Should anyone want to hire the hall for an occasion, they should contact one of these men.

Approximately \$5,500 has been spent on remodeling the hall, estimated Farnsworth.

Lora Mae Humble, daughter of the Tommy Humbles, is home for the holidays from Texas Tech.

Bobby King, freshman in Sul Ross at Alpine, is home with his parents, the Riley Kings for the holidays.

Jodie Conger, of Texas Tech in Lubbock, is down for Christmas.

## Skull Fractured In Road Mishap

Spencer Jackson, 45, Sterling County ranch employee, was improving in a San Angelo hospital where he is undergoing treatment for a fractured skull.

Jackson was injured when the pickup truck he was driving collided with a passenger car about a mile north of Sanatorium shortly after midnight Wednesday morning.

Two occupants of the passenger car, Miss Dalpha Gideon, 19, of Big Spring, and Bobbie Joe Blum, also of Big Spring, suffered minor injuries and were released after emergency treatment. Miss Gideon, a jewelry store clerk, suffered a lacerated forehead and left ear.

Jackson's condition was described as "fairly good."

## Next Tuesday Is Trash Pick Up Day

Next Tuesday, December 28, is regular trash pick-up day in Sterling county. Have your trash in boxes, cans, sacks, etc., in FRONT of your residence or place of business, and the county trucks will pick it up and haul it to the dump grounds. The trash MUST be put in containers and put out in front of your place for the trucks to pick it up. Please remember.

## Christmas Programs Held At Churches

Christmas programs were held at the various churches this week commemorating the spirit of the season, and providing programs for the members.

At the Methodist Church the program was held last Sunday night. A colored film, "Holy Child" was shown at the conclusion of the program. A Special program honored the members of the beginners, primary and junior departments. Miss Pam Sanderson sang a solo.

On Wednesday night, the young people of the Church of Christ were honored with a dinner served in the basement of the church by Mrs. Orrie Deal and Mrs. Riley King.

The Presbyterian Church had their program Wednesday night, complete with carols, a tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

The Baptist members saw a film, sang carols, and met old Santa at 7 p. m., along with other features that go to make up a Christmas program.

## No Paper Next Week

Following the custom of long-standing among weekly newspapers, we will not put out a paper next week. Next Friday is a fifth Friday and the last week of the year. Such time is usually used to bring the mailing list up to date, complete billing of accounts, and just get caught up in general at most plants.

The last week in the year, unless it is Christmas week, is always a slow week in advertising and news items. Most dailies skip one or two holidays each year to give the staffs a rest, and the weeklies take off the last week in the year.

## Sunday Is Student Night At Baptist Church

Rev. C. D. McEntire, pastor of the First Baptist Church, announced that college students home for the Christmas holidays would be presented on the program Sunday night, December 26.

The students from the church attending college are Neal J. Reed, Wilburn Lindsey, Jackie Durham, Lora Mae Humble, Jacqueline Everitt, and Robert Neill, Jr.

Aside from recognition, the students will have the following parts on the program:

Call to Worship—Psalm 84.  
Responsive Reading.  
Prayer.  
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Maximum Christianity as I See It.  
Special Music.

The pastor will bring a short message on "Christ's Challenge to College Youth."

## OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

### "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"



In schools and churches throughout the land, the story of the Christ child is being retold in words and music... As we listen, our faith in the triumph of life and hope is reaffirmed and — each in our own way — we are once more united in the spiritual accord of the Christmas season — a time of peace and good will.

## SWING OF SOUTHWEST LOCAL ITEMS FARM MARKETS

By United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA)—Many southwest farm products sold lower during the past week, offsetting steady to higher trends on others, according to the Production and Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Corn eased slightly for the week, as barley and sorghums advanced 2 cents and wheat and oats gained a cent or less. No. 2 yellow milo moved at \$2.70 to \$2.75 per hundred pounds in bulk carlots at Texas common points. No. 2 white corn closed Monday at \$1.73 to \$1.71 a bushel, and yellow corn \$1.61 to \$1.62.

Light movement of rough rice sold at firm prices last week, as milled rice markets began to show year-end dullness. Most wholesale feed prices turned downward again. Good hay fell short of demand at firm prices, but medium and low grades moved with difficulty. Peanuts sold mainly on government orders.

Egg prices continued to decline at most terminal markets. Eggs brought 55 to 70 cents a dozen at principal country buying stations in Arkansas, 50 to 72 in Louisiana, 47 to 60 in Oklahoma, 48 to 60 in Texas, 48 to 57 in Colorado, and 40 to 50 in Kansas. Hens remained about steady, as fryers and most turkeys held firm.

Hogs lost 25 to 50 cents for the week at Texas markets and \$1 to \$2 at most other terminals. Sows took the greatest loss. Best butcher hogs sold generally around \$21. Sows brought \$18.50 to \$19 at San Antonio and ranged from \$16 to \$18 elsewhere in the southwest. Pigs varied from \$12 to \$20 according to quality.

Cows and calves sold a little higher for the week at most markets, while stockers and feeders eased at Kansas City. Other southwest cattle classes held about unchanged. San Antonio moved good yearlings at \$26 Monday. Common and medium steers and yearlings cleared from \$17 to \$23.50 at Fort Worth. Good heavy steers reached \$27 at Oklahoma City, while Kansas City turned average medium and good kinds at \$23 to \$26. Denver bought medium to high good steers at \$23 to \$26.50.

Sheep prices averaged slightly lower at Kansas markets but showed little change at other points. San Antonio took medium woolled ewes at \$8 to \$8.25, as Fort Worth turned cull and common grades in

Winston Churchill, son of the Marvin Churchills, is down from Texas Tech for the holidays.

Alvin Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Lawson, is home from Sul Ross College for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bade went to El Paso for the holidays, to be with Mrs. Bade's parents.

The Homer Hagerty's of McCamery are here for Christmas with Mrs. Hagerty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hunt.

School turned out Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays, and classes will resume on Monday, January 3.

The G. W. Tillersons left Wednesday for Celina where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The George Blackburn's left on Wednesday for Dangerfield to visit relatives for Christmas.

The Jimmy D. Halls of Austin are here for the holidays visiting the D. Halls and Mrs. Sue Knight.

Carolyn Foster, daughter of the Roy Fosters and a student in Stephens College at Columbia, Mo., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Dixie Knight, senior in TSCW, is here with her mother, Mrs. Sue Knight, for the holidays.

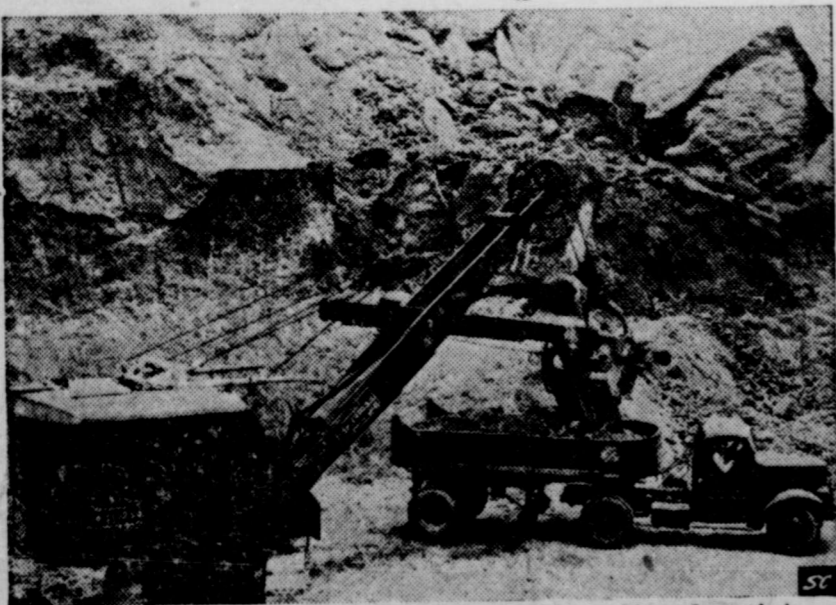
The same range. Ewes sold from \$9 down at Oklahoma and Kansas markets. Goats recorded little change at San Antonio.

Buyers contracted wool in Western Colorado at 54 to 55 cents per grease pound, and in New Mexico at 57 to 62 cents for choice lots of fine staple. Mohair sales lagged at unchanged prices, with adult at 40 cents and kid 60 to 75.

Citrus fruits enjoyed good demand in holiday trade. Growers received \$35 to \$50 a ton on the tree for Ruby Red grapefruit in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Marsh Pink sold around \$30, and white grapefruit \$10. Fort Worth's wholesale market offered Texas Hamlin, Navel and Temple oranges, grapefruit, lemons, tangerines, tangelos and kumquats, at firm to higher prices. Vegetables met dull markets.

Cotton lost 75 cents to \$1 a bale for the week. Spot 15/16 inch closed Monday at 31.75 at Houston, 31.80 at New Orleans, 31.85 at Little Rock, and 32 at Dallas.

## Pan-American Highway



An American-made power shovel loads a huge bite of earth in a Fruehauf dump trailer as work progresses on the Pan-American Highway stretching between Laredo, Texas and Panama. Many thousands of loads such as this must go into each mile of the slender highway ribbon that will eventually tie the commerce and customs of Latin America closer to those of the United States.



What's Wrong With This Picture?



PIGEON COVE, MASS.—Well, almost nothing, except that the pretty lassie above is sitting on a paper chair, reading by the light from a paper lamp, and of all things, warming herself in front of a paper fireplace. Hard to believe, but true. The entire house is made of old newspapers tightly rolled and coated with Waterspar Varnish, which makes the papers both water-repellent and weather proof. It's a unique answer to the housing shortage.

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Twice during those 21 years, six men were hanged at one time, probably a record in America. And, three times, five men were executed at one time. In all, 88 men were executed after having been tried and convicted before Judge Parker. Hangings were witnessed by large crowds, sometimes thousands of people, many of whom came from a great distance and camped near the gallows the night before so they would be sure of a good, close-up view.

Although the court was in Arkansas, it had no jurisdiction over crimes committed in that state—only in Indian Territory, the No-Man's-Land where outlaws and fugitives abounded. Judge Parker tried 9,500 men who were convicted and the court was known as "the gates of Hell." Sixty-five United States marshals were killed in line of duty in Indian Territory during the 21 years that Judge Parker was on the bench.

In passing sentence of death, the judge usually delivered a scathing denunciation of the prisoner.

There was one prisoner so bold as to interrupt Judge Parker and denounce him in the courtroom. That man was Henry Starr, the notorious bank and train robber. He was accused of killing a man, which he admitted but claimed it was his life or the other man's.

Starr was convicted and when Judge Parker began a scorching lecture, the prisoner broke in:

"Don't try to stare me down, old Nero; I've looked many a better man than you in the eye. If I am a monster, you are a fiend, for I have put only one man to death, while you have slaughtered scores."

Judge Parker, without more discussion, pronounced sentence. However, after Judge Parker retired, the new judge permitted a plea of guilty to manslaughter and a prison term was imposed. Starr served more than half the sentence and then was pardoned.

Strict and stern though the "hanging judge" was, he felt that he was only doing his duty—that only through the greatest severity could crime be repressed. Within a short time after he left the bench, Judge Parker died.

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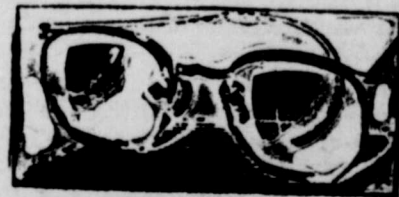
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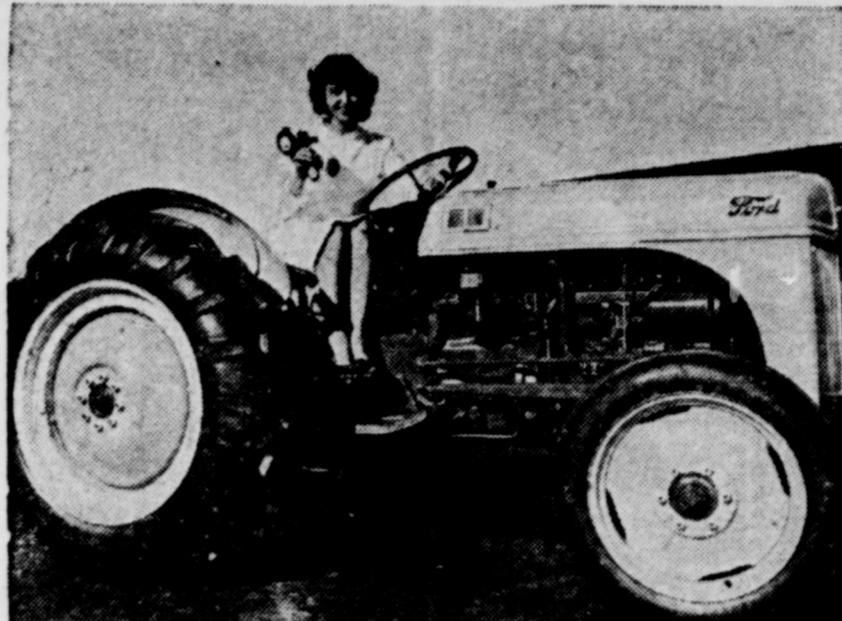
Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas

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### Little Brother



That tiny tractor being displayed by Virginia Vermeson, Detroit, is a scale plastic model of its big brother, the Ford Tractor. More than 1,000 of the models are daily rolling from a miniature production line in Detroit. First used by dealers to point out the features of the product when the real thing was unavailable due to shortages, the models caught the popular fancy. Today model manufacturing is big business, not only in tractors but in automobiles and other products. The model Ford tractor follows faithfully the vermilion red and forest gray color scheme of the big tractor; the body is of plastic, the axles of steel, the tires of real rubber.

### "Covering the County"

By Byron W. Frierson, Sterling County Agent

Eight club members exhibited 14 of their lambs Saturday and weighed them into a gain contest. Tom Onstott of the West Texas Utilities Co. and Horace Donalson have offered the boys \$10 in prizes for the lambs that make the best gain during the next month. Dennis Reed, Gene Smith, Tommy Smith, Billy Daryl Blair, Harry Blaneck, Bobby Blair, Billy Humble and Mims Reed exhibited the lambs. Some of the lamb feeders were unable to show their lambs for various reasons. Clinton Hodges, president of the 4-H Club, arranged the show, and Harry Blaneck assisted him in preparation and administering the affair.

Club members are feeding a practical ration of alfalfa hay, oats, maize, and cottonseed meal. Sulfur is added to the ration to prevent death loss from overeating. Salt is fed free-choice. Most all of the lambs are making satisfactory gains. Billy Humble put 106 pounds on his lambs in 32 days. This is slightly over one-third pound daily average per lamb.

Harold McCabe has a fencing contract on the Hull country. He says he has completed about eight

miles of fence and has dug holes up to five feet in depth. The only moist dirt he has found has been in two old lakes that he crossed. That area has been harder hit by the drouth than most of the county. Rainfall in Tom Humbles area has been slightly over 12 inches this year.

Harvey Hennigan and Henry Holster had about 150 chickens until they were culled a few days ago. They decided they had too many dead heads. They were culled in about one hour and their feed bill was more than cut in half. Egg production should fall only slightly. Some laying birds with "gray eye" were removed from the flock.

Culling your chickens is good business. If you don't know how, I can show you in about thirty minutes.

Some times it rains when I get out of town, so I am giving it about a two-week's opportunity. I expect to be back in the office on January 3.

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What he learned about livestock raising, feeding, showing and marketing, has won Harry Schneider, 15, of Sequin, recognition as the sectional winner in the 1948 National Meat Animal program. Harry has fed and sold 15 head of Aberdeen-Angus cattle and developed a herd of 70 Duroc swine. He has won many first placings and three champions on his heavy-weight Angus. He has also served as vice-president, president, junior leader and leader of his local club. As recognition of these achievements, Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, provides Harry with a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress.

For his work in club and community leadership, Alvin Davis, 21, of Post, has been named sectional winner in the 1948 National 4-H Leadership program. In addition to serving as local, county and district president, Alvin has been a junior leader and a leader. He has served as co-manager, general superintendent and chairman of the planning commission for county shows, distributed insecticides; produced and managed the 4-H benefit show, Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo; and he has helped organize 4-H clubs. Alvin, who has been in club work for eight years, received an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress provided by Edward Foss Wilson, Chicago meat packer.

Winner of a State award, Patsy Jo Delavan, 18, of Devine, has been president of her local club and president of the county 4-H Planning Commission, and she has served as a junior leader two years. During four years in 4-H work, she has also been active in county club camp work, both as chairman and by introducing a discussion group. She has instructed others on keeping 4-H records and she has been chairman of the Crippled Children's Committee of the Children and Youth Program for the State of Texas. Patsy receives a 17-jewel gold watch as a reward for her many leadership activities.

Merry  
Christmas

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

ON CHRISTMAS DAY may the companionship of friends and family make your home happy and gay. Your friends and neighbors at the West Texas Utilities Company wish the best of everything for you and yours. We hope that during the coming year our service will in some way make each new day more pleasant.

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And to make your Christmas meals unusual and a bit more delightful, here are a few new recipes and hints:  
**Here's An Easy Christmas Pie**  
You can make a delicious pie with the greatest of ease if you use quick-frozen pumpkin pie for the filling. There is no cutting, peeling or cooking of the big, awkward pumpkin. The mix is a smooth blend of cooked pumpkin, sugar and spices. Just place 1 box (1 pound) quick-frozen pumpkin pie mix in saucepan. Add 1 1/2 cups milk and heat, stirring constantly, 7 minutes, or until pumpkin is thawed and mixture is smooth. Add gradually to 2 slightly beaten eggs and mix well. Turn into unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 1 hour, or until completely puffed across the top. Your pie will be a fragrant triumph to serve either hot or cold at the big feast.

**Children's Delight**  
1 cup finely crushed corn flakes  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
3 tablespoons melted shortening  
1/2 cup raspberry or strawberry jam  
Combine corn flakes, flour, sugar, and melted shortening. Cover bottom of greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch pan with 1/2 of mixture, pressing down firmly. Then spread jam over mixture and cover top with remaining corn flakes mixture; press down lightly. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Cool. Cut in squares. Makes 36 pieces.

**English Fig Rennet Desserts**  
1/2 cup figs (ground)  
1/2 cup graham cracker crumbs  
1 rennet tablet  
1 tablespoon cold water  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
Pinch of cloves  
2 cups milk (not canned)  
Whipped cream  
Maraschino cherries

Grind figs and combine with graham cracker crumbs, using a pastry blender. Divide among 6 or 8 dessert glasses. Dissolve rennet tablet by crushing in cold water. Combine sugar and spices and add milk. Warm slowly, stirring constantly. Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. When COMFORTABLY WARM, (100° F.) not hot, remove at once from heat. Add dissolved rennet tablet and stir quickly for a few seconds only. Pour at once, while still liquid, into dessert glasses. Do not move until set—about 10 minutes. Then chill. Just before serving, top with whipped cream and maraschino cherries.

**Peppermint Crunch Bars**  
8 squares (1 package) candy-making chocolate  
1/2 cup Grape-Nuts  
8 marshmallows, cut in pieces  
1/2 teaspoon peppermint flavoring  
Line bottom of 9 x 4 x 3-inch loaf pan with waxed paper, letting paper extend in 2-inch tabs at each end.  
Heat chocolate and Grape-Nuts over boiling water until chocolate is partly melted. Add marshmallows and stir until partly melted and evenly distributed throughout mixture. Remove from boiling water. Add flavoring and turn into pan, spreading evenly with spatula. Let stand in cool place to harden. Run a sharp knife around sides of pan and lift out candy with paper tabs. Cut in 2 x 1-inch bars. Makes 18 bars.

**Magic Tricks with Holiday Candles**  
Santa Claus has a sweet tooth. If you want to give a Christmas gift that's sure to be appreciated try your hand at homemade candy. You can do a professional job if you use this uncooked fondant, which is as smooth and creamy as the temperamental kind that calls for a thermometer and a marble slab. Just mix 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar gradually and continue mixing until smooth and creamy. Form into small balls and place between halved walnuts or pecans, use for filling pitted dates, or roll in finely chopped candied fruit or nuts, or finely shaved chocolate. The fondant may be divided into several parts and flavored with various extracts. Add a little yellow food coloring to the lemon flavor, pink to the wintergreen, green to the peppermint.

**Tangy Cheese Rabbit Is A Star Performer**  
For a zestful main course supper dish that will be cause for joy for the hostess, as well as for the crowd, plan your menu around a Welsh rabbit, made with American cheese and seasoned with the tang of beer or ale and plenty of red pepper. Blend 3 tablespoons of flour with 1/4 cup water to a smooth consistency; add to one 8-oz. can of heated tomato sauce. Stir in 1/2 cup of beer, 3 cups grated American Cheddar cheese and 1/2 teaspoon of dry mustard. Stir over very low heat until cheese is melted and mixture is smooth and thickened. Serve on crisp toast or toasted rolls and co-star with a bowl of autumn fruits for an all-star party menu that will take care of extra guests without pain to the food budget.

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## Mrs. Sterling Foster Is Hostess At 'Sunday Before Christmas' Dinner

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The family of the late R.W. Foster—his children and grandchildren met at the home of Mrs. Sterling Foster last Sunday for their annual observance of "Sunday before Christmas" dinner and Christmas tree. There were twenty-three adults and ten children present.

The table was decorated with red carnations, and the house was decorated with mistletoe and candles. The children's table was adorned with red poinsettias. All decorations carried out the Christmas motif.

Two turkeys and all the trimmings were eaten at the meal. A Christmas tree was held later in the day. The group all draw names

for present giving for the next year at each gathering.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie L. Coulson, Mr. Templeton Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Austin (of Robert Lee), Mr. and Mrs. Foster Conger, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins and their two children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and their two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster and their two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster and their little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Foster and their three children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and their daughter. Marvin Frances Foster of Dallas and Mrs. Temp Foster were unable to be present.

The A. T. Brattons will spend the Christmas holidays at the homes of their parents in Comanche County.

The Sterling City Lions Club did not meet this week due to it being Christmas week.

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**HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT?**  
By **GEORGE S. BENSON**  
President of Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas

Looking Ahead

IT'S 2,272 miles from New York to Salt Lake City, Utah. Yet, if all the civilian employees in the executive branch of our federal government were six feet tall (they're not) and you placed them head to toe on U.S. Highway 30, they'd reach the distance easily with 1.4 miles to spare. This comparison is conservative. It was based on an estimate of 2 million government workers in the executive branch alone.

Perhaps nobody can ever know just how many there are. During the first four months of this year, they increased at a rate of more than 450 a day. Use another comparison. There is one executive worker in the federal government for every 21 income taxpayers. In other words, these 21 taxpayers are paying the salary of the 22nd man. And that's just in the executive arm of the federal government.

Paying EACH AND every the Piper American citizen must not fail to be interested in this problem of mushrooming government. As long as we fool ourselves into the habit of asking for more government, we'll see more and more added to the payrolls and we'll pay higher and higher taxes. We need to decide how much government we want. Certainly the more of it we set up the more we have to pay for. At the rate we have been going in the last decade, most of us will be working for the government in a few years.

That would be one of the simplest ways to take the country into socialism. Let most of us be drawing paychecks from the government, in salaries and various benefits, and we would have socialism right here without voting

for it. What we need constantly to remember is that the government has not a cent to spend except what it collects from you and me and from our neighbors.

We Must OUR NEXT Congress will have a real test, and a real opportunity. Last year, the 80th Congress provided this historic opportunity by establishing a commission to study the reorganization of the executive side of our government. Membership of the Commission includes some of our most public spirited citizens. These experts are giving the structure and functions of many a government agency a thorough going over. They are also studying expenditures, with the idea of proposing changes that will bring both economy and efficiency.

The 81st Congress will have the job of acting upon whatever recommendations the Commission may present. It is not an easy task. Any executive finds it hard to lop off an office here, and an office there. When the government starts a service, it is hard to find a stopping place. Moreover, each and every department will fight to the finish for increased personnel and more money.

May the coming Congress find enough gizzard and gristle to stand up and say no. We must end waste and extravagance in government. When nearly thirty cents out of every dollar you earn goes directly or indirectly toward support of federal government, that is too much. We cannot continue to be the strong and financially stable nation we must be, unless something is done to curtail the spread of government.



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HOUSE for rent. Roland Edwards.

Edwin Hanz, Jr., 21, of New Braunfels received the State winner's award for outstanding achievement in the 1948 National 4-H Soil Conservation awards program. Edwin put into practice such soil saving and building operations as constructing terraces, contouring, using phosphate and fertilizer, making draining ditches, building dams and rotating crops. During three years of club work he has completed 18 projects and has served as assistant leader and president of his local club. In recognition of his achievements, Edwin has been given a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Firestone.

Promoting recreational and handicraft work has brought State recognition to Gene Massey, Jr., 16, of Moore. His record will be judged to determine the eight national winners in the 1948 National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program.

Objectives of the program are to assist 4-H members in de-

veloping cultural and recreational opportunities in their homes and communities; help 4-H members develop a higher appreciation of rural arts; make 4-H programs more attractive and self-satisfying and teach members to lead recreational activities. Each of the counties having an outstanding recreational program received a \$25.00 cash award, provided by United States Rubber Company.

Doyle Davis, 18, of Hart, was the top State winner whose record was considered for sectional and national honors in the National 4-H Dairy Production awards program. During seven years in club work, Doyle completed 6 dairy projects and developed a herd of Jersey dairy cattle. He served his club as junior leader, president, vice-president and secretary. As a recognition of his achievements in dairy production, Doyle was awarded a \$25.00 U. S. Savings Bond, provided by Kraft Foods Company.

**And So To Bed**



Baby's bath hour should be when he needs it most. When he is young, Mother may find it convenient to bathe him just before the 10 a.m. feeding. When he gets to the creeping and crawling stage, however, a bath just before his evening meal will insure his cleanliness after a day of play.

After bathing, dry him thoroughly and give his skin a gentle patting all over with baby lotion, a fragrant white emulsion of pure oil and lanolin with an antiseptic ingredient added for greater protection. This will work wonders in keeping your cherub's skin

soft and smooth in spite of winter weather.

Before tucking Baby in bed after the feeding, check to see whether a diaper switch is needed. With each change, put a few drops of lotion on a sterile absorbent cotton ball and pat it softly into each tiny fold and crease to help prevent uncomfortable chafing and chapping. This technique will help make His Nibs comfortable and content for the night's sleep.

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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## "GIVES YOU TEXAS" HASTINGS THINKS-

By Hastings Baker

Now that the war is over, practically nobody in Japan is wealthy. Previously there had been some fantastically wealthy families like the Mitsins who controlled long lists of industries. In 1947 Koyo Mitsin had an income of only \$66 for the whole year.

Almost every bar in New York has a television set. Usually these sets show football, hockey and the fights to a perfectly happy audience of bar flies. But when the opera was recently televised, the patrons responded with mixed emotions. Some liked the high brow music. Others sought relief by playing the juke box. Sometimes

the bitter words that passed caused the bartenders to long for the good old days when life was not so complicated. Nobody bothered to notice that for the first time television used "black" light whose infra red rays give the brilliant illumination needed for the camera but cannot be seen by the human eye.

Way back in 1932, Herbert Hoover used to run the government on four billion dollars a year. It seemed like a lot of money at the time. Most people have forgotten that Roosevelt, in his first campaign, charged Hoover with spending too much money. Now it takes a good deal more than 10 times as much money to run the government.

For more than a year Hoover, at the head of 24 teams of experts, has been studying how to make

our Government more efficient. They have been digging up some eye-raising facts. There is so much red tape in Government purchases that it costs \$11.50 in paper work to buy something for \$10.00.

It is estimated that this efficiency program would save almost four billion a year—about the same as the total cost of government in 1932.

It takes political courage to streamline the government, but President Truman has given this program his official approval.

It costs about one-half million dollars a day to run the Berlin airlift. The people of Berlin are amazed that we, their former enemies, are performing this miracle to supply them. We should be equally amazed at the recent voting in Berlin. Remember that if the Russians do take over Berlin, as might happen at any time, the Russians will have the voting records and every vote against Communism could be a one-way ticket to Siberia or worse. The people in Berlin know this, particularly since the Russians even publicly threatened that every voter will be in danger when the Russians take over. The Communist paper "Berliner Zeitung" said: "Whoever refrains from voting has chosen life over death." In spite of all this, Berliners voted a solid 86% against Communism. They can be as proud of their courageous vote as we are of our airlift.

Chuck Heacock won the turkey given away at the Palace Theater Wednesday night of this week.

Jackie Durham, son of the W.W. Durhams, is home for the holidays from college.

The Frank Wards will spend the Christmas holidays in San Angelo with Mrs. Ward's mother, Mrs. M. E. Dawdle.

Norvin Wayne Brown, son of the Ted Browns, is home on leave from the Navy for the holidays.

Billy Vern Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Davis, is home from John Tarleton College at Stephenville for the Christmas holidays.

The children of Claude Collins plan to come to Sterling City for Christmas dinner with the Collins family.

Most vacationers go away for a little change, but come back with a lot less.

Wouldn't it be nice if it took as long to spend money as it does to save it?



### Does Government Management Work?

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
President of Harding College  
Searcy, Arkansas

Looking Ahead

FOR A decade before World War II, France was moving toward control and management of her major industries. Private employers were unduly criticised. The profit system was represented as being abused. There were those who apparently found it easy to foment confusion and strife. Employees were set against employers. Production went down, standards of living went lower and lower. The security of France became doubtful, as dangers arose.

Then came the attack from Hitler. France fell quickly. Her divided condition, her hatreds and factionalism, made defense feeble and weak. Then five years later, liberation came. France again established her own government. But industrial confusion was still everywhere. Employers were so discredited by the propagandists that production couldn't get going.

**From Chaos THE TROUBLE to Worse**

French people in general, fretted by the propagandists, couldn't get down to straight thinking. The public wanted more for doing less and less. The call for government to take over major industries became louder and louder.

Certain industries were therefore taken over in 1945 and 1946. One of these was the coal industry, in which the government took over ownership of the mines. It employed the management, and hired all the workers. The government was placed in full and complete control. Three years passed. You have perhaps read the news in recent weeks. Government employed miners went out on strike against their gov-

ernment employer. These government employees so seriously damaged government owned mines that government soldiers had to be sent out to protect the property and the mines.

**No Happy YOU MIGHT think Family**

that under Socialism, everybody would be just one happy family. Not at all. Fighting has been going on between the government miners and the government soldiers. Property has been so damaged that some mines cannot be reopened for many months at best. Lives have been lost in the fighting, and many persons wounded. All this at a time when France is in a critical hour, when her people need coal and fuel. This is all wrong, and it certainly proves that government management cannot insure industrial peace.

There are other important observations. Government ownership and management of mines did not increase production per man day. On the other hand, 4 million tons of coal have been lost, and the price has risen about 50 per cent. This has led to the diversion of 19 million Marshall Plan dollars from other purposes, to buy fuel for the French people.

Many who wanted government management are still not satisfied. Many of them are promoting a Communist state, now. That would happen in America. There is no indication that government management would work any better here. It is only a step toward Communism, which we do not want. Let us work in every way to preserve private management, a system which has helped America to achieve the highest wages and best living conditions ever known.

Have you heard Dr. Benson and the radio drama, "Land of the Free"? Check your local station for time.



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## Time To Be Happy!

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