

## Band Boosters To Give Play December 17

Stratford Band Boosters are planning an evening of fun for the community in the form of a play, "The Eager Miss Beaver," directed by Wayne Stevens, to be given Thursday, December 17, at 8:00 o'clock in the school auditorium. A fine cast has been selected and all are working to make it one of the most hilarious comedies ever given in Stratford.

The story is of a snobbish, domineering mother with romantic ideas for herself, her daughter and her son. The early arrival of their guest, the heiress, Miss "Bunny" Beaver, brings unforeseen complications. Her capers are hilarious and unrestrained in solving the mysterious happenings in the spooky old mansion and in re-arranging every one's lives.

The cast includes: Mrs. B. N. Biddy as Gazella Upshaw, the mother; Mrs. Junior Springfield as Doreen, her attractive teen-age daughter; Bill Salisbury as Harland, her son; Mrs. Warner Williams as Tillie Tooth-acre, the English 'ouskeeper; Mrs. Marie Gates as Canasta Brown, the cook allergic to spoons; O. H. Ingham as Hank Peters, the gardner allergic to lunatics; Wederah Watkins as Bernice Beaver, the Eager Miss Beaver; C. W. Moon as Beaseley Scudder, middle-aged widower next door; Mrs. Sally McAdams as Miss Verbena Van Wyck, the social dictator of Birch Hills; Richard Wilson as Dicky Van Wyck, her long suffering brother; Larry Seaman as Prentice Prouty, a man barber with the palsy and a razor; and Rev. M. E. Upchurch as the Faceless Fiend, man or ghost.

A free-will offering will be accepted at the auditorium entrance. Funds will be used for promotion of the Stratford school bands.

## Cunningham To Show European Pictures Sunday

A special program at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at seven o'clock will feature a talk by S. L. Cunningham, and pictures in color which he took on his trip abroad. Being a Methodist he delved somewhat into the old historic places and intimate background of John and Charles Wesley in London and Bristol. Another feature of the service will be the singing of Christmas carols.

Rev. T. Edgar Neal, the pastor, will preach at the morning hour.

## Jim Winchell With Army At Fort Dix

Jim Winchell, former clerk in the Stratford Post Office, who returned to his home in Maine several months ago, has enlisted in the U. S. Army and is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

According to a letter received from his mother by Mrs. Sallie McAdams, Jim passed all tests for training as an air force pilot or observer but was 15 pounds under weight. A notice from the draft board was waiting for him on his return home.

Old friends in Stratford may reach him by mail at the following address:

Pvt. James B. Winchell  
U. S. 51247532  
4th Platoon Co. I,  
364th Regt.  
Ft. Dix, New Jersey.

## A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

Laura V. Hammer came upon an article in a 1949 issue of "The Family Circle," concerning the X in Xmas.

X, it explained, is the symbol for the Greek letter Chi, the initial letter in the Greek name, Christos, or Christ. Some people consider the X just a time-saver. Actually it stands for Christ, and, suggests the writer, "we should let X mark the spot Christ should hold in the season that bears his name."

Chicken Itza is the name of an ancient Mayan city in Yucatan.

## Scheduled Cage Games

Several good exhibition basketball games have been scheduled for various teams of the school.

December 11 and 12 senior boys and girls teams will play in the tournament at Happy.

December 15 Gruber boys and girls will meet Stratford senior boys and girls in the local gymnasium. The games start at 7:00 P. M.

December 18 Stratford senior boys and girls play at Stinnett.

December 14 Stratford grade school boys and girls play at Sunray.

December 14 Junior High boys and girls meet Boise City in the local gymnasium.

## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

I've been a good girl this year and Allan has been a good little boy. Will you bring us a record player and some records? I would like a Betsy McCall doll with some clothes for her, and Allan wants a red wagon. Remember all the little boys and girls.

Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Jean Anne Ross

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl four years old. I live in Dallas, Texas. I have tried to be a good girl, and I would like for you to bring me a baby doll that takes a bottle, an ironing board and iron, and a doctors set.

I love you,  
Jamil Louise Powell  
P. S. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys, my mother and daddy, grandparents, and Dodo, and Dorothy Elizabeth.

Dear Santa:

I want a bride doll for Christmas, and I want a table set, and I want a color book. Thank you.

Ellen Dyess

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 5 years old I would like for you to bring me a big cattle truck to play with, also a gun holster set.

My little brother, Dwayne, who is 3½ years old, would like to have a cattle truck and gun holster set also.

Love,  
Wesley Willey.

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a pretty doll with some changes of clothes. I want a Dr. and nurse set.

I am six years old now and I will try to take real good care of my things this year.

Don't forget to bring some candy and nuts.

Love,  
Janetta Willey

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, five years old, and I try to be good. I would like for you to bring me a Toni doll and some dishes, also some candy and nuts. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Love,  
Lynda Sutton.

Dear Santa:

My name is Osa Kay Kendrick. I am a little girl three years old. I have been a good girl.

Please bring me a Tony Doll and a little suit case with some hangers in it. I would like a record player too. Bring me some candy and nuts too.

Merry Christmas to you Santa Claus.

Osa Kay Kendrick.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 4 years old. I want a Buddy L. Loader set, a new basket ball, a truck with tools so I can change the tires, some reels for my view master.

Please don't forget little Doug as he lives at our house. He would like a red rattler.

Your little friend,  
Terry Malone

Please bring me a little model fire truck that has real water, a bicycle, and a cash register. Don't forget my little cousin, Steve. Bring him a wagon, train and a little phonograph.

Thank you,  
Tex Jeffcoat

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Public Invited To Hear Miss Bennett Talk

The Sherman County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a chili supper in the School Cafeteria Saturday, December 12, at 6:30 P. M. Miss Mildred Bennett, local I.F.Y.E. Student who has just returned from Germany, will be the speaker of the evening. Miss Bennett will tell about the I.F.Y.E. program, her experiences while in Germany, and show some pictures of her trip.

The Sherman County Farm Bureau and Stratford Lions Club, in cooperation with the Extension Service, sponsored Miss Bennett as a Texas delegate on the I.F.Y.E. program. She spent 4 months in Europe living in the German homes and visiting several European countries.

She went as a Grass Roots Ambassador of Good Will from the United States and has a very interesting report to give to our people. She has made a number of appearances before clubs and organized groups but this will probably be the only opportunity the general public will have to hear Miss Bennett. The Sherman County Farm Bureau is taking this opportunity in sponsoring the chili supper and having Miss Bennett to give the people in Sherman County an opportunity to receive this most worthy message.

## Rites Set For Rev. McKeown

Funeral services for Rev. William B. "Brother Mac" McKeown, early day Stratford Methodist minister, were conducted Thursday morning in Nashville, Tennessee.

Burial was made in Woodlawn Memorial Park cemetery in Nashville.

Mr. McKeown, 98 years old, died Tuesday in Nashville where he has lived since 1936. In the 1890's, Mr. McKeown was president of Clarendon college, then a Methodist school, for one year.

He then went to the Coldwater district on the North Plains near Stratford to organize and preach. He preached all over the area, utilizing stores, schools and even bars for his church house and pulpit.

In 1926, McMurry college conferred on him an honorary doctorate of divinity. In 1948 he was named the oldest Sunday School attendant in Tennessee. Survivors include a son, Boyd M. McKeown of Nashville, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Mrs. Lucy Kelp announces she will close her business on December 19 to enable her employees to have a Christmas vacation. The business will open again on December 28.

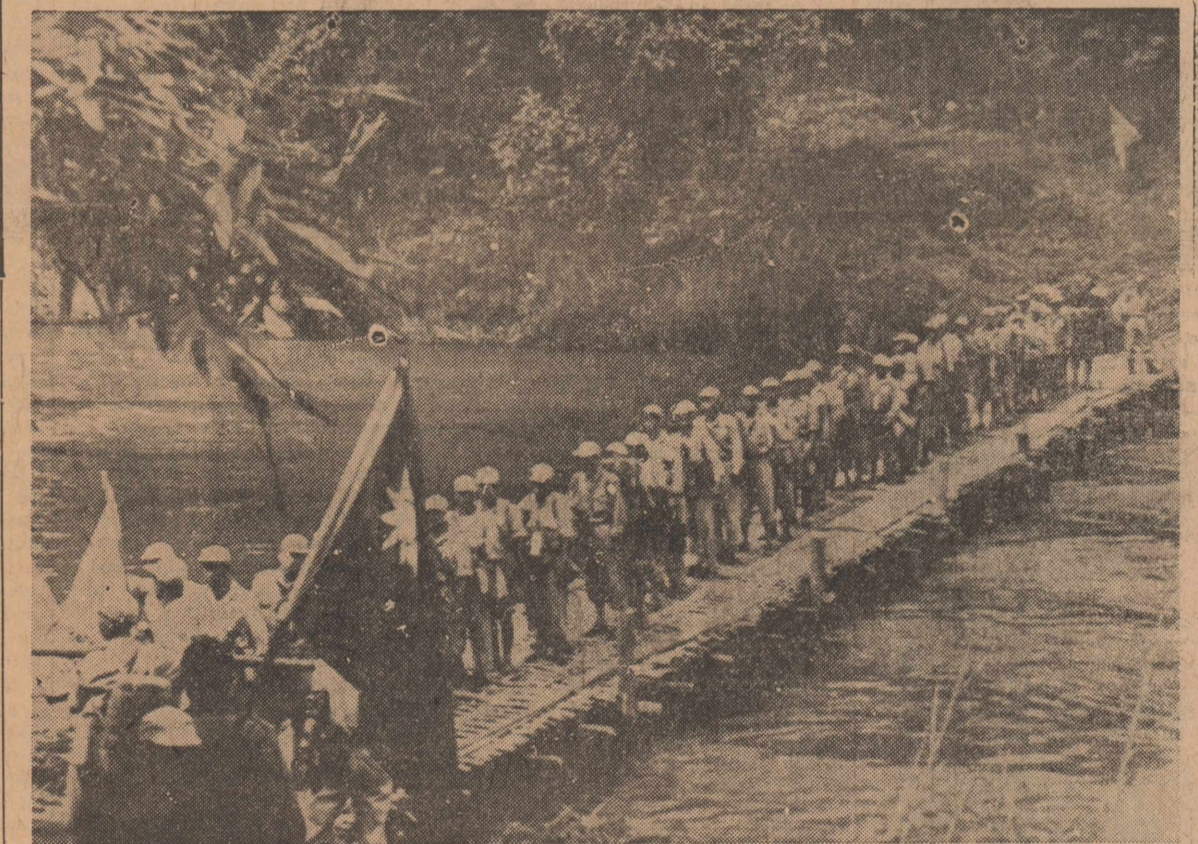
## 'ASC Committees' New Title For PMA

"Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committees" is the new name for the former State, county, and community committees of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration. This change in title is a part of the recent reorganization of the Department. The brief designation "ASC Committees" will hereafter identify the old "PMA Committees."

Responsibilities and functions of the committees, according to Claude K. McCan, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee, will be essentially the same as before the reorganization. These include field responsibility for adjustment activities of the Commodity Stabilization Service such as acreage allotments and marketing quotas, sugar programs, price support, and the Agricultural Conservation Program.

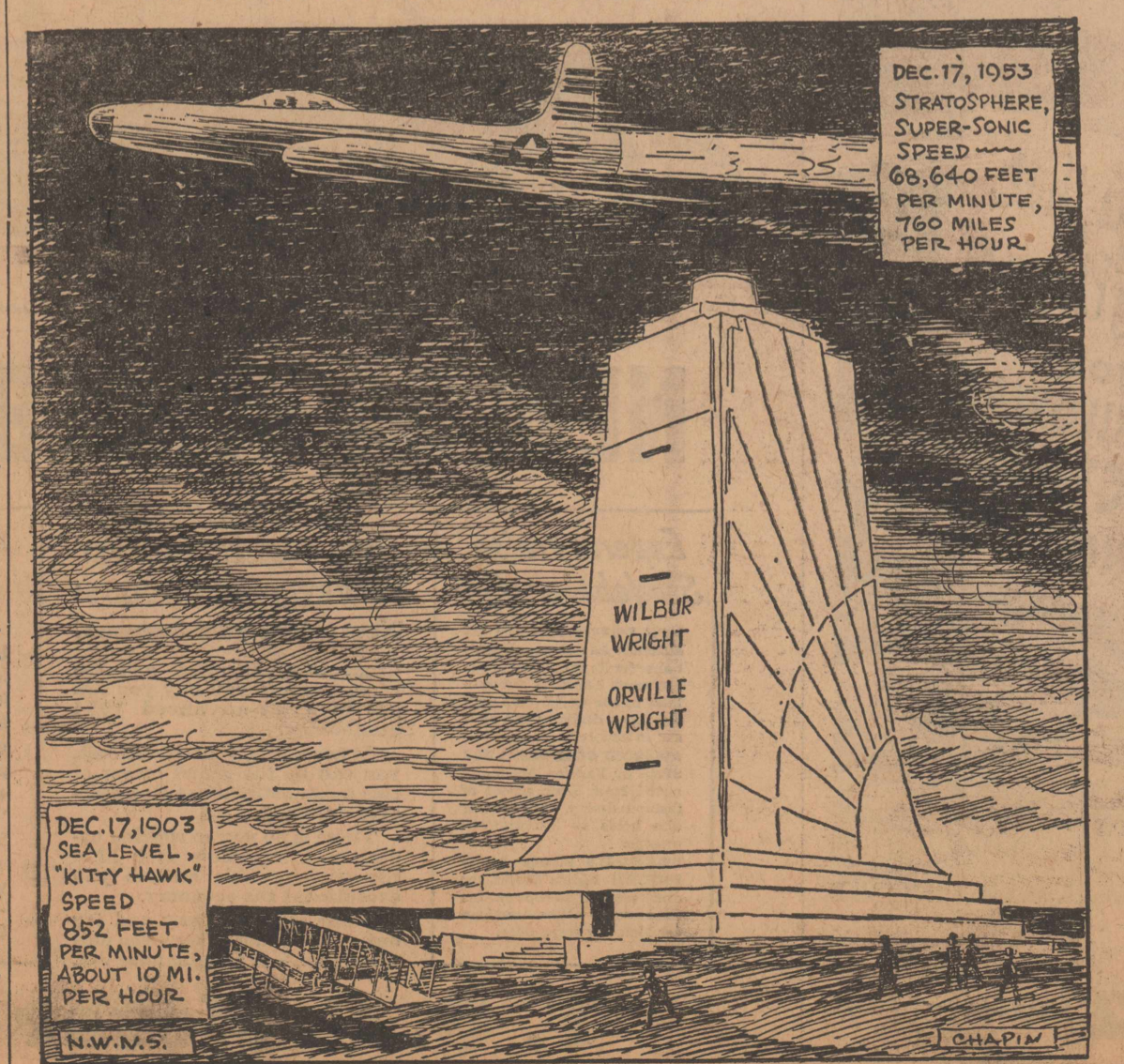
## Dr. Leta Boswell Is Honored

Dr. Leta N. Boswell, former Stratford girl, now practicing medicine in Canyon, Texas, was named as the outstanding citizen of Canyon for 1953 at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night.



CHINESE LEAVE BURMA . . . Part of 2,000 Chinese nationalist guerrillas, forced into Burma by Communist conquest of China in 1949, cross Mao Sai river on way to Formosa.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF AVIATION



## Club Ladies Sponsor Revue

The Sherman County Home Demonstration Council presented twenty-eight ladies and girls in a Wedding Gown Revue in the school auditorium in Stratford Thursday night of last week.

The Harold was extended by Mrs. Winold Bennett, Council Chairman.

Stratford band members rendered several numbers under the direction of Wayne Stevens. The stage was decorated with a background of greenery with floor baskets filled with fern. Candelabra with fourteen tapers made a lovely background.

The revue was presented in the form of a dream. As the curtain was drawn, Mrs. T. L. Wakefield appeared as a grandmother, sitting in an antique rocker knitting. Shela Donelson, the granddaughter, rushed in with an old family album she had found in the attic. Mrs. Wakefield explained all the pictures to Shela.

Mrs. Martha Harrison, organist, began playing the wedding March as the brides started across the stage. Those wearing suits appeared first. They were Mrs. A. L. Ross; Sheryl Ragsdale modeling Mrs. I. D. Wall's suit; and Mrs. N. W. Hudson.

Entering in the wedding dress were: Sherrye Self modeling Mrs. W. J. Lowe's dress; Mrs. Hardy Gaylord; Mrs. Dickie Buckles modeling Mrs. R. C. Buckle's dress; and Shirley Finch modeling Mrs. J. W. Smith's dress.

Walter Pendleton sang a solo. Old dresses presented were: Nina Elms' grandmother's dress modeled by Mrs. Bill Keener; Mrs. Virgie Mathews' dress modeled by Joyce Haney; Mrs. Sekki Lavake's dress modeled by Laurine Naugle; Mrs. T. L. Wakefield's grandmother's dress modeled by Sheryl Ragsdale; and Mrs. Jack Dettle modeled her own dress.

Mrs. Lorraine Mehner sang a solo. Last in the fashion parade were the girls in formals, modeling the oldest as well as the latest models. Mrs. Curtis Kendrick of Texhoma modeled the wedding dress of Mrs. G. H. Langston which was 51 years old and the oldest in the revue. Minnie Crabtree modeled Mrs. Donnie Ellison's dress, the latest in the revue. Other formals included Mrs. Alva Robinson's dress modeled by Delma Dee Schafer; Mrs. F. D. Mason's dress modeled by Mrs. Walter Pendleton; Mrs. Max Stephenson's dress modeled by Miss Lucille King; Mrs. C. C. Plunk's dress modeled by Glennis Webb; Mrs. Stanley Murdock's dress modeled by Mrs. B. A. Donelson, Jr.; Mrs. Leroy Morris' dress modeled by Yvonne Mitts and Mrs. Arlyn Haile's dress modeled by Mrs. I. D. Wall. Appearing in their own formals were: Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmer; Mrs. Bill Martin; Mrs. L. J. Davis; Mrs. Dickie Buckles and Mrs. Richard Williams.

Flower girls were Mary Kaye and Karen Keener. Jessie Jean and Laurina Riggs rolled the carpets down the aisle. Ushers were members of the Willing Workers 4-H Club. They were Ginger Brooks, Frankie Adudell, Mary Sue Taylor and Kay Jacobs.

At the close of the revue the contestants came out on the stage and formed a semi-circle. The grandmother fell asleep and was awakened by the granddaughter. The grandmother was alarmed as she was so sure she had seen all of those brides go by. She decided she must have been dreaming.

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## Swimming Pool Is Closed To Public

Stratford's indoor swimming pool will be closed to the use of the public until the spring and summer months.

At present the pool is used by the third, fourth and fifth grade students one day a week. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students swim every other day.

Two high school groups swim every other day on a class basis with some instruction as well as recreational swimming.

In the present swimming program approximately 250 students swim from one to three times a week.

It is the opinion of the school board that the pool was built primarily for the use of the children of the school. It is with this thought in mind that the use of the pool will be restricted until next spring.

## Miss Wilkerson Becomes Bride Of Leland Wickstrum

Miss Grace Wilkerson and Leland Wickstrum were united in marriage Saturday at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the First Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas. The bride is from Los Angeles, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wickstrum of Wichita.

The young couple will be at home at 129½ South Richman, Wichita, Kansas, after their return from their honeymoon.

Mr. Wickstrum, a former resident of Stratford was employed with Joe A. Doby before entering the U. S. Navy. He was discharged from the Navy last February, after serving four years, and is presently employed as a T-V technician in Wichita.

## Death Claims Mrs. Stambaugh

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison were called to Bellvue, Texas Saturday by the death of Mrs. Jake Stambaugh, 81-year old foster mother of Mr. Harrison.

Mrs. Stambaugh died Saturday morning in a Henrietta hospital. She had been crippled by arthritis for many years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stambaugh were conducted Sunday in the First Methodist Church at Bellvue. She had been a faithful member of the Methodist church since the age of 15.

Mrs. Stambaugh made her home in Bellvue with her sister, Mrs. L. F. Whitescarver, a pioneer day settler in Sherman County. Mrs. Whitescarver is 84 years of age and was rushed to a Bowie, Texas hospital the same day her sister was taken to the Henrietta hospital. Her condition is considered serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitescarver moved to Bellvue in 1916. He preceded her in death about 14 years ago.

## Drilling Continues In Sherman County

Humble Oil Refining Company drew the spotlight to Sherman County this week with the location of the No. 1 Hannah Morris 467 feet from the east and 1,980 feet from the south lines of section 79 in Block 1-T. The well is 6 miles northwest of Stratford.

The Shamrock Oil & Gas Corporation announces the location of the A. J. McDaniel No. 1 at 1,320 feet from the south and east lines of section 167 in Block 1-T.

Van Norman Oil Co. Bradley No. 1 in section 435 of Block 1-T has been completed for potential production of 859,000 cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 281 pounds.

Van Norman Oil Co. Bradley No. 2 in section 458 of Block 1-T was completed for potential production of 465,000 cubic feet of gas with a rock pressure of 391 pounds.

These wells produced pay from between 3,100 and 3,300 feet.

An official residence is not provided for the U. S. vice-president.



### YOUR brain budget

1. The population of the United States at the time of the first census in 1790 was: (a) 1,675,000; (b) 2,500,000; (c) 3,929,000.
2. By 1890, one hundred years from the first census, the population totaled: (a) 62,947,000; (b) 53,545,000; (c) 43,500,000.
3. The population of the U. S. passed the 100 million mark in: (a) 1925; (b) 1901; (c) 1920.

#### ANSWERS

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### SUNDAY'S SERMON

Rev. Robert H. Harper  
*Good Stewards of God's Gifts.*  
Lesson for November 15: *Palms*  
24: 1; *Leviticus* 25: 18-22; *Malachi* 3:  
7-10; *I Corinthians* 16: 2;  
Golden Text: *Psalms* 24: 1.

The ground of stewardship is God's ownership of all things. God is the owner, man is the agent, and of all that God entrusts unto a man a certain return is expected and required. Under the Old Testament, this return was a tenth. The New Testament has a wider law. It emphasizes that all that man has comes from God and that he must return all that he can for God's service.

Throughout Old Testament times the people were taught to trust God to take care of them when they acted as faithful stewards. In the seventh year the fields were to be untilled. It was God's promise that the people would gather enough in the sixth year to last them until the harvest of the eighth year. Then, in the book of Malachi, we find the stern old prophet rebuking the returned exiles for their failure to pay the tithes, but promising that the gates of heaven would be opened to those who brought all their tithes into the Lord's storehouse.

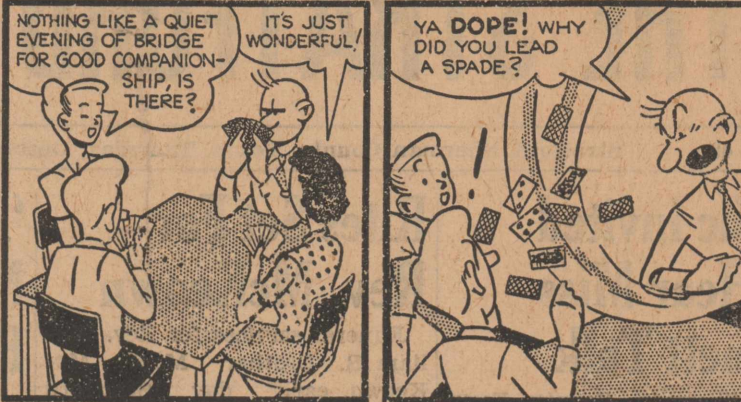
As gracious promises were made in connection with the tithes, so also were great blessings promised to those who were faithful stewards, as set forth in the New Testament. But let it be kept in mind that stewardship concerns all that a man is as well as what he has. His time and his talents are to be consecrated to the Great Giver. Thus all of life is a stewardship. Any man will give what is due if he first gives himself to God.



**WRIST RADIO . . .** Battery-powered with aerial in wearer's sleeve, this wrist radio developed by army signal corps receives broadcasts 40 miles distant.

### THE BAFFLES

By Mahoney



### CRAZY CHRISTMAS

By Ona Freeman Lathrop

FOR YEARS Emily Kane had secretly told herself that she'd like to skip Christmas. She didn't want Clint nor the children to know how she felt about it, but it was coming to be such a commercialized rat-race and such a burden to deck the house and the tree, get all the presents ready, and plan and get the big dinner! Yet year after year she went through with it, inviting all the thrifty children and their families home for the feast and gift exchange, making the traditional cookies and candies, working herself into a wreck.

Now at last it was going to be different!

"Emily, how would you like to go with me to our National Convention this holiday?" Clint had proposed a few weeks ago. "It's to be held in St. Petersburg and would be a nice break in the rugged winter for us. But I suppose you couldn't leave the family at Christmas, eh?"

"Why not?" she said surprisingly. "It's about time the children made Christmas in their own homes for their own families. I'll just tell them we've been selfish always wanting them here."

"Well!" Clint grinned "I never thought you'd take me up on that. But we'll have a wonderful time, Emily. Sure you don't mind being away from them?"

So it was arranged. She broke the news gently to their offspring, and she hurried and bought the gifts and left them at the various houses before they set out.

"Clint, I just can't believe yet that I don't have to stuff a goose and make plum pudding and salads and clean up all that Christmas wrapping trash!"

"Why Emily, you old traitor. Here I thought all these years that you loved all that excitement and clutter," he chuckled.

"Well, I did—in a way—but the last few years I've been so sick of it I could scream."

She settled her nice new grey suit and her gay red hat and

watched the flying scenery. But nagging little thoughts kept intruding. Would her daughter Edna remember to set up the bride-doll she'd bought little Emmy on its standard under their tree? Would Carl see that young Chuck's tricycle was put together properly? Carl's wife couldn't cook for snuff. She did hope Jane wouldn't burn the fowl this year. And Frances was planning store-bought pudding for dessert!

At the swank hotel she kept pinching herself to see if this could be she. Christmas eve and no stockings to fill! She and Clint strolled down to the ball room but decided to turn in early and get some sleep. Somehow this gaudy display seemed a little sacrilegious.

On Christmas day she awoke with one of her terrific headaches. "I think I'll just take a fruit plate for lunch," she announced.

"I will, too," Clint agreed. "You know as delegate I have to go to a Board dinner tonight, so I won't overload this noon." They nibbled their lunch in silence. Emily stared out the window at the green grass and exotic flowers and waving palms. Certainly this didn't seem like Christmas. She loved snow.

Then suddenly she realized that this was Christmas dinner she was eating, and that she would be eating alone tonight and would probably just order a sandwich in her room. She choked on the avocado and gulped her black coffee. A tear rolled down her cheek.

"Hey, honey, what ails you?" Clint exclaimed. "Not pining for the kids, are you? I thought you were glad to get away from it all."

"Of course not," she scoffed. "Just choked a little, that's all." She'd never let him know how her heart was aching for the hubbub and the bustle and the smell of Christmas at home.

"Clint, seems to me January is a better time for a winter vacation. Breaks the winter more evenly in two," she avowed, and wondered why Clint smiled into his dessert.



**FILMS GET MODEL . . .** World's most photographed model, Mara Corday, has signed long-term movie contract to act in glamor girl roles.



I'M STILL looking for the perfect guest. As the old saying goes, I'm convinced they are as scarce as hen's teeth.

Recently we received a call from some friends. They were on the way to a distant football game, and would stop off and see us. We were delighted.

They wouldn't be there for dinner they said, but would arrive not later than 8 p. m.

So—the wife and I went to the market and bought all the little things that make a snack tray, refreshments were ordered, all kinds of mixes I could think of swelled the bill until I thought it was the national debt.

At seven that night my wife fixed the snack tray, polished the best glasses, borrowed ice from the neighbors, and gave the living room one last dusting with her dress tail as she swished through.

Meanwhile, I had given the pup a bath, settled the boys in their room, dragged in several logs and had the fire going in the living room.

By this time grandmother was disgusted and had retreated to her room with a snort about a "lot of nonsense" some people will go to for just a couple of "folks."

Eight o'clock came and departed. So did nine, ten, and eleven. At twelve the telephone rang. Our friends said they had stopped off a few minutes to see some other people, became involved in a party and could not make it. They were so sorry, but they knew we wouldn't mind.

No, we didn't mind! Gad, but I sure am tired of eating pickles, olives, fancy crackers and cheese, and all the other things we splurged on. You see, we spent all of the next weeks grocery money!

### Want Ads

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**FOR RENT:** 2 Bedroom unfurnished house on Pearl and South Third Streets. Write or contact Presley Ashtun, Cactus, Texas. 10-tfc

**FOR SALE:** CHOICE YOUNG PARAKEETS, just the right gift for Christmas. Place your orders now.—Woody Gay 10-4tp

**WANTED:** Ironing or housework, contact Mrs. Etha Ham at L. C. Hurst rent house or write to Box 223. 10-2tp

**FOR SALE OR RENT:** 5-Room unfurnished house.—Bob Fisk, Texoma, Oklahoma. 10-tfc

**FOR SALE:** One 1951 1-2 ton 3 speed Chevrolet Pickup, in good condition. — Sloan Implement Co. 10-tfc

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**FOR SALE:** My home in Stratford.—Art Ross. 12-tfc

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**FOR FULLER BRUSH** Products write Leon Bird, 318 Birge, Dumas, Texas, or Birge 2-6611. 7-4tp

**FOR SALE:** Cushman 4-horse power motor scooter, will sell at a loss, Phone 3981, Mrs. Granvil Preston. 8-tfc

**CALL Margaret Harrington,** 3676, for orders on home-made pies, cakes, cookies, hot rolls or Christmas cakes and cookies. 9-tfc

**SEE ME for your Christmas cards.** Mrs. Phillip Bain, Phone 4586. 4-tfc

**FOR SALE:** New Home treadle sewing machine, Phone 4111.—Mrs. H. L. Vincent. 7-4tc

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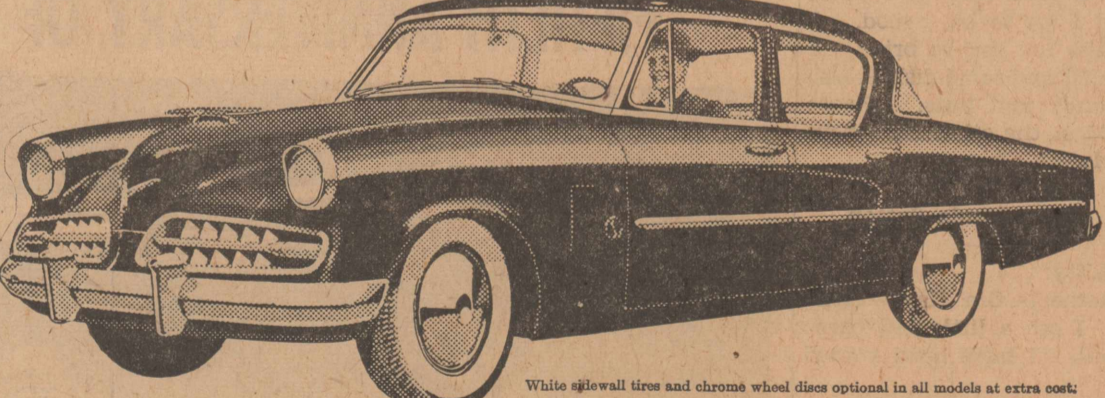
**CARD OF THANKS**  
I wish to express my appreciation to everyone for the beautiful flowers, cards and letters sent me during my stay in the hospital.  
Mrs. Roy Strother

Synthetic fibers are now being made of limestone as well as of glass and coal.  
A typical coal-carrying barge is 175 feet long, 26 feet wide, and has a capacity of about 1,000 tons.  
Three dimension photographs, the 3-D of the movies, has invaded the field of X-rays. At the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Australia, plans are nearly complete for projection of 3-D X-rays on an eight-foot screen.

**J P Powell**  
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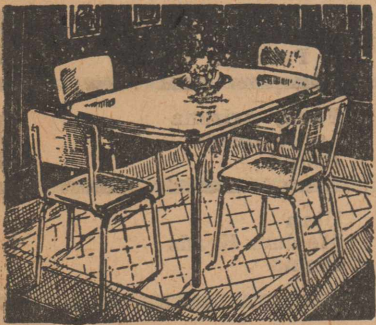
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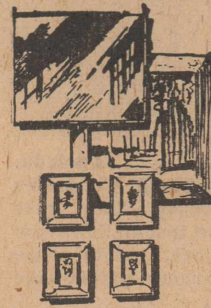
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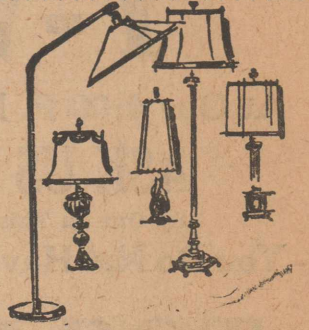
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## MOVE THAT CAR

By Harold Gluck

THE big man was as angry as a bull and you could see the veins bulging up at his neck. He knew a police prowl car would be around in two minutes because he had just phoned headquarters. He walked right up to the small thin man wearing a pair of horned eye-glasses.

"What's the matter with you? Can't you read English?"

"Read English?" repeated the small man. "I am a professor of English literature at the state university."

"Just a little wise guy trying to be smart," snapped back the big man. "I'm sick and tired of your type. The sign says NO PARKING. Your car is blocking my driveway. I can't get my car out. What's the matter with you. No consideration for others. Go and move that car."

"You forgot to say Please," corrected the small man. "I like people to be polite when they request another to do a favor. And especially when the person is a stranger."

"Go on and push that car with your two hands. Perhaps that will teach you a lesson," ordered the big man. "And if you weren't such a small guy, I'd break you in two."

The police prowl car drew up to the side of the parked car and the Sergeant came up to the big man.

"Received your phone call at headquarters. I got it on my short wave. I'll put a summons on this car."

"And make that little shrimp move the car right now. I'd like to have him do it with his own two hands."

"There is a city ordinance which prohibits the parking of a car in front of a private or public driveway. So move the car away from here," said the Sergeant. "And not with your two hands. Just get behind the wheel, start the motor, and go on your way. And take this ticket I am going to make out for you. Ten dollar fine. You can pay it in the Magistrate's Court tomorrow morning."

"I am not going to get into that car. Nor will I accept a summons. This is an outrage," said the small man.

The big man could take no more. Everyone was parking right in front of his driveway. He advanced belligerently towards the small man.

"And why won't you move that car?"

"Because it isn't mine," said the small but rather determined reply.

There was a deadly silence. The Sergeant had to think of something while his face was turning red.

"What were you doing outside of this man's house? Loitering is a misdemeanor."

"I am his new landlord. I came here to tell him I am the person to notify if he wants a lease for the coming year."



## "EASY DOES IT"

BY HELEN HALE

WHEN you go out to select a Christmas tree, don't think of your pocketbook first. Consider first where you want the tree to be placed and what size it should be.

Get out your tape measure, too, before shopping for the tree. Many a splendid tree has been purchased, and then had to be hacked down to fit the size space you have available, and the results of cutting and trimming, generally speaking, are poor.

Trees should be placed away from avenues of traffic. They should never be in front of, or,

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### Cinnamon Orange Slices

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 3 oranges

Make a syrup of sugar, water, juice and cinnamon. Wash oranges and cut in thick slices. Place in hot syrup and boil gently, without covering until rind is clear. Chill in syrup and serve as a garnish for chicken, ham or pork.

too close to a fireplace because both these are hazards to safety in the home.

Don't try to get a perfect tree as these are very rare. Do try to select one which tapers nicely and has a desirable spread. A single tip (at the top) is a good sign, and the tree should have branches tightly spaced with healthy, green needles.

To measure a tree for symmetry, spread the lowest branches. These should measure about half the tree's height.

Before buying a tree, shake it gently. If it sheds noticeably, you'll probably be disappointed in it. There should be no brown, dried up patches either, as they're difficult to cover or decorate.



**POLIO SHOT . . .** Lucinda, orphan in St. Cloud Children's Home in St. Cloud, Minn., gets gamma globulin inoculation from Dr. G. H. Goehrs. Shots prove effective in curbing nation-wide polio epidemic.



**RUSS FREE POW . . .** Lt. Erich Rechenberg is greeted by wife in Eschwege, Germany, after eight years in Soviet prison camp. He was in group of 450 German POWs, part of "several thousand" to be released by Russians.

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## My PET PEEVE

By W. Scott Boyd

MY WIFE insists she doesn't snore. For years we have argued the question.

"How can you possibly say you don't snore," says I, "when you are asleep and don't know what you are doing?"

"That's ridiculous," says she. "That's no answer," says I. "You are just evading the question. Anything you don't believe or to which you won't admit is ridiculous."

"Nonsense," says she. "Prove it."

"Very well," says I. "I'll prove it just this once. This is one argument I'm going to win."

The next day I rented one of these little make-your-own-record outfits I took it home and put it away without her knowing about it.

That night, when she was really snoring, I slipped it into our bedroom and hooked it up. It was, I thought, a beautiful recording.

At breakfast the next morning I explained what I had done. She was a little startled, but consented to my playing the record. As she listened she became very angry.

"That's ridiculous," says she. "You think you are going to trick me, but you can't. That couldn't be me because I know I wouldn't snore in a bass voice. My snores would at least be a musical soprano!"

All of which goes to prove—you can't convince a woman of anything once she has made up her mind to the contrary.



**FAR EAST CHIEF . . .** Named by Pres. Eisenhower as supreme commander of U. S. and UN forces in Far East, Gen. John E. Hull, 58 (above), replaces Gen. Mark Clark, retired.

## Air Force Seeks High School Grads For Pilots

The United States Air Force has announced a new policy which permits the processing of applications for pilot training from outstanding and qualified high school graduates. The Air Force realizes that many high school graduates can qualify but are unable to go to college and hopes to interest these young men in a flying future.

Applicants must be single male citizens between the ages of 19 and 26 1/2, pass a test to determine aptitude for flying,

and have high moral and personal qualifications as determined by a board of Air Force officers. These young men must be in good physical condition and meet rigid requirements for eyes, ears, heart, teeth, height and weight.

Qualified young men wishing to investigate the possibilities of a well-paying flying career in the Air Force can obtain full particulars from the 312 Aviation Cadet Selection Team at the Post Office in Dalhart on Monday, December 14.

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SALMON	Honey Boy Tall Tin	35c	APRICOTS	Del Monte Halves Big No. 2 1/2 Tin	39c
KETCHUP	Heinz 14 Oz. Bottle	26c	Orange Juice	Kimbell's Big 46 Oz. Tin	31c
PICKLES	Libby's Sour or Dill 22 Oz. Jar	32c	CORN	White Swan Golden No. 303 Tin	19c
LOTION	Woodbury Beauty Blended Big \$1.00 Size	50c Plus Tax	Green Beans	White Swan Fancy Blue Lake, Whole No. 303 Tin	30c
Face Cream	Jergens All Purpose Big \$1.00 Size	69c Plus Tax	PEAS	White Swan Fancy Tiny Tots No. 303 Tin	31c
Dry Skin Cream	Woodbury Big \$1.00 Size	69c Plus Tax	BEANS	Heinz Oven Baked With Pork 16 Oz. Tin	15c

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**Local News**

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kendall, Dalhart, were guests in the home of Mrs. H. J. Cooper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Dumas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake and Tommy Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Turner were visitors in Alva, Oklahoma

Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kerns and son of Sun Valley, California are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Judd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reeves returned Tuesday morning from a short visit in Plainview, Texas.

Mrs. J. B. Springfield, Jr., and Mrs. Pruett Adkins were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Carl Eastwood, Dimmitt, Texas, was a business visitor here Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates were visitors in Groom, Texas Monday night where Mrs. Yates made her official visit as Deputy Grand Matron. Wednesday of last week Mrs. Yates visited the Amarillo chapter in Amarillo. Thursday morning she attended a coffee given in Brownfield in honor of the Grand Examiner Mrs. Mollie Goodpasture. Thursday night Mrs. Yates made her official visit to the Eastern Star in Vega, Texas.

G. L. Taylor went to Dallas Tuesday night for a check-up and treatment.

Van B. Boston was a business visitor in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lyon were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blake were visitors in Dalhart Tuesday.

Henry Yates, Texhoma, was a visitor here Friday.

DeWitt White of Dumas and Mrs. Ruth Shewbert of Dalhart presented a Christmas story and lead the group in the singing of carols.

The next meeting will be held in Dumas, January 8. Miss Edna Graham of West Texas State College, Canyon, will be the principal speaker.

Those attending the dinner were: Mrs. Ruby Hammons, Mrs. Anna Elliott, Miss Louanne Grady, Mrs. Hazel Cameron, Mrs. Margaret Duggins, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. Kathleen Neal, Mrs. Marguerite Pendleton and Mrs. Martha Harrison of Stratford, Mrs. Lillian Corse, Mrs. Don Hunt, Mrs. Martha Bates, Mrs. Ola Frank Whittier, Mrs. Conrad Ragsdale and Mrs. Georgia Vernon of Sunray, Miss Frances Brown, Miss Dorothy Roden, Miss Jewel Foster, Miss

Velda Anderson, Mrs. Ivy Dee Hinkle, Miss Lucille Hughes, Mrs. Charlotte Shultz, Mrs. Marie Huntley, Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. Rosa Lee Johnson, Mrs. Katherine Vineyard, Mrs. Alleen Ledbetter, Mrs. Mary McDonald, Miss Vida Beach, Mrs. Wynn Oldham, Miss Dorothy Wooten, Miss Lucille Park, Miss June Faut, Mrs. Mary Ragsdale, Miss Estelle McCool, Mrs. Vera Tuck, Miss Helen Bailey, Miss Julia Van Bebbler, Mrs. Mozelle Cluster, Mrs. Eula Vick, Miss Molly Saunders, Mrs. DeWitt White, Mrs. Edna Wood, Mrs. Floy Bass and Mrs. Mary Holder of Dumas, Mrs. Mary Roberson, Mrs. Eula Stovall, Miss Adieree Bryant and Mrs. Mamie Cullender of Hartley, Mrs. Ruth Shewbert, Mrs. Ruby Taylor, Mrs. Betty Barnes, Miss Joy Sebright and Mrs. Oree Carson of Dalhart.



**MILKING CHAMP . . .** Practicing to defend her title is champion southern California milkmaid Esther Reichmuth, 20, of Chino. She set new record by milking 15 pounds of milk in 3 minutes. Dairy maid's milking contest is feature of Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, Sept. 18 to Oct. 4.

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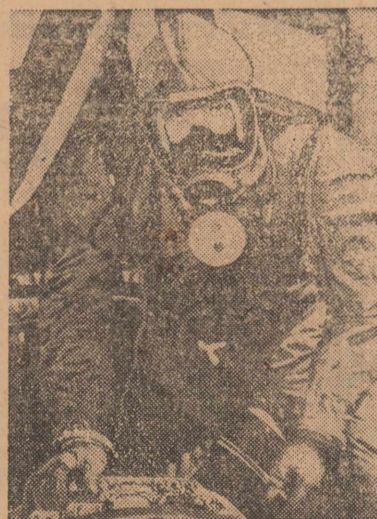
Rev. Robert H. Harper  
*God's Design for a Better World.*  
Lesson for October 4: Isaiah 42: 5-9; Mark 1: 14-15; John 3: 16-17; Revelation 21: 1-5.  
Golden Text: Revelation 21: 3.

Evidences of God's design for a better world are found in the several passages grouped in the lesson text. The God of the universe is He who designs for men a better world and his wisdom and power give assurance of such a world; a world in which disease shall be healed, the prisons emptied of occupants, and men shall rejoice in freedom from sin.

In the passage from Mark we find Jesus preaching the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom in the hearts of men and it is not subject to the limitations and barriers of earthly kingdoms. It transcends all the barriers known to men. Its reign is that of love in men's hearts. It is to be entered by repentance and faith in the gospel.

The passage from John tells of the supreme gift that God has made to men in Christ. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son as the Saviour. Thus the better world must come through faith in Christ.

The kingdom of God is not limited by death. The grave is no barrier to the kingdom's continuance. For, as the inspired seer looked off from Patmos, he saw the New Jerusalem and all the redeemed. And he heard a great voice declaring that the tabernacle of God should be with men. So love will survive death and glorify the kingdom in its eternal setting in heaven.



**HIGH FLYER . . .** Lt. Col. Marion E. Carl, marine corps pilot, climbed from D-558 II, navy rocket-powered research plane, after setting new world's altitude record of 83,235 feet above Edwards air force base in California.

**Gamma Xi Members  
Have Dinner  
In Stratford**

Gamma Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary society of teachers, held its annual Christmas dinner recently in the First Methodist Church parlor in Stratford, with Stratford members serving as hostesses. Fifty-four members and guests from Sunray, Dumas, Hartley, Dalhart and Stratford attended. Miss Jewel Foster, Dumas, presided at the business session following the dinner. Guests were introduced and roll call answered with "My Favorite Christmas Custom." Mrs.

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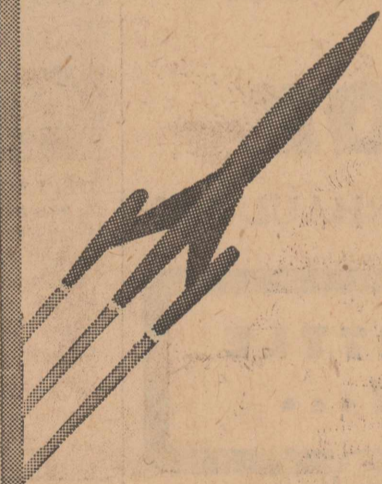
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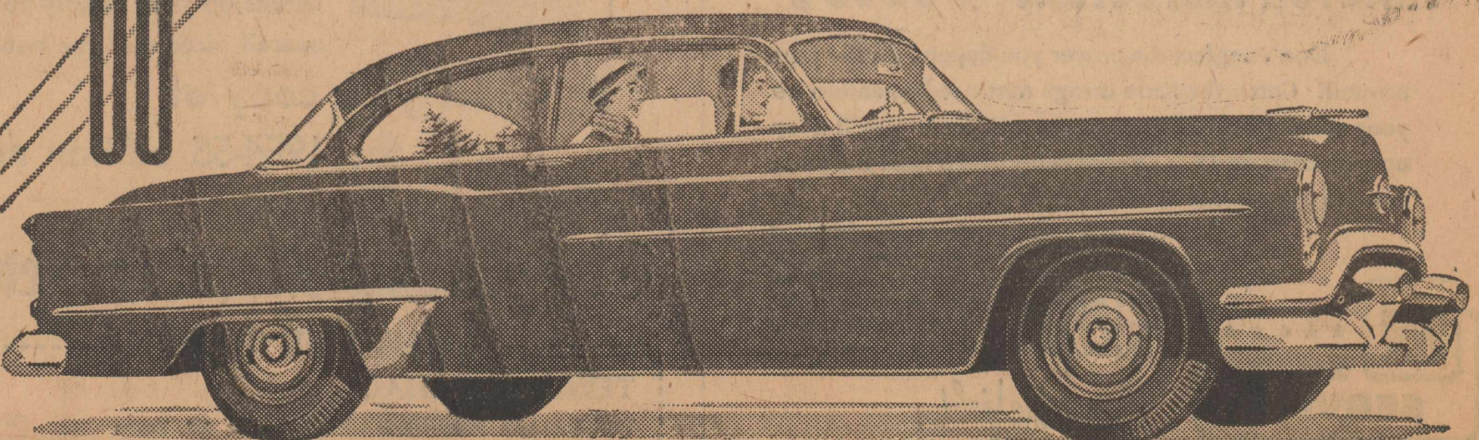
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### 4-H Council Met Saturday

The County 4-H Council met Saturday in the county agents office. After the opening of the meeting with the 4-H prayer and motto, Miss Lucile King spoke on the duties of 4-H club officers. A party was planned to be given in January.

Miss King gave a report of the 4-H congress held in Chicago. Suggestions were made for goals for the coming year.

Betty Bradley was elected song leader and Paul Leroy Judd was elected reporter.

An Indian adjutant is a large stork-like scavenger.

### T. E. L. Class Has Christmas Social

The T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Sunday School met Wednesday morning in the home of Mrs. E. W. Butler for their Christmas Social. During the morning, the ladies packed two large boxes of clothing for the children of the Roundrock Children's Home.

At noon, a covered dish luncheon was enjoyed, after which the group gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree, exchanged gifts and visited.

Those present were Mesdames E. B. McQueen, Roy Allen, H. B. Naugle, W. W. Steel, W. E. Pleyer, W. D. Ellis, A. H. Ellison, E. P. Jones, C. V. Collins, E. W. Butler, Elma McDaniel, Joe

Brown, I. D. Divine and V. M. King.

The next social will be in the home of Mrs. V. M. King on January 23.

### Junior Cooks Club Meets Thursday

The Junior Cooks 4-H Club met in the club room at the court house last Thursday at 4:00 o'clock. There were 9 members present.

Sheila Donelson, club president, opened the meeting with the club motto. Then the members repeated the club prayer and pledge. The 4-H Girl and The 4-H Trail led by Wanda Preston, were sung.

Mrs. Arthur Judd, club sponsor gave a demonstration on making Christmas gift wrapping paper from plain wrapping paper, starch, water, lux flakes, and coloring.

Then each girl washed the dish she had used in making her wrapping paper.

## FLOWERS FOR TILLIE

By John Connolly

JANET opened the door almost before the bell had stopped ringing. She smiled pleasantly at the short, thin young man with the startled expression who stood in the hallway.

"Oh," said the young man. "Why you must be the Killer." "Why Janet excitedly. "Come in, come in. Sit down a minute and I'll get your flowers."

"Killer? Flowers?" the young man stammered. "I'm looking for Miss Tillie Rogers."

"Oh, I forgot," Janet said. "You don't know yet, do you?"

"Don't know what?" the young man asked as he stepped inside. He looked fully puzzled.

"Well, you see, it's this way," Janet began chattering away. "My name's Janet Clark, and Tillie and I work in the same store downtown. She's been looking for another place to live for months; and we had an agreement that if she found one I could move in here."

"Then she's moved."

"Yes," Janet continued. "Yesterday she found the cutest little apartment, just what she wanted. She had to occupy the new place right away, so we helped move each other this morning. Now Tillie's out of here and I've taken over."

Janet smiled happily as she talked, as if moving into a new apartment were one of life's more joyous occasions. "Your flowers came this afternoon," she said. "The delivery boy just handed them over and I thought they were for me, so I opened them by mistake. They're very nice, Killer."

The young man sat awkwardly on the divan, his cheeks growing redder while Janet talked.

Janet rattled on. "If I could only remember her darned new address, but I have a terrible memory. And the landlady doesn't know either. I guess we'll have to wait until tomorrow unless she phones me or something," she said contritely.

Then, looking appraisingly at her visitor, she added, "I must say you don't look much like a heavy-weight boxer, Killer. You don't

have any marks on your face or anything, and you don't look very heavy to me. I suppose a fighter's looks are deceiving when he isn't in the ring and wearing trunks and all. Still . . ."

The young man fought a visible struggle with his vocal apparatus and finally found his voice again. Showing signs of the strain, he said in a high voice, "Listen, there's some misunderstanding here. This killer business and the flowers, I don't know what you're talking about."

Janet's eyes widened as she looked at him, and she almost shook her head chidingly. "You just sit where you are," she said. "I'll get them for you."

Janet left the room through the swinging kitchen door and returned a moment later with a long narrow box bearing the flourishing imprint of "Vogel's," the finest florist in town. She removed the cover and handed the box to the young man.

"Like I said, I opened them by mistake. I'm truly sorry. I thought you'd be around to pick up Tillie, so I kept the flowers for you."

The young man stared at the flowers, dumbly at first, and then he took a card out of the box.

"Dearest Tillie," it read. "American Beauties for my favorite American beauty, the most beautiful of them all. Hugs and kisses and all my love, "Killer" Kovarsky, P. S. If that jerk Roger bothers you again, phone me at once and I'll take care of him."

The young man stopped reading and snapped his head sharply, as if to clear it. "I've got to be going," he said in his thin voice.

"Why Killer," Janet exclaimed as he opened the door.

"I'm not Killer," he said before bolting out. "I'm Roger."

As the door slammed behind him, Janet sank into the divan in a fit of laughter. When she had herself under control she shouted toward the kitchen, "Okay, Tillie. The roses worked, you can come out now. The all clear just sounded."

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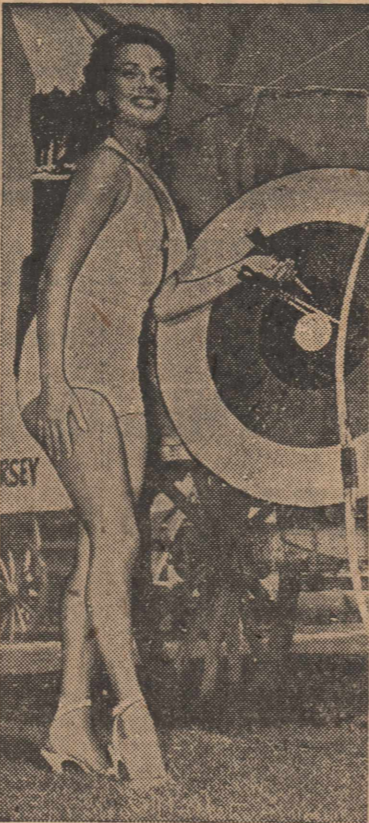
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REPLACES TAFT . . . U. S. Senator-designate Thomas A. Burke of Ohio (Democrat), tells capitol newsmen he would vote to retain GOP control of Senate. Mayor of Cleveland, Burke was appointed to Taft's seat by Gov. Lausche.

Industrial consumers of bitu- miteus coal currently carry about 100 million tons.

### Mollie Davis Circle Meets With Mrs. Cook

The Mollie Davis Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the home of Mrs. W. O. Cook Wednesday for Bible study.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. H. B. Morris. Mrs. Arlyn Halle led the opening prayer and Mrs. Pruet Adkins conducted the devotional.

The Bible lesson, Moses, was discussed by the circle members. Mrs. H. B. Norris dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were served to the following: Mrs. H. B. Norris, Mrs. Arlyn Halle, Mrs. Clifton Muir, Mrs. Pruet Adkins, and one new member, Mrs. Clyde Gillis, by the hostess.

The next meeting will be a mission study in the home of Mrs. Clifton Muir.

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# THE ELK — STRATFORD SCHOOL NEWS

## Second Grade Mrs. Peterson's Room

Columbus, the Indians and the Pilgrims have passed on with the month of November. Now, we are intensely occupied with the onrush of the wonderful Christmas season.

Everyone is as eager and busy as can be. And, so far, all our group is keeping well. We are

stressing this point in every possible way because, it is no fun to be ill for Christmas.

In number work, we count, add and subtract, Christmas trees, toys, and brightly colored packages. In our "Reading for Pleasure" period, we have Hans Christian Anderson's "The Littlest Angel," Stirling North's "The Birthday of Little Jesus," and other fine Christmas stories, not to mention the ever beloved "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore.

It will crowd us to cover all these, along with our regular daily schedule. And in nature study, we are learning about evergreens, at this time. We have drawn names in the class for the usual gift exchange. The first three grades are limiting their gifts to the 25 to 50 cent price range. The tree is to be brought into the school room December 16, and no gifts are to be brought before December 21.

The Christmas party will begin at 1:00 P. M. December 22 and school will be dismissed at 2:00 P. M. for the holidays.

## Third Grade Mrs. Hammons' Room

We would like to see every parent Thursday night at seven thirty in the auditorium for our P.T.A. program. Besides par-

ents we would like for grandparents, uncles, aunts, and all relations to be present.

These people have special invitations because they can vote for us. Now, everyone is invited to come and see us. We would like to have someone sitting in every seat in the auditorium.

## Fourth Grade Miss Riley's Room

The Class drew names for Christmas last week.

We have started decorating our room for Christmas this week with posters and pictures. Members of the class have made a weather calendar and a record of moon changes in our Science Class.

We have been studying magnets. Students have been studying with bar magnets, what metals that a magnet will attract, etc.

In the English Class this week the class is making a "Class Diary."

Those making 100 in spelling this week are Cleo Aduddell, Donna Boner, Orbie Sue Davis, Claude Fedric, Linda Lou Huggins and John Steel.

## Fifth Grade Mrs. Warden's Room

Natacha Morris and Dennis Phelps were absent Friday. They went to Amarillo — not to Christmas shop, but to see the Doctor.

Natacha was fitted with glasses. Dennis had a tooth pulled. Gary Mathews was absent on account of illness.

The boys of the class had perfect attendance last six weeks.

Joe Ray Brown, Gary Mathews, Max Roque, Billy Stone, Alta Mae Adams, Lela Hampton, Jonna Knight, Susan Sloan, Kay Spurlock, and Kaye Webb made 100 in spelling last week.

We checked our list for Santa Claus: Everyone was very considerate in their wants — reason — Santa Claus didn't make a good wheat crop.

Our belated thanks to Mrs. Reesing and Mrs. Knight for their pop corn balls and fudge.

This afternoon at 2:30 we are going to see slides on various things related to our Science and Geography.

## Fifth Grade Mrs. Elliott's Room

(By the News Committee)

Each of us have the privileged of conducting our particular self-chosen day to carry on the work in our Flag Appreciation period as we see fit.

Shirley Sanders high-lighted the interest of the Class last Wednesday morning as she chose to give the class a test of all the facts that have been presented from time to time since school started. It was a very interesting summary and in evaluating our project we found the time spent had been wisely spent; had been both profitable and entertaining; and Mrs. Elliott complimented us on our listening ability.

In English we have just completed a unit on poetry. We feel that we have learned more about poetry for reading enjoyment; we can figure the rhyme scheme a particular author may choose in writing a poem, each of us has made a poem booklet to which we will add to throughout the year as we find a favorite poem or become inspired to create a new one. We also painted beautiful pictures of our favorite poem and have placed them on file for a class exhibition. Our next unit will be new articles. Our teacher makes it sound like fun, however, we expect some work along with it.

Sharon Mulligan, Elaine Spurlock, and Ida Hemphill gave a demonstration last Tuesday in Health work on the importance of including milk, minerals and vitamins in our daily diet if we wish to have a rosy complexion or do our best work each day.

In Geography we are learning many interesting things about our National Capitol; the supreme court, the home, the duties and the life of our president, and many kinds of work carried on by our government. We also mastered the pronunciation of a new word, (Potomac) river.

## Sixth Grade Mrs. Cameron's Room

We would like to thank our home room mothers: Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Dortch, Mrs. Brittain and Mrs. Bennett for the wonderful swimming party and the delicious sandwiches, doughnuts and hot chocolate. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Ann Burgess and Sammie Beall are the fortunate students from our room to go to Goodwell with the band.

We have divided our class into groups in reading and they in turn give us excellent information concerning the background to our Greek and Roman stories.

Gay Plunk has an interesting story to tell this morning about how easy it was to get through the snow in Amarillo Saturday.

Patricia has received some interesting pictures and letters from Danny Swinford, our English class Pen Pal. Danny lives in Indiana.

## Senior News (By Shirley Finch)

The Senior Class is sponsoring a Christmas party December 19, 1953 on Saturday. It will be held in the cafeteria. The class voted Tuesday that the High School be invited. The students may invite one person, but it must be their date. The party will start at 7:30 P. M. and last until 11:30 P. M. This is formal!

We also discussed plans for the annual Alumni party. Our class will furnish the decorations for the party. We hope all the former Seniors will attend and make it a big event. This party is to be on the 26th of December and is Semi-Formal!

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## Wine From The Grape Vine (By Shirley Finch)

Dorothy Bachman, did you have fun Tuesday night driving George Harding's car? The way you were driving we all suspected that we would find you in jail or in the city morgue.

I understand that Tacy Emerson and Bill Malone were playing Canasta last week. Who won? I also understand the other couple won.

What's this we hear about Benny taking an hour and a

half to take Glennis Webb home. What were you doing all this time Benny? Say Billy we hear you were in this too!

Anna Mae is floating up in the clouds these days. Could it be because a certain fellow named Bobby is home?

Lynne and Ealon were with their fellows from Goodwell after the ball game the other night.

What's this we hear about Bob Euper riding around with five girls after the Hartley game! That guy must have charm!

Flash! Adabelle tells us that Benny and Bill McMinn wanted her to drive the other night while they were riding around so that they could get in the back seat with Yvonne and Clara Mae. Well!

Instead of saying only 14 shopping days till Christmas Gaynelle says only 12 days till Roy Lee comes home. Hm?

Did you know that Sherry Self writes to two boys and wants to go with another one? Fickle isn't she?

Jimmy Davis what's this we hear about you and a redhead?

There was a whole bunch of people up at Yvonne's Saturday night playing canasta. Just canasta?

Why were your cheeks so rosy when you came to school Monday Cynthia?

Beth had a long distance phone call from Goodwell the other day.

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er could it? Jimmy Ingham what's this we hear about you wanting to go over to Goodwell every Saturday night? Its a girl I'll bet. Mrs. Belvin what is this we hear about your big night?

## Hit-Parade (By Shirley Finch)

Tacy Emerson — Billy Malone — You You You. Buzz Wakefield to Joyce Haney — I'll Be Home For Christmas.

Jean Beth Williams to Cotton Williams — Walking In A Winter Wonderland.

Helen Finch to James Crawford — Lets Take The Long Way Home. M. B. Green to Shirley — PS. I Love You. Colleen to Pecos — If You (Continued on Page 8)

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Assistant Coach Brown of West Texas State College of Canyon spoke on the golden life and sportsmanship of athletes.

Mile. in French corresponds to the English abbreviation, "Miss."

### Baptist Circles Meet In Joint Session

The Ealon Norvell Circle of the Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Joe Brown. The Mildred Crabtree Circle whose teacher, Mrs. Roy Strother has been ill and was unable to teach, met with the Ealon Norvell Circle.

The devotional and opening prayer were given by Mrs. W. D. Green.

The lesson, "The Young Man, Moses," was taught by Mrs. Royal Pendleton.

During the social hour which followed, Mrs. Brown assisted by Mrs. Baskin Brown, served cake and coffee to Mrs. W. D. Ellis, Mrs. W. W. Davis, Mrs. W. D. Green, Mrs. E. E. Riggs, Mrs. Royal Pendleton, Mrs. A. H. Ellison, Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Mrs. E. W. Butler, Mrs. V. M. King, Mrs. Ivan Bammes, Mrs. Roy

Strother, Mrs. O. H. Ingham, Mrs. Leon Guthrie, Mrs. W. W. Steel and Mrs. W. E. Pleyer.

The next meeting of the Ealon Norvell Circle will be in the home of Mrs. Royal Pendleton next Wednesday.

### More Stable Cattle Prices Forecast For 1954

Next year will be another year of large supplies of red meat. Consumption is also expected to continue high, and retail prices in 1954 are expected to average about the same as in 1953. This was the prediction of U. S. Department of Agriculture economists at the annual Agricultural Outlook Conference.

For 15 years cattle prices have been unusually high as compared with prices for all farm commodities, say the economists. Now, even though they are at the lowest point since 1946, cattle prices are still more favorable in relation to other farm prices than they were during the 1910-14 base period which is used for parity consumptions. They are lower, however, than could be considered normal at this time because of their long-term trend upward.

Persistent declines in cattle prices over the past two years appear to be about ended, but the forecast does not indicate that they will regain their levels of a year or two ago.

Fewer cattle are being put on feed grains for fattening this fall than last. This means the supply of finished cattle in the first half of 1954 is likely to be smaller next year, but the supply of grass-fed beef will remain high, the outlook report indicated. Grass-fed beef usually grades as good, commercial or utility, according to government standards.

Consumption of beef in 1953 appears to have reached an all time high of 75 pounds per capita if it continues at its present level to the year's end. For meat in general, including poultry, consumption is higher than usual at 178 pounds per person, USDA statistics indicate.

Mrs. A. L. King led in prayer, reviewed the first chapter, and read an article from The Christian Advocate on The Rule of Alcohol in the Church.

Mrs. Bob Ferguson discussed Alcoholics and the Reasons.

Twenty members were present to enjoy this informative program. Mrs. King closed the meeting with prayer.

The Circles of the W.S.C.S. met in the parlor of the First Methodist church Wednesday for the third lesson of the study on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility.

Mrs. King called the meeting to order and read the words of the hymn, and led in prayer for the devotional.

Mrs. Vern Foreman read Why

Men Drink.

Mrs. A. L. King led 20 members in the lesson discussion.

The meeting was dismissed by repeating the Lords Prayer.

### The Elk—

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### W. S. C. S. Ladies Have Meetings

The Circles of the W. S. C. S. met in the parlor of the First Methodist church for the second lesson of the study on Alcohol and Christian Responsibility on December 2.

For the devotional, the hymn, This Is My Father's World was sung by the group. Mrs. Bob Ferguson led the singing. Mrs. T. Edgar Neal was pianist.

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