

## Stratford Invitation Basketball Tournament Opens January 14th

Stratford's annual high school basketball invitation tournament will open at 2:15 P. M. Thursday, January 14, and continue through Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16. Trophies which compare favorably with the most beautiful to be presented in any tournament will be presented to teams winning honors.

Practically all of the arrangements have been completed except for securing places for part of the boys and girls of visiting teams to stay during their visit in Stratford. Residents who wish to furnish bedrooms for either boys or girls may contact Superintendent R. W. Standefer, Jr., at Phone 3211 or the Elementary School Principal Hugh Stewart at Phone 3391. Rooms will be needed for members of visiting teams on Thursday and Friday nights.

Seven sessions of games have been arranged for the tournament which opens the afternoon of January 14.

### Thursday Afternoon Schedule

Stratford and Channing boys play the opening game of the tournament at 2:15 P. M.

Stinnett and Sunray boys meet in the second game at 3:30 P. M.

Channing and Texline girls play the third game of the session at 4:45 P. M.

### Thursday Night Games

The Thursday night games open at 7:15 with Stratford and Hartley girls playing the first game of the session.

Adrian and Hartley boys will play at 8:30 P. M.

The first game in the boys consolation games will be played at 9:45 P. M. Losers of the Stratford-Channing game and losers of the Stinnett-Sunray game will meet at this time.

### Friday Morning Games

The Friday morning session of games will start at 9:00 A. M. Winners of the Stratford-Channing boys game and winners of the Adrian-Hartley boys game will play the opening game.

At 10:15 the Happy boys team will play the winner of the Stinnett-Sunray boys game.

Sunray and Adrian girls will play at 11:30 A. M.

Happy and Stinnett girls are scheduled to play at 12:45 P. M.

Friday Afternoon Games  
Winners of the boys first consolation game will play the loser of the Adrian-Hartley game at 3:30.

A game in the boys consolation tournament is scheduled for 4:45.

Winners of the Channing-Texline girls game and winners of the Stratford-Hartley girls game will play at 6:00 P. M.

Friday Night Games

Boys in the winners bracket will play their semi-final game at 7:15 P. M. Friday.

Girls teams who are winners of the Sunray-Adrian game and winners of the Happy-Stinnett game will play Friday at 8:30 P. M.

Boys teams in the consolation games will meet in the secondary preliminary game at 9:45 P. M. Friday

Saturday Morning Games

Saturday morning games will open at 10:00 A. M. with girls teams playing in the consolation games. Losers of the Channing-Texline game and losers of the Stratford-Hartley game are scheduled to play.

A second game in the girls consolation tournament is scheduled for 11:15 A. M. Saturday. Losers of the Sunray-Adrian game and the Happy-Stinnett game will meet at this time.

A boys consolation tournament basketball game is scheduled for 12:30 P. M. Saturday. The final game for girls playing in the consolation tournament is scheduled for 6:00 P. M. Saturday.

Girls teams playing in the winners bracket will play their final game at 7:15 P. M. Saturday.

The boys final game will be played at 8:30 P. M. Saturday. Ten divisions of trophies and awards will be presented at the tournament. Stratford business and professional men have bought all of the trophies but the one which will be presented to winners of the girls consolation tournament. Any firm or individual desiring to make this award may secure the trophy by contacting R. W. Standefer, Jr.

## March Of Dimes Campaign Launched

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Roscoe Dyess has accepted the responsibility of heading the annual March of Dimes campaign in Sherman County. He will be assisted by Don Tusha and Harold Quin.

Envelopes in which people of the county may make contributions will be addressed by the Stratford High School typing class and mailed to every resident of the county whose names are available.

Iron lungs which are usually placed in places of business have not been made available to the committee this year.

Plans are being made for the annual Presidents Ball to be held the latter part of the month.

Sherman County has a quota of \$3,000.00 to raise in the current drive.

## Mrs. Robinson Laid To Rest Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. M. R. Robinson were conducted Thursday afternoon of last week in the First Methodist Church. Death came to Mrs. Robinson Wednesday morning in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she was a surgical patient. The illness which took her life resulted in her hospitalization only about 10 days before her passing.

Interment was made in the Stratford Cemetery under the supervision of Wilson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Robinson, who was 51 years of age, was preceded in death by her husband about a year ago. Their young son, Charles Sidney, better known as Chucko Robinson, will make his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Lively of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Relatives here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer of Waco, Texas, Chucko Robinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Lively of Columbia, Louisiana, Mrs. R. A. Scott of Bakersfield, California, Mrs. Cal Richardson of Fresno, California, Mrs. Earl Bohrer of Los Angeles, California, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Lively of Wichita Falls, Texas, M. H. Robinson of Boise City, Oklahoma, Alton Robinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Flora James of Eads, Colorado, and Mrs. J. W. Wells of Wellington, Texas.

## Perjury Case Scheduled For District Court

Margaret Prater was served notice Monday of her indictment by the Sherman County grand jury on a charge of perjury. Bond was set at \$1,000.00 pending trial in district court. The indictment by the grand jury resulted from a case in county court in which she was charged with unlawfully transporting alcoholic beverages.

Wyoming granted women suffrage in 1869.

The boys first place award will be presented by The First State Bank of Stratford. Stratford Grain Co. will give the first place girls trophy. The boys second place trophy will be presented by Garrison Motor Co. Davis Motor Co. will make the girls second place award. The boys sportsmanship award will be presented by Consumers Company. Stratford Insurance Agency will make the girls sportsmanship award. The coaches award will be presented by The Texas Co. M. H. Harrison is donating the 12 gold basketballs which will be presented to girls on the all-tournament team. Stratford Department Store will present the ten gold basketballs which will be given to boys selected on the all-tournament team.

# THE STRATFORD STAR

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## Mrs. M. Wilson Seeks Office Of Co. Treasurer

Mrs. Marguerite Wilson announces her candidacy for the office of County Treasurer of Sherman County subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election to be held Saturday, July 24.

Mrs. Wilson has lived in Sherman County most of her life. She attended the local schools and after graduation she attended business colleges in Wichita, Kansas and Amarillo.

Following the completion of her courses of study she accepted a position as a secretary with Representative B. L. Rogers, getting her first practical experience in the House of Representatives in Austin, Texas.

Upon her return to Stratford she was employed with the Sherman County Abstract Co. for about 10 years before accepting a position as a clerk in the county tax office. About two years ago Mrs. Wilson entered the insurance business in which she is engaged at the present time. She feels that she is qualified to perform the duties of the office and if elected, she states she will conduct the business of the office in a business-like manner to the best of her ability.

Mrs. Wilson will appreciate the public's consideration of her candidacy, for the office of County Treasurer, and if they consider her qualified, she will appreciate their support in the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 24.

## Mrs. S. T. Bishop Laid To Rest On 88th Birthday

Mrs. Susan T. Bishop passed away suddenly Saturday morning while sitting in her chair at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eric Kirkwood. She was 87 years of age and could not remember of having called for medical care because of illness but once in her life.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 1:00 P. M. in the McDonald Funeral Home at Lubbock, Texas and burial was made in Crosbyton Cemetery besides the remains of her husband and two sons. Mrs. Bishop had lost three sons since August. Her oldest son, Joe Bob, a former Stratford resident, died only three weeks ago.

The funeral was conducted on Mrs. Bishop's 88th birthday, and a family reunion had been planned to honor her on the occasion.

Survivors include two sons, Gene and Ernest Bishop of Lubbock, Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. Eric Kirkwood of Stratford, and Mrs. J. N. Landfair of Roswell, New Mexico.

Relatives from this locality attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kirkwood and Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Combs, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Kirkwood, Dalhart, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kirkwood and baby of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Kirkwood and daughter.

## Bill Allen Burned In Flash Fire

Bill Allen was painfully burned about the hands and legs in a flash fire at their farm home near Conlen Tuesday morning. Allen's clothes became ignited when a five gallon can of diesel fuel exploded as he was attempting to start a fire in a coal stove in the barn. Mrs. Allen extinguished the flames. Their little daughter, Kathy Nan, who was at her father's heels at the time of the accident, was not injured.

Allen was taken to Loretto Hospital in Dalhart for treatment. He was accompanied by his wife and brother, George Allen, of Stratford.

## Mrs. L. Foster Seeks Election As Treasurer

Mrs. Loraine Foster is announcing her candidacy for the office of County Treasurer of Sherman County. She appeals to the voters for their consideration on a basis of her qualification for performing the duties of the office.

Mrs. Foster has had 11 years of experience as an income tax accountant and a secretary, and 3 1-2 years experience in customers accounting with the Southwestern Public Service Co. She has had 3 years of experience working in an abstract office, and for 2 years she worked as a legal stenographer. She worked as a typist and secretary in legal documents at Cactus for six months during World War II.

Mrs. Foster states that if elected to the office she seeks, she will if necessary, keep the office open daily, working a full eight hour day and will distribute all the county funds promptly and on time. She further states that she will do everything within her ability to conduct the affairs of the office in a courteous and competent manner as a public servant.

Mrs. Foster announces her candidacy for the office of County Treasurer subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 24. She will appreciate the consideration of the voters of the county in the coming election and if they consider her qualified for the office she seeks, she will appreciate their vote and support.

## Roscoe Dyess Is Candidate For Commissioner

Roscoe Dyess announces his candidacy for re-election as County Commissioner of Precinct One of Sherman County. He appeals to the voters of Precinct One for their consideration and support of his campaign in the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 24.

A resident of the county since 1936, Mr. Dyess has been engaged in farming and ranching and feels that he is familiar with the problems of the people of his precinct. He states that if re-elected to the office he now holds, he will continue to carry out the duties of the office to the best of his ability in a businesslike manner for the best interests of the people he represents.

Mr. Dyess will appreciate the public's consideration of his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct One, and if they consider him qualified for the office he holds, he will appreciate their continued support.

## County H. D. Council Hears Annual Reports

The Sherman County Home Demonstration Council met in the club room at the court house Monday at 2:00 P. M. Mrs. H. C. Bennett, council chairman, opened the meeting and read the preamble to the constitution of the United States of America. The secretary, Mrs. Ava Keener, conducted the roll call and also read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Reports of work planned for the coming year were given by Mrs. Ava Keener, finance chairman; Mrs. Ida Billington, year book chairman; Mrs. T. F. Baskin, education, expansion and exhibits chairman; Mrs. Alice Ellison, recreation chairman; and Mrs. Gladys Kirkwood, shopping chairman.

Suggested goals were planned and discussed for the year by the council.

Slides which Miss King had taken at various times were shown and enjoyed.

## Mrs. Dorothy Slay Is Candidate For Treasurer

Mrs. Dorothy R. Slay announces her candidacy for the office of County Treasurer of Sherman County. She has been a resident of the county since 1941, having been engaged in the furniture and appliance business with her husband until his death, and later has been employed with the McMahan Furniture Co.

Mrs. Slay is a graduate of Hereford High School and Amarillo Business College. She has worked for the public since 1929. For two years she was employed with the City of Amarillo, four years in government work, and the remainder of the time she has worked in private business.

If elected to the office she seeks, Mrs. Slay states she will devote all of her time to the duties of the office and conduct its affairs to the best interests of the taxpayers of the county.

Mrs. Slay appeals to the voters for their consideration in the Democratic Primary election to be held Saturday, July 24, on the basis of her qualifications for carrying on the duties of the office as well as her reputation of honesty and fairness in dealing courteously with the public. She will appreciate your consideration and support.

## Mrs. Arnold Entertains Star Club

The Star Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Archie Arnold Tuesday for the first meeting of the new year. After the delicious luncheon the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Gladys Kirkwood. The club prayer was repeated by the group.

Roll Call was answered by giving "Our Club Goal."

The minutes were read by Mrs. Nina Judd and approved.

Mrs. Gladys Arnold gave her report as council delegate and read the recommendations for the work of the year. These were accepted by the club.

Mrs. Kirkwood called for volunteers for the training school of cutting and matching plaids and stripes to be held January 15.

Mrs. Alfred Pronger and Mrs. H. C. Bennett volunteered to go.

Miss King explained the project on millinery as a special interest for the training group. She also explained the duty of the civil defense chairman. Mrs. Jane Smith was appointed civil defense chairman. Other chairmen appointed were: finance, Ava Keener; year book, Doris Dyess; E.E.E., Jimmie Pronger; consumer education, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood; reporter, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams; charity, Mrs. Gertrude Donelson.

Club year books were filled out and paid for.

Mrs. Ava Keener, the finance chairman, read her recommendations for raising money. They were accepted.

Sides were chosen for the quilt block contest.

Miss Lucile King gave a kitchen demonstration and lecture on kitchen decorations, including wall covering types, and choosing the color that suits the personality of the housewife that is going to work in it.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Harold Bennett January 19.

Those present were: Mrs. Jane Smith, Mrs. Alfred Pronger, Mrs. Harold Bennett, Mrs. T. L. Wakefield, Mrs. Roscoe Dyess, Mrs. Ava Keener, Mrs. Earl Kirkwood, Mrs. Nina Judd, Mrs. J. B. McWilliams, Mrs. Ralph Baskin, Mrs. Joe Knapp, Mrs. M. hostess, Mrs. Archie Arnold.

## My Apology

The news story in last week's paper which read: Miss Mildred Bennett will speak at the First Methodist Church in Dalhart Sunday evening should have read "Stratford."

— The Editor

## Open Catholic Services In Stratford

Another milestone was added to the chapters of Sherman County history when Father James E. Fitzgerald of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Dalhart officiated at the first Holy Mass ever to be celebrated in the county. The Catholic service was held at the residence of J. B. Walsh Sunday. A capacity attendance represented worshippers from Stratford and all parts of Sherman County.

The initial celebration of the Mass in Sherman County marked an occurrence of special significance to West Texas Catholics. A representative of the Amarillo Register, a Catholic weekly newspaper, was present to take photographs.

After the Mass, Father Fitzgerald met with the Sherman County Catholics and future plans were made. A building fund was agreed upon for the purpose of erecting a church on property presently owned by the Catholic Church in the south part of Stratford. Pending erection of the church when funds become available, the Catholic Church will continue to have Holy Mass each Sunday at 4:00 P. M. The north room of the Stratford Hotel has been acquired as the location for the services.

## Stratford Motor Co. Has The New '54 Ford Cars

Stratford Motor Co. is introducing new models of the 1954 Ford passenger cars with models on display in their showroom.

Ford features include: An entirely new 130-horse power Y-block V-8 engine with overhead valves; a new 115-horse power I-block mileage maker six engine noted for economy; a new ball-joint front suspension which Ford engineers call the greatest advance in front suspension in 20 years; the Skyliner, an entirely new hardtop model with tinted transparent plastic roof over the driving compartment; a smart new Ford Sunliner convertible with an unusual transparent plastic panel inserted in the top over the seat to provide overhead visibility; four new power-operated driving assists which include power brakes, power steering, 4-way power seat and power-lift windows, and Fordomatic transmission.

The new Fords will be available in three lines, the Mainline, the Customline and the Crestline.

## Wreck Victims Hospitalized

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Driggers and three children were rushed from the scene of a car accident 8 miles south of Stratford on U. S. Highway 287 to Dumas Memorial Hospital in the Wilson ambulance Saturday evening.

Driggers and his family had spent the holidays with relatives in the south and were returning to Denver, Colorado where he is stationed in military service. A tire blowing out caused the driver to lose control of the car. Their injuries were not considered serious.

## Mrs. Arlyn Haile Is Circle Hostess

The Mollie Davis Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the home of Mrs. Arlyn Haile for Bible study.

Mrs. W. O. Cook led the opening prayer.

Mrs. M. J. Carter gave the devotional.

The Bible lesson, young people in the Bible, "Gideon" was taught by Mrs. John Lavake.

The program was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. T. F. Baskin II.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Mrs. Clifton Muir, Mrs. W. O. Cook, Mrs. John Lavake, Mrs. K. Kendrick, Mrs. Joe Knapp, Mrs. M. J. Carter, Mrs. H. B. Norris, and two visitors, Mrs. Elma McDaniel and Mrs. T. F. Baskin II.

The next meeting, January 13, will be in the home of Mrs. K. Kendrick for a circle program.

Lake Superior is the largest lake in North America.

## Stinnett Boys And Girls Play Here January 11

Stinnett boys and girls will play basketball games with the Stratford Senior teams in the local gymnasium, Monday, January 11. The first game is scheduled for 7:00 P. M.

Considerable rivalry has developed between the two schools as a result of the last game played at Stinnett.

Other Games Scheduled  
Senior boys and girls play in the P.A.M.C. High School tournament at Goodwell Friday and Saturday of this week.

Stratford senior boys and girls play at Sunray January 12.

## January Is Last Month To Pay Taxes

January is the last month to pay 1953 taxes without interest being added. Saturday, January 30, will be the last day voters may secure poll tax receipts for the privilege of participating in the coming elections this year.

## Mrs. J. E. Brannan Is Honored On Birthday

Mrs. J. E. Brannan was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party given in her honor at their home in Stratford Sunday evening.

Friends visiting in the home and presenting gifts were: Mr. and Mrs. John Haney and Danny Mr. and Mrs. John Gipson, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willey and children.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served.

## Lions Hear Miss Bennett

About 40 Lions and their Lionesses were entertained with a ladies night program Monday night by Miss Mildred Bennett, International Farm Youth Exchange student, who visited in Germany last summer. Miss Bennett showed pictures and told of her experiences in that country.

## January 22 Is Date Set For PTA Meeting

The regular January meeting date of the Stratford Parent Teacher Association will be postponed due to the January 14 conflict with the annual invitation basketball tournament.

January 22 has been set as the date for the regular monthly meeting. Program arrangements will be announced next week.

## 20th Century Circle Meeting

The Twentieth Century Circle met at 9:30 Wednesday morning in the parlor of the First Christian Church. Reports were made of five books having been read and seven daily devotionals being conducted.

The discussion was carried on by the group and the missionary benediction was given at the close of the study.

Coffee and doughnuts were served to Ruth Brewster, Charline Quin, Judy Quin, Marcelle Sutton, Joyce Ann Lasley, Bonnie Mitchell, Dorless Wells and Helen Buckles.

## Wohlford Is Dumas Rotary Guest

State Representative Sam Wohlford was the guest speaker at the Dumas Rotary Club Monday night. He expressed his views on the gas and water situations in Texas.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sue of Amarillo are the parents of an eight pound daughter born Thursday of last week. The parents were former Stratford residents.

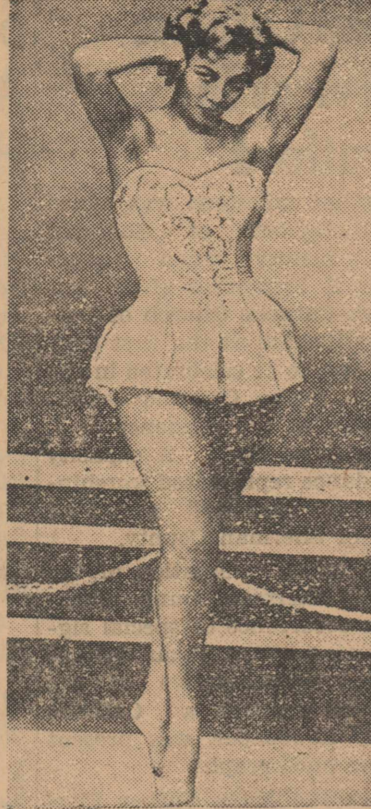


**CARD OF THANKS**  
I wish to thank every one for the beautiful flowers, cards and everything you did for me during my illness.  
Mrs. Dick Farris

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We are grateful for the flowers, cards, food and all the kindnesses extended to our loved one while she was sick in the hospital.  
The Ozell Robinson Family.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the food, offers to help, and for the keeping of our children during our bereavement.  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Kirkwood  
And Relatives.

The octopus and the squid mastered the arts of jet propulsion and smoke screening long before man dreamed of such things. Water squirting through funnels propels the animals, and discharge clouds of ink confuse enemy pursuers.



**SUIT FOR SALE . . .** Songstress Monica Lewis models sparkling silver swim suit woven with metallic yarn to be sold at auction by American Legion for aid to disabled veterans.



**SIAMESE TWINS LIVE . . .** Cleveland, Ohio's Siamese twins, identified only as Nancy (left) and Ellen, are only such twins in medical history to survive one year after separation. Nancy and Ellen weigh 18 pounds apiece.

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  - 1 cup Crisco.
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  - 4 egg yolks.
  - 2 1-2 cups flour.
  - 1 teaspoon soda.
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla.
  - 1 package German's Sweet Chocolate dissolved in 1-2 cup boiling water.
  - 4 egg whites.
  - Pinch salt.
- Cream sugar and Crisco, add egg yolks that have been beaten well. Add 3-4 cup buttermilk alternately with flour and dissolve the soda in the remaining 1-4 cup. Add salt, the mixture of melted chocolate and water, vanilla and fold in the egg whites. Bake in three 10 inch layer pans or two oblong pans in a 350 degree oven. One good hint is offered. That is to take the layers out of the oven just before the cake springs back to the fingertip touch.
- ICING**
- 1-2 pint heavy cream.
  - 1 cup chopped pecans.
  - 1 can short cut coconut.
  - 3 egg yolks.
  - 1 cup sugar.
  - 1 lump butter.
- Mix these ingredients together and cook in double boiler until thick.

Farmers are using \$1,000,000,000 worth of fertilizer as plant nutrients annually to get present production, but experts say ways to use fertilizers more effectively must be found.

An anti-fire paint helps to stop blazes from spreading by giving off carbon dioxide and calcium chloride when fire licks surfaces coated with it.

**Trees For Shade**

Every house needs to be framed by at least two shade trees at the front, with one at the rear for background. However, the distance apart depends on the size of trees when full grown. An apricot tree for instance may be planted from 8 to 12 feet from the house, but a pecan

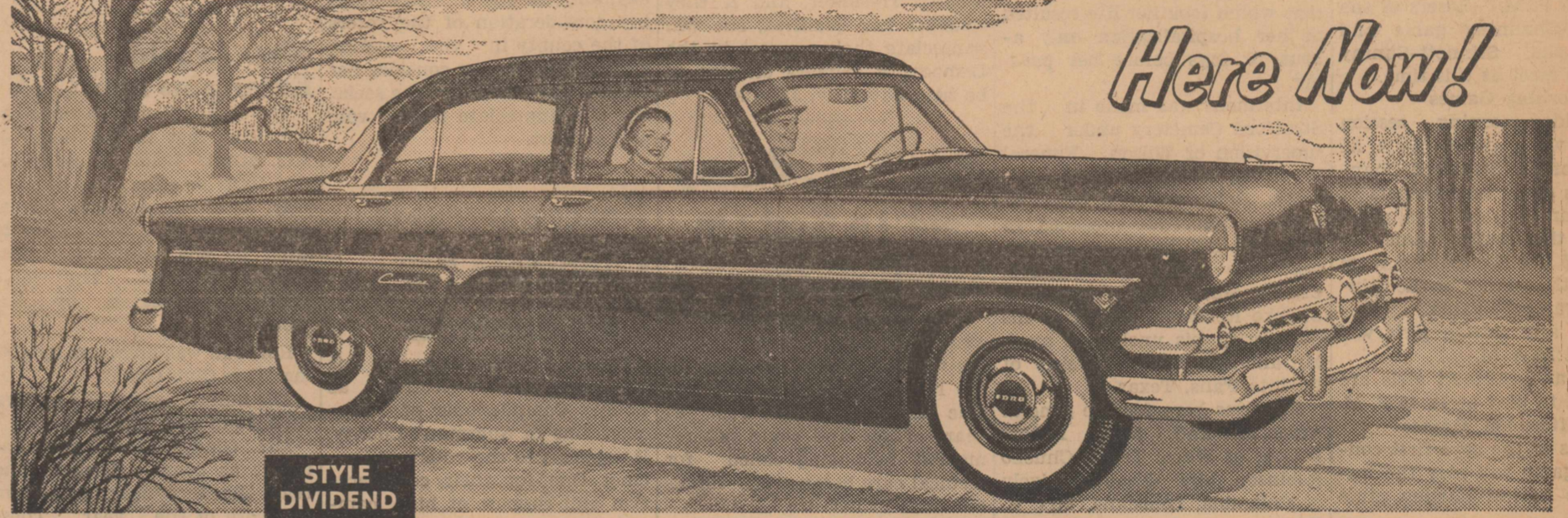
tractive framing. Two most frequently made mistakes in home grounds improvement are overplanting and crowding shade trees. The distance apart depends on the size of trees when full grown. An apricot tree for instance may be planted from 8 to 12 feet from the house, but a pecan

tree should be 40 or 50 feet away. When selecting trees, remember the evergreens like cedar, magnolia, or live oak are excellent for background and framing, but should be planted far enough from the house to allow plenty of sunshine during the winter. Pines planted 50 feet away make a good background and interesting framing for a north front. Ordinarily houses which face the north rarely need shade trees at the front. Here is a good opportunity to plant some beautiful trees like the mimosa or silk tree which do not make a dense shade, the agent adds. Adapt the size of the trees to the house. Many smaller trees such as apricot, pear, plum, redbud, and dogwood go well with modern houses.

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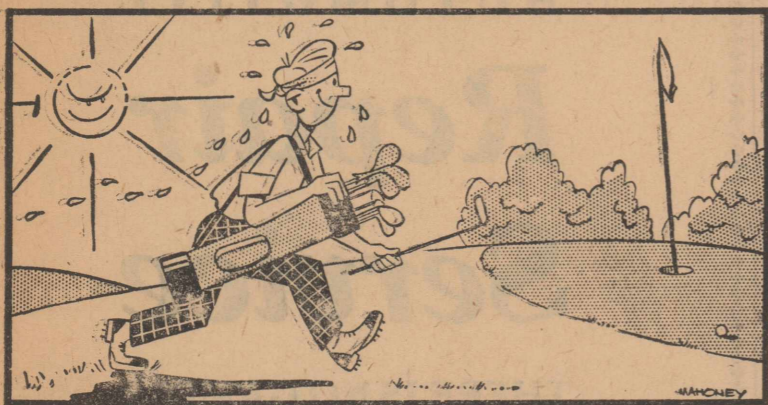
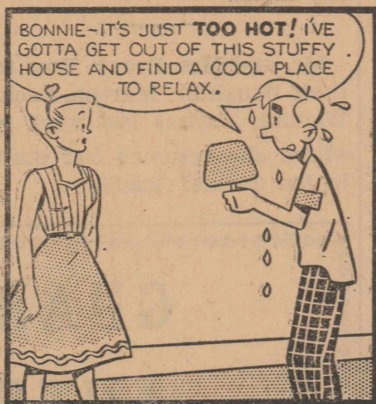
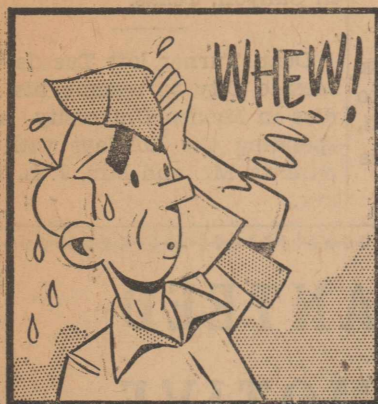
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THE BAFFLES

By Mahoney



LAFF OF THE WEEK



"A fire should happen every day at Schultzes Butcher Shop!"

ACROSS THE DESK

From The Morrilstown World, McIntosh, South Dakota: You're a student coming home from school or maybe you're going to shop. Maybe you're taking the family to visit relatives over the weekend.

Somewhere along the road you pick up a hitchhiker. You won't have to stop to pick him up. He'll get on at some corner where you don't stop or maybe on some long hill where you try to go around a truck so you won't lose time. It won't be time you lost. It'll be your life.

And the hitchhiker you pick up? Some pictures show him as a grinning skeleton. Others show him as a black angel or a man with a scythe. His name may be speed or booze. It may be sleep, carelessness or bad brakes. That hitchhiker is death.

You're pretty smart, you average South Dakotan. You've got an education and can figure the batting averages of your baseball players. But you can't seem to get through your head that time saved going around a car going uphill at 50 miles an hour so you can go 65 a few hundred feet isn't much. It only takes an hour more to go 200 miles at 50 miles an hour instead of 65 . . . A lot of you are going to take chances during the coming

days. You're going to take chances because you think an accident can't happen to you. We hope it won't.

From The Suburban Press, Sharouville, Ohio: No matter what happens in the interchange of unpleasanties between writers on both sides of the border between Canada and the United States, there will be no permanent ill-feeling between the peoples of the two nations.

In the first place, citizens of both lands have entirely too much in common to get permanently mad at one another. Each year Canadians come south to the United States on visits of business and pleasure. Each year even greater numbers of our own citizens go north to Canada for the same reasons, although probably the tourist lure is responsible for the greater number.

No nation has a monopoly on blabbermouths, an undeniable truth long accepted throughout the literate world, and no nation is going to permit a cordial entente of many years standing to be disturbed. We like the people of Canada and they like us, with the usual exceptions on both sides. We see no more reason for becoming irritated with Canadian comment than we do with some of our own sounding off.

SUNDAYS SERMON

Rev. Robert H. Harper  
One Human Race.  
Lesson for December 13: Acts 13: 9-15, 25-28, 34-35, 44-45.  
Golden Text: Acts 10: 34-35.

At the first, the disciples pursued a course that would have caused Christianity to be only a Jewish sect that might have perished from the earth. They preached only to Jewish people and received only members of their race into their fellowship. But fortunately several events determined that Christianity would become a world religion.

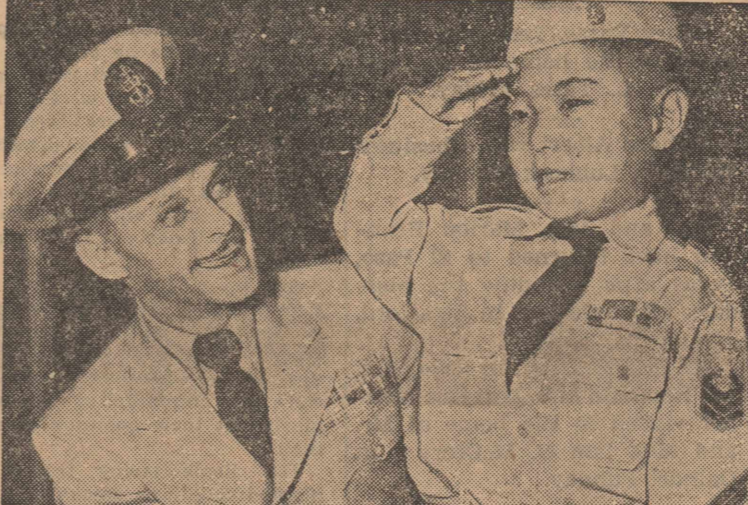
Cornelius, a gentile of Caesarea had a vision of an angel who had him send messengers to Joppa to Peter. Just before the arrival of the messengers, Peter had a vision of the unclean beasts, by which he was convinced that all men are precious in the sight of God and are subjects of saving grace. So he went readily with the messengers to Cornelius and preached with such effect that the Holy Spirit came upon gentiles.

Later, when Peter reported the matter to the council of the church in Jerusalem, the members of the council were duly impressed and rejoiced that the gentiles were being granted the opportunity of repentance and new life in Christ.

Thus the disciples were brought to realize that the gospel is for all men and that there is one world for Christianity to conquer. Racial differences most certainly exist. But in the gospel of Christ all men meet on a common level. All are in need of saving grace. Christians are in duty bound to bear the gospel to every man, no matter what his race may be.



AIR ARMY WINS TOWN . . . French Gen. Henri Navarre (left) gets report from Gen. Gilles, paratroop commander who led thousands of airborne French and Viet Nam soldiers in capture of Dien Bien, French Indo-China.



ADOPTS YOUNG ROK . . . Little Lee Kyung Soo, one of Korea's many orphans, arrives at Alameda Naval Airbase, Calif., with foster father, bachelor Vincent Paladino, chief boatswain's mate, of New Rochelle, N. Y.

Chimpanzees can master simple arithmetic, apparently recognize photographs of themselves, and learn table manners including use of cup and saucer, knife and fork.

The Mexican oropendulas are wise birds. They build their nests in a tree with a wasp nest around its trunk. The wasps keep marauding monkeys, raccoons and opossums away.



TELLS OF ATOM PLANT . . . Thomas E. Murray, member of Atomic Energy Commission, said AEC has ordered construction of \$100,000,000 atom-fueled power plant at site not yet chosen.

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**Recipe Of The Week**  
Sweet-Sour Beans  
2 strips bacon.  
1 cup minced onion.  
1 tablespoon flour.  
3-4 cup vegetable liquid  
1-4 cup vinegar.  
2 tablespoons sugar.  
1 teaspoon salt.  
1-4 teaspoon pepper.

2 cups cooked green or wax beans.  
Brown bacon until crisp. Cook minced onion in bacon fat until yellow. Stir in the flour. Add vegetable liquid, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper, and bring to a boil. Stir in the beans. Stir gently until heated through. Serve with crisp bacon sprinkled over the top. Serves 4.

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**Group Three Meets With Mrs. Judd**

Group Three of the Christian Church met in the home of Mrs. Arthur Judd Wednesday at 2:30 with 8 members present.

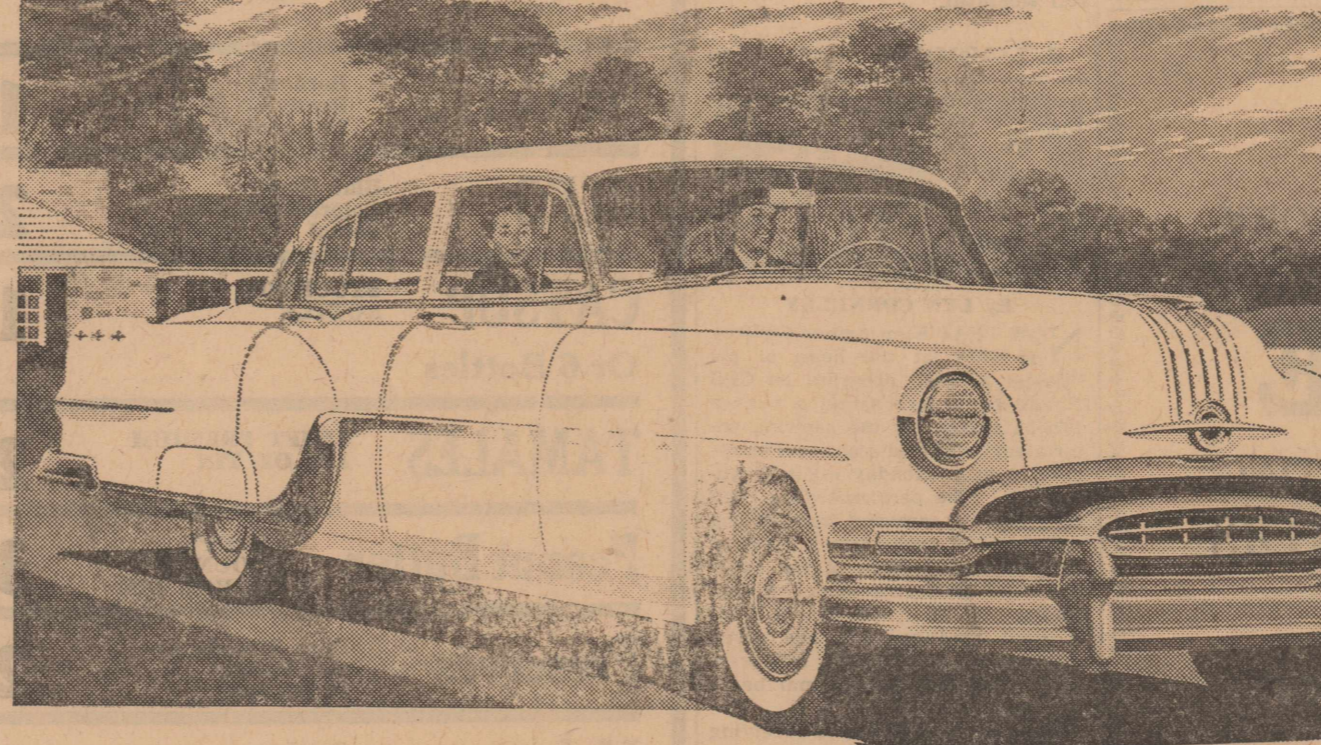
The meeting was called to order by the group leader, Mrs. Arthur Folsom, and the meeting was opened by prayer by Mrs. Ora Bomer.

The lesson for the day was on the following subjects: The Bible's Superior Standards of Life, Effects of the Scriptures on the Lives of Men, and the Old Testament World. Each one present took part in the discussion.

Next meeting to be in the home of Mrs. Archie Arnold. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and a social period was enjoyed.

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**Local News**

Mrs. Lelah Boney and Mrs. Bessie Hodges have returned home from a visit in the Rio Grande Valley and points in Old Mexico. They accompanied Russel Boney on his return home to Corpus Christi, Texas and returned home by the way of Austin.

Dick Goddard, Webb City, Missouri, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Haines and other relatives Friday.

Leota Turner, Russell, Kansas, was here for a short visit with

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Turner and other relatives Thursday of last week.

Mrs. J. J. Willey and Mrs. J. E. Brannan were visitors in Guy-mon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Davis of Claude, Texas brought her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cook, to their home in Stratford Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been keeping the Davis ranch while they spent two weeks in California. Mr. and Mrs. Cook visited in Lubbock and Slaton with other children during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Price took

their daughter, Lelah, to Amarillo Sunday. She was returning to Dallas to resume her studies in the Hockaday Preparatory School after spending the holidays in Stratford.

Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. Lorraine Mehner and Anne Frances Mehner were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

R. A. Brooks underwent an operation in St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo Thursday for the removal of a tumor on his jaw.

Mrs. L. E. Bonar, Galveston, Texas, visited relatives and friends in Stratford the latter part of last week, returning to Galveston Sunday.

Henry Yates, Texhoma, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Friday.

Richard Albert was a business visitor in Lubbock Monday.

Pfc. and Mrs. Marion Brannan have returned to El Paso, Texas after spending the holidays with relatives in Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross, Mrs. Art Ross and Mrs. Lorraine Mehner visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lon C. McCrory in Dalhart Sunday.

General and Mrs. J. S. Rodwell and W. Drummond of Denver, Colorado, visited in the home of Mrs. C. R. Foster Saturday. Mrs. Rodwell is a niece of Mrs. Foster and Mr. Drummond is her brother-in-law.

Mrs. Dick Diehl and son, Dick Jr., returned Saturday from Amarillo, where Dick Jr. was confined with bronchial pneumonia recently.

Russel Boney of Corpus Christi, Texas spent the holidays in Stratford with his mother, Mrs. Lelah Boney. Mrs. Boney and her son were Christmas day guests in the home of Marjorie Rayburn and her husband in Amarillo.

Richard Wilson returned Monday night after spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Oklahoma.

Carl Easterwood of Dimmitt, Texas was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton and Lynda attended the funeral of A. L. Sutton's cousin in Mullinville, Kansas Monday. From Mullinville, they continued on to Hutchinson, Kansas, where they visited another cousin, a sister of the deceased cousin. She is an invalid, who is in a Hutchinson hospital.

H. L. McMahan and Vern

**NIGHTMARE AND REALITY**

By Tony Grabo

JIM waited tensely, he was huddled in a corner of the small room. His eyes were large, and now, filled with fearful excitement. His nerves were taut, and he scarcely dared to breathe. Through the frame of the open window, the moon cast a pale, oblique patch of light onto the center of the floor. The ethereal luminescence made everything seem illusive; distorted.

Opposite him—on the other side of the patch of light—crouched a tiger! He was on his haunches, staring at him with unblinking, yellow-green eyes. The stripes on his body were jet-black with a velvety sheen to them, which contrasted sharply against the yellowish background of his coat.

His tail formed a half-loop behind him, while he crouched with his lithe body almost touching the floor. His shoulders were hunched and paws that were large, and thickly padded, were drawn up under him in a position ready to spring! His stance didn't change; he lurked there with eyes that reflected an iridescent light; staring—unblinking.

And there, just a few feet from him—stood a lion! Not preparing to do battle with the tiger, but staring—staring at him! Two savage animals—hereditary enemies—were now unmindful of each other, glaring at their common enemy—man.

The lion's tawny frame was planted solidly on stocky legs. The tufted fetlocks grew in profusion and almost covered his huge paws. His massive head was held high, allowing the darker mane to flow freely from it. He was the lord;

undisputed king of the jungle! Fearless of man or beast!

His limpid eyes scarcely veiled the ferocity contained within him. The tip of his tail lay on the floor with the mane at the end seemingly unattached, resembling an outgrowth of vegetation. He stood there, eyes glowing luminously; foreboding, not moving.

Jim glanced briefly out the rectangular square of light. Now, the night sounds began to creep into the room. All the little noises associated with night were grossly exaggerated. The wind stirred the leaves gently as it passed through the trees; the clouds made patterns against the moon, and the chirping and crickets of small insects filled the square of the window and ricocheted around from wall to wall.

He wished he had obeyed his mother and stayed in bed like she told him to. Maybe this never would have happened. Everything was out of control now, it had gone too far.

What was that? A noise—by the door. Slowly—ever so slowly, it began to open. The sliver of light from the other room gradually expanded until it silhouetted someone standing there.

"Danny!" Gladness blotted out fantasy as he recognized his mother's voice and rushed into her arms, unmindful of the scolding he would get.

"How many times must I tell you not to play with those stuffed animals after you're put to bed? You know they'll cause you to have nightmares if you play with them in the dark!"

in Seiling, Oklahoma over last week end, returning home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Ross took their daughter, Martha, back to Wichita, Kansas last week end, where she resumed her studies in Mt. Carmel Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Pendleton spent New Year's with relatives in Canyon, Texas.

Dean Turner left Tuesday for Mexico City to resume his studies in Mexico University after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner.

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By LYN CONNELLY  
NOW THAT King Arthur Godfrey is back at the helm of his "Talent Scouts" program on CBS Radio, he is forecasting a banner 1953-54 season for the aspiring entertainers who find a national showcase in each Monday night broadcast. . . . The performers on each program are screened from among thousands of applicants. . . . They represent the cream of the hopefuls, and orchestra leader Archie Bleyer sees to it that their special musical arrangements are given the thought and careful rehearsal worthy of their professional backgrounds. . . . Winners, in addition to receiving a cash prize, are presented on the morning "Arthur Godfrey Time" and are introduced to producers of stage, movies and television. . . . One of the present "little Godfreys," songstress Lu Ann Simms, first stepped into the radio spotlight on "Talent Scouts," and so did such other top entertainers as Eddie Fisher, Vic Damone, Rosemary Clooney, June Valli, Wally Cox, Denise Lor and a host of others.

**PLATTER CHATTER**  
CAPITOL:—Another wonderful little 45 RPM album-in-two records is "Dreamtime" by Axel Stordahl. . . . Songs include such standard favorites as "As Time Goes By," "That Old Feeling," "Love Letters," "Imagination," "Getting Sentimental," "Blues Serenade," "Easy to Remember" and others. . . . And a fine 33 1/2 long-playing album-record has been released featuring the popular Stan Kenton. . . . Featured are "You and the Night and the Music," "Crazy Rhythm," "Reverie," "April in Paris," "Autumn in New York," "How High the Moon," etc.

Foreman were business visitors in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Wall were New Year's dinner guests in the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Dyess.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gaylord and son, Lynn, visited relatives

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<b>Or 6 Bottles</b>		<b>85c</b>	<b>Grapefruit Juice</b>	FLORIDA DONALD DUCK BIG 46 OZ. TIN	<b>29c</b>
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<b>Peanut Butter</b>	SWIFT'S 12 OUNCE ICE BOX JAR	<b>34c</b>	<b>SPINACH</b>	KIMBELLS NO. 303 TIN 2 FOR	<b>25c</b>
<b>Preserves</b>	Pure Strawberry Our Family 12 Oz. Jar	<b>29c</b>	<b>CORN</b>	SARACEN Cream Style Golden NO. 303 TIN	<b>15c</b>
<b>Molasses</b>	Sorghum Pure New Crop 1/2 Gallon Bucket	<b>95c</b>	<b>Pork &amp; Beans</b>	Diamond 16 Oz. Tin	<b>10c</b>
<b>Malted Milk</b>	Kraft Plain or Chocolate 16 Ounce Jar	<b>45c</b>	<b>Or 11 Cans For</b>		<b>\$1.00</b>
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**Local News**

Mrs. Fred Senna returned recently from Quanah, Texas, where she visited a sister, who is ill, and her daughter, Maxine. Mr. Senna joined them for Christmas, and Mrs. Senna returned home with him.

Mrs. F. L. Yates made her official visit to the Eastern Star Chapter at Claude Monday night as District Deputy Grand Matron of Section Two. Mr. Yates

accompanied his wife to Claude.

Mrs. Brown Ross and daughter, Martha, were visitors in Dalhart and Dumas Saturday.

Misses Irene, Dorothea and Doris Ann Beall returned to Waco Monday to resume their studies in Baylor University after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beall.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Chisum have been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Wilson and Mr. Wilson in Dumas this week.

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JANUARY 13 And 14

**Walking My Baby Back Home**

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COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kell and daughters of Seagraves, Texas returned home Wednesday of last week after a short visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brannan, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brannan and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brannan.



RED CROSS CHIEF . . . Ellsworth Bunker, former ambassador to Argentina and Italy, is newly-elected president of the American Red Cross.

**PSYCHOLOGY AT MIDNIGHT**

By Rob E. Mack

DAISY O'NOON whisked her feet off the manager's desk as the door opened. Dropping her book, she assumed the attitude of a busy scrub-woman while Mr. Legree, the night superintendent, stood watching her frantic struggle with mop and bucket.

"Mrs. O'Noon, you are fired! I've told you for the last time—this is no library, it's an office building—and you're getting paid to clean it." He scooped the book off the floor. "Everyday Psychology," he sneered. "Now what does a scrub-woman know about psychology? 'Did you clean Mr. Caton's office?' He nodded toward an adjoining room.

"No, sir—he's still working."

"Nonsense. It's nearly midnight. Did you knock?"

"Well, no . . . I heard Mr. Caton's been biting people's heads off lately. Poor man, they say he ain't been himself at all since his wife died and left him with them two young boys."

Daisy shuffled into Mr. Caton's office and turned on the main light with a weary grunt. She was puzzled to see one of the big windows wide open. Crossing the room, she stopped dead in her tracks. Something had moved on the balcony just outside the window. Tightening her grip on the mop handle, she stared in horror. A man was climbing onto the stone parapet, with the obvious intention of leaping to the street, ten stories below. "No—don't!" yelled Daisy. The man turned and waited.

"Couldn't have done it, anyway . . ." he muttered. "Lost my nerve. Guess poison would be easier."

"Well, I don't know, now—"

said Daisy, climbing over the window sill. "I've tried both, and one's about as hard as the other."

The young man stared at her quizzically. "You mean you've tried it, too? Why?"

Daisy shrugged her plump shoulders and sat down on the window ledge. "Oh, the usual reasons. After my mister died, there just didn't seem to be much worth

living for. The kids had grown up and left town. It's different if you've got little ones who need you."

The man frowned, hanging his head. "I've got two," he said.

"I know, Mr. Caton. I seen their pictures on your desk. Fine little lads—just at the age when they'd be needing a father most."

He looked startled. "See here—you won't tell anyone about this? I—I've been a fool! Those kids mean the world to me, but it's been so darn hard ever since their mother died. We've no relatives who could care for the boys, and I've done nothing but hire and fire housekeepers."

Daisy stood up. "Sure, I know how it is. But don't you be worrying, Mr. Caton—I'll keep mum. Hmph! Speaking of firing—that reminds me—I was just fired myself. Ah, it's a hard life—sure and it is . . ."

He reached out quickly. "Wait! Do you like children?"

Daisy registered surprise. "Love them. Why?"

"Well, you say you've just been fired, and nobody needs you. Would you like to work for me?"

Daisy gave his arm a motherly pat. "Mr. Caton, you've got yourself a new housekeeper!"

"Start now!" he whooped. "Come on, I'll drive you home."

Inside, a door banged and Mr. Legree stormed into the office; his face the color of ripe tomatoes. "Mrs. O'Noon!" he bellowed. "Where—" his mouth dropped at the sight of Daisy being gallantly escorted through the open window by Mr. Caton.

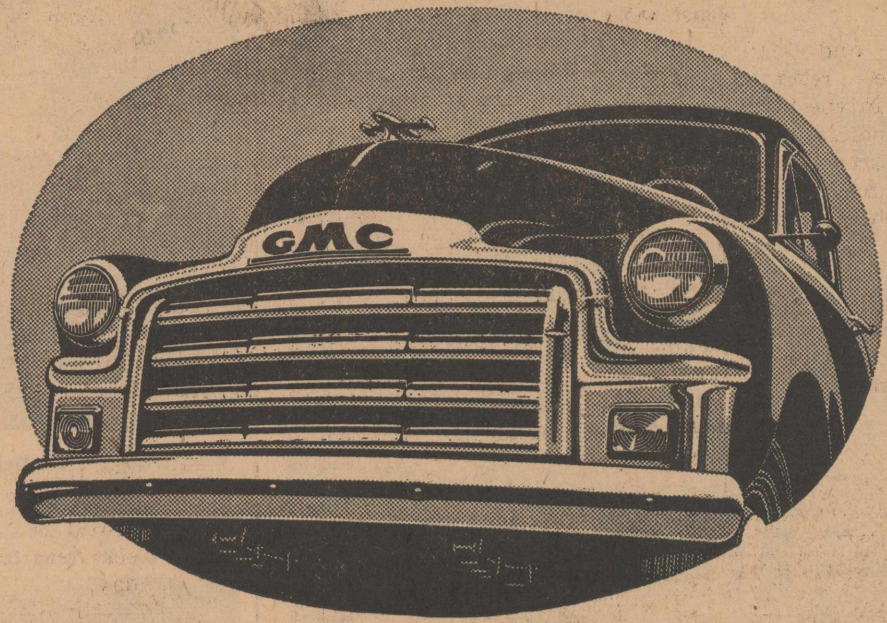
As they passed by, Mr. Caton handed him the mop.

"Mrs. O'Noon won't be needing this any longer. She's coming to work for me."

Still speechless, Mr. Legree gaped at Daisy, who gave him a roguish wink and whispered, "Psychology!"

As the door closed behind them, Mr. Legree turned to the waste basket. He fished out a book and blew the dust from its cover.

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**LAFF OF THE WEEK**



"J. P.? . . . Can you come in for a minute? Townsend's about to ask for a raise and it's too funny to miss."

**MAYOR MCGUP By John Jarvis**



A newspaper survey shows that we have one automobile or truck in this country for every three inhabitants, while the ratio in Western Europe is one for every 32 persons and in the Soviet Union one for every 107.

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**HOLD THAT TIGER!** . . . Alexander Kerr, circus animal trainer, takes stroll in Ascot, England, with daughter Alexis and Bengal tiger cub "Nizam".



**POLIO BOY** . . . Delbert Dains, 4, of Gooding, Idaho, was chosen 1954 March of Dimes poster boy, representing 85,000 polio victims cared for by fund in 1953.



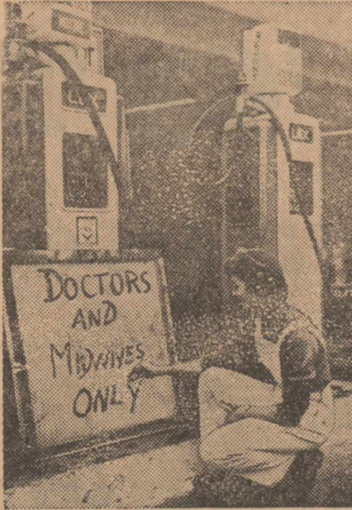
**BLASTS U. S.** . . . Gen. Charles De Gaulle, World War II "Free French" leader, assailed U. S. for backing European army treaty which he called "monstrosity," favoring Germany over France.



**CUTS DRAFT** . . . Defense secretary Charles E. Wilson and wife leave Washington for Paris NATO meeting. Wilson announced cut in February army draft quota from 23,000 to 18,000.



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**GAS FOR STORK** . . . Girl attendant at London, England, service station chalks sign "Doctors and Midwives Only" on pump, as result of strike by gasoline tank truck drivers.

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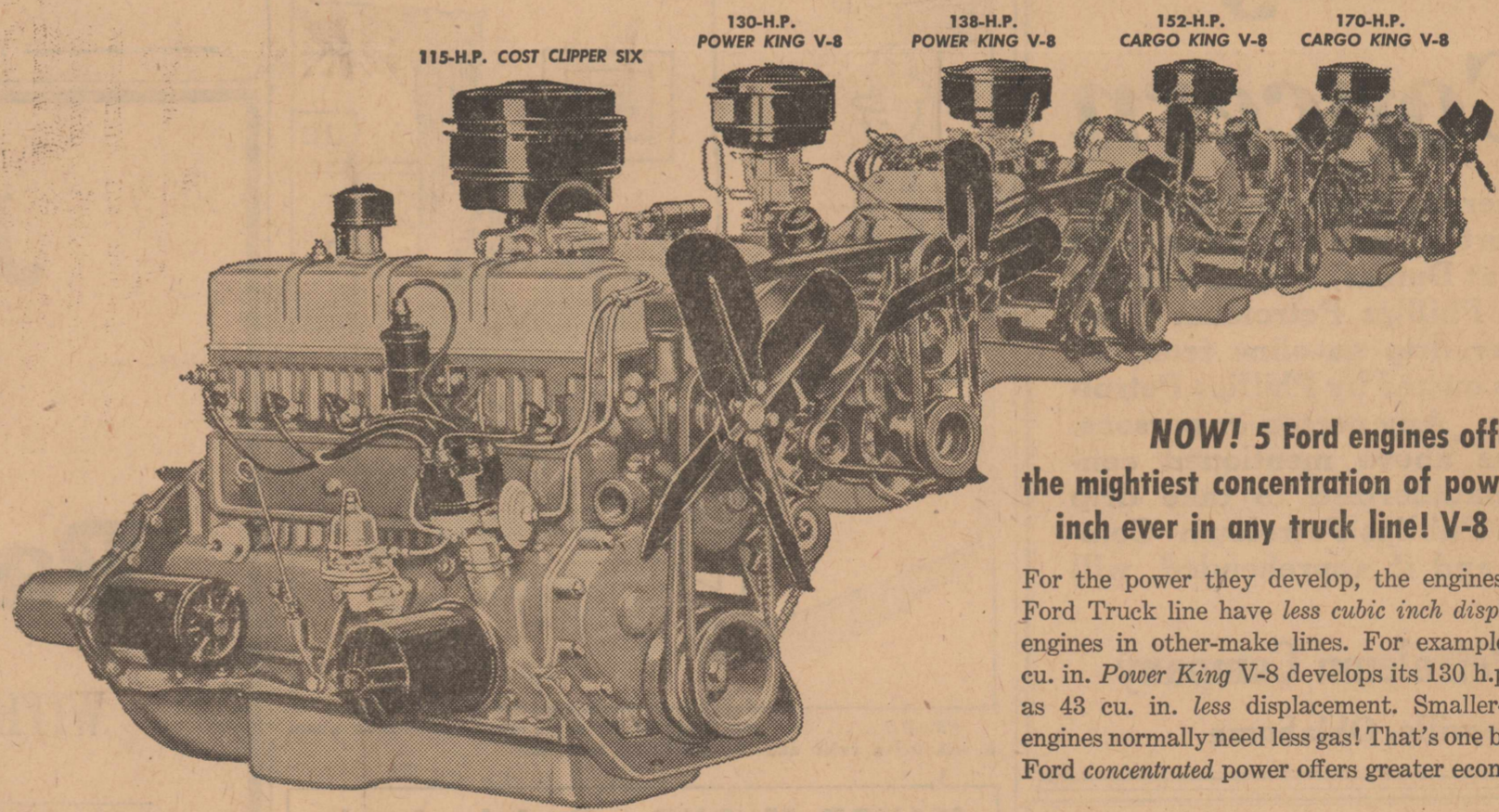
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## First Grades

Mrs. Marie Gates and Miss Staten's Rooms

The holidays are over and it

## Want Ads

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

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

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seems all are very happy about it. All of us were ready to start the new year right. It seems we have forgotten very little. In fact most of us have been surprising teacher with good spelling papers and good reading.

Old Santa was good to all of us and everyone wanted to tell all about their gifts. I don't think Santa was ever so nice to all of us as he was this Christmas.

We had a wonderful party and our room mothers made the nicest things for us. The decorated cookies etc. were really a treat. Old Santa even came in for a moment, while we were having our party.

The first grade teachers wish to express their sincere thanks for all the lovely gifts presented to them.

We had another surprise this morning when we walked into our rooms. It had all been waxed and cleaned during the holidays. It looks so nice and we are trying hard to keep it that way.

Also most of us started out the new year with a new two-box of crayons. We really are glad to have new ones. Also glad to get the larger boxes. Some of us have new paste but most of us will have to wait a few days until more is ordered.

We all wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

## Third Grade

### Mrs. Hammors Room

We have two absences today, Bobby Huffman and Bobby Stone. Our room is a nice, quiet, busy one this morning.

Those visiting out of town during the holidays were: Rob Pendleton in Texhoma, Lorelei Harding in Oklahoma City, Joe Minkley in Plainview, Oklahoma, Mackie Sanders in Pampa, Texas, Jeanette Bardwell in Amarillo, Herman Borth in Haskell, Texas, Bonnie Combs in Boise City, Oklahoma and Charley Crabtree visited near Boise City. All the others spent the holidays at home.

## Fifth Grade

### Mrs. Elliott's Room

We want to express our appreciation for the thoughtfulness that our room mothers portrayed during the party, the refreshments, and your presence very much. Thank you again.

Gary Dettle and John Sears were the first ones to school in 1954 and within two minutes after they entered the room they were busy on the assignment which had been waiting for them to come along.

We mention this because it seems to be such a good example of well-being and successful satisfaction within one's self.

The twenty of us are all back in our places, with bright sunny faces ready to start a new year with much happiness in our hearts.

## Jr. High Grapevine

Whats this we hear about "Gore" making eyes at a certain boy who walks through the grade school playground every day at noon. Huh Gore.

Whats this about "Martha" and Bobby not having a date for two weeks. Its not another girl is it Thomas?

It seems like Betty W. and Jimmy H. are getting around quite a lot here lately.

Alice, whats this we hear about you sitting in front of your house too long? Huh Alice. It seems like Patty and George are doing all right. Huh Patty.

Whats this we hear about Boren and Chester breaking up!

Park, do you really think Jessie Mae will go to the prom with you?

Whats this we hear about Boren getting so close to Park in English class. Huh Boren?

Henry, whats this we hear about you liking some girl? Is that true huh!

## Junior High Hit-Parade

Alice H. to Russell A. — With These Hands.

Patty N. to George H. — P. S. I Love You.

Janice B. to Larry H. — You You You.

Martha S. to Bobby T. — Yes-today's Girl.

Betty G. to Willy P. — Only

You. Linda T. to Buzz S. — Come On Home.

Shorty W. to Tut K. — Let Me Be The One.

Betty W. to Jimmie H. — Its Been So Long.

Gracie B. to Buzz S. — I Will Love You.

Gradene P. to Teddy O. — Because Of You.

Betty B. to Bill — I Found My Love.

Sue Ellen F. to Willy P. — Lets Go Home.

Sharon G. to John T. — Dear John

Jessie Mae D. to Park H. — Love Sick Blues.

Paul to Girls — Crying In The Chapel.

Nellie J. to Gary — I'll Go On Alone.

Betty G. to L. H. — I'm Walking Behind You.

Robert R. to Patty N. — Too Young.

Larry H. to Linda — Mind Your Own Business.

Henry H. to Girls — Let's Go Dance.

Richard to Teachers — School Days.

Paul to Nellie — I Dream Of You.

## Hit-Parade

(By Shirley Finch)

Tacie Emerson to Bill Malone — Changing Partners.

James Crawford to Helen Finch — Stranger in Paradise.

Shirley Plunk to Mrs. Plunk — Mama, Can I Keep It?

Johnny Summerour to Jo Wayne Harding — Kiss Me Big.

Beth Pemberton to Douglas Carter — I'll Be Seeing You.

Adabell Knight to boys — My Secret Love.

Frankie Hamilton to Jean Cummings — You Alone.

To the boys who have graduated — There Stands The

Class.

Irene Doefler to Glynn McMinn — Oh Baby.

Lynne Reeder to Jim Beasley — Don't Forget To Write.

Bob Garoutte to, Gaynelle Parker — Tennessee Wig-Walk.

Cynthia Gamble to Ray Fields — I'll See You In My Dreams.

Shirley Plunk to Delton Engle — Walkin' My Baby Back Home.

Marjory Mathews to Alvin Bachman — Swedish Rhapsody.

Barbara Cates to John Harrison — Oh.

Jean Williams to Cotton Williams — 3 O'clock in the Morning.

Martha Stone to Bobby Thomas — What's The Use.

Francis Norris to Don Young — Let Me Be The One.

Senior Class to Mr. Stevens — Re-enlistment Blues.

## Wine From Ye Old Grapevine

(By Shirley Finch)

After a two-week vacation from school, I bet everyone is expecting a huge juicy column. Once again there is no news. But I have a few items that might interest you.

Three lucky girls were presented with engagement rings over the holidays last week. They are Frankie Hamilton and Jean Cummings, Delton Engle and Shirley Plunk, and John Harrison and Barbara Cates. We want to wish all of you our very best congratulations.

I noticed Lynne Reeder and Adabell Knight seemed to really be getting around over the past ten days. Every time I saw them they were riding around with a bunch of boys. Indeed!

I noticed Rita Neal being able to get around too. She spent most of her holidays in Amarillo. She was seen in the car with Jimmy Davis Sunday night.

Speaking of Sunday night, there sure were a lot of students riding up and down Main Street

that night. I guess they were feeling their last moments of freedom before resuming their studies at the local teaching house.

Jo Wayne Harding seemed to be up in the clouds this morning. Johnny Summerour went to Oklahoma City with the Hardings for Christmas.

I haven't seen much of the Doefler twins. Wonder what happened? Steady boy friends I'll bet. Arlene, is your fella's name Tweedy by any chance? (She's been hiding him.)

Cynthia Gamble did you have fun over the vacation? I heard you did. Who's your boy friend now, or should we be so dumb as to even ask?

Donnie Jacobs! You sure have been keeping out of sight lately, what's up Doc? There's a boy now with two cars and can't keep them together long enough to get to the drug-store and back.

Have any of you had tire trouble lately? Seems as if every time I go out, there's always a flat to be fixed. Maybe someone has been letting the air out of them. Four flats in one week may not be too bad but when they are right in a row, night after night, it begins to look a little odd.

Adabell Knight received a call from Goodwell College today at school. She won't even tell who it was. We know it was from a boy though. Adabell always tries to hide those boy friends of hers. Hump!

That's about all the news I can think of at the time but if I should happen to think of any I will post it at the Drug Store in care of Hoss Yates.

## Stratford Elks Topple Adrian

(James Davis, Reporter)

The Elks romped over Adrian by one point in an exciting game which ended 45-44. Ben-

ny Biddy, in the final six minutes of the fourth quarter, tipped the ball in for the last two points of the game to put Stratford ahead. Stratford was given a foul but Adrian failed to make the free throw. Adrian led most of the way in the first half, but Stratford came from behind in the last half and stayed there most of the game. These two teams were well matched and the victory was well earned. Both teams were working plays and handling the ball in a way that the ball game

was one that was pleasant to watch. The Elks seemed to have improved greatly over the holidays and are steadily improving under the coaching of Coach Billrey. Benny Biddy led for Stratford with 17 points, followed by Garoutte with 12 points. The boys were all hitting regularly. Allen was high point man for Adrian with 16 points, followed by Brown with 12 points.

The scores by quarters were: Stratford 13, Adrian 15; Strat-

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### The Elk—

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ford 25, Adrian 26; Stratford 39, Adrian 35; Stratford 45, Adrian 44.  
Stratford's annual tournament is to be held January 14-15. The teams participating are: Happy, Adrian, Stinnett, Sunray, Channing, Hartley, Texline and Stratford. Both home teams will be in this tournament and will do their best to capture their own tournaments.

### F. F. A. News

(By Benny Biddy)  
Monday, night, January 4, the Stratford F. F. A. had a meeting and discussed plans for Freshman initiation and plans to make money for our annual Father-Son Banquet. We

brought up the idea of purchasing 100 baby chickens and raising them for the banquet.  
The main business that was brought up was the election of the F. F. A. Sweetheart. Miss Pat Taylor was elected by unanimous vote and we (the Ag boys) are proud to have her representing us in the district contest.  
Jimmy Ingham, Homer Boren, and Benny Biddy were appointed on the freshman initiation committee. Bob Newman, Dickie Bachman and Jimmy Davis are on the executive committee for deciding on the purchase of chickens and other financial problems.

### Freshman News

On December 31 our room mothers gave us a Watch Party.

We danced and played games. For refreshments we had punch and cookies. I think the Freshman class as a whole really had a nice time.

### F. H. A. News

(By Pat Taylor)  
We had our monthly meeting Monday night. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.  
Miss Grady gave us a very interesting talk on military life. We enjoyed this very much. At the close of the meeting we were served refreshments by the F. H. A. mothers, Mrs. Keener, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Reeder.

### High School Christmas Formal

On December 19 the Senior Class gave for the high school students and faculty the annual Christmas formal.  
The cafeteria was decorated in a winter wonderland theme. Refreshments of punch and sandwiches were served. Everyone had a very enjoyable time.  
Couples at the dance were: Benny B. and Carol Ann P., Alvin B. and Marjory M., Delton E. and Shirley P., John H. and Barbara C., Bob G. and Pat T., Bob N. and Sherry G., Kenneth W. and Rita N., Jean and Cotton W., Billy and Joy K., Johnny S. and Jodie H., James C. and Helen F., Frankie H. and Jean C., Buzz W. and Joyce H., Yvonne M. and Stanley F., Jeanette M. and Elwood G., Dan G. and Carolyn F., Buzz S. and Virginia P., Kenneth W. and Geraldine C., Bobby T. and Martha S., Russel Albert and Alice Hayes, B. A. and LeRayne Donelson, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Duggins, Mr. McGaughey, Miss Riley and Larry Seaman.

### Junior Class News

The Juniors received their scotch light tags Monday. We are selling these to earn money for the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet.  
These tags are 4 inches by 4 inches. They have Stratford, Texas written on them and in the middle of the tag is an Elk head.  
The letters and the Elk are in silver and the background is blue. These tags are to go on car bumpers or windows or on anything. These tags will not come off under any weather or washings. The only way you can take them off is with boiling water. These tags shine in the dark and serve as reflectors.  
Please buy these from the Juniors and for your protection. If you want to buy one see any Junior.

**Discovers Late Date Of 39th Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Judd observed their 39th wedding anniversary Monday. Mr. Judd, confused in the calendar date of the month, did not discover that was their anniversary until his attention was called to the date he was writing on a check late in the evening.

### Mrs. Wakefield Is Circle Hostess

Circle One of the Christian Church met with Mrs. T. L. Wakefield at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon with seven members present.  
Reports were made of four books having been read and three devotionals having been conducted.  
Mrs. Wakefield, circle leader, conducted the business meeting.  
Mrs. B. E. Dovel led the lesson study from the 13th and 14th chapters of New Training for Service. A collection of \$31.00 was presented.  
Members present were Mesdames Herbert Folsom, G. R. Garrison, J. W. Hodges, Frank Judd, Bernard Dovel, W. O. Bryant and the hostess, Mrs. Wakefield.  
After the lesson, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.  
The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Herbert Folsom, in February, with Mrs. T. L. Wakefield as leader.

### Mildred Crabtree Circle Meeting

The Mildred Crabtree Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met in the church Wednesday for Bible study. Due to illness in the

family Mrs. George Allen was unable to entertain the group. Mrs. Roy Strother taught the lesson on Gideon, a young person of destiny in the Old Testament.  
Those present were Mesdames L. J. Davis, Leon Guthrie, O. H. Ingham, J. S. Johnson, V. M. King, Everett Riggs, E. B. McQueen, and Roy Strother. The circle will meet next week with Mrs. Leon Guthrie for a circle program.

### W.S.C.S. Has Late Christmas Program

The W.S.C.S. met Wednesday afternoon for a business meeting and a delayed Christmas program.  
The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. F. B. Mullins. Mrs. J. G. Cummings led the opening prayer.  
In the short business session Mrs. Harry Sears gave the financial report and read several letters of thanks and missionary projects.  
After the business session the Mary Ethel Circle gave a wonderful program. Mrs. A. E. Pronger, Jr., had charge of the program.  
The hymn "Come Thou Fount" was sung by the group. Mrs. Velma Plunk, Mrs. James Cameron and Mrs. Lorraine Mehner sang a lovely trio.  
Mildred Bennett sang a solo.  
Mrs. W. P. Cummings gave the devotional on the days the church observes, emphasizing "epithany," the day that the shepherds reached the Christ child. Several hymns were read silently as Mrs. Mehner played the harmony on the piano.  
Following the devotional, a playlet was enacted by Mrs. Bob Ferguson, Mrs. Chester Plunk, Mrs. Wayne Stevens, Mrs. Arthur Lee Ross and Mrs. Billy Cummings. The subject, sending a missionary to India, and the sacrifices made by each. About 20 members and 4 visitors enjoyed the inspiring program.  
Mrs. T. Edgar Neal dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Chester, comon ending for English town names, comes from the Roman word castr meaning camp, since many were originally Roman camp sites.  
The Pacific ocean extends eastward to the longitude of Portland, Maine.  
There are more than 4,300 tree farms in 36 states and include more than 28,000,000 acres of land. Nearly 60 per cent of the certified tree farm acreage is in the south.



**FOOD** for the holidays can wear a festive air almost as easily as a plain one and with so little effort. Your family deserves a bit of extra attention in this department, so try these tips:  
Pop some cranberry jelly into muffin pans after you've poured in about two tablespoons of batter. Add remaining batter to fill the cups two-thirds full. A nice red surprise when they bite into the muffin.  
If you have some candied fruits left over from fruit cake making,

### RECIPE OF THE WEEK

**Spiced Nuts**  
2 tablespoons cold water  
1 egg white, slightly beaten  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon cloves  
1/4 teaspoon allspice  
1 cup walnut halves  
1 cup pecan halves  
Mix together water and egg white. Dissolve sugar in egg white mixture. Add spices and salt, mixing well. Dip nuts in this mixture, then place them flat side down on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a very slow (250°) oven until golden brown; about one hour.

cut these fine and drop them into the quick coffee cake batter for a festive hot breakfast bread.  
Molded vanilla pudding does nicely with a garnish of thawed quick-frozen red raspberries because it's a simple dessert and also in keeping with the holiday theme.  
When you have folks dropping in to help decorate the tree, serve a dip made of equal parts of cream cheese, roquefort cheese and shredded dried beef. Mugs of hot chocolate with a dash of spice on the whipped cream will be welcome.  
Keep a jar of holiday cookies handy so they may be served with easily prepared packaged puddings or fruit-in-season for lunch and dinner desserts.

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