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Farmers Warned To Watch wind Erosion of Land

All farmers must keep a constant vigil over their fields and be prepared to give immediate attention to any soil which begins to blow, whether it be a small plot or an entire field. Whether it is on row crop land or land seeded to wheat.

You are not safe even though your wheat was seeded early and you have a good stand and growth, as the wind is already moving the soil under the wheat where it is seeded in the direction of the prevailing winds. The result of this will be first, great damage to your farm than you think, and secondly, the root system of your wheat is so shallow that before you realize it your prospects of a wheat crop will be lessened greatly.

The high plains are in immediate danger of again being subjected to a period of erosion comparable to the "Dust Bowl days". The soil conservation districts are fully aware of the danger and are taking this means of bringing it to the attention of all the farmers within the district.

We, the board of supervisors of the Caprock Soil Conservation District No. 126 would like to suggest that you boys keep an eye out for any blowing land. A very safe precaution is for every one to chisel or otherwise plow all rowcrop land from which the crop has been harvested. Chiseling will come nearer filling the bill as it will not seriously impair your grazing.

Remember 1935 we had three storms per week for a period of five months beginning about the first of December. Now history is in a fair way of repeating itself, but we are now forewarned so; Watch every corner of your farm.

Signed, EARL I. CANTWELL,
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

P. S. We are greatly indebted to the personnel of this paper for their wholehearted cooperation with us in this immediate problem, as well as always heretofore.

Mason Tire and Supply Get Work From Old Mexico

Pat Keenan of Casa Granda, Chihuahua Mexico, drove up in his pick-up this week and had his old engine replaced with a new motor at Mason Tire and Supply.

Mr. Keenan, a rancher in old Mexico, stated that he was running a ranch of 25,000 acres, and not a well or windmill to repair. He clarified the statement by saying the ranch was watered by springs and streams. His holdings are about 175 miles from El Paso, Texas. Roads are rough down there, and transportation is exceedingly slow.

Mr. Keenan and his father also have ranching interests near Wilcox, Arizona, where his father lives.

Jimmie Cline, of Silverton, a friend of Mr. Keenan, spent some time on the ranch recently deer hunting and was responsible for Mr. Mason getting the job.

The Keenan ranch has an elevation of around 5,000 feet and is a similar country to the ranching district around Marfa, Texas, Mr. Keenan said. Cattle of the ranch are butchered and canned and sold to the U. S. Government. Cattle at this time are quarantined from shipment to the U. S.

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MRS. EWING VAUGHAN'S ART CLASS HOLD EXHIBIT

On Friday night, December 17, at 7:30 there will be an exhibition of the work of the art class of Mrs. Ewing Vaughan in the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend this exhibition and see the work being done by the art students.

GEORGE HODGES, BRO. OF LOCAL MAN DIES AT CANYON

George W. Hodges, 72 years old, of Canyon, died Saturday night at Neblett Hospital, Canyon, following a six-day illness.

A member of the Old Cowpunchers' Association, and known as "the man who never forgot a face," Mr. Hodges had many friends in Randall, Lipscomb, and Deaf Smith Counties.

He was a supervisor of the Texas Highway Department the past 23 years.

George Hodges was one of the few remaining cowpunchers who followed trail herds across the plains in the early days. He started to work at an early age for the DZ Ranch in New Mexico, and moved later to Oklahoma where he worked for the Bill Tandy Ranch at Woodward.

In 1904, at Piedmont, Oklahoma, after having worked for several ranches, he met and married Mrs. Flora B. Tackwell. They moved to Wichita County Texas, where they lived until 1918 when he purchased a stock farm near Miami.

Mr. Hodges and his wife operated the stock farm until 1927, when he went to work as a maintenance foreman for the Texas Highway Department at Canadian. In 1940 he was transferred to Canyon and made a supervisor, a position from which he retired only last November 1 because of ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Flora, of Canyon; sons Dallas of Canadian, Oliver of Canadian, and Clyde of Miami; stepsons Lloyd Tackwell of Pampa and Gerald Tackwell of Norman, Oklahoma; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Eva De Bond, of El Paso; a brother, Tom, of Silverton; and four sisters.

The latter are Mrs. W. N. Moore, of Kerr; Mrs. Jimmie Ellison, of Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. N. Hudson and Mrs. Ruby Hayther, both of Greenville. Also surviving are 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church, Canadian, with Rev. Hubert Thompson of the Canyon Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed at Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Griggs-Warner Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were named as Bill Gaines of Amarillo, Johnnie Sikes and Al Morgan of Canyon, Lee Newman and Tom Couch of Hereford, Clifford Lyls of Dumas, F. A. Blue of Canadian, and W. D. Allen of Miami.

Honorary pallbearers included Archie Dixon, Sargent Ruth, Jim Harris, Charlie Smith, Jim Payne, Guy Lott, Cecil Fonti, and Reuben Beuley, all of Amarillo; Harry Welbur, Clarke Kemp, Aubrey Bentley, Clark Reagon, and Bert Woods, all of Canadian; Woodie Pond of Miami and W. A. Rissey of Clarendon.—Amarillo Globe-News.

Attending the funeral from Silverton were: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison of Tulia, Miss Jewel Hodges, of Lubbock.

Mrs. C. L. Cowart Injures Shoulder

Mrs. C. L. Cowart had the misfortune of falling at her home Monday night and dislocating her shoulder and probably cracking the bone. She was carried to Silverton Clinic, where she was treated. She was able to be brought to her home Tuesday at noon.

Mrs. Glenn Lindsey and Mrs. A. T. Brooks, Jr., visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks.

Savings Bonds Volunteers Come from All Walks of Life



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Here are four types of Americans who have one thing in common, their recognition of the fact that it is just as important to help sell United States Savings Bonds now as it was in wartime. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder singled out these four citizens as representative of tens of thousands of Americans who are serving as Savings Bonds volunteers.

Upper left shows Sy Gruber of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who devotes most of his time to selling Savings Bonds. Upper right is Milton Wolfe, Chicago Musical Instrument manufacturer, who has been a vital factor in the promotion of Savings Bonds in the Chicago area. Lower left is Emilio Vecchi, a tailor from Des Moines, Iowa, whose shop was closed continuously during the Security Loan drive so that Mr. Vecchi could be out selling bonds. His sales record reached the amazing volume of \$8,500,000. Lower right is 6-year old Sidney Oliver Helmske of New Orleans who sold \$20,150 worth of Savings Bonds.

'Man From Colorado' Showing at Palace December 19, 20

A great color western, "Man From Colorado" in color, will show Sunday and Monday, December 19 and 20 starring William Holden, Glen Ford. You saw them in the great show "Texans". Now they are twice as good in this great color western, "Man From Colorado."

MRS. C. C. GARRISON PRESENTS PIANO PUPILS DECEMBER 21

Mrs. C. C. Garrison will present her piano pupils in recital at the First Baptist Church, Tuesday, December 21, at 7 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

MILTON DUDLEY RESIGNED AS CITY COUNCILMAN

Milton Dudley one of the members of the City Council of Silverton presented his resignation to the council at its last meeting, and it was accepted. This place on the council will be vacant until another city election.

Mr. Dudley was elected in the July primary to the office of County Commissioner, Precinct Number Four, and will assume the duties of this office January 1, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Whiteside visited Sunday in Wellington with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWilliams.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sharp visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peugh, Sunday.

MRS. LEE DAVENPORT HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Lee Davenport, who has been in Silverton Clinic for the past week with pneumonia, was carried home Wednesday afternoon. She is reported to be recovering from her illness satisfactorily.

SILVERTON LIBRARY BOOK SHOWER DECEMBER 18

There will be a book shower and tea held December 18, at the Silverton Library. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a book or donate the price of a book to the library fund.

Cisco Anglin, of Lubbock, visited Melvin Yancy over the week end.

Boy Scout Camp To Be Held Dec. 28, 29 and 30

Funeral Services For John Blackwell Held Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Baptist Church for Isic John Blackwell, by Rev. G. A. Elrod, pastor of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Grady Adcock, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment was made in Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Douglas Funeral Home.

Isic John Blackwell was born at Decatur, Wise County, Texas February 28, 1876. He moved from Wise County to Briscoe County when he was 19 years old. He was married to Susie Lee Freeman January 22, 1912, at Silverton, Texas. To this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters. In 1941 Mr. Blackwell moved to Hereford, Texas, spending his life there in farming and ranching.

He made a profession of faith in Christ when he was a boy and joined the Baptist Church. His father was a pioneer Baptist preacher and his youngest brother is also a Baptist minister.

Mr. Blackwell passed away December 10, 1948 at 8:00 p. m., at Hereford, Texas. The body was brought to Silverton Friday night and burial was made Sunday.

Survivors include the wife, three sons, John William Blackwell, and James Dow Blackwell, of Hereford; Odell Blackwell, McAdoo, Texas. Three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Baird, Silverton; Violet Lee Caster, Hereford; Verma Mae Blackwell, Hereford; one sister, Mrs. Bill Stout, Silverton; one brother, Penn Blackwell, Big Spring, Texas; eight grandchildren also survive.

Pallbearers were: J. S. Fisher, H. L. O. Riddell, Dick Bomar, Ray C. Bomar, Bill McGavock, Mart Norris, Milton Jasper and P. D. Jasper.

Thanks, "Fellers", For Cleaning The Street

Our thanks go to the "fellers" in this block who helped move dirt from the curb in front of all the places of business. Perry Thomas at the City Shoe Shop furnished the trailer to haul the dirt away and George Martin, Bill Messimer, Bill Mayes, Stewart the Tailor, C. B. Young, of Y. & M. Grocery, Rev. G. A. Elrod and Jim Clemmer, handled the shovels, and in no time they had a trailer load of dirt loaded and ready to haul out of town. Leo White and Cavanaugh seemed to be the sidewalk "engineers" and a good job they did. It just goes to show what can be done when everyone puts their shoulders to the wheel and push—with efficient engineers.

ATTEND HAPPY-IDALOU GAME FRIDAY AT TULIA

Among those who attended the Happy-Idalou football game at Tulia Friday afternoon were: Mary Tom Bomar, Don Burson, Mona Brock, Jett Mason, LaRue Gilkeyson, Beffie Garvin, Joye Brown, Clayton Woods, Marian Arnold, Wayne Hamilton, Dorothy Heckman, Clifton Bearden, Wayne McMurtry, Richard Turner, Donald Rhea, Flute Hutsell, Hershell Harrison and Max O'Brian.

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The Headquarters Office of the South Plains Council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today through Mr. Alex McDonald, Council Camping Chairman, that Winter Camps will be held December 28, 29 and 30, at both Camp Post and Camp Mammy Haynes.

Each troop in the Council Area may attend the camp of their choice. The Council will provide camp directors at each camp site to assist scoutmasters with program plans. Field Executives Pat Lewis, Jack Johnston and Frank Atkinson will be at Camp Post located 2 1-2 miles southwest of Post, Texas. Ray Howard, Raymond Lupfer and W. R. Postma will be at Camp Mammy Haynes, located ten miles east and three miles north of Silverton, Texas.

The Winter Camps will be troop camps with each troop bringing their own food, cooking utensils, bedrolls and etc. The Council will have a few tents at each camp site for troops that do not own their own tentage. Each troop will come prepared for five meals.

Both camps will start late on Tuesday afternoon, December 28, with troops arriving in time to pitch camp and prepare the evening meal before dark. Both camps will end following breakfast on Thursday, December 30. All Scout Troops in the twenty county area in the South Plains Council are cordially invited to take advantage of this excellent camping opportunity. All parents and friends of scouting are invited to visit the boys while at Camp during the holidays.

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Life Size Nativity Scene Ties Up Silverton Street

A blocktraffic jam in west Silverton—and for a while it looked as if they were going to have to call the Three Wise Men and Santa Claus for the lawn display causing the traffic jam.

People jammed the street in the neighborhood of Stewart-Douglas Funeral Home and the Watson Douglas home to see the life-size illuminated nativity scene on their lawn. The Douglas lawn had Santa and sleigh with reindeers and music "Here Comes Santa." Adjoining the lawn is the funeral home with manger scene and life-size figures of the three wise men with music "Silent Night" all highly lighted in colors.

Workers Conference Held at Quitaque Tuesday

The Floyd County Baptist Workers Conference met with the First Baptist Church at Quitaque Tuesday in an all day gathering.

Among those attending from Silverton were: Rev. G. A. Elrod, Mrs. Pearl B. Simpson, Miss Eunice Cox, Mrs. G. R. Dowdy, Mrs. Ray C. Bomar, Mrs. Alvin Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheelock, and H. V. Morgan.

Mrs. John McCain and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Doc Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis and new baby in South Plains Sunday.

Walter Watters and daughters, Carrie Dell and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman and Mrs. C. O. Wise, visited in the M. C. Kitchens home Sunday night.

Mrs. Rawls Miller, of Earth, visited her daughter, Mrs. John D. Baird the past two weeks.



SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL STAFF

Mona Brock, Jim Mercer, Mrs. McNeese, Wayne McMurtry, Meredith Nelson, LaRue Gilkeyson, Larry Tunnell, Helen Beth Joiner, Joy Brown, Marian Arnold, and Mickey Cornett.

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DEAR SANTA:

I am a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. For Christmas would you please bring me a gun and scabbard, and a Betsy-Wetsy doll. Would you please

bring some doll furniture for my doll house daddy is making me. Also some clothes for my doll and lots of nuts and candy and fruits.
Your little pal,
Peggy Jean Hollingsworth.



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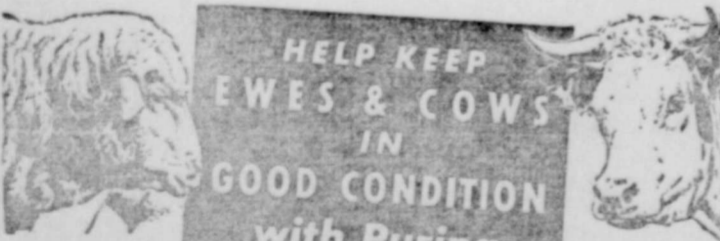


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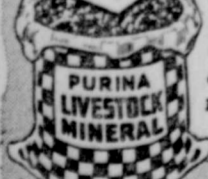


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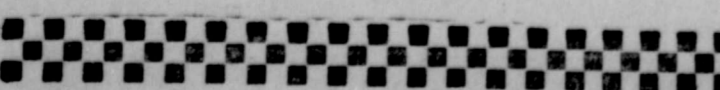
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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I want a doll for Christmas. Also some fruit, nuts and candy.
Love,
Norma Sue Gamble.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
This is from Sam. I am 7 years old. I want a booksatchel with some sets on it and some house slippers. Please bring some nuts and candy. I would like some Roy Rogers gloves.
Your friend,
Sam Bomar Brown.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Please bring me a doll, and a set of doll furniture. I want a locket and a necklace and a Mickey Mouse watch. Bring some candy and nuts. Thank you.
My name is Lillie Davis.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a little girl ten years old and in the fourth grade. Please bring me a baby blue eyes doll. I also want a bicycle. I also want fruit, nuts and candy. I have a baby brother four years old and also one four months old, please bring them something.
Your friend,
Edna Pearl Rowell.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am a little girl three years old. I've been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and doll buggy. Also lots of candy, nuts and fruit. My little sister, Carol, wants a doll, too.
Please remember other little boys and girls.
Marjorie McCain.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I have been a pretty good little girl. I would like a doll, house dress, candy, nuts and fruit. My little brother wants a train and a truck, candy, nuts, and fruit.
Love,
Louengle Norris.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am eight years old and in the second grade. Would you please bring me two guns, a football helmet and some candy and fruit. Bring Mary Lynn something new to play with, too.
Love,
John Schott.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I am five year old and a nice boy. I want a baseball bat and a cowboy suit, also fruit and candy. Remember all the other boys and girls.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
David Schott.

DEAR SANTA:
I am three years old and I'll tell you what I want you to bring me—a caterpillar, two guns and holdsters, and candy and good stuff.
I like you, Santa.
BMI Schott.

DEAR SANTA:
I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a doll, a house coat and house shoes. Also fruit, nuts and candy.
Bring my little brother something, too.
With love,
Frankie Lou Hunt.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
Would you please bring me a Sparkle Plenty doll and a cleaning outfit so I can help mother clean house. Celene and I would like some fireworks, nuts and candy too. Thanks,
Sue Lanham.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:
I'm trying to be a good girl so please bring me a Sparkle Plenty doll and a little machine so I can make my dollie's clothes.
Don't forget the other little girls and boys.
Love,
Celene Lanham.

DEAR SANTA:
I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade. Please bring me cowboy boots, a long tom gun, football and boxing gloves. Please bring some fruit, nuts and candy, too.
Your friend,
John Carrol Mercer.

DEAR SANTA:
I am 7 years old. I want a jeep, a wagon with sideboards, and a pair of Lee's and hat, and a pair of guns and some fruit and nuts.
Remember all other boys and girls.
Chick says I loose my temper but I think I have been fair.
Tom Thompson.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Patterson, of Lockney, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitfill.

Mr. and Mrs. Alga Turner, of Turkey, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Simpson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tunnell and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wood visited Thursday night in Plainview with Mr. Tunnell's mother, Mrs. G. Tunnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Printz Brown visited relatives in Amarillo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Massey, of Batsville, Arkansas, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes and Mrs. J. W. Haynes Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. McMurtry returned home Saturday from Dallas where she had visited her father, W. E. Burleson several days. Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Griffin who accompanied Mrs. McMurtry to Dallas went to Alice, Texas, where they visited Mr. Griffin's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gomillion and daughter, Celina Ann, of Borger, visited Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Grady Adcock.

CARBON PAPER at the NEWS OFFICE

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a boy eight years old, and I have been good, so please bring me a pair of guns and holsters, a bicycle, candy, fruit and nuts.
Mike Baird.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a pair of Roy Rogers cap guns and a Mickey Mouse wrist watch. Also bring some candy and nuts. Thank you.
My name is Vernon Ray Davis.

CARD OF THANKS

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Mrs. Joe Mercer.

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SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenport—Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars." They came all the way from Sweden.

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them."

Kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenport. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd received, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thumped in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and it's a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

SOMETHING FOR SALLY

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion, "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to get back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and gauntlets. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars...

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

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Mrs. L. W. Kiker, of Plainview, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. O. T. Bundy.

Bill Gilkeyson, of Sundown, Texas, visited his mother, Mrs. S. B. Gilkeyson Sunday.

Melvin Yancy spent the week in Lubbock visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Yancy.

Mrs. Ada Cox and son, Troy, went to Nocona Sunday where they visited Mrs. Cox's sister, Mrs. Ida Pyett. Monday the group drove to Dallas on business, and Mrs. Cox and son returned home Tuesday.

Homer Ragland, of Dimmitt, visited relatives in Silvertown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Afton Teague and baby, visited relatives over the week end in Silvertown.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, R. C. Hutsell and sons, Flu-noy and Joe Dell and Mrs. Pearl Simpson.

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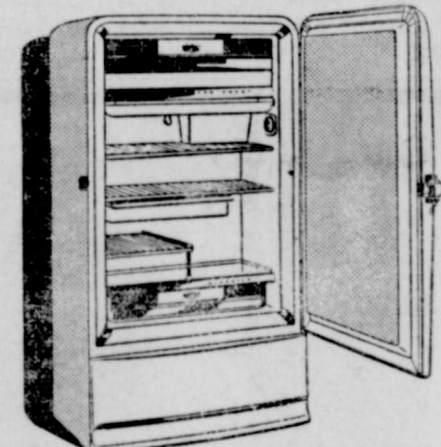
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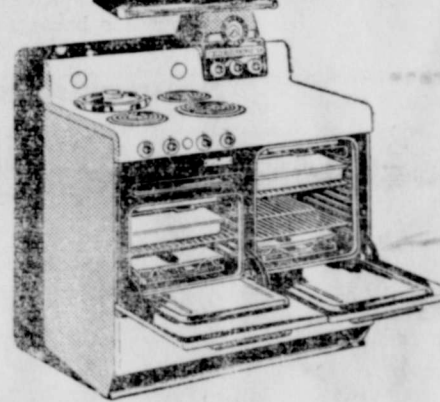
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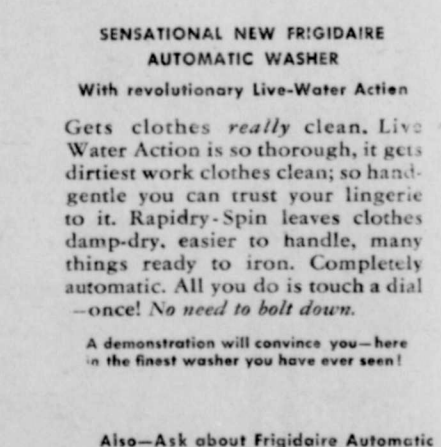
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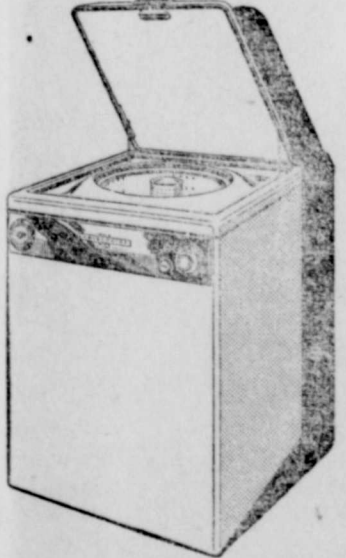


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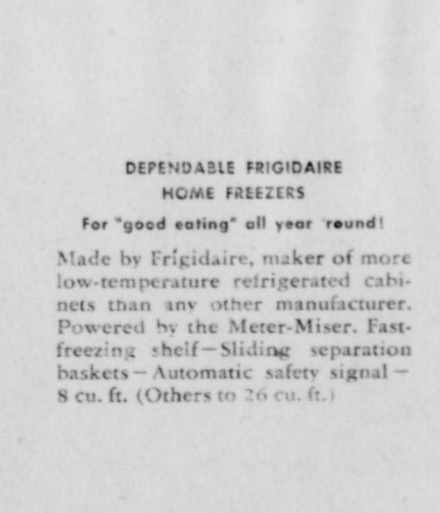


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Pooling Agreements Are Included in Agricultural Program

Provisions for "pooling agreements" again are included in the Agricultural Conservation Program for 1949, says R. M. Haverty, chairman of the Briscoe County Agricultural conservation committee.

Under the pooling agreement, a group of farmers work together in carrying out a conservation project. Farmers in such agreements may pool all or any part of lands available to them to help finance one or more joint conservation projects.

Under such agreements program assistance averages about half the cost just as it does in the case of practices carried out on individual farms.

Any number of farmers may participate in these agreements but the same \$750 limit applies to each farmer in the pool as it does to individual farm projects.

Mr. Haverty urges that, where a group of farmers have a conservation problem which requires joint action, the project be discussed with the county PMA committee. Prior approval of both the county committee and the State PMA committee is required before such projects are eligible for assistance.

Construction of drains, building of dams and the lining of irrigation canals are among the projects most commonly carried out under pooling agreements.

PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Elrod were in Lubbock Friday visiting his niece who is critically ill in a Lubbock hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottles Denham, of Lubbock, attended the funeral of her uncle, John Blackwell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly went to Ralls Thursday where Grady took the bus to Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Williamson, of Lubbock, visited over the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Billingsley.

Miss Betty Marshall who attends business college in Plainview spent the week end in Silverton with relatives.

Allen Kellum visited his mother, Mrs. Lela Kellum and grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Wimberly, in Frederick, Oklahoma, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean and daughter, Mildred, visited relatives in Floydada Sunday.

Home-Sick Tailor Cut First Tree

To August Ingard, a home-sick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Ingard came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hessa. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Apple creek. . . . When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that. I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to tie the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

Adept with scissors, Ingard cut his own paper adornments and a local tinsmith fashioned a shiny star for the top.

Miss Alma Jewell Luetz, who is attending business college in Plainview spent the week end in Silverton with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Dowdy spent the week end in Amarillo with their son, Ross Wayne Dowdy.

Jett Mason, Don Burson, Her-shall Harrison and Wayne McMurry made a trip to Amarillo Monday.

Beauford Clemmer, wife and children of Lubbock, visited his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, Sunday.

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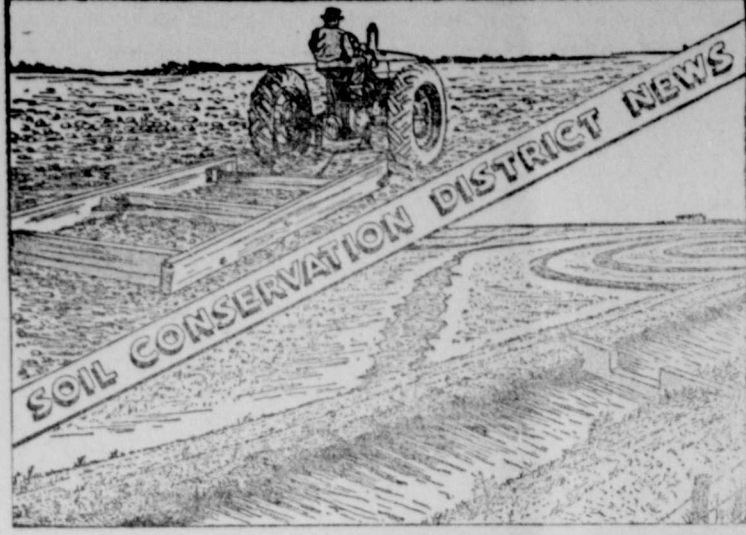
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Supervisors for Cap Rock District—Earl I. Cantwell, Chairman; Obra Watson, Bray H. Cook, L. A. McJinsey and R. L. Brunson

Soil Conservation technicians of the local district located a high point on Mr. C. G. Harrison's farm located one-half mile north-west of Silverton.

A topographic map was made by Soil Conservation technicians on C. E. Anderson's farm, a co-operator in the West Silverton Conservation Group. The map will be used to plan and operate an improved irrigation system.

Irrigation ditch lines were run by Soil Conservation technicians for D. O'Neal, operator on Tom Whitley place, this week. Mr. O'Neal is a cooperator in Matthews Conservation Group.

The following Farmer-District agreements were approved by the Supervisors at their last meeting: Gordon P. Montague, Mrs. Mattie Taylor-W. E. Autry and Jim Whitley-Homer Stephens.

Applications for assistance were approved for Roy S. Brown and H. S. Crow-A. T. Bingham.

Norris Offield, of Fort Jackson, South Carolina, visited last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Offield. He left Saturday for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey where he will be stationed.

Mrs. N. Calvary, of Amarillo, visited friends in Silverton Monday. Mrs. Mattie Perry accompanied her home for a few days visit.

What's Doing in the Churches

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Grady Adcock, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00
 Childrens and Young People's Meeting 7:00
 Evening Service 7:30
 WSCS every other Monday at 3:00

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

J. B. Jones, Minister
 Bible Study 10:00
 Worship Service 11:00
 Ladies Bible Class, Monday 3:00
 Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:45

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. A. Elrod, Pastor
 Sunday School 10:00
 Morning Preaching 11:00
 Preaching 7:30
 Training Union 6:30
 Choir Practice 6:30
 Prayer Meeting 7:00
 W. M. S. 2:30
 Brotherhood 7:00

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00
PREACHING
 Each Second Sunday 11:00
 Each Fourth Sunday 3:00
 Auxiliary every 1st and 3rd Monday in the homes of the members.

PLENTY of "Non-Skid" paper clips at the News office. Also Parcel Post Gum-labels.

FRANCIS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass and children visited relatives in Hereford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis entertained with six tables of "42" Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Brown left Thursday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family at Mercedes, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass were attending to business in Amarillo Wednesday.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR SANTA:

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll, doll buggy and a train. Bring my little brother, who is two years old, a rubber doll, a windup car, and a little wagon. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
 Anita LaJuan Curby.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little boy five years old. I have been a good boy. I want a bike, some building blocks, a Mickey Mouse watch, an electric train and some nuts and candy. Be sure and come see all the other boys and girls.
 Love,
 Dale Francis.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am K. Clanahan, a little girl who has tried to be good for the last day or two and I have taken my nap every day.

Santa, I would like a little piano for Christmas. Please remember all little children with fruit, nuts and candy.
 Thanks,
 K. Clanahan.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

We have been good this year. I am a little boy four years old, and my little sister is nearly three. I want you to bring me two guns. My little sister wants a doll. We both want a jeep to ride in. Don't forget us.
 Merry Christmas,
 Bobby and Sandra Kitchens.

Mrs. W. A. London is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Grace Keele and son, in Hominy, Oklahoma.



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PLAINVIEW—LUBBOCK

Wage-Hour Suit Dis- missed Against Amarillo Co.

Lubbock, December 16—Following the filing of a stipulation in federal court by Hill Lines, Amarillo, Texas, agreeing to comply with the overtime and record-keeping provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, legal action to obtain an injunction against the firm has been dismissed. An injunction was sought by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor to restrain this interstate trucking firm from future violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (federal wage and hour law).

The dismissal order was signed here by Judge Joseph B. Dooley, U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas, after the firm had stipulated to the court it would comply with the statute in the future.

"The firm had been inspected previously at which time similar violations were found," said Jonathan R. Cartwright, supervising inspector for the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U. S. Department of Labor in New Mexico and West Texas. Cartwright said today in his office at 413 Federal Building, Albuquerque, that the action had been filed by Earl Street, regional attorney for the U. S. Department of Labor, on behalf of William R. McComb, administrator of the divisions.

The law requires that covered employees receive at least 40 cents an hour, be paid at least time and one-half their regular rate of pay for all hours over 40 worked in a workweek, restricts the use of child labor, and requires that proper employment records be kept. Cartwright pointed out that the time and one-half overtime must be paid on the employee's regular rate and not the minimum.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGavock, of Tulia, visited relatives in Silvertown Sunday.

FOR BEST BUYS in used Servel Electrolux see Meinecke Bros, Plainview, Texas. 48-6tc

FOR SALE—1941 Tudor Chevrolet, good condition. Clyde Lightsey, Silvertown Texas. 48-3tp.

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FOR SALE—Used Servel Refrigerator, 6 foot Butane Model. Simpson Chevrolet Company. 41-tfc

FOR SALE—20,000 Bundles of Hegari. A. F. Van Meter, Quitaque, Texas. 47-3tp

FOR SALE—Weiner pigs. See Snooks Baird 45-tfc

If you want to sell a farm, see Roy Teeter. Phone 87-R

If you want to buy a farm, see Roy Teeter, Phone 87-R. 44-tfc

PAPER HANGING AND PAINTING—Quality work, reasonable prices. See T. C. Cherry or inquire at Willson & Son Lumber Company. 13-tfc

FOR SALE—Whizzer Motor Bike, bought in August in good condition. W. Hamilton. 49-2tp

WANTED—Listings on irrigated and dry land farms and ranches. H. Roy Brown, office phone 46, residence 85. 45-tfc

FOR SALE—My place in town, reasonable. Snooks Baird. 49-3tp

FOR SALE—980 bundles of Cane. Also work team 7 and 4 years. Two colts 1 and 2 years. See T. L. Anderson. 49-2tp

FOR SALE — BREDGILTS — Snooks Baird 49-3tp

FOR SALE—Nice China Cabinet and Occasional table. City Shoe Shop. 49-tfc

I am placing fresh daily, extra heavy whipping cream at Tunnell Grocery. Mrs. Albert Mallow.

STRAYED—One black and white spotted sow pig about 7 weeks old. Pete Chitty. 50-1tp

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Redin attended a basketball game in Plainview Saturday and spent the week end with their son.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their words of sympathy, cards and floral offerings, during the illness and death of my brother, George Hodges, Canyon, Texas. Everything you did was very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hodges.

DINNER GUESTS IN R. E. STEPHENS HOME SUNDAY

Those enjoying dinner in the R. E. Stephens home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ledbetter and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stephens and sons; Mr. Ed Vaughan and Eurol; Mrs. Lottie Henderson and Dwin; Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Fayree; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell.

Roy Coffey visited his father Sunday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Webb and brother, of Lubbock, visited in the H. P. Rampley home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams took Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Curtis to Amarillo Tuesday to catch the train for Venice, California. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis plan to spend the winter in California with their children.

Mrs. F. L. Perkins and Mrs. Bill Rucker and Okie, visited relatives in Barstow, Oklahoma recently.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Fulton, Jr., of Canyon, visited in the home of Mrs. Fulton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Arnold and daughter, Betty and Juanita Edwards spent last week end in Paducah, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ballard.

Mrs. Leo Ballard, and daughter, Mary Ann, visited last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lindsey, of Levelland, visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brooks, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hutsell spent the week end in South Plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Guest.

Mrs. Bud McMinn, Mrs. R. E. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMinn were in Floydada and Lockney Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mack Biffle and daughter, of Levelland, spent the week end in the B. N. Mason home.

Mr. and Mrs. Keltz Garrison and sons, of Crosbyton, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison.

Rev. and Mrs. ... were week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. ... and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob ... Petersburg, visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. ... Olive.

Mrs. C. G. Harrison and Mrs. Bill Messimer were Plainview visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert London visited Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Southward and family in Ralls Sunday.

Mrs. Arnold Brown and Mrs. Dee McWilliams and son spent Wednesday in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Watson and Mrs. Sid Richards were in Plainview Monday on business.

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- D. Wool Shirts, were \$3.95, now **\$1.95**
- D. Wool Pants, Were \$6.50, now **\$3.95**
- Army Khaki 50% wool, long sox, were \$2.00, now **\$1.50**
- Were 50c now, pair **29c**
- Lot Ladies Dresses, Approximately 100, were 98c to \$3.95, now each **49c**
- Lot Ladies Coats, were \$7.95 to \$20.00, Now **\$3.95 to \$7.95**
- New B-15 Bomber Flight Jackets, were \$17.50, now **\$11.95**
- New B-15 Work Jackets, were \$14.95, now **\$10.50**
- Marine Mackinaws, Sheepskin lined were \$8.95, now **\$6.95**

- First Quality Commercial Sox, Anklets, were 39c, now, pair **20c**
- Johnson's Liquid Floor Wax—Army Surplus, was \$1.00 gallon, now, 5 gallons for **\$4.00**
- Army Raincoats, were \$2.95, now **\$1.25**
- 1 Lot Men's Dress Suits, were \$12.50 to \$20.00, now **\$4.95 to \$7.95**
- Army Double Bunk Beds, wood, were \$5.95 now, set **\$2.00**
- Army Fatigue Jackets, were \$1.50, now **65c**
- Army Fatigue Pants, were \$1.00, now **50c**
- Army Cot Mattresses were \$6.00, now **\$3.95**
- Boot Laces, were 10c now, pr. **5c**

- M-43 Drawstring Jackets, were \$5.00, now **\$2.95**
- M-38 Field Jackets, were \$2.95, now **\$1.40**
- Army Sweat Shirts, 50% wool, were \$1.50, now **89c**
- Army Long Drawers, 50% wool, were \$1.50, now **75c**
- Army Feather Pillows, were 75c, now **45c**
- Rebuilt Army Shoes, were \$3.95, now **\$1.95**
- Rebuilt Army Low Quarters, were \$3.50, now **\$1.75**
- 1 Lot Barrel Trucks, were \$9.95, now **\$5.00**
- Dust Respirators, were 50c now **19c**
- Army Surplus Powdered Soap, was 10c Lb., now **6 1/2c**

- Air Corp Surplus Rubber Life Rafts, 1 man, was \$12.50, now **\$7.95**
- 5 man, was \$35.00, now **\$22.95**
- Army Overcoats, were \$5.95 **\$3.95**
- Ike Jackets, were \$5.95, now **\$3.95**
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 Your little friend,
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I want a billfold, guns, fountain pen, and fruits, nuts and candy. Be good to all the little girls and boys. Remember mother and Daddy, Teresa and Patsy and please don't forget my Granda Burleson, who is sick, and Fred who is in the navy. Merry Christmas to you.
 Love, Betty Crass.

DEAR SANTA:
 I am a little boy 8 years old and in the second grade, and I am doing pretty good in school. Please bring me a train and a big rubber play ball and don't forget my mother and two little sisters, and three half sisters and two brothers, and all other little children.
 Charley Ralph McLeland.
 P. S. I want some fruit, candy and nuts.

DEAR SANTA:
 I am a little girl 6 years old, not going to school yet. I have been pretty good girl and I want a toy piano and fruits, candy and nuts. Don't forget other little boys and girls.
 Beatrice R. McLeland.

DEAR SANTA:
 I am a little girl four years old. Will you please bring me some boots, gun and scabbard and a frontier suit, and a truck.
 Your friend,
 Lou Brannon.

DEAR SANTA:
 I am six years old and I am in the first grade. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, some new doll clothes for my doll and some dishes. Also some fruit, nuts and candy.
 Your friend,
 Lynda Brannon.

DEAR SANTA:
 Would you please bring me a wagon and pair of leather gloves. Also some nuts fruit and candy.
 Your friend,
 Ronald Welch.

DEAR SANTA:
 I have been a good boy and I know a little girl that's as good as me, her name is Kay Garrison. Please bring me a Gene Autry shirt, hat and gun set. Bring Tom anything that you can. Bring us some fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget the little boys and girls that are overseas.
 Harry Thompson.

DEAR SANTA:
 I am a little boy four years old, my little brother Jerry is nine months old. Jerry has been a good boy so bring him some toys. I have been a very good boy but if you will bring me a farm set and a silver colt gun, fruit, nuts and candy I will try to be a better boy. Don't forget to put a real live pony on the Christmas tree for my big brother, Leonard, for he wants a pony very much. Don't forget Daddy and Mother.
 Your little friends,
 Jimmy and Jerry Perkins.

DEAR SANTA:
 Please bring me a Mickey Mouse wrist watch if you can't bring me a bike. I will be proud of anything you can bring me. Don't forget the nuts, fruit and candy, and Santa don't forget my Grandpa Perkins and Grandma McLeland and all the little boys and girls.
 With love, your little friend,
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DEAR SANTA:
 Please bring me a Donald Duck wrist watch and a basket ball, set of two guns, holster set and a cowboy hat, nuts, fruit and candy, and don't forget my friend, Frankie Bingham, and the other boys and girls.
 Your friend,
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 P. S. Santa please don't forget my uncle Henry, he works on the railroad and he has his toe broke now.

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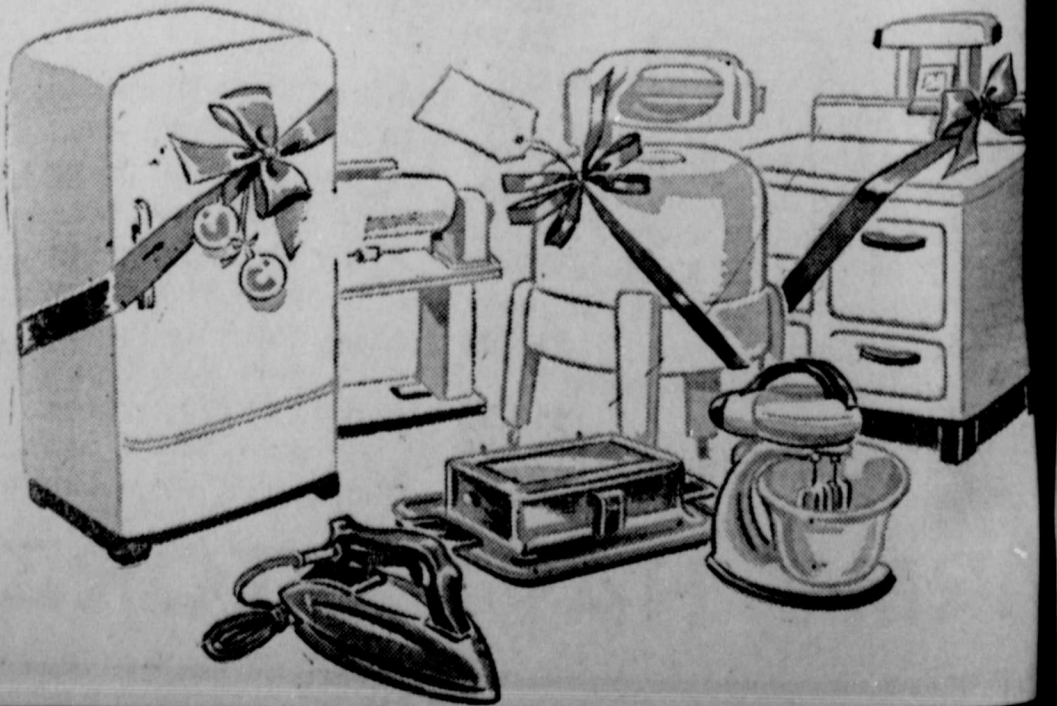


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Please bring me a doll, billfold and a little piano.

I have a baby sister. She would like a doll and some little dishes.

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Your little friends,
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DEAR SANTA:
I am seven years old and in the second grade. I have been a very good little girl. I want a little electric stove, doctor set, doll, set of dishes and lots of candy and nuts.

Elaine Stephens.

DEAR SANTA:
I want a bride doll and molding clay set, and a set of dishes.

Love,
Diane Fogerson.

DEAR SANTA:
I have been pretty good this year, so will you please bring me a doll with hair, a house coat and house shoes and a sweetheart bracelet, some nuts, fruit and candy.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Myrna Sue Bingham.

DEAR SANTA:
I am a little boy seven years old. I haven't been too good this year, but I'll try to be better next year.

Please bring me two guns and holster set, a big truck, candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

I Love You,
George McJimsey.

DEAR SANTA:
I have tried to be a nice girl. I would like for you to bring me a pair of skates, a Donald Duck Watch, a doll, and some candy and nuts. Don't forget any of the boys and little girls.

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RANCH PIONEER SERVICES HELD AT CLARENDON

Clarendon, December 13.—Funeral services for Frederick George Patching, Panhandle pioneer and prominent rancher, who died early Saturday morning in the Plainview Clinic, were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday from the family home in Clarendon with Dr. Stanley Haynes, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Citizens Cemetery.

Mr. Patching, known widely as the "Bar-O-Kid", was 83 years of age. He was born in England and came to America when he was five. His family first located in Chicago, where they remained about a year before moving to South Bend, Ind. Several of the Patching children later decided to settle in the west and after coming to Texas, Fred took a job on a ranch at the age of 14.

He later was identified in railroad, being employed with the Fort Worth and Denver. Mr. Patching returned to his first love, ranching. He went to work as a cowboy on the Bar-O-Ranch near Clarendon, where he gained his nickname. He subsequently worked with the Diamond Trail, Rocking Chair, Diamond F, Shoe-Bar, Turkey-Track, Bar C's, LX, LIT, L.S., XIT, Frying Pan and T-Anchor.

Mr. Patching bought a farm in Bowie in 1888 and still owned this tract when he died. In 1889 he was married to Miss Mary Josephine Slover. The rancher was

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Beckie Cowart Honored on Fourth Birthday

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Refreshments of ice cream and cake was served to the guests.

Mothers attending were: Mrs. Ben Whitefill, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Marlen Jarnagen, Mrs. Judd Donnell. Mrs. Wayne McCutchen, Mrs. Wayne Crawford, Mrs. Jessie Hill and Mrs. Coleman Garrison.

CARBON PAPER at the NEWS OFFICE

active in the organization of the Tulia Bank and Trust Company in 1905. In the same year, Mr. Patching moved with his family to Clarendon so his children could attend school there. He bought a house there near the college, and until his death, spent time between the home there and a ranch five miles southwest of Happy which he bought for his two sons.

The Patchings celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 15, 1940, at which time some 22 members of the immediate family joined the couple for a dinner at the family home in Clarendon. Mrs. Patching died June 6 of this year, and since, Mr. Patching had been residing with a daughter in Plainview.

He is survived by three daughters, Miss Eva Patching, Amarillo, Mrs. John Harris of Claude and Mrs. C. L. Craig, of Plainview; two sons, Edgar Patching of Tulia and Fred Patching, Jr., of Goodnight; eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Another son died in 1943.



By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-l-y two dollars. . ."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears.

"I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again. "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-l-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said. "Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

Mrs. Dee McWilliams Hostess to Rainbow Assembly

Mrs. Dee McWilliams was hostess for a holiday party for the Order of the Rainbow Assembly and their guests on Thursday evening, from 7:30 until 10. Assisting Mrs. McWilliams were members of the advisory board: Mrs. W. Coffee, Jr., Mrs. Grady Wimberly, Mrs. E. A. Bellinger, and Mrs. Keith Tiffin.

Holiday decorations were used throughout the rooms and on the serving table. Highlights of the occasion were a huge Christmas tree and exchange of gifts, followed by games which were played during the evening.

A buffet supper of sandwiches, cookies, candies and punch in colorful glasses arranged in the shape of a rainbow, was served from a gaily decorated table featuring a tall red candle for a centerpiece.

Members and guests attending were: Misses LaRue Gilkeyson, Juanita Edwards, Mona Brock, Betty Ann Nance, Joy Nell Chit-

VISITORS IN SEANEY HOME SUNDAY

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and children; Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison and children; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clark. Mrs. Pauline Hooper, Cleeta, Joe and Guy, of Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stodghill and son, Joe Ray, visited their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sanders and Mrs. Mozelle Sanders, at Brice Sunday.

ly, Joy Reithmayer, Betty Arnold, Dorothy Heckman, Gloria Stevenson, Gaylia Bomar, Marian Arnold, Betty Dickerson, Jeanie Garvin, Teresa Crass, Polly Chitly, Pat Baird, Peggy Holt, Mary Lou Bellinger, Mary Tom Bomar, Messrs. Darrell McWilliams, Wayne Hamilton, Wayne Mc Murtry, Jett Mason, Loyd Stephens, Pat Northcutt and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seefeldt and Diana Jo, Dee McWilliams and Jerry and Larry McWilliams.

Circles of W. S. C. S. Met With Mrs. S. R. Turner Dec. 13

Circle No. one and two of the W. S. C. S., met in the home of Mrs. S. R. Turner for their annual Christmas party on December 13. Several Christmas games were played and presents were exchanged. Mrs. Shafe Weaver sang "Silent Night."

The treasurer gave a report for the year as \$226.65. One hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty four cents of this was pledged, the rest was local work.

Refreshments of cake and coffee were served to Mesdames T. R. Whiteside, Dutch Tidwell, Shafe Weaver, Lem Weaver, Hugh Nance, Curtis Bingham, Homer Stephens, Glenn McWilliams, Bailey Hill, Grady Adcock, Or-

PERSONALS

Miss Joy Bell Davenport is attending Abilene Christian College, was called home on account of her mother's illness, reported to be improving.

Slick Johnson and Bruce of the J. A. Ranch and Maquita Edwards were visitors at Dick Bomar home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Keith children, visited her mother, John Sally and brother, Bixson, near Austin recently.

Bill Turner, R. M. Hill, Edna as, Warner Grabbe, Bill Ed Leuty, W. A. Dickerson, Smith, H. E. Curtis, C. M. land, M. K. Summers, Posey and the hostess Mrs. Turner.

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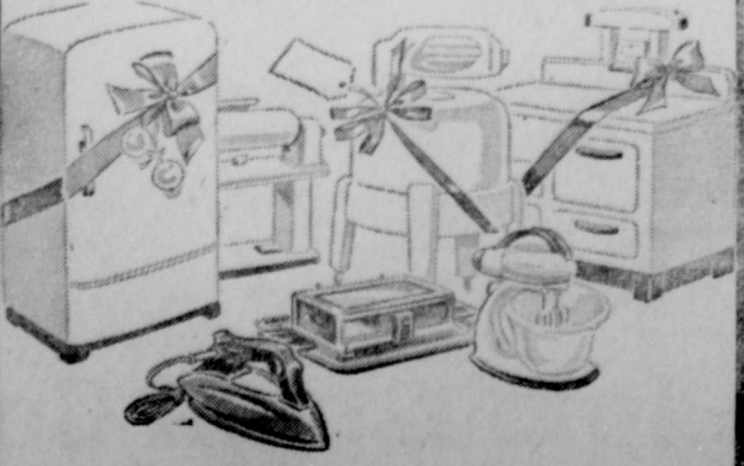
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